

### Fall Store Hours (starting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)

Monday - Friday 10-7pm  
Saturday 10-5pm  
Sunday 1-5pm  
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### Laura's Musings

This morning I had an epiphany about the shop. I told Terry I wanted to change the name to the *Knitting Connection*. Lately it seems that so many of our customers are connecting with others and us in wonderful and surprisingly delightful ways.

Two customers met during class and are now friends (and knitters ☺). They now plan time to meet at the shop just to keep the connection going. One customer, who has taken such good care of us with brownies, fell and broke her elbow. Now it was our turn to supply her with some meals to keep her nourished. Purl Girls has brought knitters together, preemie hat knitting has connected knitters and crocheters to wee ones who they may never meet, classes have inspired some of you to try new techniques or projects, the B&B Weekend certainly brought strangers together and on and on.

In our fast paced society, where families and friends may live miles apart, isn't it nice to connect with others with similar interests? And Hand-knit (and crochet) items are so special because we actually give of our time and our talent to create them.

Terry and I agreed that while the legal name of the company has to remain **Creative Fibers LLC**, we could change our tagline to *where knitters connect*, whether the connection is with others, our products, or simply inspiration, we are delighted to be here to serve you.

On another note, I have told several of my newer knitters that there is no knitting police. That applies to all of us. Please don't feel you **must** correct your mistakes.

Consider these:

- Will anyone really notice but me?
- What **if** I didn't follow the pattern exactly? Does it hurt the structural design? If you twisted your stitches on a circular needle when joining and you didn't mean to, then yes, you have to go back. If not, consider it your own design variation. After all, you are creating a unique and special item!

Remember: There is no knitting police!

### B & B Knitting Retreat Weekend

Sign up for our second Knitting Retreat weekend!  
**November 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**

We are heading to Chesterfield, NH . just one hour's driving time from the shop - for a fun filled weekend of knitting/crocheting and relaxation. Julie will be teaching a new design on Saturday. Did I forget to mention the great friendships and food that we will enjoy? Grab a friend, sister, mother, or spouse and join us as we escape into our own world of fiber fun!

Last spring we hosted our first weekend with 15 brave souls. They *begged* me to schedule a fall retreat! Pick up a flyer at the shop, or go online to get all the details. Don't miss out on the fun.

See enclosed flyer

Our home away from home: The Chesterfield Inn  
[www.chesterfieldinn.com](http://www.chesterfieldinn.com)

### Sally Melville is Coming!

Saturday & Sunday

December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

4 workshops - \$75 each

First Choices/Basic Shapes

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 9am - noon

Stripes and Stripes that Aren't

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30pm - 4:30 pm

Borders & Buttonholes

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am - noon

Emergency Measures

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:30pm - 4:30 pm

Book Signing: Saturday from 5-6:30pm

See enclosed flyer

Sign Up Now!

### Shop Blog

Don't forget to check out the shop blog. Laura routinely updates what is going on in the shop. Go to [www.creativefibersonline.com](http://www.creativefibersonline.com) and click on Shop Blog.

**Coming Soon** (or has already arrived):

**Jasper** from Berroco is fine merino wool spun to create a unique self-stripping effect when knit. The colors seem to intensify when felted as opposed to fading.

**Lisa** is new from Vittadini (50% wool, 18% mohair, 18% alpaca & 14% polyamide, 4.5 sts=1in on US#7, 111 yds). We've knit up a swatch for you to see how lovely a sweater this would make. There is also a new Vittadini pattern book with charming designs.

Not new, but new for us:

**Poloma** is the softest alpaca-based boucle you can imagine (83% baby alpaca, 14% wool & 3% nylon, 3.5 sts=1in on US#9, 78 yds). Nice for warm outerwear, and for anything that's going to touch your skin; think stockinette or reverse stockinette, let the yarn's texture do the work for you. New pattern books too.

**Bulky Hand Paints** from Misti Alpaca . the same snuggly yarn you made your scarves with is now in hand painted colors. Check out the Metropolitan jacket or Chompa pullover patterns!

Plymouth **Royal Llama & Silk** . this is a sure winner! We knit up a wrap and a fingerless glove in this lovely yarn so you can see the results for yourself.

