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Dearest Fiber Fanatics,

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I hope this letter finds you well. It's been a rough cold and flu season. Our fiber family would like to thank all of you for celebrating our 3rd Anniversary with us. We are so grateful for your continued support, kind words, cards and gifts. Maya and I will continue to do what we can to help make your "*fiber dreams*" come true.

My sunny daffodils and dainty pink flowering plums remind me that spring is just around the corner. Our favorite rite of spring is coming up in March. That's right it's time for the 5th annual **Destination:ART!** This year's dates are March 14 & 15 from 10am to 6pm. You can pick up your Passport at any of the participating Destination shops; **Art Ellis Supply Inc., Cje's Art & Fiber Gallery, JR Flamingo (Fabulous Fabrics), Piece of Mind Bead & Jewelry Studio, The Stamp Art Shoppe, Inc. and of course here at Babetta's.** Enjoy two days of fun, food, demos, sales and prizes when **Destination Art Goes to the Circus.** In addition to the 6 baskets packed with great art and craft projects worth \$300 dollars there will be one humongous \$900 basket to win. To enter the "Grand Prize Basket" drawing you must bring a canned food item with a maximum of 1 ticket per person, per destination. Proceeds to go to the Sacramento Food Bank.

As many of you heard at Stitches West, XRX "The Knitting Universe" has organized and sponsored the colossal **Think Outside the SOX** design contest with \$20,000 in prizes and a Sock Book to be published with all winning designs. "Babetta's Yarn and Gifts" is a **SOX HOT SPOT** and we will carry yarns in all 7 participating companies throughout 2008 along with details for categories in Mountain Colors, Skacel, Unique Colours, Cherrytree Hill, Universal Yarns, Regia and SW Trading Co. which is also hosting **SOCK WARS III** this year.

Come by and check out our NEW Manos silk/wool yarn. We now have Opal Sock Yarn, Rowan Handknit Cotton, and all of Berroco's new yarns and patterns including Comfort Sock another non-wool alternative for summer socks. Knit One Crochet Too yarns are here. We've got some beautiful new soft NORO yarns called Matsuri and Taiyo. Arriving any day now Shepard Worsted, Sport and Sock from Lorna's Lace's. Art Yarns is in the process of dyeing our first order of silk and beaded silk and we are patiently waiting our Malabrigo worsted and lace shipment.

I'm still trying to get our "Birthday Club" organized. February Fiber Friends will still be receiving their birthday discount cards for 20% off a purchase of regularly priced yarn. Come in and sign up anytime.

Some family news: Maya will be taking the end of March and April off to give birth to her little boy Simon. Our regular class schedule will resume in May. We're bringing in Daniel, Rachel and Aaron to help out in the interim. Happy Birthday Aaron! My youngest will be 14 on the 14th of March. He was only 10 when we opened the shop. I can't believe that much time has passed.

Workshop – Make a coil Easter basket March 9

11am – 1pm fee \$20 materials \$5

Aran Afghan meeting date March 17

Knitting group meeting dates March 1 & 15

NEW! Fair Oaks Madhatters Group

If you're interested in participating the first meeting will be March 13 at 10am at *Babetta's*

Crochet tip: Not all yarns list the recommended hook size on the label. You can cross-reference by using the knitting needle mm size and finding the mm crochet hook size. Example: Recommended knitting needle size 8 or 5 mm = H hook.

Louisa Harding Trunk Show

Come see the classic, feminine designs in colors inspired by nature. March 7th - 15th

Free Pattern for March 2008 – Glisten Drawstring Bag

This elegant little bag is a great project to become familiar with the double knitting technique. You will be knitting a tube without knitting in the round.

Materials: 1 ball **Louisa Harding Glisten**, 1 ball **Louisa Harding Kimono Ribbon** in a coordinating color, size 7 straight needles and DPNs, size G or H crochet hook. Gauge – 5 stitches = 1”.

With **Glisten** and straight needles CO 60 sts. The long tail or knitted cast-on gives a better edge.

Pattern Row 1 - * k 1, sl 1, repeat from * to end of row

Repeat pattern row 1 until piece measures 7” from cast on edge.

Switch to **Kimono Ribbon** and work pattern row 1 then pattern row 2

Pattern row 2 - *P1,sl1, repeat from * to end of row. Repeat each row once more. 4 rows total.

To bind off you will need to separate front and back stitches. To do this you will use 2 DPNs. Sl first st onto first (front) DPN, sl next st onto second (back) DPN, sl 3rd st to front DPN, sl 4th st to back DPN, continue in this manner until you have 30 sts on each DPN. With right side facing and 3rd DPN - BO all front DPN sts and continue across back DPN with right side facing.

Fringe – Cut 30 pieces of Glisten and 30 pieces of Kimono Ribbon all 8” long. With crochet hook attach fringe to cast on edge using 1 strand of each yarn in each st.

Handle – Cut 6 18” pieces of Kimono Ribbon and make a 3 strand braid using 2 lengths of ribbon for each strand.

With crochet hook weave drawstring in and out in 1” intervals about 1” down from the bind off edge.

STITCH GLOSSARY: k = knit, yo = yarn over, sl = bring yarn to front and slip the stitch as if to purl,

k 2tog = knit 2 stitches together, CO = cast on, BO = bind off

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