

# *In The Loop*

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## **Dear Skein Lane Community:**

This last couple of weeks have found me deep into a learning curve to create a presence on eBay for Skein Lane Outlet. And there has been some success. My goal for this outlet is to create a store for the Skein Lane needlepoint supplies inventory. I will also be able to offer one of a kind of knitting specials that you will most likely not find at your LYS. So for now, if you are looking for any needlepoint canvases check out [Skein Lane Outlet](#). The offerings will grow every day.

My local retailer news for this month is a report on my field to [EwePhoric Yarns](#) in Arnold. While I was staying with my niece's children last week we did go to Arnold. After a morning of baseball for Sam and acting for Dan, a picnic, and an hour and half drive we arrived at the yarn shop. The shop is as charming as it looks on the website. The owner, Suzanne, offers an excellent selection of yarns which includes featuring local yarns...so when you stop by there you will see things that you may not see elsewhere. There is an inviting fireplace to gather round and lots of "things" besides yarn to draw your attention. It is definitely worth a visit...and I am looking forward to returning soon. Suzanne is thinking of a retreat next spring.. I will keep you abreast of any developments.

For those of you who are quilters as well as knitters, you might want to visit [Carquinez Strait Quilt Show](#) at the Clock Tower in Benecia on May 5 and 6. Skein Lane will be there as one of the vendors. It will be fun weekend to see quilts on display and to stock on up quilting supplies including yarn embellishments and more yarn.

My knitting projects are much the same as last month but I am now knitting "savagely" as Susie would say to finish up those projects so I can embark on another one. While I was with the children last week, I was lucky to have Betsy and Sam volunteer to wind 17 skeins of yarn for my next project which is [The Rainbow Jacket](#) designed by Vivian Hoxbro. I am also embarking an afghan for a wedding present for an October wedding.

Be sure to check out our [customer project page](#).

## **Events and Guests**

[West Valley Alpaca Open House](#) is happening May 6. For those of you who would like to spend a day at an Alpaca farm this will be a day filled with activities to inspire all. Let me know if you are interested in going and we will coordinate a Skein Lane caravan.

If you did not receive an [Evite](#) invitation to our [Customer Fashion Show](#) please add yourself to the guest list. It's always inspiring to see everyone's work.

[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 [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

Look for two classes to be posted on the website early next week.

\* "Is No Yoke Ribbing" Sweater featured in Knitter's Winter 2000  
*This sweater is one of my favorites and I wear it often...and request for a class are heard.*

Starts June 9

\* Top Down Sweater

Starts July 8

Our Spring Session of [Knitting Workshops](#) began March 20. Summer session begins in June. 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. The month of May finds us continuing **The Fancy Silk Sock** that begins on page 77. 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 basic socks, we will be offering our next [basic sock](#) class in June. And 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.

Join us for our [Ruffled Roses Scarf](#) on June 3.

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. In addition to our sock yarns, we currently have Cotton Fleece from Brown Sheep, Deco Ribbon and Waikiki (in skein put-up) from Crystal Palace, and other miscellaneous yarns: Silke Tweed, Sock Yarns, and some Novelties...an array of yarn. Call 510.525.9276 or e-mail [skeinlane@aol.com](mailto:skeinlane@aol.com) if you are looking for any these yarns.

Happy Memorial Day to all!

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

### **SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW**

My tip for the month! This is not really a tip...but it is an announcement that I am creating a page on our website for those things that are heard around the knitting table. Some of them are priceless, endearing, and just too good not to share. For example (this one came in an e-mail this morning), "Anyway, I hope you are well and knitting on. I finished and washed my Sinsation/Touch Me scarf. I am happy with it, washing that yarn sure does change it and make it elegant! My sweater is a different matter...but making a change for the better. I read a quote in *Fit to Live* by Pamela Peeke that went something like, 'insantiy is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting change', so I took that as a sign and ripped out the whole side of the sweater I was working on and began again. It is very liberating to start over." Thanks Susanee for making me laugh this morning.

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](mailto: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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