

In The Loop

April 2006

TO OUR WONDERFUL SKEIN LANE COMMUNITY

Do you have the most recent copy of Knitter's magazine (available at Skein Lane)? In addition to several new designs, this Spring issue includes *20 Questions for Japan's Knitting Prince Mitsuhiro Hirose*, "Capture each moment - in a knitting stitch..." *TrendsForecast for Fall 2006/2007* and *Short Row Techniques*.

In particular, I would like to reiterate Susan Lazear's theme in TrendsForecast and that is to push the edge in your knitting and crocheting. Be daring in what you take on in stitch technique, style, and decorative edging. We are here to help you take the leap...whatever that means to each of you.

Several of the recent knitting magazines publications feature articles about the short rows technique. To quote Knitter's Spring issue, "Short rows are partial rows of knitting that can add length or shape areas of a garment giving 'roundness' to a fabric." When and if you come upon short rows in your patterns, don't be hesitant to try this technique. We can also help to take the "leap" with this one. Just to get going you might want to knit a multi-directional scarf created with short rows. We have a complimentary pattern available to you in the shop or online under [Carolyn's April Update](#).

Join us for the [24/7 Jacket Knitalong](#) starting in April. It is really a pleasure to knit this and also to have a good-looking jacket when done. I call this particular project comfort knitting...so easy to do.

We start the month of April with a special on Regia Sock Yarn. [Check it out](#).

We are eagerly awaiting the shipment of 1824 cotton...certainly one of my favorite cottons.

We look forward to seeing you.

Our best,

Carolyn & Staff

YARN ARRIVALS

Just arrived:

- * Noro's Silk Garden in DK weight
- * Noro's Sakura.
- * Patagonia
- * Nature Cotton
- * New colors of Claudia's Handpaint Fingering Weight
- * Handpainted Linen from Claudia's Handpaints

Arriving soon:

- * Mission Falls 1824 Cotton
- * Boho from Berroco

BOOK ARRIVALS

- * *Handknit Style* by Linden Ward and Beryl Hiatt
- * *Kids Crochet* by Kelli Ronci
- * *Puppyknits* by Jil Eaton

- * *Vintage Styles* for Today
- * *Knitgrrl 2* by Shannon Okey
- * First Knits by Luise Roberts and Kate Haxell

HOT PROJECT

This month's hot project is [The Oregon Vest](#), a design from Oat Couture. This outerwear vest is being knit by Skein Lane's Ellen and she chose Event from Filtes King. It is working up beautifully and will debut at [The Knit and Crochet Show](#) in Oakland this month.

APRIL SPECIALS

Come browse our new "Knit Picking" Specials table of odd balls of yarn on sale starting April 15. You might also want to check out the [sales specials](#) for this month.

A CALL FOR KNITTED YARN SWATCHES

Wouldn't it be helpful to be able to see even more yarn samples when you are selecting yarn? We are embarking on collecting 4"x4" swatches of yarns that have been purchased at Skein Lane so that we can create a swatch catalogue that you will be able to consult when you visit the shop. If you have swatches that you would be willing to contribute, please contact us.

LEARNING @ SKEIN LANE

We have some exciting classes and events planned for April and May.

Crochet interest and enthusiasm continues. We have added a next level, advanced beginning, crochet class that will begin in May. Join Sandy for this next level. We are also scheduling a class to make the lovely crocheted flower scarf designed by KnitWhits - this scarf attracted so much attention just being in our display window.

JP will be teaching two more classes in May: [Beginning Knitting](#) and [Socks-Toes Up](#).

Ellen Graves will be teaching more classes in May and June: [Color Work](#) and [Finishing](#). In mid-summer, an Aran class will be offered

Carolyn's Spring series of [Knitting Workshop](#) gets underway on April 4. We look forward to seeing everyone in workshop again after a one-week break between series.

The Great American Afghan Block Party will draw to a close mid-summer....to start right up again with a new afghan - The Great American Afghan #2 Block Party. Join us for this ongoing lovely project.

There is more coming up: Kids Camp in July and August, Nancy Bush and Knitter's Retreat in September, and Sally Melville in November. More information will be coming soon on our [website](#),

YARN EVENTS

[The Knit and Crochet Show](#), sponsored by TKGA, to be held at the Oakland Convention Center is coming right up - April 21-23. This is another chance to take classes and to see many wonderful yarns under one roof. Skein Lane will be there - look for us in corner booths 210 and 309.

The [Fiber Feast](#) was a "hoot". Lots of yarn to sample and dreams of new projects began to form yet again. Our next Fiber Feast - [Mystery Fiber Feast](#) - will be May 21 from 3-5pm. Seating is limited so sign up early.

SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

We have a tip to share - **save that yarn label!** It contains valuable information: color #, dyelot, suggested gauge, size needles suggested to achieve that gauge, fiber content, washing instructions, and which solvents to use or not use when cleaning. This label is invaluable to you and most helpful to us when you are seeking additional yarn. You might consider saving that label in your knitting journal. You do have a journal, don't you? If not, consider starting one.

Do you have a knitting time-saver? Got a hot crochet tip? Share your know how with other Skein Laners! Submit your tip or other helpful hint for knit or crochet by email to info@skeinlane.com. If our staff chooses your tip for the newsletter, we'll mention your name with gratitude and even give you a prize.

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