



Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

From the Owners

Hallelujah, Spring has sprung! We're sure you are just as excited as we are that winter has apparently seen its final days. It is so much fun to be outside in the sunshine, and let us encourage you to take your knitting along. Knitting in public used to be a very common trend for afternoon get-togethers. It is a fun way to pass the afternoon at a ball game, and you'll find it is a great conversation starter.

Reaching Out Update: We have approximately 100 hats to send to precious babies in Rwanda! There have also been some beautiful sweaters and booties donated to accompany these hats to Africa. Thank you to everyone that participated! These precious garments will be so greatly appreciated by those welcoming these small lives into the world.

Yarn of the Month is....

Louisa Harding's Merletto

How do I describe Merletto? Classy, sophisticated, elegant, and perfect for warm weather tanks, shells, and cardis. If you need a pattern idea, check Louisa's Bijoux book. Come get your next project and save 20% when you select Merletto!



"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever."
Psalm 111:10

Live Trunk Show!!

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!!

Thursday, May 13th

Come visit with Mrs. Linda Witt a yarn representative from Blue Ridge Yarns. Linda will be displaying beautiful hand dyed yarn from Blue Ridge Yarns, a company located in Amissville, VA. You can see models made with the yarn as well as experience ALL the yarns, ALL the colorways, and ALL the textures that they offer. You will be impressed with the selection and the quality of Blue Ridge Yarns.

All yarn that Linda exhibits will be available for purchase.

We are always open late on Thursdays for open knit night, and Mrs. Witt will be joining us from 5:30-7:30pm. Don't miss it!

If you would like a sneak peak on what to expect, check out Blue Ridge Yarns website:

<http://www.mistymountainfarm.com/handpaintedyarns.htm>



Come to a tasting! We have invited Regina Harlow, a representative from Wild Tree, to have a tasting at the Knook on:

Thursday, April 8th from 6-7:30pm.

Wild Tree offers products free of preservatives, additives, hydrogenated fats, and artificial flavors. Wild Tree's grape seed oils are NOT solvent extracted like the vast majority of Grapeseed oils in the marketplace, but is instead expeller pressed. Expeller Pressed Grapeseed Oil is made from grape seeds after wine production. It is therefore environmentally sound and requires no new farmland or water to produce. Versatile, delicious and good for you, Grapeseed oil allows the pure flavor of fresh food to come through. Its delicate flavor and body make it perfect for sautéing, baking or frying. Come by and sample some for yourself! I can guarantee you'll love their products!

If you would like to view some more about the company, you can visit them on the web at www.wildtree.com.

April's Specialty Classes

*Pre-registration is required for all classes.
A 4 person minimum is required for all classes.*

Crayon Box Jacket Workshop

by Chris Bylsma

Dates: Saturday April 10th, 17th,
and 24th

Time: 9-11:30am

Cost: \$45

Materials: Scraps of yarn

Description: "This jacket is "a short, boxy, Chanel-style jacket knit one square at a time – but without seams – in a one-of-a-kind blend of colors and fibers."

This jacket is perfect for using up your scrap yarn as the pattern uses not only many colors, but many yarn weights and textures. It's your choice - make a jacket for an adult or for a child. This one-of-a-kind garment is a head turner! During this class you will complete one full sleeve, which will teach you everything you need to complete your jacket. You will not regret taking this workshop!



Knit Along Project

The Great American Afghan

Do you want a project that will help you *learn to read patterns and charts*? Would you like a series of small projects that will also teach you some more intricate stitch work (such as cables and bobbles)?


Starting in June, we will begin the afghan from The Great American Aran Afghan. This afghan is made square by square, and if you do not want to make all 20 squares required to complete the afghan, you can use the individual squares to make beautiful pillows.

This undertaking is suitable for knitters who are comfortable with knitting and purling and are looking for a gorgeous project.

Each month you will attend a class to learn how to make a selected square. During the month there will also be a set help session day to answer any questions.

Because of the amount of yarn needed to complete this afghan, can be place special orders to get the color you desire, if not currently in stock. Please come in to select your color before **May 15th**. More details to follow.

Tips and Tricks

1. If you want to pin your garment together before sewing, small claw hairclips work wonders! (*thanks to Clair Bell for this idea!*) 
2. Working into the back of the stitch right before and after a cable will eliminate loose stitches that often occur at the edges of your cables. The looseness is caused by changes in tension changes when moving from purl to knit stitches (and vice versa).
3. Here are some ideas for using small amounts of leftover novelty yarns: cuffs on gloves and hats, adding a fun pocket, a stripe in a plain pattern, fringes for scarves.
4. To reduce pilling and restore softness, buy some glycerin. Add 1-2 drops in your washer, or 1 drop if hand washing. Never machine dry if you use glycerin because it will stick!

Looking Ahead

May's Classes

Due to a very full schedule in May, we will not be hosting any specialty classes. We would like to encourage you to schedule some 1-on-1 classes! Here are some ideas:



Would you and a friend like to learn to knit socks? We would be happy to teach you the method you want to learn – double points, magic loop, two circulars, or in the round. You will need 2 classes, at least 1 week apart. This special class would cost \$40 for the pair of you. Warning – they're addictive!

How about learning a new technique, such as entrelac? You can choose to begin with a basic scarf, make a pillow cover, or even make a purse. New techniques are fun to learn and rewarding to master! A one-session 2-hour class is just \$20.



Perhaps you would like a private class to have questions answered, want to learn the best way to finish and seam, want to learn to crochet, (etc.), 1-hour classes are offered to you for just \$15.

If your group would like to come for a special class, please give us a call for group rate info! We are available for you!