



Hello Knitters, Spinners, and Weavers!

The feel of autumn is here already, and the mood for fiber is moving! For seasonal knitters, it's time to pick up your needles and get knitting again as the days are getting shorter, and the holidays draw near.

This fall, we have some great teachers for you again, so expand your horizons and take a class to learn some new skills. We have some visitors coming our way as well, for knitters, spinners, and weavers, so read on, and I hope you find something that will tickle your fancy to learn a new skill. I know that even though I teach several classes, I also will take a class or two, because 1) I can learn something new and/or 2) I can take a class with a friend (it's a social thing!).

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS THIS FALL:

September 20 and 21: Cat Bordhi to visit the shop again! Saturday September 20: New Adventures in Sock Knitting, and Sunday September 21, Moebius Harvest Basket. Both classes are 10:00 – 4:00 and are \$50.00 each. Come and learn from this amazingly talented, patient teacher.

September 26, 27, and 28: Annual Anniversary Sale at NW Handspun Yarns. See notice in this letter following.

October 4 – 11: National Spinning and Weaving Week: Come in and try your hand and weaving (we'll have a loom set up for you), or drop spindling. Ask us about the history of spinning and weaving. Did you know that your clothes are still coming from weaving looms at the industrial level? Did weaving really start the industrial revolution?

October 10 and 11: FiberTrends Trunk Show. Bev Gelaskes, Bellingham native and FiberTrends owner will be here showcasing FiberTrends – patterns, yarns, sweaters, felted items, kits, all available for purchase directly from FiberTrends. Come and meet Bev and see everything at once!

November 5, 6, 7: Judith MacKenzie Workshops. Judith will be here to teach with NW Handspun Yarns for spinners! The first day, November 5: Comprehensive Spinning is a must for all who want to take either of the next two classes. November 6: Spin to Weave; November 7: Spin to Knit. 10:00 – 4:00 each day. \$60.00 for each class.

Charity Knitting/Donation Station: In August we received our first hat for HeadStart!! Knitters have been coming in for the free patterns, so I know that knitting is happening for Head Start! The children are 3 and 4 years old. We will give the hats to the local Head Start program in early December. For the Felted Bags, we are working with the Opportunity Council's Dorothy Place – they auction off the bags every year at their November fundraiser. Knitters have been coming in for yarns – the bags will be displayed soon. So, come in, get your free patterns, and knit a hat or two for a local 3 or 4 year old child! Our goal is 330 hats – and I know YOU can do it!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Watch for something special from our shop, as customer Sheri and I will be doing something to help raise awareness for this important issue.

January 31: Closed for Inventory Day.

We've got some team changes, as our favorite college students have moved on, and now we welcome two experienced knitters Sara (also a weaver) and Noreen to the team. All the others are still here, including our lovely Miss Knitty the kitty!

Remember that if you need help at any time you are most welcome to come in and get help! We will do our best to get you out of your stitches and on your way again! Come to our knitting groups for social knitting time on Tuesday evenings 5:30-8:00 and /or Wednesdays 12:00 – 3:00.

In the meantime, stay cool, enjoy your fiber arts, your cats, your dogs, and families, as summer eases into fall. We'll be seeing you and your finished projects sooner than later, I hope!

Kind regards,

Nancy, Margaret, Meg, Debbie, Yuki, Sara, Noreen and Miss Knitty!



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**Fall
Newsletter**

**KNIT NIGHT every Tuesday 5:30-8pm
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Hours: 10-6 Mon.-Sat., 11-3 Sun.



**ANNUAL
ANNIVERSARY
WEEKEND!**

**SEPTEMBER
26, 27, 28**

FALL CLASSES 2008

September — December

*A materials list will be provided for each class with your registration receipt,
unless otherwise noted.*

SPINNING

Beginning Spinning On a Spinning Wheel Yvonne Madsen

Two 3-hour classes. Sundays 12:00 – 3:00
October 12 and 19

For the very beginning spinner. You will make your own two and three ply yarn using wool roving. Yvonne is a wonderful enthusiastic spinner, and a great patient teacher to learn spinning from! Use your own wheel or arrange for the use of a Shop wheel. **Materials Fee to Teacher:**
\$15.00
\$60.00

Novelty Spinning I Margaret Magic

One 3-hour class. Thursday 1:00 – 4:00
September 18

Prerequisite: Must know the basics of spinning and have a wheel in good working order.

