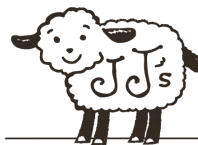




Knit Wits

Monthly Newsletter



Children's Knook

From the Owners

The dust has finally settled down from the move, and we're now operating in full gear! We are really excited about the upcoming workshops and summer camps, and would love for you to join us for one (or two). As your summer schedule takes flight, remember to make time to keep those knitting needles clicking!

Summer Knitting Camp

Bring your child (and/or someone special) to a summer knitting camp! Every young person will have a **choice between 3 projects**, each of which have been purposefully selected to teach the fundamentals of knitting. They will enjoy the satisfaction of seeing their first project completed! Each camp will be 4 days long, with 4-hour sessions each day. We will be supplying catered lunches, and **all the necessary supplies are included** with the camp fee, which is \$75 per person (\$70 per person for two or more). See below for more details:

Summer Camp 1:

Ages: 8-12

Dates: July 6th – 9th

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm each day

Project Choices: Purse, Hat, or Scarf



Summer Camp 2:

Ages: 13-17

Dates: July 20th – 24th

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm each day

Project Choices: Doll sweater, Wristies, or Scarf

We are passionate about children, and are **really looking forward** to working with these groups! We will make every effort to guarantee success. To register your child, or if you have any additional questions, please contact us at any time!

Bamboo Needles on Sale!

All Plymouth Bamboo needles currently in stock are discounted **25%**!

June's Featured Yarn is...

Cotton Classic

by Tahki Stacy Charles

Cotton Classic is a DK weight mercerized cotton, so it can be used in a large number of patterns and is machine washable. During the entire month of June, this yarn is **25% off!**

In honor of the 25th anniversary of Cotton Classic, there is a free pattern made by Eunny Jang, the editor of Interweave Knits, called the Blooming Cotton Scarf. The pattern is *very* interesting and is rated as *easy* for skill level. The scarf is knitted in the round, cut open, and then the end unraveled to make the fringe. Give it a try!



Demonstrations

Demonstrations will last approximately ½ hour and are designed to introduce you to concepts that will hopefully assist, encourage, and inspire you.

This and That

Date: Saturday, June 13th and 20th

Time: 1:00pm

Description: We will demo two techniques:

First: One-Row Buttonhole - very strong and easily adaptable to any size button.

Second: Reverse Single Crochet edge - wonderful to use on any pattern that just needs a little something to finish the edges.

Product Spotlight

Ponchos and Wraps - a knitter's dozen is a wonderful book full of patterns for persons of all ages, shapes, and styles. The book features a wide variety of patterns for all skill levels, and uses techniques such as entrelac, lace, and mitered squares - just to name a few. We're sure you'll see a pattern in this book that you can't resist!

It's A Party!

Finishing Party – June 13th from 2-4:00pm

Bring up to 2 garments with you that you need to finish. We will have staff available to help you with your seams, picking up stitches, and putting on edges. If you don't have a project (or two) finished, but would still like to work with some finishing techniques, simply knit up at least 6 - 6"x6" squares that you can practice putting together.

'Frogging' Party – June 20th from 2-4:00pm

Join us for some 'frogging' as we rip-it, rip-it, rip-it. Since ripping out our work is not a fun feat, we will do it together! If you have a project that you are not satisfied with - (it doesn't fit, you don't like it, or you will never wear it...) bring it today and we'll get that yarn ready to use again!

Looking Ahead...

July's Knitting Workshops:

1. Lace Cowl/Wimple (beginner/intermediate level):

Together let's knit something that will be small, light, delicate, affordable, and an absolutely exquisite accessory. This lace garment is wonderful to knit as the weather heats up, and will be ready and waiting for you once the weather cools down. The 'Silk Smoke' pattern by Jackie E.S. will keep your neck warm and will be sure to attract numerous compliments. This workshop will introduce you to working lace patterns by learning how to do a flexible German cast on, work from a chart, use a lifeline, complete a suspended bind off, and more. You will need 525-680 yards of lace or fingering weight yarn, (of which we have a good selection), approximately 15 ring markers, (which we sell in sets) and a size 4 - 16" circular needle. This will be a 2-session class offered at the following times:

Monday evenings: July 13th & 20th: 6-8:00pm

Saturday mornings: July 18th & 25th: 10:00am-noon

2. Entrelac Scarf (intermediate level):

What a fun technique to learn, and your friends will be amazed at your complex-looking garment! This scarf patterns uses chunky or worsted weight yarn – *Noro is perfect!* You will learn how to pick up stitches on right and wrong sides of your work. When picking up stitches, you will use a half stitch or one full stitch selvedge. This workshop will be two 2-hour sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday evenings: July 7th & 14th: 6-8:00pm

Saturday afternoons: July 11th & 18th: 1-3:00pm

June's Specialty Classes

1. Fair Isle: 2-Handed Knitting

No bobbins, no twisting, no tangles! Once you master this technique, color work will not be so daunting. We will be making a sampler purse using the 2-Handed Technique by Anne Bourgeoise. This will be one 4-hour class, offered on three different days. We will provide your yarn and lunch. You only need to bring yourself and your size 8 - 16" circular needle!

Date(s): Saturday, June 13th

Friday, June 19th

Saturday, June 20th

Time(s): All classes are from 10am-2pm

Cost: \$45

2. Socks

Socks are perfect for warm weather knitting. They are small and compact, (making them *easily* portable), and knitting them will pass the time when traveling to fun destinations in the car or airplane this summer. Socks are challenging, but also have lots of 'mindless' knitting, so they are great to have handy for any free moments – such as waiting rooms, sitting around the campsite, or waiting for your child's sports practice to end. Socks make a wonderful gift that will literally last a life time.

We will be knitting a sock from the cuff down, and you can choose the method you want to learn: the Magic Loop method, 2-Circular method, or double pointed method. See the class details below:

Date(s): Tuesday mornings, June 9th, 16th, & 23rd **OR**
Thursday mornings, June 11th, 18th, & 25th

Time(s): 10:00am-noon

Cost: \$30/person (not including supplies)

Select either the Tuesday or Thursday morning class to attend. We look forward to working with you!

As always, for participating in a class at the Knook, you will receive a 10% discount on all class supplies and purchases on the day of the class!

"The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?"

Psalm 27:1