

WELCOME to FIBER ARTS YARN NEWS

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Check out our NEW FALL HOURS---

CAPE MAY OPEN 7 DAYS

Monday - Saturday 10 - 6pm

Sunday 12 - 5pm

call - 898-8080

NORTHFIELD OPEN 7 DAYS

NEW→Monday - Friday: 12 - 5:30pm

Sat. 10 - 5pm Sunday 12 - 4pm

call - 641-8878

Welcome to another issue of Yarn News. I've been taking a short break from the last issue sent out in February 2007. Just when I think you, *the knitting public*, no longer wants or needs a newsletter, I get requests and questions like:

"when's the next newsletter?"

"what happened to the newsletter"

"am I due to receive a newsletter?"

I'm so happy at your requests for **YARN NEWS**, since it is truly my labor of love. I really enjoy getting the latest and greatest information in the world of yarn out to you. All you need do, is keep your name active in our computer by coming into either shop and giving your name & address upon checkout. **That's it!**

OF COURSE, you can always get current and archived issues from our website, but, you tell me, it's not the SAME as receiving it in the mail. So, thanks for the great feedback, and here goes.....

First, I would like to comment on why I have persevered with maintaining a 'knitting shop' for the past 20 years. It is truly an *up and down* enterprise, depending on the current popularity of knitting, created by celebrity knitters such as **Vanna White**, **Julia Roberts**. Television programs such as **Knitty Gritty** greatly increase the average person's awareness of knitting as a hobby, and bring new customers to our shop. Knitting Seminars such as "**Stitches**", do the same. In between those times, we have our basic hardcore knitters (me included) that always have, and always will, put knitting as their first love.

Besides fashion and yarn being my passion, many of you may know that I REALLY LOVE Knitting Machines. Currently we sell the full line of SILVER REED machines. I truly love to create with fiber and color. Managing the shops does not leave me as much time as I would like, see "a day in the life of the Yarn Shop Owner" on our website blog at yarnsRus.net.

To sum it up: I've always wanted my shops to be a haven for women. A place they could go to learn about knitting, share their experiences, and gain confidence in their abilities. A place to hang out on SUNDAYS as a football widow, or, to get away from home and work pressures. I hope that you have experienced the shops as such. If you have an experience you would like to share, I'd love to hear from you! Address your comments to "Jana" at: Fiber Arts Office, 24 So. Route 47, Cape May Court House, NJ

What's Knitting at the Shops: Now that's a bit hard to pinpoint, as everyone is knitting a bit of everything at this time. Most of us have done a little or a lot of **FELTING**, and many are still felting away, as evidenced by the amount of wool being purchased for felting projects.

We've probably all done our share of scarves, but there's still a lot of interest in **SCARVES**, which has now shifted to scarves with Lace Stitches, scarves in Cashmere and Alpaca, scarves with Cables. Novelty Yarn scarves are being knitted to coordinate with new fall coats.

There's been an interest in **FAIRISLE** knitting. We're seeing some beautiful color combinations in **Country 8** SuperWash Merino, and Dale's **Baby Ull** (Ull=wool). Quite a few of you have taken the **Fairisle Class** with **Afton**, the *Knitting Doctor* at Northfield. Just last weekend, I met with **Dot H.** who attended the class last winter, and is now a "Fairisle Without Fear", knitter. Way to go!

We've also had a resurgence of Aran Knitting for children and adults. Most especially, in the Cashmerino line of yarns from **Debbie Bliss**. Her coordinating pattern books are chock full of interesting and up to date fashions with lots of Cables.