We will explore many plying techniques that can be used for novelty yarns. Slub, thick, and thin, pigtail, bump, core spinning and boucle'.

See supply list plus material fee, which will depend of the number of students in the class.

\$40.00 Skill Level (i)

Spin

Weave

Knit

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Spin

Novelty Spinning II *Margaret Magic*

One 3-hour class. Thursday 1:00 – 4:00
October 23

Prerequisite: Must know the basics of spinning and have a wheel in good working order.

A walk on the wild side! We will use a drum carder to make many types of inclusion yarns. You will learn how to make crescents and nubs, spin with paper and cloth, tinsel, and whatever else you want to try. Core spinning and caged yarn will be covered as well. If you have your own drum carder, please bring. **See supply list plus material fee, which will depend of the number of students in the class.**

\$35.00 Skill Level (i)

Drop Spindle – Beginning Spindling

Nancy Bjerke

One 2.5-hour class.

Session 1: Friday, October 17, 3:00 – 5:30

Session 2: Saturday, November 22, 10:00 – 12:30

Nancy will teach you how to spin and ply on a drop spindle. Take a drop spindle with you anywhere and spin yarn for your knitting and weaving projects. Nancy loves to drop spindle anywhere at anytime, and will love to share her knowledge with you about top whorl spindling. **See materials list.**

\$35.00 Skill Level (b)

CROCHET

Crochet *Debbie Carpenter*

Two 2-hour classes. Mondays 5:00 – 7:00

Session 1: September 22, 29

Session 2: December 1, 8

Learn the basics of crochet. We will make a scarf learning increases, decreases, single, half double, double and treble crochet. Once you learn these stitches we will make a granny square. If you are a more advanced crocheter and need some tips or advanced lessons, come to this class as well, Debbie can work with all levels of students in this class. **See materials list.**

\$35.00 Skill Level (b)

KNITTING

Beginning Knitting *Nancy Bjerke*

Two 2.5-hour classes. Monday evenings 5:00 – 7:30

Session 1: September 22 and 29

Session 2: November 10 and 17

Learn how to knit during the first class, and come back for follow up and more techniques at the second class. You will learn the four basics of knitting: the knit stitch, the purl stitch, cast on, and bind off (plus a couple other neat

tricks!). There will be lots of time to practice in class so you will learn to correct mistakes as you go, and will return home to knit confidently. **See materials lists.**

\$45.00 Skill Level (b)

Hand Knit Socks *Debra Lacy*

Three 2-hour classes. Monday evenings 5:00 -7:00

Session 1: October 6, 13, 20

Session 2: November 24, December 1, 8

Prerequisite: Beginning Intermediate, must know the basics of knitting.

Once you discover how comfortable, well-fitting and beautiful hand-knit socks are, you'll never be able to wear anything else! With Debra's guidance, you will learn the process of casting on, turning the heel, and decreasing for the toe, while knitting an adult sized sock. **See materials list.**

\$60.00 Skill level (i)

A Sweater for You! *Joanne Clark*

Six 1.5-hour classes. Saturdays 1:00 – 2:30

October 18, 25, November 9, 15, 29, December 6

Joanne is back with this popular class! In this class you will choose a sweater design of your choice and work with Joanne to knit the sweater to fit you. This is a chance to make that sweater you've always wanted to make—Fair isle, Raglan, Cardigan, round yoke, Bohus, Aran, Norweigan, Two Color, are just some of the options to choose from. Class is structured so that there are knitting weeks between class times. Joanne is especially skilled in teaching you to make sweaters that "fit". **See materials list.**

\$90.00 Skill level (i)

FiberTrends Sampler Afghan – Year Long

Project! *Joanne Clark*

Monthly Class

Square #7 September 13 (Sat) Fair Isle

Square #8 October 5 (Sun) Intarsia

Square #9 November 1 (Sat) Slip Stitch Sheep

Square #10 November 22 (Sat) Domino

Square #11 December 13 (Sat) Cables and Lace

The afghan continues to grow!! We are now on square #7.

