

In The Loop

June 2006

TO OUR WONDERFUL SKEIN LANE COMMUNITY

I've had a chance to be away for a few days...a little vacation time in Colorado...a chance to take care of some family business, see some life-long friends...even ran, or I should say survived, the [Bolder Boulder 10k](#) run with my cousins. These runs are even better if you have trained! Thank goodness I could draw on my previous running memory....the muscles carried me through and I certainly knew it in the following hours. And, of course, my knitting came with me on the trip. I always pack that first, don't you?!

I've just finished our hot project for the month - [a sizzling tank top](#) - a sleeveless sweater design from Melissa Leapman. I chose to knit it in Louisa Harding's Nautical Cotton. This sweater was featured at The Knit and Crochet Show in Oakland this past April. We displayed it "in process" at the show and now we can show the completed garment. I particularly enjoyed the shaping techniques that were employed in this sweater. When you come to the shop you will find this project on Blanche - one of our lady models.

I am so excited that [Sally Melville](#) is joining us again this Fall. The class line-up has been decided upon and registration has begun. Class size is limited, so it is best to sign up ASAP!

We have two new knitalongs coming up. Some of us have been inspired to "revisit" the [Einstein Coat](#) from Sally Melville's *The Knit Stitch*. Join us for this knitalong which will begin on Saturday, June 17. The second knitalong, beginning July 15, is one that I have been itching to knit - the [Log Cabin Blanket](#). I think I have been drawn to this design because of my paternal grandmother's many years of quilting during her life on the Prairie of Eastern Colorado.

[Summer knitting Camp for Kids](#) begins in July. [Frances](#), our staff employee, will teach this summer and I know she is looking forward to teaching and helping young people with knitting.

Website news: Look for our Customer Project page which will be going up soon! And have you checked out [Barbara's Reviews](#)? Check in a few days for her most recent review.

Now is a great time to think about vacation projects: pillows, socks, hats, purses, patterned wash cloths, the list goes on! These same projects can quickly become your Christmas presents!

I heard another great learning story from one of our many wonderful workshoppers. When Melanie was little and cast on her stitches, the cast on was very tight. Her solution - oil the needles!

We look forward to seeing you, helping you with your yarn choices and providing project support.

Our best,

Carolyn and staff

More news follows:

RECENT YARN ARRIVALS

New

- * **Alicante** from Ornagi (100% Egyptian Colorful Fingering Weight Cotton)
- * **Muskat** from Garnstudio (100% Egyptian Mercerized DK Weight Cotton)
- * **Cherub Kaleidoscope DK** from Cascade (55% Nylon, 45% Acrylic DK Weight - good for baby projects)

New Stock

- * **Fantasy Naturale** from Plymouth
- * **Fixation** from Cascade
- * **Laurel** from Schaefer Yarns

BOOK ARRIVALS

- * Restocking of the tried and true and some new ones. More arriving throughout the month. check our website for the new titles....

OTHER ARRIVALS

- * Standup **Project Bag** from Bag Smith. These are very functional, portable, simply styled and reasonably priced.
- * Wooden **Umbrella Swifts** from Aurora Yarns.

KNIT PICKING BARGAINS

- * Check out our new [sale](#) section!

LEARNING @ SKEIN LANE

Upcoming Classes

Have you been wanting to learn more skills to finish your projects? Ellen Graves will be teaching [Finishing](#) for two sessions starting June 12.

And check our website for the next class coming from JP. We are just settling on the dates for two classes - Lace Knitting and Cables.

Carolyn's Summer series of [Knitting Workshop](#) gets underway on June 20. Register early to reserve your space.

We will once again be offering [Kids Camp](#) in July and August. This is a great chance for young people to come together and share their love of knitting!

Tell us if you would like some more sock classes this summer.

KNITALONGS

The knitalongs are very popular and we have several in process. Join us.

[The Einstein Coat](#)

[The Log Cabin Quilt](#)

[The Great American Afghan # Block Party](#)

[24/7 Jacket](#)

YARN EVENTS

The [Mystery Fiber Feast](#) - July 16 from 3-5pm. Seating is limited so sign up early.

SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

If you don't use the three-needle bind off for shoulders here is a hot tip from Melissa Leapman's *Hot Knits* that is very useful. "To make your shoulder seams neater (and easier to sew), slip the first stitch of each set of stitches rather than bind it off. Voila! No more stair steps to deal with during finishing!"

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

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