If you'd like to try CABLES and FAIRISLE in the same garment, we have a **Lamb's Pride** pullover in Aran Cables, with a large multicolored snowflake on chest and cuffs. The ribbed body of the sweater has the cable crossings every few inches which slant to the right. While not strictly fairisle, it is two color knitting, with the second yarn being **Hand Paint Originals** from Brown Sheep. This makes the snowflake appear to have been knit with many yarns, with just two

Now for a bit of TRIVIA-----

TO WIN A FREE COPY of a **Debbie Bliss** pattern book, see if you can identify **Debbie's** daughter **Nell**, pictured in one of the books! Stop by either shop with your guess, and the first 2 persons to answer correctly will receive Debbie's Book Seven, loaded with patterns for CASHMERINO and SOHO You may ask, how does Fiber Arts know which model is **Nell**? Answer: **Vanessa** had the pleasure of meeting and working with Debbie and Nell at their home in London this past summer as an intern.

See "Vanessa's London" on page 7.

There's a surprise in the works concerning Debbie Bliss and June 2008!
Want to guess? I think you can!

Lace SHAWLS and **STOLES** are a great Winter Project. Light and portable, you can take lace knitting most anywhere. Consider our range of light weight yarns: **Aurora 4** (\$10), **Light Weight Cashmere** (\$27), and new to the shop: Jade Sapphire's **Lacey Lamb** (\$20), and **Silk/Cashmere** (\$35)

After several years of asking, we finally persuaded the **LACE GURU, Carla W.**, to teach her lace class at Northfield. At the first session, Fiber Arts employees filled the class. The next session begins Saturday Oct 20th. Carla, as you can guess, is very into **LACE KNITTING**, belongs to several internet Lace Knitting groups, and knows the most recent publications and up to date techniques concerning Lace. Get the picture? You couldn't ask for a better teacher than **Carla**. I especially love the **wee Scottish Accent!** See the complete list of our Class offerings on page 6. View the most recently updated lists on the website @

If you like a bit of Scottish Accent, come and experience the lilting **British Accent** of **Olive Brown** in our Northfield shop. Olive is our newest **Yarn Advisor** by way of **England**. We were lucky enough to win her away from another position at a local department store. How could she resist the daily joy of being surrounded by yarn, color and fiber? Olive is especially proud of her fellow countryman, **Debbie Bliss**, and enjoys knitting with Debbie's line of yarns. At one time, Olive managed a knitting factory complete with knitting machines. Stop in and say 'hello' to Olive, or better yet, take her class, **Next Step Knitting**. (See page 6.) **Olive, thanks for being part of the team!**

A Shop Favorite for several weeks now: a toddler's hooded cardigan in **Encore Chunky** with contrasting stripes of **Fiore'** (little flowers). The Fiore' stripes create bubbly 3-D "flowers" marching across the cardigan. We stock many multi-colors of Fiore to choose from. It's fun to mix and match with the Encore Chunky to make the "flowers" POP. You can use **Fiore** stocked at either shop, or **Malizia** at **Northfield** for the same effect as Fiore.

More **Filatura DiCROSSA Baby Yarns!** More reprints of the famous **Baby-Bebe-Bambini** booklet! You spoke, we listened! More bright and bold solids in **DK Zarina** .

Fern at Cape May shop has knitted a **Color Blocked Cardigan** and Hat Set in Rust, Magenta, and Royal **Zarina**. Sounds crazy, but the color combination really works! There's also spotted prints in Zarina (DK) and Zarella (aran weight), which we've knitted into easy baby garments. These books have sold out twice already, so they're

on their way to becoming "favorites".
Back Again! Wide striped sock yarn in National flag colors of France, Mexico, Great Britian – and others. You asked for it, we got it! See if you can identify the proper colors to the nation's flag correctly and receive a "My Little Knitting Book" with our compliments.

Crocheted SHRUG in LAZER yarn. See my Shrug (Crocheted by Jana) at Northfield. I fell in love with this lacy, shawl collared, shrug pattern. I used rich brown and gold umber colors. It was fun to start with a tiny circle and by going round and round, create the back of the striking garment. I then picked up for sleeves and crocheted them in the round. Lastly, I folded back the edges of the now 4' diameter circle, and it became a shawl collar. For the adventurous crocheter!

