

## WELCOME to YARN NEWS

February 2005

**Come to Cape May!** Parking is FREE and there are many wonderful places to have lunch that we can recommend. The shop is cozy and warm, and fully stocked.

**When you come** to the shop, you'll see we've been re-arranged to create separate book areas, button areas, and class areas. The wools have been separated into FELTING and NON-FELTING groups. If you're looking for eyelash, we've grouped all brands and types together. The same goes for ribbon yarns and boucles. This will help us, to help you, to find the yarns you're seeking!

### Shop Hours for Early Spring:

- 7 days (Mon-Sat) 10-5, Sundays 12-5
- Late nights Thurs till 8 pm!

**I'm just back** from the Spring Trade show in sunny Long Beach California. I can share with you the latest in Fashion colors, trends, and new yarns.....

**Fashion colors** for Spring tend to be in the pastel range with a showing of pinks, buttercup yellow, sky blue, lilac, mint and a surprising Kelly Green as main color and accent. Yarns continue to lean toward the novelty type with new types of ladder yarn (Eros) being spun in double widths, and wavy ladders. Many new ribbon yarns abound in silky rayon's, cotton's, suede types, all in various widths. Lots of silver metallic being shown.

### What's Knitting across the U.S.

**Scarves continue** to be popular with a strong

showing of Shawls.

**Felting is everywhere!** At a recent Art Show, we saw felted furniture covers, and fantastic 3-D designs using felted wool for flowers, pillows. See our Saturday WORKSHOP on felting on page 6

A **"One-of-a-Kind Handbag"** is a must, states a popular Women's magazine. You can do it with our Kits, or the many handbag patterns for felted and non-felting yarns. Crochet handbags are great too.

**Bead Knitting!** We've ordered in some easy scarf kits (just stockinet stitch) with wonderful matching beads to add in *as you knit*. And, JEWELRY to knit! Using the same technique, narrow lengths of stockinet with fanciful beads. Attach the included magnetic clasp and you have a work of art. There's also shawls with beads. Priced from \$15 - \$60 kit.

**Shawls are very popular**, especially in lacy stitches. We drooled over the *Parrot* ribbon yarn shawl in an easy open stitch with big needles. I hope to have one knit and on display in the next few weeks. Pattern #S038, \$4.95

**Ponchos, Ponchos, Ponchos!** in lighter weights with new versions in Capelets and Toppers. Try our Fiber Arts exclusive crocheted pattern #FA114, \$4.95. It's crocheted in the round with an easy lattice stitch. Only 4 balls: a smooth wool, rayon ribbon, and demure eyelash Match your Capelet to a favorite dress or slacks and you have a new look for Spring.

### Sales for February

**Limited to store stock and while supplies last!**

**Decorator Throws** by Ironstone, *Help! We've accidentally received a TRIPLE shipment and need to make room!* These famous throws are fast and fun to knit on

#19 needles in an easy knit and purl design. There are many decorator colors plus Ivory for new brides. This has been a favorite kit at the shop, and still very requested. **Reg. \$159, on sale for \$129.**

**Duo(\$9.50) is a great wool** that creates it's own stripes as you knit. We've also found it FELTS beautifully. Watch in amazement as you knit stockinet stitch and out come stripes! We've done sweaters, and accessories such as eyeglass cases and felted bags. Try your hand at Duo, and check out the Felting WORKSHOP ( see page 6) **Reg. \$9.50, on sale for \$7.**

**Basically Brilliant Knits (book)** as the name implies, knit any of the gorgeous designs without getting overwhelmed by details. Pair classic shapes with a dash of contemporary. Easy stitches, and minimal shaping. WOW!. Knit a garment and finish it in the Finishing WORKSHOP (see pg 6) **Reg. \$34.95, on Sale \$24.95.**

**Early Bird Special** - we have a selection of sleeveless summer top kits in cotton and cotton blend yarns. Some with placket fronts, some with cabled fronts. Ranging in price from \$31.95-\$69.95. Offered for a Special Sale at 40% off price marked!

## **New Yarns**

**Ribbon yarns** were everywhere at the show., in cotton, suede type, silk, rayon, and more. Used for sleeveless pullovers, and summer tops, handbags, and trimming. Ranging from a narrow 1/8 inch to a wide 3/4 inch. They're fun to knit with.

**New ladder type yarns** such as **Eros (\$12);**

some double wide, some with wavy ladders, and others with added metallic or novelty tiny "flowers". **Eros** is *THE YARN* for scarves, as it knits well on its own and combines equally well with other yarns, creating little jewels in the knitted fabric.