If you haven't started yet, you can start now! The FiberTrends book, authored by our own local knitter Joanne Clark is now on bookshelves. This sampler afghan is a teaching or learning afghan, where you will learn all the basics of knitting while making the different squares. For example one square is cables and lace. Another is just pockets. Another is entrelac. There are 12 squares in all. Maybe you just need to learn a skill or two through out the year, just come to one or two sessions, or come to all, and at the end of the year, you'll have a beautiful sampler afghan! Made with Fibertrends/Naturally Harmony Merino Yarn. At the end, Joanne will show us how to put the afghan together. **See materials list.**

\$20.00 Skill Level (i)

Weave

Knit

Crochet

Felt

Other

Quick Bulky Cap *Nancy Bjerke*

Two 2-hour classes Thursdays, 6:00 – 8:00
December 8 and 15

Learn to cast on using circular needles. We will make a fast, warm, winter hat using two colors and yarns. Great for novice knitters wanting to learn how to knit in the round using circular and double pointed needles. **See materials list.**

\$40.00 Skill Level (i)

Lined Mittens *Nancy Bjerke*

Two 2-hour classes Fridays 2:00 – 4:00
December 12 and 19

Come to learn how to knit and line your mittens with wool fleece. We will learn **two** different techniques for fleece lined mittens. Lots of fun, and really warm!

\$40.00 Skill level (i)

Let's Knit a Gansey *Janna Kilburn*

Six 1.5-hour classes. Mondays 5:30 – 7:00
October 13, November 3, 10, 24, December 15

Prerequisite: Beginning Intermediate, must know the basics of knitting.

This straightforward sweater is equally suitable for women and men. This class offers opportunities for knitters of all levels to knit a traditional gansey with a circular construction (no seams to sew up), drop sleeves, and straight sides. Beginners may want to stick to a straightforward pattern (provided by Janna). More experienced knitters may introduce as many variations on the basic construction as they wish, including gussets, different ribbing or welts, border patterns, and shoulder strap construction. **See materials list.**

\$85.00 Skill level (i)

Introduction to Knitted Lace *Debbie Carpenter*

Three 2-hour classes. Mondays 5:00 – 7:00
October 6, 13, 20

Add some airy beauty and interesting stitches to your scarf patterns! In you've always wanted to try knitted lace, or have tried on your own and been frustrated, then come to this three session workshop. Students will knit a lace scarf, learn to read simple pattern charts, and receive tips for making lace knitting easy and fun. **See materials list.**

\$55.00 Skill Level (i)

K.A. (Knit Along) with Fibertrends Country Weekend sweater: Come to the shop after **FiberTrends Trunk Show** on Wednesday October 15th at 1:00 – 3:00 or 6:00 – 8:00 to start your Country Weekend sweater with pattern and Vero yarn in hand! Joanne Clark and Nancy will be your guides. Please sign up to hold your spot!

WEAVING

Beginning Weaving — 2 Days *Nancy Bjerke*

Two 8-hour days, Friday and Saturday 9:00 – 5:00
November 1 and 2

Learn the basics of 4 shaft weaving. We will complete two projects that will include warping the loom twice, figuring yarn requirements, and reading drafts. A great way to Kick Start your weaving! Yarns included in class fee. **See materials list for other supplies.**

\$125.00 Skill Level (b)

Intermediate Weaving *Sondra Rose*

Seven 2-hour classes, Tuesdays 3:30 – 5:30
October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9

In this intermediate class, students will learn and weave atleast six different weave structures, including Atwater-Bronson lace, Huck lace, Summer and Winter, M's & O's, Monk's Belt and Crackle. Students must be able to warp their own looms and read a weaving draft (this will be reviewed in class). All weaving will be done at home. **Warp yarns included in class fee. See materials list for other supplies.**

\$140.00 Skill Level (i)

Loom Rental: While the looms are not in class session, they are available for rent at the shop. If you don't have a loom, are in transition between looms and know how to weave, bring your warp and weave! See Nancy for available times and costs.

OTHER

Basic Needle Felting *Debra Lacy*

One 4-hour class, Sunday 11:00 – 3:00
October 12

Learn the art of needle felting while creating a unique 3D critter. Debra is a professional felter who shows and sells her work around the Pacific NW, and shares her knowledge with us so that we may create beautiful works of fiber art as well. You will not only learn needle felting, but many other "tricks" of the trade. **All materials included in class fee.**

\$45.00 Skill Level (b)

ArtFelt No Sew Purse *Debra Lacy*

One 4-hour class, Sunday 11:00 – 3:00
October 19

No experience necessary! If you love to felt, you'll love this method. No soap and no muscle required. Create beautiful design using a new felting method developed by skacel knitting. Create a beautiful NO SEW PURSE using EasyFelt Paper and a felting needle. You will need to do the final felting phase at home. Once you lean this method, you won't want to go back to hours of wet agitation!

