



Annual Winter Sale

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Winter Knitting!

Brrr! It's cold outside; perfect knitting weather inside.

We have so much to share with you in this newsletter. From guest instructors **Melissa Leapman, Robert Gaudreau** and **Judy Pascale**, to a new format for the **Spring Bed & Breakfast Weekend, Premie Hat Days** (January), **Dress Up Day** (March) and our newest program **WIP's In Shape**, we have lots of information to share with you. In addition we have some helpful tidbits, and some reminders of regularly scheduled activities.

We hope you will participate in one or more of the exciting activities we have planned for this winter, Laura

Brush Up Your Basics with Robert Saturday & Sunday January 17th & 18th

Robert Gaudreau is an experienced instructor and knitter from New York. He taught at Creative Fibers last year and delighted his classes with tips and tricks galore. Robert has reformatted his **Boot Camp Series** especially for us. Find out everything you need to know so your knitting will make you proud.

Join this delightful and comprehensive knitter as he covers:

The Beginning (gauge, cast on methods, and more)
Saturday morning ~ 9am-noon

The Middle (increases, decreases, and more)
Saturday afternoon ~1-4pm
and **"The End"** (bind off methods, grafting & blocking)
Sunday afternoon ~1-4pm

Robert's boundless energy, wit and experience will help you and *all* your future garments be works that you will be pleased with.

\$35 per 3 hour session

Dress Up Day Saturday, March 7th from 11am-2pm

Come visit us and try on items from the newest Berroco Spring/Summer 2009 books.

For best results, dress all in black.

You'll be surprised at just how good you look in these knitted items!



Melissa Leapman
is returning to Creative Fibers!

Sign Up Now !
January 31st and February 1st 2009

Melissa is a clear and understandable instructor who makes certain every student's needs are met. She is an enchanting and thoroughly charming designer who inspires her students to want to do more.

Workshops (3 hrs each) ~ \$65

Most workshops involve pre-work so please enroll in time to complete this work.

Fully Fashioned & Fabulous – Learn fun and easy ways to work garment shaping with style and finesse to guarantee figure-flattering results.

Hugs & Kisses Baby Blanket and Blocks - Curious to learn how to knit closed-ring cables? Learn this fun technique while creating a baby block toy or a cuddly baby afghan. Either one makes an adorable baby gift!

Nifty Necklines - Explore several fun and innovative necklines, including many that are created as you knit the main garment for easy finishing!

Reversible Scarves - explore textured stitches, cabled patterns, even multicolored designs that look great on both sides of the fabric, making them suitable for scarves, but also for afghans, vests, and many other projects.

Melissa Leapman is a widely published sweater designer whose patterns have appeared in *Vogue Knitting*, *Knitter's*, *McCall's*, *Family Circle*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Knit It!*, and *Interweave Knits* magazines.

Her newest book **Continuous Cables** is an exploration of Knitted Cabled Knots, Rings, Swirls, and Curlicues.

(You can purchase any of her knitting or crochet books from us and have Melissa sign them!)

Workshops will be held at the local Courtyard Marriott to provide students with the best learning environment possible.

WIP's – In Shape Sundays 1-3pm

January 25th
February 8th & 22nd
March 8th and 22nd

Got a **WIP** (Work In Process) on the needles that you want to finish up, or, want to use up some of your stash but need help figuring out what to make?

Join Ellen M. on Sunday afternoons from 1-3pm
\$10 per 2 hour session

Spring B&B Knitting Weekend

March 20th- 22nd

It's a Knitting Get-Away right here in Windsor!

The Spring B&B Knitting Retreat Weekend is being held locally at the Windsor Marriott Courtyard just around the corner from the shop.

Here's a short list of what we've planned for the weekend:

- Friday evening knitting activity
- Saturday morning knitting activity with Julie of ButtonJar Knits
- Saturday ~ Judy Pascale will be teaching a wet-felting table runner workshop 10am – 5pm
- Saturday evening fashion show – present your favorites for all to enjoy!
- Lots of knitting, conversation and fun.

From \$375 to \$495 per person.

All lodging, meals*, tips and taxes included.

*Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner & Sunday breakfast

Class fee for Judy Pascale is additional and includes all materials required for class.

\$65 Retreat Weekenders

\$80 all others

And if it helps your budget, you may make monthly deposits until you are paid in full.

For more details see our website or pick up a flyer at the shop.

The **Fall 2009 Knitting Retreat Weekend** is scheduled for November 13th – 15th at our favorite Chesterfield Inn in picturesque New Hampshire.

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Sunday	1pm - 5pm

Closed

Thursday, December 25th

Monday December 29th – Friday January 2nd

Reopening Saturday January 3rd 2009

Credit Cards

Did you know that every time you use a credit card, a percentage of your sale is deducted from the shop and is paid to the credit card company? That's the primary way the credit card companies make money.

While it isn't practical to pay cash for all your purchases we (and all small businesses) would appreciate it if you would use cash or checks for small purchases.