(60% Llama & 40% silk, 4.5 sts=1in on US#8, 102 yds)

**Alpaca Sox** from Classic Elite . I wouldn't normally recommend alpaca for socks because it's just so soft but with 60% alpaca, 20% merino & 20% nylon, this will make a very lovable **and** wearable socks. Check out our mini sock at the sales counter.

**Superior** . Filatura di Crosa - 330 yds of feather-light, lace-weight, fuzzy yarn made from sumptuous fibers (70% cashmere & 30% shappe silk), it lives up to its name in every respect. And within that same realm, at \$24.50 per 330 yards, it's a steal.

Nashua **Eco Wool** - This organically dyed worsted wool has an interesting thick and thin ply and subtle color variations.

**Velvet Wool** (88% wool & 12% nylon) knits up at 4.5=1in with a texture much like chenille without the worming. Great for pullovers and anything snuggly against the skin (scarves, hats, mittens). New pattern books for both yarns.

**Savoy** . is a wonderfully soft Merino Silk blend with a soft sheen. Knit at 4.5sts=1in and create luxurious garments: sweaters, shawls or cardigans

Punta del Estes . **Mericash** is a brand new yarn, (80% merino & 20% cashmere) which would make a lovely scarf or baby keepsake. Try Vyvyan Neel's [Argosy](#) (on Knitty.com or see our class sample) or Evelyn Clark's Shetland Triangle from [Wrap Style](#).

Sirdar's **Snuggly Baby Bamboo DK** is antibacterial, soft and machine washable. This exciting new baby yarn comes in wonderful colors with lots of pattern support.



**Purl Girls**™

**Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30am**  
**New! Thursday evenings from 6-8pm**

Is it a class? social time? private time to roam the shop when it's closed? Yes, all the above and more. Julie creates a relaxing atmosphere for you and others to discuss what's new, demonstrate techniques, answer your questions, help you out of a bind (knitting that is).....

\$45 - six Thursdays, or drop in at \$10.  
Please register in advance

*New sessions start September 13th*

### Creative Fibers Sock Club

#### 12 months of sock knitting – starts October 1st

We've selected 6 different sock patterns in various styles and yarn weights for you to knit with over the course of the year. We've also selected 6 different sock yarns to pair with these patterns.

When you enroll for the Sock Club you will receive one pattern every two months in addition to a 10% discount on all sock-yarn-of-the-month purchases. That way, if you really enjoy one particular yarn, you will be able to purchase it with your discount during the sock club year. If the sock-yarn-of-the-month just doesn't do anything for you, you are under no obligation to purchase it.

We feel this method gives you maximum flexibility in your purchasing decisions in contrast to sock clubs that ask for a large amount of money up front and then provide you with a sock yarn you may not like.

Special get-togethers will be scheduled and we have a few surprises planned for you. As this is our first year, enrollment is limited to 10. \$35 Fee



### Odds-n-Ends Sale Bin

Don't forget to check our little bits of things that are always discounted 25%

## On the Needles – Staff Projects

Many of you mentioned that you enjoyed hearing what each of us is knitting. This fall we have several projects underway.

**Tina** just completed the 3 Button Wrap in Plymouth's new Royal Llama Silk. Look for this as a fall class. She loved working with the yarn and the pattern makes up quickly. She is also knitting baby socks with Tahki's Cotton Classic Color (varigated shots of color). If that isn't enough, she's making a little hoodie with Plymouth's Jeanne cotton acrylic blend and a felted bowl so we can try Bessie out. (Bessie is our mini washing machine.)

With a full load of college courses and working part-time at the shop **Abbey** is thinking ahead to next summer. She has a good strategy for getting her Sirdar Dune top done in time to enjoy it next summer. Now there's a thought! Get going on summer projects now.

**Julie's** is a creative mood again. She's designing a doubled ruffled sock pattern using SouthWest Trade's Tofutsies sock yarn. Otherwise she is knitting up the turtleneck felted bag that she will be teaching this fall.

Vogue Knitting Magazine's Silver Anniversary edition features an exquisite Debbie Bliss sweater and that is **Maureen's** newest project.

