



## October Greetings from Skein Lane,

Fall is here, and you can almost hear the needles flying, making great projects for holiday gifts.

### NEW YARNS ARRIVE DAILY

We have an exciting batch of Classic Elite's Inca Alpaca, along with the vivid variegated Inca Print and multi-colored strands of Inca Marl. There are also new colors of Needful Yarn's Extra Stampato and Lana Gatto's Baby Soft, a light and fluffy wool yarn.

We have some hot new fibers from Rowan including Big Wool Fusion, Big Wool Spray (variegated and spattered dye effect), Kid Silk Spray (a slightly variegated mohair) and Kid Silk Night (a glittery mohair).

### HOT PROJECTS

Carolyn just completed a fabulous button wrap design from the Louisa Harding Accessories book. It is knit sideways using [Sari Ribbon](#) and [Impression](#), and joined together at the top by a band of garter stitch with a Sari Ribbon knit flower brooch. Karen did a lovely scarf from the Accessories collection, using Impression and with a ruffle of [Kimono Ribbon](#). They are both beautiful examples of the Louisa Harding Collection, [Gathering Roses](#), now at Skein Lane.

### LEARNING AT THE STUDIO

Tell your teen to grab their needles and join Frances and her friends at the [Teen Knit Club](#) this fall. The Teen Knit Club is a group just for teenagers, led by a teen. Frances works at the shop on weekday afternoons and is an experienced knitter. Bring projects to knit, or start a new one. Frances can answer your questions and keep you stitching. The Teen Knit Club will meet every Saturday, starting October 22, from 1-3 pm. There is a \$5 drop in fee, and we would appreciate it if you called ahead so we know you are coming, 510.525.9276.

If your feet are starting to get chilly, learn to make socks! Coming up in a few weeks we'll have our [Basic Socks](#) class. And in November, you can learn the shadow knitting technique while making a cool scarf for yourself or a loved one in [Shadow Knit Scarf](#). Don't forget our series of classes with Beth Whiteside, designer behind See Jane Knits patterns. Beth will teach Round Up, Half Shell and just added, Shrug it On. Check the main [class page](#) for more information on all our classes. We hope you will enjoy learning some new techniques this fall.

You can now print out our Class Schedule any time you'd like from our website [class pages](#). At the top of each of the class page is a link to a printable version of our complete class schedule in Adobe Acrobat format. If you don't have Adobe



Acrobat Reader to view and print the file, we've included a link to their website so you can get it.

### YARN EVENTS

To celebrate all the wonderful work you do, we would like to invite our customers to participate in the [Skein Lane Customer Fashion Show](#). Share your skill and accomplishments in yarn with others in this gallery show. Entries will be accepted October 8-14, and on display in our Studio October 15-23. Share your favorite items in knit, crochet, needlework, weaving and felting. Please join us to kick off the show with a party on Saturday, October 15, 4-6 pm. at the Skein Lane Studio, 7523 Fairmount Avenue.

Join us for an afternoon of swatching and "tasting" yarn at the Skein Lane [Fiber Feast](#). We will have a selection of new yarns and yarns you may not have tried before, served up in courses. There will be tasty yarn appetizers, entrees and desserts to swatch up. Fiber Feast will be held at the Skein Lane Studio, on Saturday, November 5th at 3-5 pm. There is a \$5 fee, redeemable towards your next Skein Lane purchase. Please reserve your seat by contacting the shop by email or phone 510.525.9276.

Mark your calendars...

Stitches West 2006 will be held for February 16-19 at Santa Clara Convention Center. Visit XRX Publication's website for more information:  
[www.knittinguniverse.com](http://www.knittinguniverse.com).

The Fiber Arts Market, the show held last July by Knitting and Crochet Guilds of America, is scheduled for April 20-23, 2006, at the Oakland Convention Center. Visit [www.fiberartsmarket.com](http://www.fiberartsmarket.com) for more information.

The fifth annual Skein Lane Retreat has been scheduled for September 8-10, 2006. We just held our 2005 retreat and it was a blast - we hope you can join us for the fun. Visit the [retreat page](#) for more information.

These and many other fiber shows and conventions are listed on our newly expanded [Very Useful Links](#) on our website's [Resources](#) page. You'll also find links to free pattern sites, pages with demonstrations, industry organizations and more.

### SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

Want to know a way you can help out survivors of the recent hurricanes? Rather than our usual helpful newsletter tip, we thought we would highlight just one of the many ways you can help those affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Skein Lane learned about an effort led by a woman in Texas to collect 5,000



handmade blankets to be distributed to survivors during the holidays. [Blankets for the Gulf](#) recognizes that many people who lost everything may now live in cities that are much colder than the Gulf States. A warm blanket, afghan or quilt would be a welcome touch of warmth and caring we could all give. Knit, crochet and quilted items are accepted. Please help spread the word at your church, knitting group, girl scout troop or other organization. Visit [www.blanketsforthegulf.com](http://www.blanketsforthegulf.com) for all the details. Also, please visit our [Very Useful Links](#) page for additional links to other charitable organizations, many of whom have expanded their efforts to help hurricane survivors.

Do you have a knitting time saver? Got a hot crochet tip? If you would like to share your know how with other Skein Lane customers, we'll reward you. Submit by email your tip or other helpful hint for knit, crochet, needlepoint, cross-stitch, embroidery, weaving or any other fiber art. If our staff chooses it for the newsletter, we'll mention your name with gratitude and even give you a prize. Submit your know how to [info@skeinlane.com](mailto:info@skeinlane.com).

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