

In The Loop



October 2007

Dear Skein Lane Community:

I must say it seems like it took me forever to get this graphic loaded...but I really wanted the visual for Halloween which is coming upon us soon!

Did you get a chance to attend the TKGa Knit and Crochet Show which was held at the Oakland Marriot Conference Center at the end of September? I was able to take two classes....at the last minute one of our knitting workshopers was unable to use her tickets and I was the lucky benefactor. I took two classes with Jennifer Hansen from [Stitch Diva Studios](#). I learned [Tunisian Crochet and relearned Hairpin Lace](#).

Our recent [knitting retreat](#) at Marconi Conference Center in Point Reyes in mid-September was a lot of fun. Hope you can join us next year....Melissa Leapman is our featured guest for the weekend of September 12, 13, 14 (2008). I was lucky enough to celebrate my birthday with all the wonderful retreaters....and I was treated to special gifts. Thanks to all!

I have been long overdue in wishing [Darius](#) congratulations! I am sure you all remember Darius when he worked at Skein Lane. It seems just like the other day that he started nursing school...although he and his wife, Sharon, might not think that! Darius is now a nurse at Sutter Medical in Antioch. Yeah Darius!

I am just a few hours away from completing the [Laurel ripple afghan](#) . I interrupted the progress on that gift as I started and completed a [wedding present](#) for Bill's grandson....I must say I did complete it in record time and it was fun to knit.

The following comes to us from one our knitting workshopers, Lyn: *"I thought you might find it interesting that **Lacis museum** has acquired new knitted lace items. I tried to take pictures of items already displayed while we were there but nothing comes close to professional work. Take a [look](#) to see their new acquisition."*

One of my many projects will now include a stole that I inherited from Sandy Olsen. I remember well the day I helped Sandy pick out the yarn for this shawl, The Rebozo featured in [Folk Shawls](#) by Cheryl Oberle. [Sandy chose Silky Tweed from Elsbeth Lavold and an accent yarn, Misty Slub from Maggi's Knits](#). I will begin it soon.

I mentioned in the September newsletter that I would be teaching a 3-hr class, *Getting Started on eBay*. It turned out to be great fun. The next offering of *Getting Started on eBay* at the Adult School will be a 5-week series starting in January. If you are interested in taking the class contact [Albany Adult School](#).

Yarn and Product News

Knitting Software has just introduced Interactive Knitting Patterns...and I find it most appealing. Here is the [link](#) for you to check it out. I read recently that *Knitting in Plain English* by Maggie Righetti has been released. I loved the first publication so am eagerly looking forward to reviewing this new book. We continue to stock Brown Sheep's [Cotton Fleece](#). It's available by phone or through the Studio.

And if you are needing patterns, we still have a good supply of [Fiber Trends](#), [Oat Couture](#), [Knitting Pure and Simple](#), and Ann Norling patterns. Just give us a call or send an email.

Retail News Have you heard that The Knitting Basket in Montclair **did not** close? At the last minute, Rachel received an offer from one of her friends to buy the store...and I believe that transaction was completed during the last part of September. I was delighted that Rachel could join us once again for our Skein Lane knitting retreat!

Events - Knitting and Community

Join us for holiday celebrations knitting as we knit projects during the regular knitalong time in the month of November.

Community

Janie Cavalli and Lyda McAuliff led us in knitting bags for "[This Old Bag](#)" project. Check out the [results](#). We are gearing up to knit bags for next year's This Old Bag event.. Note that 100% of the proceeds support The [Breast Cancer Emergency Fund](#).

Customer Projects

Our [customer project page](#) continues to grow with projects. Continue to check back...I still have more to post...you all are completing projects at record pace!

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

Classes

[Top Down Sweater](#)

Another Top-Down Sweater class begins in October. The one that we had this summer was so successful. All 12 sweaters have turned out beautifully. We still need to take our group photo, but we do have a couple of individual photos posted..

The fall sessions of [Knitting Workshops](#) began September 4.

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.

For those of you who have not had a chance to learn to knit socks, we are offering another [Basic Sock](#) class in November.

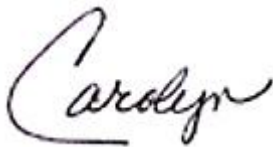
Some of our future offerings will include: The Saturday Morning Jacket from Chris Bylsma, The % Sweater from Elizabeth Zimmerman, The Wallaby from Cottage Creations and more. They will be listed soon...if you are interested please contact me so that I can put you on the roster.

And join us for our knitalongs from 2-4pm on Saturday afternoons.

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! And happy halloween!



SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

My tip for the month! When I completed the wedding afghan present, I completed a care sheet for the bridal couple. I thought I would share my [care sheet](#) with you...and please feel free to use the same format or be inspired to create one of your own.

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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