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Welcome to our New e-mail only Newsletter,

Greetings everyone. I'd like to start off with many thank yous. First of all thank you for your patience with the inconsistency of our Newsletter. I'm hoping that this e-mail only communication can be of more interest and use to you dear Fiber Friends and it will be easier for me to publish on time. Maya would like to thank all of you for your kind words, wishes and gifts for her and Simon. Mom and baby are doing very well as my wonderful daughter makes the adjustment from 2 to 3 little humans to organize and care for. I'm sure you'll be seeing a lot of Simon in the near future hanging out with Mom and Grandma at the shop.

As many of you know our dear Webmaster Ken suffered a stroke on March 1st. He is showing steady improvement now and as we turn our attention to his rehabilitation our family would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the healing energy and prayers he has been receiving from all of you. Coupled with his determination and inner strength this has made all the difference. So many of you have had similar trials in your lives and I'd like to thank you not only for listening to our story but also for sharing your experiences. You have made it easier for me to be here keeping the shop running when my mind and heart have been greatly distracted.

Meanwhile.... ANOTHER BABY! Congratulations Gustine and Adam on the birth of the darling Penelope Violet on April 25th at 10pm. She weighed 7 lbs 10 oz and was 20" long. Mom and baby are doing great.

Have you checked out our sock yarn lately? Just in – Happy Feet from Plymouth Yarn Co. and Wool in the Woods hand wash merino dyed in Cherrytree Hill Colorways. We've got a large selection of non-wool sock yarns too. Don't Forget to check out the THINK OUTSIDE THE SOX contest at www.knittinguniverse.com. Babetta's carries every qualifying yarn for this yearlong contest. You could win up to \$6000. Winning designs will be announced at Stitches West 2009 and published in a new sock book by XRX publishing.

I've been promising Malabrigo yarns for months now. The mix-up in my order has now been taken care of and the sought after yarn should be arriving by the end of July. We've got Merino Lace, Silky Merino and Worsted Merino on the way straight from Uruguay.

Well Maya and I have already started ordering the newest fibers for next year. Berroco has got some great new classic yarns and of course wonderful pattern support for them along with new Norah Gaughn designs. From Rowan we'll be adding colors in Cocoon, Pure Wool 4 ply in 24 colors, a new Kaffe Fasset inspired color-changing yarn called Colorscape. It's Spectacular! Tahki/Stacy Charles yarns on the way in late summer are Sedona, Alpaca Tweed, Karma, Montana and more. Crystal Palace has a Panda Soy sock yarn and Panda Silk DK to be delivered mid-summer. We will be receiving the new Harry Potter inspired Opal Sock Yarn as soon as it is available in October.

"Yarn Shop Hop" WINNERS!

Grand Prize – Sandy Simpson

First Prize Winners – Diane Knorr & Ingrid Kolangi

Other winners – Jim Schrader, Greg Self & Sandi Benward

Winners at Babetta's own Yarn Shop Hop Drawing: Jude

Tarrant, Cora Basler, Eileen Beadles, Michele Carotti, Phyllis

Anderson, Victoria Klasch, Irene Beyr and Melissa McGlivicney

*Come Join the
Fair Oaks Madhatters
Meetings are the second
Thursday of every month from
10am – 12 at Babetta's.
Next meeting June 12*

Classes for June 2008 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 June 3, 10 & 17

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

Wednesdays June 4, 11, & 18

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

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

Crochet 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday June 5, 12 & 19

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

Saturdays June 7, 21 & 28 No class June 14. It's Maya's Birthday!

Advanced Beginning Knitting Felted Purse Project 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

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

Meeting date for the Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long May19 and June16 1pm-3pm or 6pm-8pm

Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month.

Next month's dates June 7 and 21 from 10am to 2pm

Fair Oaks Madbatters Knitting Group Meeting Date at Babetta's June 12 10am-12

**Private Lessons Knitting or Crochet \$15
an hour and Group Knitting or Crochet
Private lessons \$10 an hour per person.
Spinning or weaving \$20 an hour and
group rates are \$15 an hour per person.**



Memorial Day Weekend Sale!

May 23, 24 and 26 from 10 am – 6 pm

Selected Louisa Harding and Katia yarns 30% to 40% off.

Selected Anny Blatt and Bouton d'or yarns 20% to 40% off.

Tiboodoo Kits 50% off. Bagsmith Kits 20% off.

Buy 10 Balls or more of one yarn in one color and receive 10% off.

No other discounts apply. Sales final on discounted items.

Free Pattern for May 2008 Hexagonal Felted Potholder

I've really been into knitting and crocheting shapes lately. This small quick project makes a great gift and it's fun to do. I used Berroco's Jasper but it works with any feltable worsted weight yarn.

Materials: size 10 ½ 24" circular needle, 1 hank Jasper from Berroco, 6 stitch markers

Stitch Glossary: K = knit, pm = place marker, sl m = slip marker, K2tog = knit 2 stitches together, SSK = slip 1 stitch as if to knit and the next stitch as if to knit, then knit the 2 together through the back.

Cast on 140 stitches

Row 1 – K 1, pm, * K23, pm, repeat from * 5 more times, end with a K1

Row 2 – knit, slip markers as you come to them

Row 3 – Decrease row – K1, sl m, * K2tog, K to 2 stitches before marker, SSK, sl m, repeat from * 5 more times, end with K1

Row 4 – Purl

Row 5 – Knit

Row 6 – Purl

Row 7 – Repeat row 3

Row 8 – Purl

Repeat rows 7 and 8 eight more times.

Break off yarn leaving about 18" tail to thread yarn needle and draw through remaining stitches. Pull tight and sew seam. You can make a crochet chain or I-cord loop to hang your potholder from.

Felting: Place potholder in pillowcase or laundry bag and wash with hot water, highest agitation, lowest water level and small amount of woolwash. Block flat.

Here are some of our favorite web links...

www.cutelings.com

www.knittinghelp.com

Sign up for newsletters on these sites:

www.berroco.com

www.classicliteyarns.com

www.knitty.com

www.soysilk.com

Have you checked out Ravelry?

The online knit and crochet community is awesome. www.ravelry.com

June 14, 2008 is World Wide Knit in Public Day!

June's Newsletter should be going out in about 2 weeks.

Talk to you soon, Babetta