

# WISCONSIN WOOL EXCHANGE

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## SOFT OPEN HOUSE

Amherst: The Wisconsin Wool Exchange turned over the “Open” sign for the first time on October Second. We had so much fun meeting so many fiber folks and showing them our new store.

### OUR HOURS

W – F 10am – 6pm

S & S 10am – 2pm

## WHAT’S NEW?

**Classes!** On the back of this newsletter is our very first class list. With the holidays upon us, we are focusing on two things: the basics & making a few little gifts while relaxing with friends.. Come in and pre-register before these small classes fill!

**Local Fibers!** We are just now getting in a few local fibers. We have both natural colored & naturally dyed Icelandic Yarn from **Heartbreak Farm**, Amherst Wisc. It is lovely, two-ply, and warm! We also have buttery Surrey alpaca yarns in natural luster-y colors from **Peaceful Acres** in Custer Wisc.

**Knitcircus** is a new Wisconsin-produced knitting magazine. Each issue is loaded with not only knitting patterns but also crochet and sewing patters, recipes, reviews, interviews, and articles. We both love this magazine so much that at least for a while it will be our only



### The Wisconsin Wool Exchange

Has a green awning & stands on Main Street between The Int’l Bank of Amherst & the OK Hardware Store,

magazine. It is full of beautiful color yarn and project photos, but I swear I read it for the articles!

Wheels of **Unspun Icelandic Yarn** from Schoolhouse Press – Nine inspiring natural colors and nine beautifully dyed ones of the very yarn that Elizabeth Zimmermann loved and used. We also have many of their books such as *The Opinionated Knitter* and *Handknitting With Meg Swansen*.

**Drop Spindles by Dan Pohl** – If you’ve visited the Exchange you no-doubt remember the gorgeous chimney cabinet by local artist Dan Pohl. This is a unique opportunity to spin yarn with a piece of Dan’s artwork for under \$40.

## WEATHER FORECAST

*Within just a matter of weeks we’ll be in the middle of full-blown wear-your-best-woolies weather. Mmm... wool.*

### STOP BY & CRAFT A SPELL!

## SUNDAY EXCHANGE

**Open Crafting!** Bring your knitting, your felting, your crocheting... whatever it is that you do when chatting with other crafty folk. Join us to swap stories, work out wooly puzzles, show off, and share the loves and little frustrations of a life of needles and strings.

We’ll put on the coffee pot, so bring your cup too!

## THE AMHERST FESTIVAL OF CHOCOLATE

**Jensen Community Center Amherst** - Saturday November 21 is the big date. Join us at the Jensen Center for “plenty of samples of chocolate, chocolate desserts, chocolate fondue, hot cocoa, and samples from the chocolate cook off available during the auction of entries.” Dr. Zorba Pastor from Wisconsin Public Radio will be there and you might want to be too!

While you’re in town, visit The Wisc. Wool Exchange to get your passport stamped, check out all our new yarn and stay late to hear Claudia Schmidt perform at the Jensen Center. More info at [www.FestivalofChocolate.org](http://www.FestivalofChocolate.org)

## KNITTING CLASSES

**Start Knitting Now!** This 2 hour workshop is free when you buy two skeins of yarn and needles – we will cover all the basics you need to make a basket weave scarf.

Prerequisites: none.

Saturday 2 – 4:30 Nov 14 or Dec 19.

**Free with purchase of materials.**

### **Introduction to the art of Knitting**

Over three weeks we will cover all the basics plus discuss some of the finer points of knitting including reading patterns, gage, and fixing mistakes.

Prerequisites: Cast on, knit and bind off.

Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 Dec 3, 10 & 17

**\$45 plus materials**

**Knitting in the Round** Circular knitting is the secret to hats, socks, mittens and even simple weekend Sweaters. Over two weeks, learn to work with both circular knitting needles as well as double pointed needles while creating a toasty winter hat.

Prerequisites: Cast on and knit.

Thursdays 6:00 – 7:30 November 5 & 12

**\$30 plus materials**

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*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

[www.WisconsinWoolExchange.com](http://www.WisconsinWoolExchange.com)

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Before these small classes & workshops fill!

## SPINNING CLASS

**Drop Spinning for Beginners** Learn to use a drop spindle to make your own yarn. Prepare your roving, spin and ply your own yarn!

Saturday 2 – 4:00 November 28

**\$30 includes 3 types of roving samples to try**

## FELTING CLASSES

**Introduction to Wet Felting** Get your “feet wet” with this introduction to two methods of wet felting – we will be felting bars of soap to either give as a gift or to keep for yourself.

Prerequisites: None.

Saturday afternoon 2 – 4:30 November 7.

**\$30 plus materials.**

**Introduction to Needle Felting** Learn the basics of needle felting and leave with all you need for hours of needle felting.

Prerequisites: None.

Two different sessions: Thursday morning November 12 at 10:00 – 11:00 or Thursday evening November 19, 6:00 – 7:00

**\$20 includes foam, needles & roving!**

**Felted Ornaments** Get away from the hustle & bustle of the holidays to spend an afternoon playing with wool!

Prerequisites: None.

Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 December 12

**\$30 plus materials**

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