

In The Loop

June 2007

Dear Skein Lane Community:

Be sure to check out *the tip of the month* at the end of the newsletter. A great photo that I think you will all enjoy!.

The eBay store is up. I am feeling a little more relaxed about this learning curve. Sales of some of my favorite needlepoint kits and canvases in the Skein Lane inventory have happened. Be sure to check out [Skein Lane Outlet](#). The offerings will grow every day.

Do you know the way to San Jose? For me it was, do you know the way to San Mateo? I was the driver on this recent field trip....we came down 880traffic was thick...we crossed the San Mateo Bridge and I just kept driving. Our destination was Nine Rubies in San Mateo. As we approached Burlingame, I began an animated conversation with myself (and passengers) that went something like, "oh #### what am I thinking?! We've passed San Mateo." We circled back and it was well worth it! We arrived some 10 minutes later and found ourselves in [Nine Rubies](#). The store is charming...wood floors, fireplace, nicely laid out with a tempting selection of yarns and good customer service. And there was a most pleasant surprise. Jocelyn from Nine Rubies asked where we were from and Kimberly said, "Skein Lane". Where upon Jocelyn whipped out a copy (legit) from the files and gave me that copy of an out of print Kim Hargreave's pattern that both Kimberly and I had admired at the Fiber Arts Market in April 2006. We were exhibiting there and when Jocelyn walked by in this beautiful sweater that she had knit. What a wonderful experience!

More knitting retail news! K2tog will be opening its doors at 1230 Solano Ave in Albany on July 5th. Ellen Graves, K2tog owner, invites you to stop by. The store hours that day are 11am - 8pm. I know I will just have to go by...hope our paths cross there. (*Note: K2tog website is currently underdevelopment...you will be able to find it soon.*)

And most importantly, be sure to check out our [customer project page](#). It is such a joy to see all the creativity. And check back through out the month...I have lots more to post.

There is a new baby in the family? Abygail Rose Jane arrived on May 25th and everyone is excited. You can see her bundled with her sisters in her [log cabin blanket](#).

And lastly, I've just returned from what is becoming an annual Memorial weekend trip to Colorado. I stayed with cousins, we walked the Bolder/Boulder rather than run this year....Del had a run-in with a cow on his farm last fall and he has just gotten back to farming in the last couple of months. The walk was accomplished in what we thought was record time and the Memorial Cermonies were moving.

And now on to more knitting....hope you have many projects ahead of you.

Events and Guests

[Lorna Miser](#) will be here again on Sunday, June 10 for two more classes : ***Fairisle*** in the morning and ***Twisted Cords & Other Ties***. If you can't take the workshop, but would like a chance to meet Lorna pack a lunch and join us during the lunch break from noon until 1:30 pm. We will be at the green building up the hill from the [Kensington Community Ce](#)nter at 59 Arlington, Kensington.

[Helen Hamann](#) will be joining us again in early October. We will have yet another chance to be inspired and learn more. Stay tuned for her class offerings with dates and times.

Classes

We are offering a new class and a new knitalong. .

"[Is No Yoke Ribbing](#)" Sweater knitalong, featured in Knitter's Winter 2000, begins on Saturday, June 23 from 2-4pm.

This sweater is one of my favorites and I wear it often and I will be knitting another one along with you.

[Top Down Sweater](#)

Starts July 8 and is another one of my favorite sweaters.

Our Summer Session of [Knitting Workshops](#) begins this next week, June 12. There is room for drop-in on Tuesday and Thursday am workshops. Just call ahead 510.525.9276.

We are continuing the socks from Nancy Bush's *Vintage Socks* book. Now that we have mastered some of the techniques the class has evolved into a [Vintage Sock Club](#). Each month we will start a new sock and forge ahead. We begin a new sock in June - **The Gentleman's Fancy Sock** on page 81

For those of you who want to learn to knit socks, we just started a [basic sock](#) class this past Sunday. If you can't wait until our next offering in August, call me and I can get you on track to join us for the second session of basic socks coming up this Sunday. And remember, if you are one of those saying "[Why](#)

[would anyone ever want to knit socks?](#)" just take a look of some the socks that Kimberly has knit. Several other "workshoppers" have been completing socks so check out their photos.

In our studio setting we have consultation hours. If you need help you can either call or e-mail for free consultation. You can also schedule an in-person consultation appointment for a fee of \$5.00 for 15 minutes or \$20.00 per hour. We look forward to being able to help you with your knitting opportunities.

It's exciting that we have a small offering of yarn available in our studio. You can call 510.525.9276 or e-mail skeinlane@aol.com and let us know what you are looking for.

Happy knitting and stitching to all!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn".

SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

My tip for the month! This comes to us from Debbie and in this case, a picture is worth a thousand words. And here is [Bella](#).

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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