Thanks

Knit-a-Heart Premie Hat Saturday and Sunday, January 10th and 11th ~ All Day ~

Every preemie needs a hat so why not knit one especially for Valentine's Day. Our goal is 250 hats! That way we can distribute 50 hats each to the following NICU's:

- St. Francis Hospital
- Hartford Hospital
- Manchester Hospital
- Bay State Hospital
- UCONN Farmington

Come join the fun, stay as little or long as you like, but please come and help us knit (or crochet) some sweet little preemie hats.

Free patterns will be available.

Ever wonder what Neckline & Sleeve styles look best on you?

Sleeves

Drop Shoulder – the easiest to make, this relaxed look sleeve needs to be generous to fit comfortably and looks good on just about everyone.

Modified Drop Shoulder – easy to make, this sleeve is slightly more fitted than its Drop Shoulder cousin.

Set in Sleeve – the universal sleeve, requires care in seaming. Try using the Knit Klips to perfect your finish work.

Raglan – emphasizes the shoulders and bust (making narrow shoulders look narrower and a bigger bust look bigger.) This sleeve style is also good for men with narrow waists.

Necklines

Did you know that the typical adult neck should measure about 10 inches? Let's see how that works.

Boat Neck – shortens and slims the neck however this neckline is not flattering if you have sloping shoulders. Boat necks are typically 10 inches wide with no front or back depth.

Round Neck – this universal neckline is typically 7 – 7 ½ inches wide and 3 – 3 ½ inches in front depth and 1 inch in back depth.

V-Neck - lengthens and slims the neck; also good for women with larger busts. V-Necks total at least 10 inches depending upon the depth of the V.

**Learn more about perfect necklines with
Melissa Leapman's Nifty Neckline Workshop
Sunday, February 1st.**

This winter Julie is leading two sessions of

Purl Girls™

Thursday mornings ~ 9:30-11:30am
Thursday evenings ~ 6-8pm

Join our relaxing social atmosphere where you work on your projects, learn new techniques, get answers for questions, share recipes and movie reviews, meet other knitters and more.

Six weeks \$45 or drop in at \$10.

Please register in advance



New sessions start January 8th....

Stitches East 2009

October 22nd – 25th

Hartford Convention Center

Yes! We'll sponsor a booth. We are brimming with ideas but we'd also like to hear what you love best about these events so we can be the #1 booth at Stitches East 2009!

Ravelry Shop Group

If you belong to Ravelry, consider joining the Creative Fibers Group to stay abreast of what's going on at the shop.

Don't belong to Ravelry? What is Ravelry?

www.ravelry.com is like MySpace but for knitters.
Check it out!

Shop Staff News

We've had some changes in the faces at the shop.

We are elated that **Julie** has returned. You'll see her on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays along with her various weekend classes and Purl Girls sessions. You may recognize **Amy** from the yarn shop in Vernon. She's been teaching classes for us and we're thrilled that she will be working on Mondays, Thursday and Fridays along with her classes. **Cindy** joins us on Sunday afternoons along with **Peggy** who has been a staff member since we opened 3+ years ago (how time flies). **Maureen's** full time job keeps her hopping but we're thankful that she can still be here on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. You usually find **Abbey** stocking yarn cubbies; she'll continue to keep us tidy and will also help out at the register on Saturday mornings.

Ellen M. continues to teach a class or two and will lead the Sunday **WIP's – In Shape** sessions. **Ellen G.** also continues to teach spinning and (technical) sock classes. Lastly, we say goodbye to **Tina** and wish her well in her new endeavors.

New Products

We now have Plymouth Happy Feet DK **undyed sock yarn** so you can dye your own colors. How much fun is that?

We've been so pleased with Ella Rae's Classic worsted yarn that we've ordered her brand new Superwash worsted in 30+ colors. We expect it to arrive in early February. 5 sts/inch, 220 yds \$9.95

New books arriving – Reserve your copy

Knitting Socks with Hand Painted Yarns, need I say more?
Carol Sulcoski \$19.95

Mother Daughter Knits – Sally Melville's newest (due March) \$29.95

Socks from the Toe Up ~ finally, an entire collection of toe up designs! Wendy Johnson \$22.95

Vintage Knitwear, authentic period designs by Lise-Lotte Lystrup \$19.95

Judy Pascale

Wet Felting ~ Table Runner

Saturday, March 21st 10am - 5pm

We'll have lots of fun and giggles in this workshop as we learn the process of wet felting. Then embellish your table runner with beads and embroidery.

You will take home your custom design.

\$65* for Spring B&B Weekend Attendees

\$80* for all others

*includes materials fee

Don't miss out on the fun.

Signup now!

Drop-in Knitting

Every Friday evening from 7-9pm
First Wednesday of each month 7-9pm.

It's free; just come!

Personal Wish Lists

Did you know that we can keep a wish list for you?

That way your loved ones are guaranteed to purchase something you've always wanted.

A swift & ball winder? Lantern Moon rosewood needles, a special book or skein of yarn?
Just let us know; we'd love to help your holidays be happy ones.

Private Instruction

Found a class but it doesn't meet your schedule?
We can easily arrange it as a series of 1on1's with homework at \$10 per half hour/\$20 per hour.

Or, grab a friend and make it a shared private lesson at \$30 per hour (that's \$15 each).



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Winter Class Schedule – Inside!

Melissa Leapman

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