



THEELMWOODYARNSHOP

Newsletter

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| Store Hours | Monday, Thursday, Friday | 10 am - 5 pm |
| | Tuesday | 10 am - 7 pm |
| | Wednesday, Sunday | CLOSED |
| | Saturday | 10 am - 3 pm |
| | Open Lessons | Monday |
| | Tuesday, Friday | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm |

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I was looking for an inspirational start to this newsletter and everything came out either scary or sappy. Happy New Year is probably the best bet for a salutation, but every year I think I should be able to come up with something better! I hope you all have enjoyed your holiday season and are ready to get down to some serious knitting in the new year. We have a great line-up of classes, smaller projects with lots of learning potential. Please try to sign up for the classes as soon as possible; we do cancel ahead of time if there is a lack of enrollment.

Everywhere you look there are advertisements, TV shows, movies and magazine articles about knitting and yarn. Even if you are not an experienced knitter, there are many projects and yarns that you can use to make something spectacular. For those of you who are more experienced, try something completely different in the New Year and see how satisfying it is to learn something that makes your fingers soar.

New Yarns

Boreal is the name of this fabulously chunky chenille from **Katia**. Using a #35 needle and 5 sts, you can have a sumptuous scarf in just hours. **Triana** is another scarf yarn from **Katia**. This one uses an 11 needle and 6 sts for another fast phenomenon.

We have some new yarns from our exclusive **Crowing Hen Farms**. There are now two different ecru and one oatmeal colored yarn from our friends in Northern New York. Each yarn color is from a different sheep or pair of sheep. Check out the swatches for some spectacular aran styling.

Alta Moda Cashmere is here in many colors and Rebecca has written a special pattern for this merino/cashmere blend yarn to make a hat and scarf set. The set takes 5 balls and you get a copy of the pattern for free when you buy 5 balls. It is a

chunky yarn that knits up quickly and oh-so-softly on a large needle.

Kogarashi is **Noro's** newest claim to fame. This yarn is a silk and wool blend and knits up in all the **Noro** glorious colors at about 4 sts per inch. This yarn makes great garments that have a stitch pattern or knitting in different directions such as entrelac or mitered squares.

Mirasol brings us **Ushya**, a super bulky, cable twisted merino wool. We have a model that used 5 balls and knit up quickly on a #17 needle. The colors of this yarn are all in the neutral tones for garments that get worn over and over.

Heritage 150 is the newest sock yarn from **Cascade**. This yarn comes in a 150g hank, enough yarn for a large pair of men's socks. If you are tired of running out of yarn at the second toe, this is the yarn for you!

New Stuff

If you haven't checked out our gadget wall in a while, it is high time to do so! We have **stitch markers** in every size from lace to super bulky in a multitude of colors and shapes. We now **have very small and very large stitch holders, tapestry needles** that will hold any size yarn and **tape measures** shaped like sheep, ladybugs and turtles. There are **note cards** for those of you who still write letters and **circular needle size labels** for those of you who don't put their needles back in the original package.

The **Addi click** systems are in Bamboo and original Addi turbos. These are great sets if you are starting out and don't have a large inventory of needles. The join is superb and the packaging is compact and neat.

Don't forget that we also have a wide selection of **buttons**, most of them purchased with knitters in

mind. We have all sizes from the tiniest white to big and beautiful painted works of art. In between are all the buttons you will need for most knitting projects.

New Colors

From **Mountain colors**, we have just received some unbelievably gorgeous new colors in **River Twist**. This yarn is hand dyed 100% merino wool with a hand that is like no other. One skein is enough for a scarf, 5-6 for a sweater.

Sublime extrafine merino dk is now available in the newest colors. This yarn is perfect for any special child, baby or adult sweater. We have a multitude of pattern books from Sublime that use this yarn or any other dk weight yarn.

Knitting Lessons by Heather

Heather teaches knitting lessons at the shop on Monday mornings from 10:00 to 12:00, Tuesday and

Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. The cost is still \$5.00 per lesson and you do not have to sign up for these classes.

Albion

We are still collecting yarn for the Albion Correctional Facility's knitting program. Any leftovers you might have can be used; full balls are not required. Also needed are plastic needles and crochet hooks. If you have metal implements to donate, we will still take them but they will be given to other knitting charities.

Classes

Please remember that our class enrollment fees are very low compared to the industry average. We do this to encourage everyone to learn something new. To keep this cost as low as it is, we do require that you buy yarn for classes from the Elmwood Yarn Shop.

