

WISCONSIN WOOL EXCHANGE

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KNITTING * FELTING * GIFTS * LESSONS

SPRING 2010

SPRING STRETCH

AMHERST: Spring has returned and is busily felting the hillsides with chartreuse swatches of birches. Dotted with spring ephemerals and mossy trim, wrapped in a lace shawl of dapple-lit baby leaves, the woods are alive with inspiration.

Part of this annual rite of renewal is spring cleaning. Personally, I am going through all those unfinished projects and being brutally honest about which ones I actually want to finish. That, and starting out fresh on a new skill or two. Ahhh Spring...

NEW HOURS

W – F noon – 6pm

S & S 10am – 2pm

WHAT'S NEW?

CLASSES! We are both beside ourselves with how popular the classes have been. The Exchange has been full of people learning to felt and to knit and to drop spin, but most importantly the classes have been a fun way to gather and share and make new friends. We are also still offering affordable private lessons and project help as well as specially arranged classes for you and your friends.

NEW HOURS With summer coming we are planning to offer many more daytime classes. So to carve out a little time for Jacque and Maud to focus on these classes, the Exchange will now be open from noon til 6 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 til 2 on the weekends.

STUDIO JOY of Stevens Point Wisc. - Marcy Foreman's fused-glass buttons are beyond description. Fired in a kiln, each button is its own piece of fine art. Sold as singles or in sets, these may be the only buttons worthy of your latest project.



The Wisconsin Wool Exchange

Located between The Int'l Bank of Amherst
& the OK Hardware Store on Main St. Amherst.

☞ Green Awning, you can't miss it ☞

CERAMIC YARN POTS & BOWLS This month we are proud to carry the works of two very talented local ceramicists **PIERRE OVANIN** of Amherst Wisc. and **NANCY KORTH** of Gresham Wisc have both brought in their beautifully distinct ceramic yarn vessels to show and to sell. Keep your yarn from rolling away, from getting tangled, and from the cat!

RYL SHETLAND of Amherst Wisc. Is our newest local fiber. Dave Ryl has brought in breath taking Shetland roving and combed top which just begs to be spun into your new favorite yarn.

BROWN SHEEP of Mitchell Nebraska By popular demand we are eagerly awaiting our first shipment of Brown Sheep Yarn. Made and dyed in the Midwest in a 100% wind-powered mill, our first shipment will be their fabulous 80%/20% cotton-wool sport weight **Cotton Fleece Yarn** and their beautiful tweed wool **Wildfoot Sock Yarn**.

STITCHES ON THE HORIZON

Jacque is planning a whole series of hand stitching classes and Dawn Brandt will be teaching embroidery classes at the Tomorrow River Gallery! Come in or watch our website for Details.

WEATHER FORECAST

Spring is a season of chaotic extremes and the smell of new rain on soft earth. It's a good time to plant some seeds, cast on a new project and enjoy all the growth and newness!

SUNDAY EXCHANGE

10AM – 2PM

OPEN CRAFTING! Bring your current project and 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.

OUT ON THE WEB:

If you haven't found us on the web yet, find this newsletter, class lists, special events, photos, directions to the store, and the new products that are coming each week on our website www.WisconsinWoolExchange.com.

You can also find us on Face Book and we even have our own group on Ravelry.com!

UPCOMING DATES

MAY 1 – AMHERST COMMUNITY WIDE RUMMAGE SALE!

MAY 9 – CLOSED FOR MOTHER'S DAY

JUNE 13 – KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY!

Celebrate with free lessons & music from Noon until 4 on Main St. Amherst. Bring your lawn chair and your knitting!

JULY 4 – CLOSED FOR FIREWORKS!

AUGUST 11 – ELIZABETH ZIMMERMANN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY!

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS

START KNITTING NOW! Cast on, learn the basics and leave a life-long knitter by the end of class!

Saturday 2 – 4 May 8, June 5, or July 3

Free with purchase of needles & yarn!

FIXING KNITTING MISTAKES Snags, dropped stitches, knits that should've been purls, un-knitting, and much more. Pre-class swatch directions available when you sign up. Choose from 2 sessions:

Saturday 2 – 4 May 22

Thursday morning 10 – 2 June 24

\$20 (and worth every penny)

SHORT ROW SHAPING Short row shaping is one of those master knitter tricks that any knitter can master! We'll be knitting a one-skein ascot-scarf.

Saturday 2 – 4:00 June 19

\$20 plus materials

INTRO TO NEEDLE FELTING Learn the basics and leave with all the tool & supplies you need for hours of needle felting fun. Choose from 2 sessions:

Friday 10:30 – 11:30 May 28

Saturday 2:00 – 3:00 June 26

\$20 includes foam, needles & roving!

FELTED SOAP Learn to wet felt just bring in 3 bars of your favorite soap. Choose from 2 sessions:

Friday 10:00 – Noon June 18

Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 May 15

\$25 includes roving – bring your own soap

NUNO FELTED SCARF Learn to wet felt by making a lovely silk & wool scarf that will make you both an accomplished felter and the envy of all.

Saturday 2 – 4 June 12,

\$40 includes materials

BOOK COVER – STITCH & FELT Design your own reusable notebook cover then bring your design to life with your new needle felting and sewing skills!

Saturday 2:00 – 4:00 July 10

\$20 plus materials

FELTED BALLS – BASIC WET FELTING Great baby toy and your cat will love it as well. They're even more fun with a bell inside! Kids Welcome!

Friday 10:30 – Noon July 9,

\$15 Including materials

MULTI-DAY CLASSES

THE ART OF KNITTING Whether you have never knitted or want to start over at the basics, this class starts at the beginning and dives deep into the art.

Friday mornings 10 – Noon July 8, 15 & 22

\$45 plus materials

CAMP COURAGE!

To celebrate Elizabeth Zimmermann's 100th Birthday on August 11th, this summer we are going to focus on some of her most amazing and popular patterns. . Sign up for one or all 5. **Thursday evenings 6 – 7:30**

A Little Bit of Color!

Always wanted to try Fair Isle knitting? We'll be knitting a hat with both stripes and your own designed Fair Isle. Pre-class homework directions available when you sign up

\$30 + materials

May 6 & 13

EZ's Percentage System Sweater

The perfect "first sweater" and also the perfect introduction to Elizabeth Zimmermann. If you can knit & purl you can make a sweater – step it up a bit and add a Fair Isle yoke!

\$45 + materials

May 27, June 3 & 10

EZ's Baby Surprise Jacket

This amazing project may change the way you think about knitting forever. Feel like going big? The adult-sized pattern will also be available.

\$30 + materials

June 17 & 24

February Baby Sweater

This is an EZ lace classic. The pattern is in her book **The Knitter's Almanac**. If you don't have a copy already, we sell the book for a mere \$7.95. This is a fun introduction to lace and can also be made in adult sizes as well if you want to go big.

\$30 + materials

July 8 & 15

MAUD'S SPRING WORKOUT ROUTINE

Knit 1 Row, do 5 squats

*Repeat from **

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