



### New England Fall Knitting

What exciting "fall" news we have for you!

### Help us Kick Off Stitches East 2009

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### Meet the owner, artists and dyers of Koigu yarns

Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> 5-7pm

Maie, Taiu, Kersti and Rhichard from Koigu will be visiting us for an casual get-together.

They are bringing samples of their legendary Koigu garments and will chat about the history of Koigu, their exclusive dye process and their fabulous garments.

Bring your books for signing (we'll have some for purchase) and enter to win 2 skeins of Koigu sock yarn and a set of Colonial rosewood DPNS (a \$48 value.)

We are thrilled to host our Canadian friends and hope to have a large turnout to show them how much we love their yarns.

Please plan to join us.

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### Stitches East 2009 – Hartford Convention Center

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

Visit us at our booth – we have some special surprises planned for Stitches attendees.

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### Knitting Retreat Weekend in New Hampshire

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

Join the fun of getting away from it all and the pleasure of *knitting* (or crocheting, or other needlework), *relaxing*, *fine dining* and *friendly conversation*.

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There's new yarn, patterns, and lovely shawl pins from our favorite companies. New book titles this fall will keep your creative juices flowing. Friday nights buzz from 7-9pm with Open Knitting energy; and Purl Girls continues on Thursday evenings.

I'm confident it's going to be a wonderful fall for knitting and crochet; finishing old projects, starting new ones, holiday gifts, discovering new techniques in classes, meeting new friends and old at the shop or on retreat, and just having fun with our needles and yarn. Not that I want summer to end but I am excited for fall to arrive, Laura

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#### Closed

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December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas

### Fall B&B Knitting Weekend

November 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

### Optional Thursday November 12th extension

We are heading back to the Chesterfield Inn in New Hampshire for another outstanding knitting weekend and hope you will consider joining us. The weekends away only get better as old friends reunite, "small-world" connections are discovered and new friends are made.

Knit, relax, socialize, enjoy fine dining and learn a knitting trick or two. And this fall we are adding an optional Thursday overnight if you would like to extend your time away.

Weekend:

\$425.00 (per person) for shared occupancy ~ when you sign up with a friend

\$600.00 for single occupancy

Thursday Extension:

Thursday lodging, 3 additional meals, taxes and tips

Add \$187.00 (per person double occupancy) or

\$250.00 (single occupancy)

The retreat weekend fee covers all your lodging, meals, optional class, taxes and tips.

Class materials and alcoholic beverages are additional.

Maryrose suggests you make smaller monthly payments; by the time the weekend arrives, you are paid for.

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



### Stitches East

Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>

Hartford Convention Center

Put these dates on your calendar!

And plan to visit our booth at this huge knitter's convention.

If you have never been to a Stitches event, this is your chance to take classes with some of the finest instructors.

Then visit our booth and see what surprises we have for you.

We'll let you know our booth number as soon as it is assigned!

For more details, check out:

<http://www.knittinguniverse.com/flash/events.php>

## New Yarns

Spud & Chloe is a new line from Blue Sky Alpacas. We are featuring **Sweater**, a worsted weight machine wash/dry organic cotton wool blend in spot-on colors making this the perfect yarn for children's wear, or any-wear. 55% wool, 45% organic cotton, 160 yds, # 7-9US, 4-5sts per inch. \$12.95

Berroco **Lustra** – this is lightweight affordable luxury. Gorgeous colors, generous yardage and a silk-like gleam from the Tencel make this a winner. 50% Peruvian wool, 50% Tencel® Lyocell, 197 yds, # 7US, 4.5 sts per inch, \$9.00

Berroco **Sundae** is heathered instant gratification. 50% wool, 50% acrylic, 62 yds, # 15US, 2.5 sts per inch, \$9.00

Joining Berroco Ultra Alpaca and Ultra Alpaca Lite this year is machine washable **Ultra Alpaca Fine**. 50% wool, 30% super fine alpaca, 20% nylon, 433 yds, # 2US, 7.5 sts per inch, \$5.00

Classic Elite **Ariosa**, 90% extra fine merino, 10% cashmere, 87 yds, # 10.5US, 3.5 sts per inch, \$11.95

Check out the kimono Julie is knitting with Plymouth's **Mushishi**, 95% wool, 5% silk, 491 yds, # 7US, 5 sts per inch, \$29.95. It's not varigated, it's not self-striping, it's new!

**Zauberball & Zauberball Crazy** – wonderfully long repeats of shifting colors make this dangerously addictive for socks, scarves, shawls, etc. 75% virgin wool/25% nylon, 462 yds, # 0-2US, 7.5 sts per inch, \$19.95

**Yin & Yang** - A dyed to match yarn combo of 60% wool, 20% silk, 20% bamboo from Southwest Trade, **Yin** knits at 5 sts per inch, 165 yds, #6US, \$11.00. **Yang** is a metallic sequin-wrapped coordinate, 60yds, # 8US, 4.5 sts per inch, \$15.00.