We've had in the shop for almost 10 years now, a **Hooded Baby Cardigan** with matching Blanket. Although it's not the original model we knitted 10 years ago, we keep knitting the set over and over again in different colors of **Encore Colorsun**. The **Colorsun** yarns softly shifts colors while you knit so that you get muted stripes. Add to that the unique "Waffle" stitch and it's a SHOP FAVORITE. Ask for **Country's Child** pattern #124 \$5.95 and then choose your **Encore Colorsun**, 5-6 balls for the set. (There's even an Encore Chunky version for even faster knitting!)

Have you ever seen a **Mitered Diamond Yoke** sweater? Margaret had fun knitting this! You start by knitting several diamond shaped pieces, join them, then pick up and knit the balance of the sweater. **Big Mexico**, a chunky, self patterning wool yarn, makes it Fun to knit, so you never know what you'll get! Got the idea? It's a splash of color in a very intricate looking feminine sweater. Ask

YARN NEWS, compliments of FIBER ARTS YARN SHOPS, Cape May and Northfield New Jersey for pattern #FA1083, free with yarn purchase!

October Sales!

Northfield **Turmalin** (\$25) and baby brother **Unikat** (\$29) with a single ply roving look. Long before the self patterning yarn craze, these uniquely dyed yarns did their own thing! We especially liked the felting result. Vanessa felted a Unikat handbag & mitten set. Ask for: "Pleated Handbag" and Fiber Trends #AC-17 patterns. Eric designed a free scarf pattern in mitered triangles with Turmalin. A much softer hand than NORO!

Cape May **Punk** by Skacel **30% off**– Knit with Punk and you get alternating patches of Smooth knit and Fake Fur. I'm dying to knit a handbag with Punk, but will have to settle for crocheting some trim on my purchased cardigan for right now. Free patterns with yarn purchase for Punk "City Jacket" #FA1080, and a long retro style coat #FA1082 in Big Mexico (self patterning wool) with Punk trim.

Northfield **LADY** by Feza **25% off**, Get the same effect of Punk (above) with **Lady** and **Encore**. We've knit a Cropped Jacket in an intense shade of Lilac with pattern #FA1080 above. Lots of Oooh's and Ahhh's over this one.

Cape May **Kalinka** is a wool blend with 'puffs' of contrasting color throughout **30% off**. What I like most is: #13 - #15 needles make it almost instant gratification! Free patterns with yarn purchase, for coats, and ladies tuxedo style vests, ask for #FA1078 & #FA1079.

Cape May and Northfield **SUEDE** is a versatile, flat, tape yarn with the texture of microsuede, **25% off**. Colors are slightly muted. Use it to knit garments with an extra smooth look, and a super soft suede feel. There's a wonderful shawl knit in **SUEDE** that's sold out twice in Cape May. It's just your basic: **cast on 3sts, increase at the beginning of each row**, type, FRINGED with more Suede. Another

favorite use is for Handbags. It's durable with just enough elasticity to hold its shape.

November Sales!

ON BLACK FRIDAY! Our Annual Black Friday Event is scheduled for Nov 23rd (Friday) 2007. Enjoy an **additional 10% off EVERYTHING** in the store, including sales already in progress. **ON THIS DAY** we will **DOUBLE DISCOUNT** your purchase. This means 10% - 25% off anything in the store, and up to 50% on clearance items! For guild members, an additional 10% on everything!

Cape May and Northfield **Christmas Stocking Kits 25% off**, It's not too late to get completed before Christmas. Get help from our Knitting Doctors for special techniques such as Intarsia and Heel Turning. **Vanessa will be doing a Saturday workshop on Intarsia** in the next few weeks, see page 6!

