



Winter Store Hours

Monday – Friday 10-7pm
Saturday 10-5pm
Sunday 1-5pm
(860) 687-9931

Knit-a-Heart Premie Hat

Saturday and Sunday, January 5th and 6th
~ all day ~

Every preemie needs a hat so why not knit one specially for Valentine's Day. Our goal is 250 hats! That way we can distribute 50 hats each to the following NICU's:

- St. Francis Hospital
- Hartford Hospital
- Manchester Hospital
- Bay State Hospital
- UCONN Farmington

Come join the fun, stay as little or long as you like, but please come and help us knit (or crochet) some sweet little preemie hats.

Free patterns will be available.

Year End Sale
Thur. & Fri. Dec. 27th & 28th
Selected Items 25-75% off
All discounted sales are Final Sale
No Returns

The Secret Language of Knitters Book Signing:

By Mary Beth Temple
Saturday January 5th from 2-4pm

This witty little dictionary of knitting terms is amusing, accurate and interesting.

It's a perfect stocking stuffer or holiday gift exchange item for under \$10.

Bring in your book on January 5th for a personal note from the author.

You may need to purchase more than one!

The Knitters Book of Yarn



Clara Parkes is a leading authority on evaluating different yarns (see page 2 article). She has now written a fabulous book that I believe every serious knitter should own, **The Knitters Book of Yarn**.

She educates us about every imaginable fiber, where it comes from, what it's good for (and not), how yarn is made, what to look out for, etc. And she does it in an interesting way.

If that's not enough, she includes an extensive collection of project patterns, using these fibers to reinforce what to use and why. You'll recognize the designers of these patterns; very smart of Clara.

And the inside cover is a bonus! It's the *family tree of fiber*. Just looking at that makes so much sense to me. (I asked Clara if we could get it in poster format.)

This is a must-have book for serious knitters.

Thank you Clara for such a long needed reference (and project) book!

Friday Night Knit-In

Come join us from 7-11pm
Friday February 15th



Missed our recent B&B Weekend?
Then join us for a relaxing evening and camaraderie of others.

Munchies will be provided. No fee, but please call so we can gauge how many chairs to put out.

Thanks ☺

Dress Up Day

Saturday, March 1st from 11am-2pm

Come visit us and try on items from the Berroco Trunk show. We'll have garments in two sizes: small and large.

For best results, dress all in black.
You'll be surprised at just how good you look in these knitted items!



For the Holidays

Let us know what you 'd like for the holidays and we'll create your personal **Wish List**. Make holiday shopping easy on your loved ones. Have them stop in or even call us for that special something. And, we ship!

Gift certificates – always a good gift to give, or receive.

New Products

Moving Mud - handcrafted buttons and shawl closures.

C*EYE*BER Fibers - delightfully hand painted sock yarn and spinning fiber.

Brown Sheep Lambs Pride worsted – variegated colors

Wooden shawl pins (large oval and square) make wonderful gift items (\$12).

New Books – Great Holiday Gifts

Indigo Knits, Jane Gottelier (\$30)

Itty Bitty Nursery, Susan B. Anderson (\$17.95)

Kaffe Knits Again, Kaffe Fassett (\$35)

Knitting Man(ual), Kristin Spurkland, (\$24.95)

Knitters Book of Yarn, Clara Parkes (\$30)

The Secret Language of Knitters, MaryBeth Temple (\$9.95)

The Yarn Lovers Guide to Dyeing, Linda LaBelle (\$30)

New Class Highlights (schedule attached)

- **Mitered Square Heart** – this is the perfect class to introduce you to Mitered Squares before tackling the **Diamond Mitten** class.
- **Cat's Baby Sock** – a great place to start with Cat Bordhi's new book.
- **Felted Sheep** – the first in a collection of adorable fiber animals.
- **Tilted Duster** – A Friday night knitalong from the cover of Interweave (fall issue).
- **Gauge and Yarn Label Info** – need I say more?



Purl Girls™

Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am

Thursday evenings from 6-8pm

Is it a class? social time? private time to roam the shop when it's closed? Yes, all the above and more.

Join our relaxing atmosphere where you and others discuss what's new, learn techniques, get answers for questions, and meet other knitters.

\$45 - six Thursdays, or drop in at \$10.

Please register in advance.

New sessions start January 10th

Farewell Julie

We are extremely sad to lose Julie. She is changing careers to work full time with her husband and his new business venture. We wish her the best of luck! Julie leaves with an open door invitation to teach a class any time she gets restless. In fact, she just agreed to lead a **Bag Lining Class** on March 8th.

Web Sites for Knitters

I am partial to two web sites:

www.knittersreview.com - Clara Parkes has authored this site for several years. While it has a wealth of information on the site, **the weekly email newsletter is invaluable.** (Just about) every week Clara reviews a yarn, a needle, book or some knitting product.