**Laura** is working on a Rowan Kid Classic cabled sweater that will look great paired with khakis. She's also making a coat with Berroco's new Jasper yarn that is comprised of 5 easy rectangles. There's the *mystery stole* using Helen's Lace (Lorna's Laces) that almost 7000 folk around the world are knitting. That should be finished up soon. Then there's the Simply Shetland lace scarf for class, a silk kimono, and a host of other projects too numerous to mention. That could make for good blog material!

**Ellen** is also knitting the mystery shawl in addition to a second pair of socks made up in Cherry Tree Hill's silk/wool blend. I guess she really liked the first pair! She's knitting up the Simple Lace Shawl that she will be teaching this fall with Mountain Colors Wool Crepe as well as a second *Color on Color* scarf from Pam Allen's **Scarf Style**.

**Terry** is still at work on his Rowan intarsia sweater. The back and two sleeves are completed and he is making progress on the front. We hope he keeps up his momentum; it's a large project! On the side, he has been making baby items and is working on a pattern for fleece bottom baby booties.

**Photo board:** Don't forget to bring in a picture of your latest creation for us to post on our photo board!

## What Happened To...?

Periodically we get asked about former employees.

Whatever happened to Joanne, Peggy, Caitlin?

- **Joanne** is enjoying retirement with her husband, children and several grandchildren. She still keeps up with knitting and crochet so you just might see her in the shop.
- **Donna** worked part time for us in addition to her fulltime job working with computer software for a major insurance company. She found that two work schedules just weren't allowing her enough time for her husband and her knitting. She stops by periodically to catch up with us and find new hand dyed yarns for her projects.
- **Peggy** had to leave us this spring to have shoulder surgery. She's had a slow recovery and still hasn't been able to pick up the needles. We're delighted that she is coming back on Sundays in early September.
- **Caitlin** is pursuing her college studies in eastern CT. She moved on-campus and found a job in her major but she still finds a little time to knit.
- **Hannah**, one of our stockroom workers, has gone off to college so we wish her well in her studies. Her sister Abbey still works part time and we're thankful she can fit us in with her college studies.
- Sadly, (red-haired) **Ellen M.** has told us that her younger son is going off to culinary school so she has to find a full time job. The good news is that she will continue to teach on some Tuesday evenings and Saturdays. She promises to come back when he graduates in 2 years. I guess we can't complain with that!

### Part time instructors:

- **Jill** has decided that with the high cost of gas she will fully take advantage of retirement and tend to her husband and puppy. We miss her great smile and experience.
- (Spinner) **Ellen G.** returns this fall to teach spinning and Magic Loops socks.
- **Pat** will also return this fall to teach a class or two on Tuesday evenings.

## Private Instruction

If you find you need a little extra help with a project or technique, we offer 1on1 time at \$10 per half hour.

Found a class but it doesn't meet your schedule? We can easily arrange it as a series of 1on1's with homework. Or, grab a friend and make it a shared private lesson at \$30 per hour (that's \$15 each).

## Late Night Wednesday

We keep the shop open until 9pm on the first Wednesday of each month so you can sit and knit with friends. No charge, just show up.

**Found:** Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino yarn in the teddy bear brown+color featured in her baby book *Baby Cashmerino*.



# NEW Thursday Evening

## Purl Girls™ 6-8pm

As well as Thursdays 9:30-11:30am  
(details inside)

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Monday-Friday 10am-7pm  
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### Holiday Schedule

Closed

Sept. 2-3 Labor Day  
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving  
Dec. 25 Christmas

### Trunk Shows

Get inspired! See completed projects by various companies and receive 10% off related purchases.

**“Pursenalties” Felted Bags: September 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Classic Elite Designs: September 20<sup>th</sup> - October 8<sup>th</sup>**

**“Interweave Magazine” Fall Issue: Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**

**“Getting Started Knitting Socks” by Ann Budd: October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Penny Straker Designs: November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Classic Elite Designs: November 30<sup>th</sup> - December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Nicky Epstein’s “Felting Never Felt Better”: December 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendar now so you won't miss out on these opportunities to see finished projects from various designers and companies.



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