Classic Elite **Chesapeake**, 50% organic cotton, 50% merino wool; 103 yds, # 7US, 5 sts per inch, \$7.95

Rowan **Lima** – this may be the yarn hit of the season. Constructed like Icord, this lovely yarn combines the best features of alpaca, wool and nylon with superb results. 84% baby alpaca, 8% merino wool, 8% nylon; 109 yds, # 9US, 5 sts per inch, \$12.95

Louisa Harding's newest yarn, **Thistle**, is a perfect yarn for your cold weather knitting. Light yet warm and super soft. 60% merino wool, 40% baby Suri alpaca, 98 yds, 4.5 sts per inch, # 8US, \$8.50

**Koigu** – a new shipment of 23 colors arrived; another 10 colors are soon to be delivered.

**Kid Silk Haze** – new colors like marmalade and brick round out our selection of twenty delicious colors.

## New Books and Other Nifty Items

Jared Flood's **Made in Brooklyn** featuring Classic Elite yarns. \$14.95

Stephanie Pearl-McPhee's 2010 tabletop calendar is hilarious! (makes a nice holiday gift) \$12.99

Addi Click "tips" (including US #5) and cable sets for the Addi Click Interchangeable sets. Also, needle holders for your tips if you don't want to carry the box with you.

Debra's Garden Needle Gauge pendants are useful and fun to wear. \$16.95-\$17.95

### **Just Arrived!**

*From Aslan Trends:*

**Artesanal** Carefully blended for softness & durability; it is super soft and warm. The Alpaca wool keep the cotton from stretching and the cotton allows for good washing and drying. 40% cotton, 30% alpaca, 30% nylon, 218 yds, # 8-10US, 4 sts per in, \$13.50

**Invernal** - this natural Angora from the long-haired Angora rabbit is seven times warmer than traditional sheep's wool. Imagine a baby's blanket, soft and snuggly. 50% rabbit angora, 25% merino wool, 25% nylon, 295yds, # 6-8US, 4-5 sts per inch, \$16.50

**Sante Fe** sock yarn, 85% Merino wool 15% nylon, 180 yds, # 3US, 6.5 – 7 sts per inch, \$9.00

### **Coming Soon!**

Classic Elite **Giselle** – if you love La Gran, then you will positively be delighted with Giselle, 66% kid mohair, 23% wool, 11% nylon; 225 yds, #8US, 4.5 sts per inch, \$8.50

## the 3 50 project

### **Saving the Brick and Mortars Our Nation Is Built On**

**3** Think about which three independently owned businesses you'd miss most if they were gone. Stop in and say hello. Pick up a little something that will make someone smile. Your contribution is what keeps those businesses around.

**50** If just half the employed US population spent \$50 each month in independently owned businesses, their purchases would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue. Imagine the positive impact if  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the employed population did that.

**68** For every \$100 spend in independently owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. Spend it online and **nothing comes home**.

**1** The number of people it takes to start the trend...**you**.

**Pick 3. Spend 50. Save your local economy.**

**Visit [the350project.net](http://the350project.net)**

## Purl Girls™

Thursday Evenings  
6-8pm



Join Julie and others as you work on your projects, learn new techniques, get answers for questions, and chat the evening away.

\$45 for 6 weeks or drop in rate of \$10 per session

### Ravelry Group

Did you know that Creative Fibers has a Ravelry “group”? It is called **Creativefibers** and we’d love to have you join us.

I post new items that have been ordered or have arrived. There’s usually a weekly question of who is coming to Friday Night Open Knitting and lots more. Check us out.

### Newsletters/Class Schedules

We are going green with our newsletters. We’ve decided that printing and mailing over a thousand newsletters four times a year is not an eco friendly use of paper. Not to mention the printing and postage costs. So, this is the last newsletter that will be mailed to you.

In the future you may stop by the shop for a printed copy, or you may have it sent to you via email.

Please provide us with an email address if that is the how you would like to receive shop news.

### Project Linus Update



Over the summer months we received too-many-to-count knitted squares to make blankets for Project Linus.

**Thank you to all who participated!**

However, we now need to stitch them together to actually create the blankets. Would you help us?

Many hands make for light work and we’d love to get these into the CT State Police cruisers as soon as possible.

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### Afghans for Afghans Update

Thank you to all who contributed hats, scarves and the like to this worthy cause.

### Questions on Copyright

Most patterns and books are copyright protected. When is ok/not ok to copy a pattern?

If you purchase a pattern, or a book that is copyrighted material, you **may** copy pages for your own personal use. In fact, we encourage you to make a copy so you can write on it and keep the original in nice condition.

However, it is not ok to make a copy to give to a friend. That would deny the author/designer from receiving the money they are entitled to.

Please do not ask us to copy pages for you. We’d rather not disappoint you by saying no.

### 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).

### Friday Night - Open Night

from 7-9pm



Bring your knitting, crochet, or just yourself. Bring a friend, or a snack to share. It’s free, just come and join us!

### Sheep Poo Facts



Amy recently returned from a trip to Wales and she brought some fascinating sheep facts back home with her.

Did you know that:

Sheep create 2.2 pounds of sheep poo a day  
75 bookmarks can be created from this (it looks like recycled parchment paper – not at all what you were thinking)

Sheep sleep 8 minutes per day and they do not you-know-what in their sleep.

Therefore a sheep poos 3.4 bookmarks per hour. Aren’t sheep wonderfully efficient animals besides sharing their fleece with us?

Thank you Amy for a chuckle or two!



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## Fall Class Schedule - Inside!

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