



A Mittenful of News

July, 2010

Sit and Knit Groups

Remember that all are welcome at our regular knitting groups. Drop in anytime Wednesday afternoons and/ or Friday evenings for conversation, camaraderie ...and of course, some inspirational knitting time. Come on out - we'd love to see you!

NEW! - Spinning Circles

Little Red Mitten is now hosting spinning circles on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, and on the fourth Saturday of the month from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Bring your wheel or spindle, while away the time and bring some calmness to your life.

As *Gandhi* put it, "**Take to spinning to find peace of mind. The music of the wheel will be as balm to your soul. I believe that the yarn we spin is capable of mending the broken warp and woof of our life.**"

New in the Shop

- **Wendy Happy** is a new-to-us, 75% bamboo / 25% nylon sock yarn that is also great for baby sweaters. Bamboo is a fibre that is antibacterial and wears well.
- **Peter Pan Cupcake** is a 50/50 Acrylic/Nylon baby yarn that looks like Sirdar's "Snowflake" and is really soft and delicious ...like a cupcake ☺
- **Diamond Luxury Pure Silk Lace** is 100% silk and comes in a great peacock-like colourway.
- We have several new colourways in **Zauberball**, worsted **Malabrigo**, **Kid Seta** and **Trekking Hand Art**.
- Lace is a popular technique these days. Choose a pattern and try it out in one of our many lace yarns. **Classic Elite Silky Alpaca Lace** is our latest arrival.
- Check out our funky new wooden **bag handles by Lantern Moon**. They look like knitting needles with two blunt ends.
- We drooled over our new shipment of **Kundert Hand Spindles**. They come in gorgeous wood designs and you can't beat the price!
- The latest **Knitscene** and **Piecework** Magazines just arrived. Piecework covers smocking, dorset buttons, lace knitting and samplers. Knitscene discusses the mechanics of ribbing, yarn overs and inspires us with its collection of lovely patterns.

- For spinners: **Local Shetland and Jacob fleeces** are available from a farm on Barnum's Gully Road (near Sparta). Call us at the shop and we'll share the contact information.

Did you know that Mr. Rogers' cardigans were all knit by his mother, Nancy?

Special Prices at Little Red Mitten! July 19 to August 7

Now is the time to pick up some great bargains on summery yarns. Get 20% off most **cottons, linen, Ruca** (Araucania's sugarcane yarn) and other special summer yarns. Summer tops and vest patterns are also 25% off until August 7.

All **PONY PEARLS** (straight knitting needles) in the 12 and 15 inch lengths are 40% off regular price.

Vacation Tip:

When yarn shopping on vacation, don't think of your purchase as stash enhancement – it's a souvenir!

Sock Science (a Little Red Mitten pattern) – Post a photo of your Sock Science project on Ravelry (www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/sock-science) for a chance to win a free ball of sock yarn. Your socks don't even have to be finished to do this – just get them started! If your project is posted by July 31, your name will be entered in a draw for a 100 gram ball of sock yarn. The more socks you make (or start) and then post on Ravelry, the more chances you have to win, and you'll be giving this pattern a stronger presence on Ravelry. If this is just too techie for you, come on into the shop and we'll help you out. Thanks again for entering!

For more news and views, visit our blog at littleredmitten.blogspot.com.

Upcoming Classes – July & August 2010

Rug Hooking for Beginners with Diny Warren:

Thursdays, July 22 and 29

6:30-8:30 pm

Rug hooking is a time-honoured tradition in Canada. It is a great way to use small amounts of coloured fleece, roving, handspun and those interesting skeins of yarn we all have in our collection. In this workshop, you will learn how to design a simple pattern on a canvas and use your yarn to turn this pattern into a piece of art.

This four-hour class will include your base fabric and use of a rug hook.

Please bring:

- small quantities of leftover yarn in a variety of colours – DK weight or heavier
- a 6 or 7 inch embroidery hoop (a wider rim works best)
- a permanent Sharpie marker

Diny Warren completed the OHS Spinning Certificate program in 1996 and received the OHS Masters Certificate in May, 2002. She has enjoyed fibre arts since childhood.

Cost: \$40 + there may be a small materials fee

Felt Clogs:

Saturday, July 24

10 am to 1:00 pm (bring a snack, if you'd like!)

This 3-hour class will guide you through the popular Fiber Trends Felt Clogs pattern. We will discuss the felting process which turns your huge floppy creations into comfy-cozy, long-lasting footwear. But be careful - everyone will be asking you to make them a pair!!! And, if you are planning ahead, they make great gifts!

Cost: \$15

Cast Ons:

Saturday, July 31

10-12 noon

Still doing your same old cast on for every project? Why not branch out and try a crochet, cable, knitted, e-wrap, long tail or two-colour cast on?

Cost: \$20

Baby Surprise Jacket:

Thursdays, August 5 and 12

6:30 - 8:30 pm.

This adorable baby sweater is done in garter stitch and was designed by Elizabeth Zimmermann in 1968. The updated 12-page pattern offers child and adult sizing, a collar and a hood. If you'd like to work through this project with some guidance and helpful tips and ideas, join us for this two week class.

Cost: \$20 + pattern @ \$12 = \$32

Individual Instruction: \$20 per hour

Call Little Red Mitten (519-207-2880) to discuss this with Joan and reserve your time.

Class Policies:

Please phone or visit the store to reserve your space. Class sizes are limited. Minimum class size may apply. Payment at time of booking is requested. If you cancel prior to the start of the class, we will issue a store credit. Yarn must be purchased at Little Red Mitten for posted class costs to apply. An additional fee of \$10 per class will apply if you purchased your yarn elsewhere.

Happy Knitting

... Joan

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