

Dear fiber friends,

I am writing this newsletter just after Thanksgiving even though it is the winter issue. By the time you receive this, that day will have come and gone. Even so, I believe it would be a good exercise to pause and acknowledge how truly blessed we are.

Here are some of the many blessings in my life:

1. A free country in which to live, speak my thoughts, and worship, without fear of persecution, and, run a yarn shop!
- 1a. A most devoted and loving husband (and my best friend and business partner).
2. My **two** children – with **all** their ups and downs, and my **two** godchildren, who may not be alive today had they not been adopted by our dear friends.
3. Faith, hope and love; especially hope for those customers and friends who are suffering with serious health issues at this time.
4. Customers from all four directions.
5. Years in business (well *almost 5 years*)
6. Fantastic staff members whom I can't live without.
7. (or more) knitting projects to be working on.

*I am truly blessed! Happy Holidays, Laura*



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### Winter Shop Hours

**Please note:**

We will be closing at 6pm on Monday-Wednesday evenings starting December 28<sup>th</sup>.

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| Monday - Wednesday | 10am - 6pm |
| Thursday- Friday   | 10am – 7pm |
| Saturday           | 10am - 5pm |
| Sunday             | 1pm - 5pm  |

Open Knitting is most Fridays from 7-9pm.

**The shop will be closed:**

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, January 1st

### Credit Card Reminder

I know we are fast becoming a cash-less society. However, shops pay a merchant fee every time you use a credit/debit card. Purchases under \$10 actually *hurt* the shop. (That's why many shops have a credit card minimum). We would just like to ask you to slip a little cash into your wallet for small purchases. And other businesses will appreciate this as well. Thank you!



### Winter Sale

**Friday – Sunday  
January 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**

25 – 50 - 75% off Selected Yarns  
No discount on special orders  
All Sales are Final

### Holiday Gift Ideas

**Looking for gift ideas to give or receive?**

(Just let us know what items you'd like to add to your personal wish list. That way your loved ones can shop with confidence.)

**Felted Notions Bags** from Nepal; lined in cotton with zippers and they are fair trade items \$7.95-\$22.95

**Recycled Knitting Needles Earrings and Bangle Bracelets** – another way to express your craft. These are just plain fun! \$9.95-\$28.95

**The Enchanted Sole** – some of the most exquisite socks designs we've ever seen. \$25.95

**The Book of Wool** is Clara Parke's newest reference/project book. It is loaded with information you need to know and projects for you to enjoy. \$30.00

**Stix Fix** – every so often your wooden needles need a tune up. A little polish will help your stitches slide and keep you and your needles happy. \$9.95 (great stocking stuffer)

**Rosewood and Ebony Crochet Hooks** from Lantern Moon. Need I say more? They are just lovely! \$15.95 - \$20.95

**Fine Silver Sweater Necklaces** – individually sculpted from fine metal clay and then fired in a kiln leaving a 100% silver sweater design, these necklaces are a perfect way to reflect your love of knitting. \$89.95

**Addi Click Set** – newly packaged in a "take with you" soft case, this set includes tips from size 4-15 (including the previously missing size 5 tip) \$169.95

### Addi Needles Have Moved



Addi Knitting needles, including:  
Addi Turbo, Addi Natura, Addi Lace,  
and Addi Click sets are behind the counter.  
Just ask for help.

## On the Needles

**Abbey's** knitting can't be discussed quite yet as they are special gifts for loved ones.

**Amy** is completing a cabled cardigan in Reynolds's Andean Tweed to be ready for her upcoming class. Wisteria, a design by Kate Gilbert is also on the needles using Malabrigo worsted. There's Rivendell socks from The Eclectic Sole in Koigu and a cardigan in Silky Wool amongst other projects.

**Cindy** is knitting a basic ribbed hat in Noro Kuryeon. Simple pattern + fantastic yarn = project success! She is also knitting the cabled Plymouth Three Button Wrap in Elsebeth Lavold Angora...yummy warmth!

### Julie

Julie is on a crochet roll since Kathy Merrick was here. Kathy's crochet shawl is Julie's current project using 8 or 9 colors of Koigu. And speaking of our favorite sock yarn, a new shipment of 23 colors arrived recently. Julie is also making progress on her full length Lagran mohair coat.

**Kelly** just finished a pair of cabled fingerless mitts using Classic Elite's Lush; very soft and elegant!

**Laura** is knitting the most delightful lace wimple knit from featherweight brushed cashmere yarn. It's the softest puff of knitting and yes, it's a class. She is also knitting an easy lace shawl from the same yarn (also a class). Notice a theme here? There's also a basic pullover in Nashua's Ariosa yarn; snugly soft against the skin. And hopefully the Tokyo design from Hanne Falkenburg will be on the needles when you receive this.

**Peggy** is knitting a sweater for her nephew with the Sirdar Crofter Dk yarn; it creates a fair isle effect and is machine washable.