Cape May & Northfield **Country 8 25% off**. This superb quality yarn does triple duty as Sport, Worsted, and Aran weight gauges, all by changing the needle size. If I hadn't personally tested this, I would have scoffed. But, this Superwash Merino Wool from Australia does all this:

- a true Sport at 6 to the inch,
- a fantastic Worsted at 5 to the inch,
- a great Aran at 4.5 to the inch

Especially for our Country 8 Sale, we have on display two of my favorite sweaters:

1) Flowers & Lace, a bit of lace on lower edge, then pretty flowers and stems to knit. Our color choices of Cream, Lavender, Teal and Rose, or use your own color choices. Ask for pattern # FA177, free with yarn purchase.

2) Tree of Life, a Fiber Arts favorite for many years, this easy to knit Pullover is great for men or women with the authentic "tree of life" in knit and purl stitches, all in the

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Creamy Aran color. Ask for pattern #FA148,
free with yarn purchase.

November Sales! continued.....

Cape May and Northfield **SilverThaw** by Noro **25% off**. It has the same unique hand dyeing process of Kureyon and Silk Garden, AND, boasts a delectable 25% Angora/25% Cashmere/50% Wool content. It knits up rather fast on #9 needles. We have **Noro** pattern books for **SilverThaw** Coats, Sweaters and Accessories. (Stop in on Friday, 11/23, and receive 35% off!) I always look for something interesting to knit over the Holiday break, something warm and fuzzy! This might be it.

Cape May and Northfield **Rimini 25% off**. Looking for an inexpensive, fun yarn with high quality? Try bubbly, boucle, **Rimini!** This yarn has been a shop favorite for several years, and we keep finding new ways to use it. Our models: Toddler Cardigan, Ladies Vest, Oversized Hat & Scarf Set, Trimming on a purchased coat or sweater. We have the above patterns above and more!

Cape May and Northfield **Yukon 25% off**, it's not too late to start on Holiday Gift Giving with this quick knit blend of Wool and Mohair. Yukon is a single ply yarn with the look of ROVING. Fashion colors and multi-colors available. Our models: Ladies Cable Sweater, Garter Stitch Scarf, Petite Handbag. Other patterns available: Afghan, Sweater and Mittens, 1-Ball Hat, Ski Band Set.

Cape May and Northfield **Special Selection: Christmas & Chanukah kits 25% off** to knit or crochet! We've assembled a collection of superb quality yarns, paired with some of our favorite patterns. We look for quick to knit ideas, easy pattern stitches, and rely on the quality of yarn to create great gift ideas. Kits priced 25% below regular retail. **Additional 10% off Nov 23**. Choose from Alpaca Hat &

Scarf sets, Rich Sweaters, Handbags, Childrens Sweaters, Hats, Mittens, more!

December Sales! Special Pricing!

We always save the best for last!

Cape May and Northfield We've arranged with our supplier to feature these knitting essentials at **special savings of 25% off** more:

- Knitting Bags,
- Knitting Totes
- Quilted Implement Cases
- Boxed Scissor Sets,
- Crochet Hook Cases
- Circular Bamboo Needle Sets
- 14" or 10" Bamboo Needle Sets

Cape May and Northfield **Yarn & Skein Winders Set**, You've seen these at our shop, Now you can wind your own at home. At Fiber Arts, we're known for combining these two knitting essentials together into a set with a rewarding price. Regularly priced at \$45 & \$59 each, **purchase the set for \$75!**

Cape May and Northfield **From our book supplier**, some of their most requested and hard to find book titles, **Buy One, Get one Free for DECEMBER ONLY!** Stop in or call to check out titles available.

Cape May and Northfield **Huge Model Sale!** We set them aside all year long, just for this event. Purchase shop models in fine quality yarns, all hand made at huge savings. **Many for just the cost of the yarn.**

Fiber Arts Special: purchase a "tinker toy" knitting needles set, either:

- Synthetic tips by **Denise** \$54.95, OR
- Bamboo tips by **Little Sister** \$99.00.

and receive the 101 pg. hardcover book ***Knitting In the Round***, while supplies last. You will enjoy this book and the circular needle sets if you do a lot of circular knitting. Just

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change the tips from sizes 5 – 15 and combine with cable lengths of 16” 24” & 36” to create every circular needle size imaginable.

