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Dear Fiber Friends,

Hope you're all doing fine and keeping your fingers warm with fibers. Brrrr it's been a little too cold for my plants and me. I find myself longing for a real Sacramento Valley winter of fog and rain. Hopefully these ongoing freezing nights will at least slow down the Bermuda grass that's been taking over my ignored flower beds over the last two years.

My oldest son Chris and his lovely wife Yaxkin just got back from their Honeymoon adventure in Europe with only a few anxious moments for the two Moms here at home. We're all settling back into our winter routines now with work and college and home school and our wonderful yarn store that seems to be keeping us busier everyday. Many thanks to all our fiber friends for your continued support and for telling your friends about us.

The spring lines are already starting to arrive. We got 35 boxes of yarns, books and needles last week and believe it or not it's almost all out on shelves. There's more on the way in the next couple of months so keep an eye on our New Arrivals page on the website and I'll keep you posted.

JUST IN- Couture Crochet by Lily Chin, Favorite Socks from Interweave, Yarn from Vicki Howell of Knitty Gritty fame along with her newest book, Berroco's spring Patterns and Yarns, Handpainted Baby Alpaca from Misti Alpaca, Lamb's Pride worsted and Cotton Fine from Brown Sheep, Brilla Cotton from Tahki/Stacy, new Blue Heron Yarn, more Noro, new Noni patterns and Stitch Diva Patterns and Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Aran.

Coming in March 2007 - This Year "**DESTINATION ART**" is a *Journey Through the Exotic Far East*. Collect your souvenirs to craft your very own necklace as a remembrance of your cross/craft adventure traveling to your six different destinations – The Stampe Art Shoppe, Piece of Mind bead store, J.R. Flamingo's Fabric and Quilt shop, Art Ellis art supply, Cje's Art Gallery and of course Babetta's Yarn and Gifts. The dates for this year are March 16 & 17. Passports will be available next month.

Classes for February 2007 at Babetta's

In our project classes you can learn to knit anything from scarves to socks to felted purses to lace shawls to hats to sweaters. Pick your project and join in the fun. Our knitters inspire each other to try new things by sharing ideas and showing off their latest creation. Sign up for one of our classes and you will receive a coupon for %10 off your next purchase. If our class times aren't convenient we also offer private lessons in Knitting Crochet, Spinning and Weaving by appointment.

Pre-registration is required as class sizes are limited. Please choose your dates carefully. Because of scheduling conflicts and complications, make-up classes will only be allowed under special circumstances and individual consideration.

Tuesdays Feb. 6, 13, & 20
Intermediate Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Wednesdays Feb. 7, 14, & 21
Intermediate Knitting 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40
Intermediate Knitting 3:30pm- 4pm fee \$40
Crochet all levels 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday Feb. 8, 15, & 22
Advanced Beginning 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Saturdays Feb. 10, 17 & 24
Beginning Knitting 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40
Intermediate Knitting 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40

February Workshop – Knitting With Beads

Saturday Feb. 10 from 10am-1pm fee \$45 kit included

It's Our 2 Year Anniversary!

Come by Feb. 1, 2, & 3 to help us celebrate!
We'll be serving refreshments and having drawings for door prizes all 3 days.

Anniversary Sale!

**30% off all calendars, 20% off all kits,
15% off Karabella, Anny Blatt, &
Bouton d'Or, 10% off all patterns and
pattern books with yarn purchase.**

Sales final on discounted items and no other discounts apply.

Block a month meeting date Feb. 23 6pm – 7:30pm

Join our twice a month knitting group. We meet the first and third Saturday of each month from 10am-2pm. This month we'll be getting together on Feb. 3 & 17. See you there!

Free pattern for February 2007 Oh My! Kemo Cap

Another pair of gentle hands has been elevated to that knitting circle in the Heavens this month.

In memory of Jocelyn I designed this ultra soft hat. We'll start at the top and work down.

Materials: 2 balls Oh My! from Plymouth. I used 2 colors for mine. Size 10 DPNs, size 10 16" circulars.

Gauge: 4 stitches per inch

Using 1 DPN cast on 3 st. K one row. Increase in every st=6sts. Divide sts evenly on 3 DPNs. K one round.

Next round - increase in every st=12 sts. Begin alternating a knit round with an increase round. All increase rounds will add 6 sts evenly in this manner - *k 1, increase 1* repeat around=18 sts, *k 2, increase 1* repeat around= 24 sts. When you have 72 sts knit evenly until hat measures 6.5" from top. You can change colors at this point if you like. K 1 round, P 1 round, K 1 round, P 1 round, Work k 2, p 2 rib for 1". P 1 round, K 1 round, P 1 round, bind off loosely. This hat can be embellished with flowers, ribbons or beads to your taste.

**Upcoming Knitting Event - Stitches West Feb. 23, 24 & 25
at the Santa Clara Convention Center**

Find out more at www.knittinguniverse.com

Take the train with other knitters and crocheters info at www.capitolcorridor.org

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