\$45.00 Skill Level (b)

Art Felt Silk Ribbon Scarf *Debra Lacy*

One 4-hour class, Sunday 11:00 – 3:00
November 23

No experience necessary! If you love to felt, you'll love this method. No soap and no muscle required. Create beautiful design using a new felting method developed by skacel knitting. Create a beautiful SILK SCARF using EasyFelt Paper and a felting needle. You will need to do the final felting phase at home. Once you lean this method, you won't want to go back to hours of wet agitation!

\$45.00 Skill Level (b)

ARTFELT Hour *Staff*

Monthly One -hour class Saturdays 11:00 – 12:00

Session 1: September 13

Session 2: December 6

Come in for an hour and you'll learn how to ARTFELT with one of our staff members, using the special paper, merino roving and felting needles. Instructions will be given to

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complete the simple felting process at home. This is a great activity for groups, parties, and friends to take together! **All materials included in class fee.**

\$10.00 Skill Level (b)

Circular Sock Knitting Machine

Susan Forsyth

Two Days, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 – 4:00
November 15 and 16

Bring your antique sock knitting machine and Susan will gently guide you through the process of getting familiar with you're your machine or making your first sock. Know how to make socks already? Come join in with the rest of the group, and learn some new tricks of the trade from this talented, skilled teacher. **See materials list. Must have machine or can rent a machine for \$15.00 (there are 2).**

\$125.00 Skill Level (b)

Felt

Other

Natural Dyeing with Earthues Dyes

Nancy Bjerke

Two 4 hour classes Saturday and Sunday 9:00 – 1:00
September 6 and 7

In this introductory class, we will learn the basics of working with Earthues dyes. The first day will be cleaning and mordanting, the the second day will be dyeing. This will be a fun class filled with the "how to" of dyeing, while leaving you enough leeway to be creative and explore. Dyes, mordants and soaps are included in the class fee.

\$100.00 Skill Level (b)

Microwave Dyeing with Mother MacKenzie

Dyes Margaret Magic

One 3 hour class Thursday 1:00 – 4:00
November 20

We will dye silk caps, silk cocoons, and small amounts of roving and yarn. Bring a glass casserole dish (used) and any special protein fiber you want to dye.

\$40.00 Skill Level (b)



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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW
WHEN TAKING CLASSES AT NW HANDSPUN YARNS:**

1. Class fee must be paid in advance to register for classes, no later than 3 days prior to the start of the class. Cancellation of class by student must be prior to 3 days for refund. No refund for class if student cancelled within three days of the start of class.
2. Minimum class enrollment : 3 students.
3. Please arrive to class 10 minutes prior to the start of class, so class can begin on time.
4. Materials list for the class will be provided to each student at the time of registration.
5. Please gather/purchase your materials ahead of class time.
6. Classes are structured for: (b) beginner, (i) intermediate, (a) advanced

Private Classes. We know that your times to take a class, and our times offering classes may not always coincide. We offer private class sessions to help accommodate any schedule. And sometimes, it's fun to schedule a class just for YOU and/or your friends! Private classes are \$25.00 per hour for one person, \$40.00 per hour for two – 3 people, and \$55.00 for 4–6 people. Of course, the more the merrier, and you can share the hourly costs!

GROUPS THAT MEET AT THE SHOP:

Knit Night every Tuesday from 5:30–8:00 PM. Bring your knitting, crocheting, or spinning projects to work on, bring your finished projects for sharing. Knit night is always a nice break from the routine to work on your projects among friends. Fabulous Group!

Knit Day every Wednesday from 12:00–3:00. Same as Knit Night, just a great group of folks who like to get together and share about knitting and other fiber projects. My motto: Come when you can, leave when you must!

Lace Group every THIRD Saturday from 10:00–2:00. I'll tell you, this group is not for the faint of heart! This is TATTING, and BOBBIN LACE in all forms, and beautiful! This group loves and shares the history of lace making, and also teaches lace making. If you are lucky, maybe you'll be here on the day, that the antique lace is pulled out and shared! WOW! What a group!

Annual Anniversary Sale Weekend Friday, Saturday, Sunday September 26, 27, 28th

25% off All yarns, needles, books, fibers, patterns

Refreshments, friendship!

Come and celebrate with us as we begin our 9th year!

Annual Waulking of woven fabric
with Gaelic Singers
at 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 27