**Terry** (yes – he's a knitter!) completed his first lace project. It's a shawl for Laura in Classic Elite's new mohair Giselle. Now he is making a second pair of Fanning the Flame mittens using Madelinetosh sock yarn and knitting a scarf from Classic Elite's Miracle. He's looking for a good cable project!



## Berroco Spring Trunk Show Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 6 - 8pm & Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 11am – 2pm

Andra Asars, Berroco Sales Rep, will bring the newest spring designs for you to try on. Plan to dress in black and model the spring wardrobe. This is a great opportunity to also see how the new yarns knit up.

New for Spring 2010:  
Origami, Twilight and Seduce Long Stripes

## New Yarns (here or coming soon)

From the Twilight movie, **Bella's Mittens**. We have the pattern and yarn!

Did you see our adorable silk garland above the register? It was crocheted from Lantern Moon's **Silk Gelato**. One skein makes an 8+ foot garland for \$39.95. Now if the shop only had a fireplace mantle.....

Madelinetosh has a lovely new yarn called **Prairie**. This single ply lace weight superwash merino wool has an unusual dye effect. I can't explain it; you must see it for yourself, 840 yard, \$24.95 (coming soon)

Malabrigo's newest yarn is **Twist**. It is a plied heavy worsted weight 100% baby merino wool, aprox. 150 yards per 50 grams skein. \$13.95 (coming soon)

Fibre Isle of Prince Edward Island presents us with **Kami Bison**. This lace weight yarn is the perfect combination of bamboo, superfine merino and bison. The bamboo provides strength, silky smoothness and sheen. The merino gives it just the right amount of elasticity without making it overly woolly. The natural bison adds warmth and lovely halo highlights. 440yds, \$29.95 (coming soon)

Jade Sapphire **2ply Cashmere** – is 400 yds of sublimely soft Mongolian cashmere. \$41.95 (here)

**Womanly Scarf Kits** are also from Jade Sapphire. Each kit comes with enough 100% hand-dyed cashmere for a luxurious scarf and 7 pattern options. Wrap your mom, sister or best-friend with a super soft, cashmere hug this holiday \$99.95 (here)

New colors of **Koigu KPPPM and KPPM** are due before year-end and new colors of **Madelinetosh** and Claudia sock yarn are due soon.

## New Books and Other Nifty Items

**Haiku Knits** - 25 simple, modern garments and accessories inspired by Japanese design, featuring innovative elements and beautiful fibers. \$29.99

**Swing, Swagger, Drape** from down under Australia, \$24.95

**100 Flowers to Knit or Crochet** – a delightful encyclopedia of just about any flower or vegetable that you can imagine. \$21.95

**Sock Blockers** in small, medium and large sizes, \$15.95

**Lace Blocking Wires**, 13 wires in a tube, \$19.95

## Stitches East

It seems a long time ago now but we'd like to thank all our wonderful customers who supported us at the booth. Your words of encouragement, smiles and offers to schlep us food and beverage were so heartwarming. It was exhilarating and exhausting and yes, we'll be at Stitches East 2010.

Mark your calendars right now, the last weekend in October.

The winner of our drawing for the Addi Click set is Lisa Leard. She was delighted and told me she had never won anything like this before.

**Purl Girls™**  
Thursday Evenings  
6-8pm



Join Julie and others as you work on your projects, learn new techniques, get answers for questions, and chat the evening away.

\$45 for 6 weeks or drop in rate of \$10 per session

### Ravelry Group

Did you know that Creative Fibers has a Ravelry “group”? It is called **Creativefibers** and we’d love to have you join us. I post new items that have been ordered or have arrived. There’s usually a weekly question of who is coming to Friday Night Open Knitting and lots more. Check us out.

### Featured Designer Jennifer Hagan of Figheadh Designs

Like many other fiber artists, Jennifer was introduced to needlework by her grandmother as a preteen. She and her husband Fred took the name of this business from the Gaelic for knitting and weaving because they have both always been inspired by Celtic art and culture. Their business is focused on keeping art alive through an ancient handcraft.

Many of the Figheadh designs feature unusual Celtic cables on children’s and adult sweaters. Next time you are in the shop, take a peek at Jennifer’s designs.

### Project Linus Update



Last summer you graciously submitted over 100 knitted squares to create 16 blankets for Project Linus.  
**Thank you to all who participated!**

### Bella’s Mitten

from the Twilight saga *New Moon*

This luscious mitten is snuggly soft and features an interesting cable design. We knit ours in Ella Rae Kamelsoft. If you would like to learn cables, this is an excellent project!

Julie will be teaching this class on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am – noon



### Knitter’s Ski Day Butternut Ski Resort

Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

If the weather is nice, meet me in the base lodge for a day of skiing, lunch and knitting.

### Crazy Over Crochet

Kathy Merrick visited on the eve of Stitches East and has she got us excited about crochet. Many of us remember crochet as stiff and clunky. Within a half hour Kathy showed us how to combine color and drape into fabulous crocheted projects.

