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## January 2012

### ***In the Spotlight***

Need help selecting just the right color? Want the inside scoop on the latest styles in sweaters, scarves, wraps? You can get all this and more delivered with a Long Island accent from our favorite fashionista and color master, **Ginger Allen**. She not only helps select much of our yarn, but she also is responsible for arranging our shelves into rainbows of color. Her knitting bag often spills over with pinks and purples as she knits for her two beautiful little granddaughters. Ginger has a wonderful knack for combining colors and textures into garments we all want to copy. As a Belltown resident, she is also a great source for downtown restaurant suggestions.

### ***She's Back!***

Please check out our class schedule as **Lauren Lindeman** will be teaching during February and March. And you know what that means—Fiona and Angus will join her. They have missed you as much as you have missed them!

### ***Exciting New Arrivals***

Our long wait for **Madelinetosh** yarn is over. The fabulous colors of Madelinetosh fingering, sock, and vintage worsted are on their way.

We also have the perfect snuggly yarns for those New Year's babies—**Baby Cashmere Merino Silk** from **Sublime**. It is hard to believe that anything this soft can be machine washable, but it is! We are also introducing **Babe** from **Euro Yarns**. This is an affordable, washable acrylic and nylon yarn in great colors.

Looking for a little bling to start the new year? **Sublime's Lustrous Extrafine Merino DK** comes in shimmering soft colors. **Flicker** from **Berroco** is a worsted Alpaca with just a bit of sparkle flickering through its neutral shades of beige, brown, gray and black.

New in the bulky weight category is **Coliumo** from **Araucania**. This variegated yarn is a wool and silk blend which gives it a soft feel. Last, but not least, is **Park Avenue** by **Katia Yarns**. Just one skein of this fun new mesh yarn makes a lovely ruffled scarf.

## ***January Dreams***

Dream in Color's Dream Club selection for January is luxurious, hand-painted Everlasting DK in deep, dark tones of blue and green. This amazing yarn is 100% Australian merino superwash wool. A fun, mock-cable hat pattern by Hunter Hammersaon is yours with purchase of the yarn.

## ***Pull Up a Chair and Join Us***

Charity Knitting continues on Thursdays from 10AM-2PM. We support The Market Foundation in our neighborhood, but you are welcome to knit for any organization you choose. Receive 10% off yarn purchased for these projects or select yarn from our stash of donated yarns.

On Fridays come Sit and Knit (or Crochet) from 10AM-3PM. This is a time to chat, relax and enjoy our craft. We look forward to seeing you!

## ***It's a Date-Knitting at the Saratoga Inn***

Get out your calendars; we have set the date for our popular Fall Retreat. We will be heading to beautiful Whidbey Island and the cozy Saratoga Inn on November 9, 10 & 11, 2012. A fun time is had by all and we usually sell out early. The cost is \$425.00 for single occupancy, \$285.00 per person for double occupancy-if you share the room, you share the bed. The cost includes a delicious breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings, and a yummy afternoon snack complete with house wine on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The entire weekend is spent knitting. It is structured similarly to our intermediate classes-you bring the projects of your choice and you get the help that you need completing them. A \$200.00 per person deposit is required to hold your room. The deposit is non-refundable unless we fill your space with another knitter. Call soon to reserve your room and join in the fun!

PS-Some knitters have asked for a project or technique class to be held at the Saratoga. Please let us know of things that interest you. If there is some consensus on a topic or project I will put a class together.

## ***Hats off to Hats!***

We have added 3 new knitted hat patterns to our class schedule. Andrea Rangel will teach Cotyledon Cabled Hat (her own design); Kristen Simpson will teach Aviatrix Baby Hat (learn short rows); and Lauren Lindeman will teach Entrelac in the Round. We have also added more crochet classes. One is a basic crocheted beanie so check out our online calendar to sign up today.

## ***To Err Is Human...***

But if you really want to create havoc, use a computer! Through a glitch in our system, we have lost email addresses for all our customers who use **hotmail**, **msn**, and **live**. If any of your friends have these addresses, please let them know and have them contact us. We miss them!