KNITTING GROUPS! Would you like to join one of our knitting groups? All skill levels are welcome! Bring your knitting, or join in our Charity Knitting Projects.

SUNDAYS at NORTHFIELD 1 – 3 pm

SUNDAYS at CAPE MAY 1 – 3 pm

FYI: All groups that knit at the shop receive 10% discount on purchases. Just become a regular knitter of the group. You’ll also get free instruction from our staff, and be the first to see our the new yarns and fashions.

WORKSHOPS!

You asked, we listened – Vanessa will be teaching WORKSHOPS on SATURDAYS beginning Oct 27th at alternating shops. Some of her specialties:

- Entrelac
- Intarsia (Christmas Stockings!)
- Speedy Socks on 2 Circular Needles
- Specialty Cables
- Garment Design & Concept
- Garment Finishing
- Machine Knitting

She’ll also be sharing some of her favorite patterns, yarns and designs. Check with the shops, or on the website @ www.yarnsRus.net for schedules.

CLASS SCHEDULE!

First Crochet (Northfield)

- Sundays 1 - 3 pm., Oct 21
- 2nd Session Nov 18, 1 - 3
- COURSE BOOK: **First Crochet**.

Our **Knitting Doctor Afton** is teaching this class. Sometimes even knitters need to know a bit of crochet, and this class and book will get you there. For anyone wanting to learn to crochet.

Next Step Knitting (Northfield)

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- Tuesdays 6 – 8 pm., (1st session NLA)
- 2nd Session Nov 13, 6-8 pm
- Course Book: **The Purl Stitch**

(Next Step Knitting continued.....)

Taught by **Olive Brown**. Learn the many, many things you can do with the Purl stitch. So much more than you think. For knitters who have learned a basic cast on, knit stitch, and bind off.

Beginning Knitting (Northfield)

- Wednesday 6 – 8 pm., Oct 17
- 2nd Session Nov 14, 6 – 8 pm
- COURSE BOOK: **The Knit Stitch**

Taught by **Susan Smith**, an accomplished knitter and teacher who works at both shops on alternating Saturdays & Sundays. For anyone wanting to learn to knit.

Beginning Socks (Northfield)

- Saturday 10 -12 pm (first session NLA)
- 2nd Session Nov 3, 10 -12 pm
- Course Book: **Sensational Socks**

Taught by **Pat Johnson**, our favorite sock teacher for the past three years now. You should have learned the basics; we will show you how to knit with double points, and circular needles, heels and toes!

Victorian Lace (Northfield)

- Saturday 12 – 2 pm (first session NLA)
- 2nd Session Oct 20, 12 – 2 pm
- 3rd Session Nov 17, 12 – 2 pm
- Course Book: **Victorian Lace**

Taught by **Carla Wackenheim**, our LACE GURU extraordinaire. You’ll learn the proper cast on’s for lace knitting, basics about yarn and needle size; proper lace knitting techniques and bind offs.

FairIsle Simplified (Northfield)

- Oct. 25, Thursdays , 6 – 8 pm
- 2nd Session Nov 29, 6 – 8 pm
- COURSE BOOK: **FairIsle Simplified**

Let Afton the Knitting Doctor guide you through the intricacies of Fair Isle Knitting, it’s easier than you think, and oh so rewarding to knit!

More classes at www.yarnsRus.net or call the shops for an up to date listing.

Vanessa's London by Vanessa

As some of you may know, I had the opportunity to work in London as a knitwear design assistant for the months of June, July, and some of August. London was colder than I had expected, mostly in the low 70s. I had mom send me some extra clothing to help me keep warm! It was crucial to have an umbrella at all times, since rain was so sporadic and short.