**Manos Del Uruguay (\$12.50)** hand dyed, striated wool for Uruguay. I couldn't resist the beautiful colors, and, it's reported to be a great felting yarn. Can't wait to try it! The shipment should be in by the time you receive this newsletter. Large skeins of 138yds/100G. Use #8-10 needle for 4 1/2 - 3 1/2 sts to the inch.

**Star City (\$12)** another specially hand dyed yarn from Wool in the Woods. Same great colors as Sophie (see "Sophie Hat" under *What's Knitting at Our Shop*, next page) This is Vanessa's favorite yarn to knit and felt with. We hope you like too!

**Debbie Bliss Yarns**, if you like her design books, you'll love her yarn as much as we do. Try the **Alpaca Silk (\$9)** for a luxurious sweater. There's also **Cashmerino (\$9.50)** and **Cashmerino Super (\$16.50)**. Stop in to see and feel this superb yarn along with the accompanying new pattern books. Vanessa knit a pretty pink cabled front sweater in the Cashmerino Super.

## **SALES FOR March**

**Limited to store stock and while supplies last!**

**Parrot (\$12)** Super silky wide ribbon in bright, vivid, color combinations. Just 1 ball for a neck scarf (free pattern). Make a longer scarf with 2 balls. Easy sleeveless pullover, 8-10 balls. *Now in a great SHAWL pattern.* #S038, \$4.95. **Parrot on sale for March 25% off.**

**Outback Wool (\$18) & Outback Mohair(\$13)** Two companion yarns in space dyed colors, to knit together or singly. Check out our **Butterfly Shawls #MW17** using both

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yarns and a matching color of Eros. Just knit two triangles and by special seaming, you create a shawl with "butterfly tails" I received many inquiries from other shop owners while wearing this at the California show. Credit goes to Plymouth Yarn Co. for the yarn and pattern. Both yarns **on sale 25% off**. Enjoy!

**Knitter's Book of Finishing and Techniques** by Nance M. Wiseman. Now that we're wrapping up our winter knitting, you may want to check out the offerings in this edition for ideas on completing your garments. Step by step illustrations, easy to read text, and color photos. **Reg. \$24.95, On sale for 17.95**. This would be a good companion to our Finishing WORKSHOP see pg 6 for details.

### **Hand Bag Kits by Bag Smith**

Make your fashion statement with feathers, paillettes, furry eyelash and fancy closures. Bag Smith has it covered with their newest kits, "Limited Edition" featuring yarns from Fiesta, Great Adirondack and more. Arriving March 1<sup>st</sup>, in time for Spring knitting. You'll be delighted! **20% off thru March 31st**.

## **NEW SHIPMENTS**

**Berroco Yarns: Spring Collection.** As usual we've ordered their entire spring collection and all the yarns you will need to create them. You'll love the new looks of handbags knit and trimmed in **Suede** fringe. Lots of metallic to create summer tops. Cool crocheted Flowers and Caps. Easy openwork shawls. Lots of accessories to Knit and Crochet. Easy cropped sweaters and tops, and all in the best yarns from Berroco

**Skacel Spring Collection** from Scholler. We loved the look of their fantastic yarns. and great colors! The fresh new cotton

designs from Europe for spring and summer knitting are certain to tickle your fancy. We're sure to keep our model knitters quite busy knitting the designs.

**Ironstone Spring Collection - New Gum Drops** yarn it's so cool, it looks just like brightly colored candy on a silky black cord. 4 new colors, and we've ordered them all to ship in late February, along with the new pastel **Pizzaz** colors, another new yarn - **Stained Glass**, and more **Starlight**. All these yarns would make great scarves and shawls.

**Fun Fur**, This all purpose eyelash yarn knits up great for Church Bazaars and gifts, We've received a large shipment of all the latest colors. With **special pricing of 2/\$8** (limited to store stock), regularly \$4.99 each. Hurry for best selection!

## **What's knitting at Our Shop**

**Baby Alpaca Brush** (\$8) in a girl's Capelet. We used a soft sky blue hue, knit from the neck down in stockinet stitch, with garter ridge row about every inch. Add some lovely buttons and you may just have her new favorite cover-up. Pattern #IN76, \$4.95. 5 balls for 4-6 yr, 7 balls for 8-10 yr.