# February and March 2011 Class Schedule

**Beginning Knitting**  
**Skill Level:** None!

Duration: 5 Week, 10 Hours  
 Fee: \$75.00

**Monday (w/Teresa Shemaria)**  
 6:00—8:00 p.m. | 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5  
 | 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9

**Wednesday (w/Betty Clune)**  
 10:30am-12:30pm | 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/7  
 | 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11

**Saturday (w/Betty Clune)**  
 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10  
 | 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

From start to finish, this class contains everything you need to know to make a basic garment. You will learn to cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease, read/interpret patterns, fix mistakes, bind off and finish (put together) all the pieces. You will work on a practice swatch throughout the class, but will also work on a project of your choice (from our guided selection of options). Whether you've never held needles before, or just need to brush up on skills that have gotten dusty, this class is a great choice. (Ask for supply list)

**Intermediate Knitting**  
**Skill Level:** Beyond Beginning

Duration: 5 Classes over 8 weeks, 10 Hours  
 Fee: \$75.00

**Sundays ( w/Andrea Rangel) 12.30-2.30pm**

**Tuesdays (w/Teresa Shemaria) 10:30am-12:30pm**  
**(w/Teresa Shemaria) 6:00-8:00pm**

**Wednesdays (w/Teresa Shemaria) 1:00-3:00pm**  
**(w/Alex Butler) 6:00-8:00pm**

**Saturdays (w/Betty Clune) 12:30-2:30pm**

This is an ongoing, unstructured class that provides you with the individual instruction that you need. Whether you've just finished a beginning class and want the weekly support to finish your first project, or you've knitted for years but always known there were tricks that could make it easier and more fun, this is the perfect class for you. Students work on a project of their choice. Meanwhile we'll have tips and techniques to teach you that will improve your knitting, and you'll learn vicariously through the projects of your classmates.

You may purchase a block of 5 classes for \$75.00 and attend any 5 intermediate classes over an 8 week period. Sign up for all 5 sessions when you make your purchase or sign up 1 by 1 any time during your 8 week period. You can even mix and match different days and different teachers if you like; the choice is yours. Given the flexibility of this new system, it will be helpful to call in advance to reserve your seat. If you need to cancel and reschedule, please call so we may fill your spot with another student. Your block of classes will expire 8 weeks after you attend your first session, so it is important to watch your time. Don't think this block plan is for you? Drop -ins are always welcome on a space available basis. The cost is \$17.50 . Please call ahead if possible.

**Beginning Crochet (w/ Betty Clune)**  
**Skill Level-**None!

<b>Saturday</b>	February 4 & 11	3-5.30PM	\$60.00
<b>Friday</b>	February 17 & 24	3.30-6PM	\$60.00

All the basics for creating beautiful, fun, yet simple crocheted projects! In this class, you will get comfortable with the basic stitches. You will also begin a project from our selection of fast and easy choices to inspire you on your journey into the world of crochet, including the popular market bag and basic beanie. We will also cover simple edgings, which can be used to finish knitting projects. Ask for supply list.

# Projects and Techniques

***Cotyledon Cabled Hat w/Andrea Rangel***      Sunday February 5 and 19  
Skill Level-Intermediate      10:00AM-12:00NOON      \$50.00

Work this striking cabled hat from the top-down. In this class you'll learn how to work small circumferences in the round using double-pointed needles or the magic loop method, how to increase in pattern using two different methods, how to work cables while increasing in the round (with or without a cable needle), and how to work a beautiful slipped stitch honeycomb pattern used for the brim. Make the slouch or beanie version of the hat. Ask for supply list

***Basic Finishing w/Lauren Lindeman***      Sunday February 12  
Skill Level-Beginning      3:00-5:00PM      \$25.00

Now that you've put lots of time, energy, and love into those knitted pieces, you want the finished garments to look just as wonderful. This class covers all of the techniques you need to make finishing not only beautiful and professional, but faster and easier. Learn to sew seams, knit shoulder seams together, weave in tails, pick up stitches, make buttonholes, and lots more. You'll never be afraid of finishing again! Perfect for brand new knitters.

***Intro to Intarsia w/Betty Clune***      Saturday February 18  
Skill Level-Intermediate      3:00-5:30PM      \$30.00

Intarsia is the technique of knitting color in an isolated section of the garment and not carrying the yarn all the way across the row. There are some simple tricks to eliminate holes where your colors meet, keeping tangles to a minimum and reading your chart correctly. Students have the option of making an adorable baby hat while perfecting these new skills. Ask for supply list

***Knitting 911 w/Lauren Lindeman***      Sunday February 19  
Skill Level-Intermediate      3:00-5:00PM      \$25.00

Help! Emergency! What do I do now??? Okay, so we all have moments in our knitting when things go wrong. Never fear. . .this class will give you first aid techniques to handle everything from simple "unknitting" and picking up dropped stitches to literally cutting and removing a piece of your knitted garment. We will also discuss what to do in that dreaded moment when you realize you do not have enough yarn to finish the project. Please feel free to bring any challenges you are currently facing.