My internship in London was quite exciting. I had the privilege of working with Mrs. Debbie Bliss herself! She helped me learn how to chart out a design. I also helped her pick out the new colors for her yarn collections for fall 2008, organize her models from past collections, ship out yarn to her knitters, and made swatches of potential yarns and stitches.

I did miss my family and the yarn shops. However, the Bliss' were so welcoming and kind to me which made me trip that much better. I even ate a traditional British Sunday roast dinner! Quite delicious, I must say. I am happy to be back home with my family, my poms (Pomeranians), and my friends. Thank you to all who gave me support and read my online journal. It is still available to be read online at <http://vanessaewing.livejournal.com>

Ed.'s Note:

Many of you have asked about Vanessa; she is currently in her senior year at Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia. With her permission, we will be displaying her Junior Fashion Collection from May 2006, in the shops till the end of the year. Vanessa is the only senior in her class specializing in Hand Knit Fashions. I think you'll enjoy the Ladies and Men's Sweaters & accessories knit with Fiber

Arts Yarn, and coordinated with an authentic Plaid imported from Scotland. Please stop in to see these one of a kind fashions.

Senior Discounts! We would like to invite our Senior Customers, 52 and older, into the shops on SUNDAYS for an additional 10% off any purchase. This suggestion comes from Olive of Northfield. Olive says many of you have been asking for this!

New Finishing Service - After searching high and low, we've finally found that special knitter with the expertise and high standards needed to finish your knit and crochet items. In the past 2 weeks, we've seamed, edged and blocked two afghans, a poncho, a shawl, two baby sweaters, and have more in the works. If you have finishing work, bring it to either shop for a free consultation. At this time, our turn around is excellent, about 2 weeks.

New to the Fiber Arts: Jade Sapphire's **Lacey Lamb** (\$20), and **Silk/ Cashmere** (\$35). Vanessa and I spied several NEW PATTERNS while visiting with the staff at Jade Sapphire. We asked for their most popular patterns, and they gave us a selection of easy to intermediate, and the most requested shawl patterns.

What do Kaffe Fassett and SockYarns have in common? The newest collection of designer sock yarns, designed by **Kaffe!** A distinct collection of automatic fairisle, self striping, and tweed-y sock yarns in fingering weight washable wool. If, like me, you are addicted to **Sock Knitting**, you will want to see these new yarns. Our favorite sock teacher, **Pat J.** is back on Saturday mornings, 10 am at Northfield, with her Basic Sock Knitting Class. Pat teaches from the wonderful book **Sensational Socks**. Next class scheduled to begin **Nov. 3rd**. We might

YARN NEWS, compliments of FIBER ARTS YARN SHOPS, Cape May and Northfield New Jersey persuade her to teach an Intermediate Class if we have enough inquiries, (?) Call either shop if interested.

**Thank you for shopping with us.
We appreciate your confidence.**

(ed.'s note) **From Our Anniversary Issue** (Feb. 2007) the Winner of the Knitting Machine Give-A-Way was **Ms. Cookie Gutman**. Cookie picked up her machine, had several lessons with Melonie, and hasn't been seen since. Rumor has it she opened up her own knit wear shop with all the knitting she was able to accomplish. NO, WE'RE JUST KIDDING! Cookie where are you?

COMING IN JANUARY!! Monthly Machine Knitting Club with demonstrations on fun techniques and items to knit on your machine! Eileen Ferrero, coming all the way from Ambler Pennsylvania, to share her knowledge and expertise!

DUE IN ANY DAY! At Both Shops! Great Adirondack **Sirino** Sock weight yarn. 50Silk/50Wool in large 675 yd. skeins, (\$45). Melonie uses this for lace shawls. It's wickedly luxurious!

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All orders shipped Delivery Confirmation via US Postal Service.

Shipping Charges

1 ball, skein, needle, pattern....\$3.00

Any order up to \$50.....\$5.95

Any order up to \$100.....\$7.95

Any order up to \$150.....\$8.95

Any order up to \$200.....\$9.95

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