

Skeins on Main

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Store Hours: Monday - Closed Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We'll help you overcome your fear of needles.

In the Store and About Town

July 2010

Summer Socials (Punchcard Classes)

Our punchcard classes are in full swing now. What does that mean for you? Here's how it works: Punchcards are available in 5 increments - \$35 for 6 hours, \$50 for 9 hours, \$75 for 14 hours, \$110 for 21 hours, or \$150 for 30 hours. Check the schedule to see who's teaching and pick a day you'd like to come in, then call the shop to let them know you'd like to hold a spot in the class you choose (each class time is individual, so you're not signing up for more than one class at a time). Come sometime during the designated time and stay as long as you like. As you're leaving, stop by the counter and let us record your time and punch your card for the number of hours you were there. It's that easy. Want to pay as you go? You can do that, too, for \$6 per hour. Student discounts are given to anyone holding a valid (that means with unused time on it) punchcard. You'll be asked to show your punchcard when you make purchases, so please keep it with you at all times. It's really the only way we can verify it. You can switch around to different instructors and give them all a try, meet lots of new people, and get tons of knitting done (there are even some four-hour classes!). And all of it... In Air Conditioning! Woo-hoo for that! Punchcards are available now and are valid through September 12, 2010 for all socials offered through that date. We're sorry, but punchcards and unused punches are non-refundable/non-transferrable.

Retreat at Insel Haus - Time is running out to get in on this wonderful knitters' weekend. August 20-23 knitters from Skeins will take over Insel Haus on Bois Blanc Island. They'll enjoy fabulous food, a stunning atmosphere and view, and classes each day given by Christa Newhouse or Lori (one four-hour class each day is included in the price). As knitters, we can never get enough knitting time. But here's your chance to change that - come with us and enjoy the peace and serenity of the island, complete with all the knitting time you could ever want. The price of \$350 includes accommodations, all meals (beginning Friday evening through Monday breakfast), and classes. All reservations must be made by July 15. After that, accommodations cannot be guaranteed although we'll do our best.

Vote for the Best is Back! Tell everyone who your favorite fiber shop is by logging on to wdiv.cityvoter.com and voting for Skeins. Feel free to leave your thoughts and opinions, too. You have until sometime in August to make your vote count.

Cookbook Update - Cookbooks will arrive at Skeins during the month of October - plenty of time for Christmas! If you haven't yet ordered yours, there's still time. But once they're gone it'll be too late, so don't delay - call the shop and order yours for only \$10 today.

Castle Farms Bus Trip - There's still a few seats left on the bus to Castle Farms, scheduled to leave Skeins at 7am on Saturday, July 24, and return later that night. You'll enjoy tons of shopping for the fiber arts, including knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, tatting, and more! Guests should expect to find items not normally seen in most stores, including those from independent spinners and dyers who only sell at fiber festivals. This is a must-do event for anyone who has an interest in the fiber arts. The cost is \$60 and includes your bus trip and admission to the festival. Guests should bring a breakfast that they can eat on the bus. Lunch will be available on-site, and we'll stop for dinner on the way home.

Friday Fiesta - This month's Friday Fiesta will be on July 16 from 6-9pm. One small change, though - as you sign up, please take a moment to let us know what type of dish you'll be bringing (entrée, salad, dessert, etc.) so others can plan accordingly. Thanks, Jane, for this great idea! The Friday Fiesta is the same as a social - \$6 per hour, but for this one you need to bring a dish to pass. Yummy, yummy, yummy!

Sidewalk Sales July 15-17 - This year we'll hold our sidewalk sales INDOORS (that means you get to shop in the air conditioning! Does it get better?). Look throughout the store for savings up to 75% on select yarns as we make room for fall yarns. Woo-hoo! Fun, fun, fun! Store hours will remain the same for the sale days.

Punchcard Classes Our summer classes are in full swing. Following is list of classes being offered. Please call the day before to reserve your spot:

Tuesday
9:30-12:30 Mary
11:00-1:00 Karen
1:30-3:30 Dana
5:00-8:00 Dana
5:00-9:00 Lori

Wednesday
9:30-12:30 Cris (not 7/14)
10:00-12:00 Dana (not 7/28)
1:00-3:00 Dana (not 7/28)
5:00-9:00 Dana (not 7/28)
5:00-9:00 Lori

Thursday
10:00-1:00 Dana
11:00-2:00 Lori
6:00-9:00 Karen

Friday
10:00-1:00 Lori
10:00-12:00 Kids Class with Cris

Saturday
10:00-1:00 Lori (7/10 & 7/31 only)

Our Fall Classes with Openings:

Monday
9:30 - 11:30 Mary
9:30 - 11:30 Cris (new time)
12:00 - 2:00 Mary
5:00 - 7:00 Lori
7:00 - 9:00 Lori

Tuesday
12:00 - 2:00 Mary
5:00 - 7:00 Mary/Dana
7:00 - 9:00 Mary

Wednesday
9:30-11:30 Cris
4:00 - 5:30 Kids Class w/Cris
5:00 - 7:00 Lori
7:00 - 9:00 Lori/Dana

Thursday
10:00 - 12:00 Dana
12:15 - 2:15 Karen
7:00 - 9:00 Karen

Friday
12:00 - 2:00 Lori

Workshops

Seduced by Crochet Vest with Sue
\$30 plus materials
7/14 7 - 9pm
new students welcome

Yggdrasil Afghan with Lori \$80
7/11 10 am - 12 pm

Beginning Knitting with Karen
7/28 12 - 2 pm \$10

Christmas Gifts in the Summer with Jacque
Luggage Tag 7/22 \$20
Crochet Bag 8/5 \$20
Baby Bandana Bib 8/19 \$20

Loopy Clutch with Marilyn \$10
8/10 12 - 1 pm

Glass Case with Marilyn \$10
8/18 12 - 1 pm

Entrelac/Intarsia Baby Blanket with Marilyn \$20
8/20 or 8/27 9:30-11:30 am

Events-at-a-Glance

Show Off Your Knitting - finished a project recently? Wear it in so we can take a picture and put it on our Wall of Fame! - going on now

Open Knitting - Thursdays 6-9 pm

Summer Punch Cards - on sale now

Premie Hat and Zambia Mission Collection - going on now (premie hats due by August)

Friday Fiesta! - 7/16 6-9 pm

Castle Farms Bus Trip - 7/24 7 am

Retreat at Insel Haus - 8/20-23

A Line from Lori -

June is a big month for us - it's TNNA - our big convention held in Columbus. This year I took Karen K., Shelly, Dana, and MaryAnn for a couple of days of shopping. Even Shelly said she wouldn't be shopping again for a long time! It was quite the whirlwind.

What does it mean for you? Five opinions on what we buy for the shop, and lots of new goodies! New fall yarns will begin arriving toward the end of July, then should come in about every two weeks through October. You're gonna love it!

We have some great new bags showing up next week, some fun gift ideas, and don't forget the beautiful hand-painted gauge checks and needle checks that arrived a week or so ago. This fall is going to be spectacular. Make sure you come in often so you don't miss a thing. And Happy Knitting!

Lori

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