**Sophie Felted Hat with Gossamer.** A new line of mohair and wool yarn, **Sophie (\$19)** comes from *Wool in the Woods* and was hand dyed to our color specs. Lovely space dyed blends of pink/green/aqua or more dramatic colors of burgundy, royal, chocolate, 200yds/skein. Our hat done in the pink blend above with pink and silver **Gossamer (\$24)** for a hint of metallic. Fiber Trends patt. #AC-01, \$4.95. Quite lovely! Want to try your hand at felting? We know all the tips and tricks!. Stop in for advice, or attend our Felting

**Galway Leaf Sweater (\$8)**, I finally got around to knitting a sweater for myself in Galway wool with celery and oregano colors. A Leaf Motif with an interesting negative/positive design adorns the front. Cabled rib bands make it interesting. Want to learn cabled rib? Check out the Cable WORKSHOP offered on page 6. Pattern #P427, \$4.95.

**First Meryl and now Kitty** are creating One-Of-A-Kind Cardigans with a myriad of novelty yarns. They've taught several others how to accomplish this easy technique, and want to share their knowledge. Stop in most weekdays 10-2 to see Kitty, and Tues - Fri 10-5 to see Meryl. It's EASY and FUN!

**Fabric Handbag Kits (\$29)**. They're back! I remember these from the 70's! The kit comes complete with Fabric Strips, a matching fabric lining, cord handle and ornamental closure. 4 different styles, there's not one I don't like:

**"Hobo"** is denim,

**"Peony"** (shop model) is pinks and black,

**"Purple Gem"** is PURPLE, and....

**"Harvest"** is Gold/Orange/Brown.

We had a lot of fun knitting the shop model, it's just simple stockinet stitch, and was finished with some hand stitching to secure the lining. Have fun!

**Felted Footies for Children.** (Slippers) This is free pattern from Brown Sheep to be use with their Lambs Pride Bulky Yarn. A great way to try a felting project without too much fuss as they take only 1-skein for Small and 2 skeins for Medium size. We'll have them at the Felting WORKSHOP (see page 6). 1 Footie will

be felted, the other one NOT, so you can see what happens after the felting process!

**Beautiful Bears** is a new Kit I fell in love with. Included in the **LILY kit (\$30)**: 3 balls of white "Elle Lussuria"; (a really special, furry, bear type yarn), beautiful glass eyes, black nose, and ribbon for decoration. Purchase stuffing and furnish needles to create your bear masterpiece. For **Podge kit (\$25)** you receive cocoa brown boucle yarn and accessories same as above.

#### **From our Knitting Library:**

***Little Box of Scarves, \$19.95***

***Knitters Companion, \$24.94***

***Crocheters Companion, \$24.95***

***Big Needle-Knit Afghan Book, \$15.95***

and ***Not Just for Socks, (too new for price)***

***Lots of new felting books, too!***

**Many of you** who have met Vanessa have missed her at the shop this fall, and wondered what she was doing. She is well and happy attending Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia. You will see her on most Saturdays at the shop.

**Vanessa's been busy** knitting and felting handbag and mitten sets in eclectic colors of wool and eyelash for the gift shop at Moore College. So far, she's sold 4 sets and plans to knit more. For me, she knit and felted Unikat self striping yarn in the rainbow color way. I chose ***Two Old Bags Pleated Handbag*** patt. and ***Fiber Trends*** mitten patt. #AC-17 for her to knit. You can do the same set with 3 skeins of Unikat.

#### **Now Back in Stock**

**Rimini Rainbow (\$6.75)** all colors should be back in stock by the time you receive this newsletter. This chunky boucle

**Unikat (\$25)** This unique self striping yarn will also FELT beautifully, and is now back in stock. Makes a great poncho, too. Our own Gloria added beads to her daughters Unikat poncho fringe. For felting, see the story of handbag and mitten set, above. This would be a good project for our Felting WORKSHOP (pg 6).  
(back in stock - continued)

**Pizzaz (\$42)** from Ironstone, in the best and newest pastels. If you haven't yet been introduced to Pizzaz, it's a double skein, blending 3 exciting yarns: cotton boucle, eyelash and novelty rayon metallic. AND, we have free patterns for many designs such as a Lacy Stole, Shawl, Scarves, Handbags and more. Most patterns require only 1-2 skeins. Scheduled to arrive March 1<sup>st</sup>!

**Handles for Handbags.** We received another shipment of various types of handles, some wood, metal, tortoiseshell, etc., in all shapes and applications. Priced at **\$6.95 each or 2/\$10**. Have fun!