I find her reviews to be brief, factual and interesting. I received her emails long before I became a shop owner but you can bet that I really pay attention to them now. (So, why don't you go to the site right now and sign up for her weekly newsletter.) For yarns she has already reviewed, there is an archive on the site, so just type in the yarn name you are looking for and voila! Clara's review is presented.

www.ravelry.com - many of you are already on Ravelry. This is a great organizer for knitters. You can keep track of your projects, your stash, needles and more.

The best part is you can look at others' projects, yarns, etc. For example, thinking about making the Cat Bordhi Coriolis socks? Take a peek at what others have done. Not sure how to use a yarn you've been holding on to? Again, take a peek at what others have done or how a certain colorway knits up.

It's so intuitive and easy to use. Just go to to the website and add your email address to receive your invitation to join.

Also, we have a Ravelry *Group* called **creativefibers** that you may wish to join. Lastly, my username is creativefibers in case you want to peek at what is on my needles or in my queue.

Scared of Steeks? Not sure what a steek is? Sunday 2/24 1:30-3pm

Come watch Laura as she cuts through two perfectly good pieces of knitted fabric (yes, with scissors) to create a perfect cardigan front.

It's really not that scary!

B & B Knitting Retreat Weekend

Sign up for our Third Knitting Retreat weekend!
April 4th – 6th, 2008

We had so much fun at the Chesterfield Inn last November that we're heading back next April. It is an easy one hour's drive from the shop and you are in for a fun filled weekend of knitting/crocheting and relaxation. Did I forget to mention the great friendships and food that we will enjoy? Grab a friend, sister, mother, or spouse and join us as we escape into our own world of fiber fun!

There are only 15 rooms so book early if you think you want to join us.

Pick up a flyer at the shop, or go online to get all the details. Don't miss out on the fun.
See enclosed flyer

Our home away from home: The Chesterfield Inn
www.chesterfieldinn.com



Need a question answered or help with your project?

We want to help you the best way we can. And sometimes the best time for you is not the best time for us. We find that Saturday afternoons and Sundays can be really busy. While we want to spend time with you, other customers deserve our attention too. So here's what we are asking.

- 1) Consider scheduling a private 1-1. That way we can guarantee you a dedicated resource. We feel that \$10 per half hour is very reasonable (when you compare it to the rate other local shops charge or the fact that they simply don't want to deal with your questions).
- 2) If you do drop in and we are busy, please realize that we will work you into the other customers who are ready to check out at the register, have a question or two of their own, or need advise about a certain yarn or needle.

The last thing we want to do is to disappoint you. I'd love to hire several additional employees so we never have an issue but that simply isn't reasonable. Thanks for listening.



Late Night Wednesday

The shop stays open until 9pm on the first Wednesday of each month so you can sit and knit with friends.
No charge, just show up.

Photo Board

Our photo board is longing for new pictures of your finished creations. Brag a little!

On the Needles – Staff Projects

Many of you mentioned that you enjoyed hearing what each of us is knitting. This winter we are keeping busy as usual.

Tina has been working on a couple interesting projects. She is currently knitting a scarf that is NOT your typical scarf out of **Online's Solo** yarn. It is creating a dramatic ruffled effect. Next up: The **Wonderful Wallaby** out of **Lamb's Pride Superwash** wool. This will be the class sample for a class later next year.

Abbey is still carrying a full load of college courses and working part-time at the shop so she has little time to knit But her next project is socks!

Maureen's newest project is a cardigan out of **Elsebeth Lavold's Angora** ~ snuggly warm.

Laura is busy trying to get the last class models done so you can see the real deal. She's fantasizing about getting back to knitting:

- The **Amelia Vest** from Ella Rae's 9th Book using **Ella Rae Classic** worsted wool.
- **Down and Up Socks** (really, they're knit from the ankle down, and then up to the cuff, in a pretty lace pattern) with **Plymouth's Happy Feet** sock yarn, a new yarn coming soon.
- **Laura's Boxy Jacket** – a summer jacket she is designing. Hmmm, that's **LBJ**. We may need another name for this fun jacket.

Peggy is finishing up a 2nd fingerless mitt and hopes to be knitting a multi color Lopi sweater with a beautiful rose design very soon.

Terry is completing his felted poinsettia wreath and Rowan intarsia sweater. He's still perfecting his baby booties pattern and has his eye on a couple new projects.

Private Instruction

Found a class but it doesn't meet your schedule? We can easily arrange it as a series of 1on1's with homework. Or, grab a friend and make it a shared private lesson at \$30 per hour (that's \$15 each).

Odds-n-End Sale Bin

Don't forget to check our little bits of things that are always discounted 25%



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Holiday Schedule

Closing Early:

3pm Monday, December 24th –
Christmas Eve

Closed

Tuesday, December 25th – Christmas
Wednesday, December 26th - holiday
Monday, December 31st &
Tuesday, January 1st - New Year's
Monday, March 10th - Vacation
Sunday, March 23rd - Easter

SALE

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December Trunk Show

**Get inspired and enjoy a 10% discount
on trunk show books and yarn.**

Classic Elite December 1st –16th



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