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We are now open 7 Days a week at 8am!

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We will be closed on July 4th.

Happy Summer Fiber Friends,

The summer solstice has passed and it is officially **HOT!** Time to stay in where it's air conditioned to knit, crochet, spin and weave. Believe it or not July is the month I start thinking about those winter Holiday gift projects. Last year fingerless gloves were still a popular choice along with shorter scarves with buttons and neck cowls. Of course hats are always one of my favorites whether crocheted or knit because they work up fast and you can try out new stitches and luxury yarns in small amounts. A few of you were ambitious enough to make socks for family and friends and I have to say sock yarn really makes me want to knit things with it. I'm more of a one skein sock yarn shawl person though and small triangular lacey scarves are really "the thing" right now. If you need help with ideas and supplies we're here to help.

We had a lot of fun during Sac Sierra Yarn Shop Hop 2010 and we hope you did too. Next year there's talk of making it a week-long event to make completion of a passport more doable. Here are this year's winners of the main drawing as promised.

- Dale Spears won the Grand Prize
- Vickie Jozefiak - 10 skeins of Lana d' Oro
- Krystal L'Amore - 10 skeins of Pima Silk
- Lisa Stanton - 10 skeins of Ultra Pima.

The Fair Oaks Purls meets the second Thursday of every month from 10am to noon here at Babetta's. This wonderful group of knitters started out knitting baby hats for local hospitals and has now decided to take on other charity knitting projects too. If you'd like to come join the group there's always room for more. This month's date is July 8th .

Don't forget we are still collecting food for the local food closet. Please bring a donation of a non perishable food item and be entered to win a \$25 gift certificate. Drawings are done monthly.

I just sent out our first box of hats to Knots of Love. Here's the web page with patterns on it and please be sure to check out the story. If you have hats to donate you can drop them off here.

http://www.knotsoflove.org/?page_id=52

Classes for July 2010 at Babetta's 965-6043

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 July 6, 13 & 20

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

Wednesdays July 7, 14 & 21

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

Knitting Project 3:30pm- 5pm fee \$40

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.

Thursday July 8, 15 & 22

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

Saturdays July 10, 17 & 24

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

Workshops in July



Freeform Crochet Purse Workshop with Jennifer Tan

July 11 from 1 – 4pm

*Class fee \$40 and you'll receive a coupon for
10% off. Basic crochet skills are all you need.*

*Bring your books and some of your leftovers and
have some fun.*

Introduction to Hand Painting Yarn with Maya

July 17 from 10am to noon class fee \$30 includes all materials.

This is a participation workshop dyeing with safe food dyes. You'll receive un-dyed yarn and after a brief intro you'll be painting on your own.

Introduction to spinning with Gustine

July 24 from 11am to 1pm class fee \$20 Materials \$11

Have you ever wanted to learn the basics of how to turn fiber into your very own yarn?
Sign up early, class size limited.

**Here's a reprint from a previous newsletter that has had
a lot of requests this summer.**

Free Pattern from August 2008 - Summer Nursing Shawl

Sit and Knit or Crochet Saturdays

You're invited to come and sit in our little living room and share your love of handwork with other Fiber Friends.

We're open from 8am to 6pm on Sat.

Do you know a Mom practicing the wonderful art of breast-feeding? Here's a pattern for an easy lightweight summer nursing shawl or light weight blanket to knit up for a quick gift. If it looks familiar it's the famous diagonal dishcloth with a twist. Of course it can also be used as a car seat or stroller blanket.

Materials - 2 Balls Little Lehigh from Kraemer Yarns which is made in the USA, 1 ball Plymouth Wildflower, size 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ needles, G crochet hook.

Cast on 4 st.

Row 1 - k

Row 2 - k 2, inc., k1

Row 3 - k

Row 4 - k1, inc., k1, inc., k 1

Row 5 - k

Row 6 - k1, inc., k3, inc., k1

Row 7 - k

Row 8 - k 4, yo, k to the end

Repeat Row 8 until you have used the first ball of Little Lehigh.

(I actually stopped with a few yards left over because sometimes balls of yarn don't have the exact same yardage.)

Next Row with second ball of yarn - k3, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k to the end.

Continue in this manner until you have 9 st remaining.

Next Row - k1, k2tog, k 3, k2tog, k1

Next Row - k

Next Row - k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1

Next Row - k

Next Row - k2, k2tog, k1

Next Row - Bind off

Work the optional crochet picot edge above to finish. I always hand wash hand knit baby gifts, which gives a perfect opportunity to block them. This is a machine washable yarn allowing easy care for the new Mom that receives it. Alternative yarns - Wendy Supreme Cotton, Sirdar Breeze, O-Wool cotton/wool Balance, Classic Elite Provence, Hemptathy, Calmer and Tahki Cotton Classic.

Crochet picot edge with Wildflower and G hook.

Join yarn at beginning corner and sc around the edge of the entire blanket working 3 in 1 in each corner. You may need to adjust the frequency of the stitches to keep an even tension. Slst into beginning sc and ch 1. Sc in next sc, *ch3, slst into the 1st ch of the ch3, sc in next 2 sc * repeat from *to* around and slst into beginning ch.