**Circular needle row counters.** These cute little counters hang from your circular needle cable. Quite useful, #YCC (\$6.95).

**Knitting Pin markers,** these look like safety pins, but with the bottom coil removed so as not to catch in the yarn fibers.

**FYI ALERT #2** If you belong to a knitting guild, we offer 10% discount off your shop purchase. Just show us your membership

card!

**FYI ALERT #5** Did you know we can ship anything and everything from the shop to you? Call our toll free number and give us your order. We'll pack it up and ship next day. See our shipping chart on page 7.

**Meryl Williams** has joined our staff as Sales Associate and Knitting Teacher. We are very excited to welcome her to our Fiber Arts Family! Meryl and I both learned to knit early on in the Continental Style. Continental simply means we don't wrap the yarn around the needle, but have it in position to "scoop" it into the next stitch. A little faster than other types of knitting.

Meryl will be conducting workshops on Saturdays and teaching Beginning Knitting class Tues. daytime. Check out the schedule below. If you have received an invitation to a workshop, or would like to learn to knit Continental Style, please register early so as not to be disappointed.

### **New Classes-\$60/6 weeks**

#### **Beginning Knitting Continental Style**

You will learn to knit and purl, increase, decrease, cast on, and bind off in continental style. This class focuses on actual knitting, and you will be knitting within minutes of your arrival. Expect to complete 1-2 scarves and another project of your choice. *Students may purchase all class materials at 10% discount*

#### **Knitting Techniques Class for Beginners**

Kitty conducts a 6 week, hands on class for beginners, where you will learn Cast on, Bind off, Knit, Purl, Cables, Increase/Decrease, Yarn Over stitch, and more as time permits. Mondays at 12-2pm

and Thursday evenings 6-8 pm. *Students may purchase all class materials at 10% discount.* Call for next start dates and available class times.

## **Workshop Classes and Schedule**

***Stop in the shop to pre-register and choose the project of your choice for Workshops. Students receive 10% discount on class materials!***

### **Felting with Wool and other Fibers**

**Sat. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10-1pm, \$15.**

Lots of tips and tricks to make your felting easy and enjoyable. Ideas for felting you may not know. Although we can not perform the actual felting, we'll show you before and after examples. Choose your felting project when you pre-register, Bring project and note taking.

### **Cable Know How and Applications**

**Sat. Feb. 26, 10-1pm, \$15.**

Learn how easy it is to create cables, different types of cables, and ideas on where to use them. This would be good preparation for Aran Sweater knitting. Choose your cable project when you pre-register. Bring project and note taking to class.

### **Sock Knitting the Easy Way**

**Sat. Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, 10-1pm, \$15.**

Think socks are hard? Not really! We'll show you several methods to knit socks, different heel stitches and toe grafting. Choose your sock project when you pre-register. Bring project and note taking to class.

### **Sweater Finishing and Techniques**

**Sat Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, 10-1pm, \$15**

To look Hand Made, not home made, you need to start planning at the first stitch. We'll share tips and methods for seaming, joining and more, enough to turn your projects into masterpieces! Choose your project when you pre-register. Bring project and note taking to class.

## **Dedication to a friend.....**

**As I compose** this newsletter to you, I think about all the knitters and friends I have met in the last 18 years. One of my dearest was Doris McIntosh, a little sweetheart who professed to live to knit. I believe Doris told me she was raised in Philadelphia by the Quakers, the daughter of a physician. She often spoke her mind, but so kindly that you were never offended. She was such a dear person and I was so glad she came into my life.

Doris was diagnosed with ovarian cancer a few years back now, and was in and out of remission several times after undergoing intensive chemotherapy and other types of therapy.

I dreaded the call, but one day it came: the cancer was back and this time she would accept it. She was very brave when she told Vanessa and I her decision. Doris left this world shortly after Christmas, spent with her family I'm sure, as they are all wonderful and close persons. She leaves us the legacy of her knitting, as there are still some models at Fiber Arts that she knit. I have two sweaters done by her small talented hands that I will treasure always. I believe everyone of her 4 children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren have knitted mementos as well.

I dedicate this newsletter to you, Dear Doris, and I hope I may see you again!

**Wishing you Warm Knitting and  
HAPPY HEARTS! Jana**

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**Shipping Chart 2/1/2004**

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**Thank you for shopping with us!**

**Special Notice:**

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