***Linen Stitch Scarf w/Betty Clune***      Saturday February 25  
Skill Level—Beyond Beginning      3:00-5:30PM      \$30.00

Linen stitch is one of those wonderful stitches that looks difficult but is really simple. Our version is done with two skeins of Manos del Uruguay silk blend in variegated colors that alternate, two rows of each with the unused color simply carried up the side. The slipped stitches create an amazing fabric that looks woven. Use three skeins to make a larger scarf if you like. Ask for supply list.

***Aviatrix Baby Hat w/Kristen Simpson*** Sunday February 26 & March 4  
Skill Level—Beyond Beginner 3:00-5:00PM \$50.00

This darling baby hat is shaped using short rows rather than knitting in the round. This technique is used for shaping shoulders, bust darts, and necklines, and this hat is a low stress way to learn and practice them. Other skills you will acquire are the cable cast on and picking up stitches. If you don't know any babies you may donate your hat to the charity of your choice. Come in and see our sample or look for it on Ravelry. Ask for supply list.

***Easy Crocheted Beanie w/Betty Clune*** Saturday March 3  
Skill Level-Beginner 3-5.30PM \$30.00

This beanie is so fast and fun that you're sure to make several. Learn both crocheting in the round and increasing. Our shop sample is made of one skein of Cascade Eco Duo and Size H crochet hook, but the pattern is easily adjusted for any gauge and head size. Your beanie will be just about finished by the end of class! Ask for supply list.

***Crocheted Flowers w/ Betty Clune*** Saturday March 10  
Skill Level-Beyond Beginner 3-5.30PM \$30.00

They're everywhere! All the catalogues are showing crocheted flowers as embellishments to jackets, hats, scarves and purses. They are fast and easy and are a great way to use up small amounts of yarn. Use wool and they can even be felted and added to your felted items. This class is meant for those who have some experience crocheting; you should know how to ch, sl st, sc, hdc, dc, tr (trb). Ask for supply list.

***Entrelac Hat in the Round w/Lauren Lindeman*** Sunday March 11 & 18  
Skill Level- Intermediate 3-5PM \$50.00

This is an ingenious and easy way to learn Entrelac in a small, fast project. Entrelac is a technique where one layer of "blocks" is built upon the previous one. When done in the round, like our hat, you eliminate the pesky side triangles that no one can ever memorize. It is knit on #7 needles with worsted weight yarn. In this two part class you learn the technique the first week, then come back and finish the hat the second week. Ask for supply list.

***Toe Up Socks w/Kristen Simpson*** Saturday March 24 & 31  
Skill Level-Intermediate 3-5PM \$50.00

Socks have traditionally been knit on double pointed needles, but more and more people are finding it easier to use two circular needles instead. In addition, you will be knitting the socks from the toe up, which makes it easier to lengthen or shorten them as you go and lets you try them on as you knit. In this class you will do one worsted weight sock at a time and complete the toe, foot and heel of the first sock in class. Kristen will show you a technique for knitting two at one time. (Ask for supply list)

## ***CLASS POLICIES***

**Registration:** Class registration begins immediately on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-payment is required at the time of registration to secure your space (See Intermediate Class for the exception). You may register in person, at the shop, or by phone with a credit card. Classes fill quickly as space is limited, so be sure to call or stop by soon.

**Discounts:** You will receive a 10% discount on all materials purchased during the course of your class. This does not apply to class fees.

**Cancellations:** You may cancel up to one week before the class begins for a full refund. If you cancel later than that, we will issue a refund if we are able to fill your space. Naturally if we must cancel a class for any reason, we will issue a full refund.

**Skill Levels:** Each of our classes lists a skill level to assist you in choosing classes appropriate for your abilities.

### **Private Instruction**

Because we know making your life schedule match our class schedule can sometimes be a challenge, we also offer private instruction at the following hourly rates:

**1 Student:** \$40.00 | **1 - 3 Students:** \$60.00 (students share cost) | **4 Students:** \$80.00 (students share cost)

Call us now to schedule your own personalized class. Pre-payment is required to reserve your space. You will receive a 10% class discount on merchandise purchased the day of your class.

### **Store Hours**

**Monday:** 10-6  
**Tuesday:** 10-8  
**Wednesday:** 10-6  
**Thursday:** 10-6  
**Friday:** 10-6  
**Saturday:** 10-6  
**Sunday:** Noon-5

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