Here are a few comments I received following Kathy’s visit.  
*“I’m so glad I came. I didn’t know the event was about crochet or I wouldn’t have come. Boy, did she turn me on to crochet”.*

*“I never realized what beautiful fabric I could make if I used Koigu yarn and a crochet hook”.*

Check out our crochet classes in the Winter Class Schedule. (Intro to Crochet, Easy Koigu Crochet Scarf, Crochet Stash Basket)

### 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 at \$10 per half hour/\$20 per hour.

Or, grab a friend and make it a shared private lesson at \$30 per hour (that’s \$15 each).

### Friday Night - Open Night from 7-9pm



Bring your knitting, crochet, or just yourself.  
Bring a friend!  
It’s free, just come and join us!

### Shop KnitAlongs

What’s a knitalong? A project is selected and everyone works on their own version of the design, usually during a specific time frame. It’s a time for individuals to help one another along with their project and it’s a social time.

Starting in December: Fridays, 7-9pm Classic Elite’s Lace Bottom Pullover. This design is initially knit sideways, from cuff to cuff. Then stitches are picked up and knitted down to the hem to create the body of the sweater.

Starting in February: We’ll dedicate Mondays 2-4pm and Fridays 7-9pm for a Knitalong sponsored by Classic Elite. We’ll feature three different projects from the new spring lineup. Work on your project and complete it prior to the end of July and you are eligible to win a \$200 gift basket of Classic Elite goodies from Creative Fibers & Classic Elite. (You must register for this knitalong prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> and purchase your Classic Elite project materials from Creative Fibers.)

## Spring B&B Knitting Weekend

April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Optional Thursday April 15th extension

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Knitting Retreat Weekend is now scheduled and we hope you will consider joining us. The weekend away is such a great change of pace and there are no chores to be done.

Knit, relax, socialize, enjoy fine dining and learn a knitting trick or two. We have an optional Thursday overnight if you would like to extend your time away.

Weekend:

\$450.00 (per person) for shared occupancy ~ when you sign up with a friend  
\$625.00 for single occupancy

The retreat weekend fee covers all your lodging, meals, optional class, taxes and tips.  
Class materials and alcoholic beverages are additional.

Maryrose suggests you make smaller monthly payments; by the time the weekend arrives, you are paid for.

For more details see our website or pick up a flyer at the shop.



## Mark Your Calendar!

You won't miss out on the fun.

Look for additional details in the newsletter.

- Fridays, 7-9pm: **Open Knitting**
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- Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>:  
**Creative Fibers Winter Sale**
- Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>:  
**Knitter's Ski Day** ~ Butternut Ski Resort
- Sometime in February:  
**Classic Elite's Spring/Summer Knitalong**
- March 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm: **Beroco Try-It-On Trunk Show**
- March 6<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm: **Beroco Try-It-On Trunk Show**
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>: **Spring Knitting Retreat Weekend**
- October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>: **Stitches East 2010**
- November 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>: **Fall Knitting Retreat Weekend**

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## Monday Sweater Night

Have you wanted to knit a sweater but just aren't sure about it? You'll have two Monday night opportunities this winter to knit a sweater.

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Laura will be leading a five-week sweater session that will cover the ins and outs of three popular designs. You don't have to be an advanced knitter but you must be confident with your knitting (and purling) and be able to commit time to knitting in between classes. All three designs are at the shop just waiting for you to try them on and decide which to make.

The Kimono is comprised off six rectangles; an easy project for the novice knitter. For additional challenge, knit the front panel in a reversible Celtic cable.

The green NORO Iro cardigan has minimal shaping and set in sleeves. It is cute as a button and knits up quickly in self-stripping yarn.

Laura's eggplant Loppem design is a vest; or is it a sweater with cap sleeves? This simple cardigan with a cable is quick and fun to wear.

Even if you are not ready to knit cables, or set in sleeves, you'll watch others and learn from them as you knit your design.

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If you are an advanced knitter, Amy will be teaching a cabled cardigan with a twist. She'll cover cables and charts, button bands and buttonholes, along with set-in sleeves and lots more.

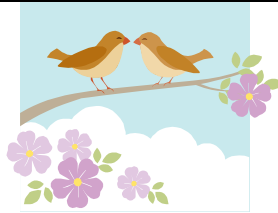
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The cost of the pattern/yarn selection you choose will vary depending which sweater you choose to work on.

If you have questions, talk to Laura or Amy.

They are happy to work with you!

Coming this Spring:



## Debbie Bliss Organic Cotton for Babies Fair Trade Collection

Kinder to baby, the environment and to the people who produce it.

Organic cotton is produced without chemicals and pesticides so it's much less likely to trigger allergies, especially in babies whose skin is more delicate than adults.

100% organic cotton, 137 yds, machine washable,  
25sts/4inch US3, \$7.95

Completely interchangeable with Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Baby so you can use the patterns you love to knit with from Debbie Bliss. There's also a new booklet of 11 designs.