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Greetings Fiber Friends,

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Wow! It's September already. How did that happen? As we embrace the hot days that the State Fair always seems to bring, fall and shorter amounts of daylight are on the horizon. That mood of having something to do with your needles and hooks should be amping up now. We're ready for you. All that yarn we ordered back in May is starting to roll in the door daily on Adam's (our great hard-working UPS guy) trusty dolly. Did we really order all this stuff? Berroco's Fall line is here along with some wonderful new things from Debbie Bliss, Noro and Elsbeth Lavold. We have Pure Wool, Kid Silk Haze and Night from Rowan. Beautiful Prism Lace and Sock Yarn along with Felt Me are here. Hand painted sock yarns from Farmhouse Yarns, Araucania, and Rio de la Plata are right up front. We also have Llama Silk from Plymouth as well as "Paints" in all the Baby Alpaca weights, Encore Chunky and Encore Boucle. From Trendsetter we received 12 colors of Cashwool Lace, Organic Cotton, Venus, Madison, Journey and new colors of Yosemite. We've got new Buttons and Shawl Pins too. There are also more new patterns and books to come and check out than I can list here.

END of SUMMER CLEARANCE ! 20% to 40% off selected items. These bargains are throughout the shop. Look for the Bright Pink tags and don't forget to check out the *Babetta's Blue Bargain Shelf*. Sales final on discounted items.

Classes for September 2007

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 Sept. 4, 11 & 18

Intermediate Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Wednesdays Sept. 5, 12 & 19

Intermediate Knitting 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40

Intermediate Knitting 3:00pm- 4:30pm fee \$40

Crochet all levels 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday Sept. 6, 13 & 20

Intermediate Knitting 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Saturdays Sept. 8, 15 & 22

Beginning Knitting 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

Intermediate Knitting 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Group Days September 1 & 15

Manos Block-a-month date September 28 4pm – 5:30pm or 6pm – 8pm

Join our **Great American Aran Afghan "Knit-a-Long"**

Meetings will be the third Monday of every month beginning on Oct. 15 & continuing for the next 19 months.

Times: 1pm – 3pm or 6pm – 8pm

Cost - \$20 per meeting due upon sign-up and each preceding month thereafter. Pattern book and yarn extra. Receive 10% off your yarn when you preorder the 20 balls needed to complete this project. We do require that you purchase the yarn at Babetta's. Yarn suggestions; Plymouth Encore, Cascade 220, Lamb's Pride or Berroco's Comfort.

Knit a Fairisle Purse Workshop September 8 and 22 10:30am – 12:30pm

With this intermediate project you will learn to read a chart and change colors successfully using the fairisle technique. We've put together a kit to save on yarn expense that includes a pattern. You'll need to be able to knit in the round and size 6 DPNs. Class fee \$35, Kit \$15, six student class limit. Sign-up early!

Coming in October – Knit 2 socks at the same time from the toe up with the Magic Loop.

We have a cure for one sock syndrome. Sat. Oct. 13, 20 & 27 2pm – 3:30pm class fee \$40
Previous sock knitting experience needed.

Free Pattern for September 2007 – Niri Scarf

Materials: 1 ball Niri by NORO, size 13 needles

Cast on 16 stitches. Knit 2 rows. Repeat the following 2 rows throughout.

Row 1 – k1, yo, k5, (k2tog) twice, k5, yo, k1

Row 2 – Knit. When a few yards remain knit 1 row, bind off. This is an airy scarf and the yarn wet blocks out very nicely. Finished dimensions 5' long, 6" wide. This pattern looks great in all the NORO yarns.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Tit-Bits Workshop October 6, 2007 from 1pm to 5pm at Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

This workshop is full so registration is closed. Many of you not directly involved with the challenges of breast cancer have expressed your desire to be involved in donating knitted items for those who are. Since the personalized nature of Tit-Bits doesn't lend itself to being a donated item, we would like to suggest donating chemo hats. Here are some links for free patterns. Shoulder shawls, lap blankets and hand knit armbands can be comforting during treatments as well.

www.bevscountrycottage.com www.berroco.com www.headhuggers.org www.chemocaps.com

Having a yarn shop has brought us many new friends. We had the great honor to know Jean Yoshizumi because of knitting. Many of you knew Jean through our shop, as she would enter triumphantly with the words "I'm still alive." She had a great down to earth sense of humor. We loved Jean for her kind, honest, lively nature. She always had great stories for everyone. I have yet to meet a knitter as disciplined at knitting a gauge before starting a project as Jean. A habit she learned from the lovely Nancie Wiseman. I personally learned many "wisdoms" about life from Jean. She passed away August 18, 2007. Our thoughts are with her family. Jean we miss you...

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