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| Skill Levels | | <p>If a class is labeled "all levels", anyone can take that class, all others will be labeled with the minimum level to complete the project.</p> <p>Patterns for all project classes will be provided on the first day of class.</p> <p>Class fees will be paid upon registration. Cancellations must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the start of class to receive a refund of class fees.</p> <p>When supply lists are available at least one week prior to class, all supplies must be purchased before the class date. When registering for a class, make sure to ask about the supply list for that class.</p> |
| Beginners | This knitter knows how to knit, but not necessarily how to purl. | |
| Advanced Beginners | This knitter knows how to knit, purl and cast on and is comfortable with all. | |
| Intermediate | This knitter has completed at least one garment from a printed pattern. | |
| Experienced | This knitter has completed many projects from printed patterns. | |
| <p>Please make sure we have a phone number that can access you during the day of the class. If there are cancelations, chances are there will be little warning (i.e. blizzard).</p> | | |

Monday and Thursday classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Saturday classes are from 10 am to noon.

Crochet Necklace

Beads and pearlized thread combine to make this beautiful necklace. Each motif is crocheted separately and then combined in a standard style or any other manner you choose. Kits are available for this class.



Date Monday, April 11 and 18
 Cost \$60 includes materials
 Skill Level Advanced beginner crocheter
 Instructor Joan

Entrelac Socks

Learn the basics of entrelac knitting while creating this amazing pair of socks. The multi colored yarns make this a truly spectacular project. You will also learn the basics of sock making from cuff to toe.



Date Monday, March 14 and 21, April 4
 Cost \$30
 Skill Level Advanced
 Instructor Muriel

Mondo Cable Cardigan

Stop in the shop and you will probably see Rebecca wearing this cardigan. Our model is made with Royal Llama Silk, but you can use any yarn that knits up to 4.5 sts per inch. We have a huge variety of yarns in this gauge and you can choose any of them to make this top down garment with long or short sleeves. You will learn the basics of top down sweater construction, cables and knit-in borders.



Date Monday, February 7
and 14, March 7 and
28
Cost \$40
Skill Level Advanced beginner
Instructor Sue

Short Row Ruffled Scarf

Once again Noro is the perfect choice for this lovely scarf. Short rows are used to create the soft ruffle along a ribbed center. Short rowing is such a nebulous term, we will make sure that you are no longer afraid of it when the class is over!



Date Thursday, January 20
Cost \$10
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue

Reversible Scarf or Tie

Using two colors, slipped stitches and a rib pattern, you can create a completely reversible scarf or neck tie. We will provide you with either pattern, you choose the style. This is a great way to sample some of our beautiful hand-dyed finer weight yarns without committing to a large project on tiny needles.



Date Thursday, February 17
and March 17
Cost \$20
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue

Mosaic Hat

This technique is similar in appearance to Fairisle knitting except that you are only working with one color per row; no carrying colors; no tangling; no hassles. Using a chart and slipped stitches, you will be well versed in the art of mosaic knitting when you have completed this hat.



Date Saturday, January 22
and 29, February 5
Cost \$30
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue

Pocket Scarf

This scarf has a pocket built right in, no sewing involved. Learn how to double knit to create a useful and warm scarf; you can even personalize it with some duplicate stitch. Make some initials or a lovely snowflake.



Date Saturday, February 12
and 19
Cost \$20
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue

Cabled Sock

This intricate sock is made with standard sock yarn in a solid color for maximum impact. Learn to make cables in the round and how to carry the cables all the way down to the toe. This class is also a great refresher on basic sock knitting techniques with some extra hints thrown in for your enjoyment.



Date Saturday, March 5, 12
and 26
Cost \$30
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue

Fairisle Bolster

Need a little extra neck support when you are doing your physical therapy shoulder exercises? This is the perfect item for you. This round pillow (bolster) is just the right size for that little extra support and comfort. You will learn all the basics of Fairisle knitting, including using a steek. The great thing about this project is that gauge is not as critical as it is with a fitted garment. The only thing it has to fit is the stuffing inside!



Date Saturday, April 2, 9
and 30
Cost \$30
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue

Beaded Lace Scarf or Shawl

Learn to add beads to a project with this lovely lace and beads scarf. The beads are nestled into the yarn overs to keep them stationary at all times. You can also expand the pattern to create a larger shawl if you wish. Make sure to sign up early and we can help you to pick out your beads and have them ready when you come to the first class.



Date Thursday, April 7, 14
and 28
Cost \$30
Skill Level Intermediate
Instructor Sue
