

WISCONSIN WOOL EXCHANGE

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KNITTING * FELTING * GIFTS * LESSONS

LATE SPRING 2011

STEVENS POINT WISC: What a long cold winter we've all endured! All I can say is "Good Job Everyone!" We made it to Spring not much worse for wear. Our woolies got us through the cold and the wet in grand style but now it's time to wash them one last time and sweetly tuck them away for the summer.

Spring is a time for knitting shawls "so thin you can draw them through a wedding ring", for lovely little camisoles, for itty bitty baby clothes, and for knitting socks in the garden with dirty fingers (hey, their socks, it's okay)

OUR HOURS

W - F noon - 6pm

S & S 11am - 3pm

WHAT'S NEW AT THE EXCHANGE?

WE'RE MOVING! In case you haven't heard, we're moving The Exchange into downtown Stevens Point! We will be up and running on **Wednesday, May 25th**!

We are packing up all our beautiful fibers and moving them to 1009 First St. on the near-north side of Stevens Point, near the Wisconsin River - for you locals we will be sharing the same building as **Emy J's**, and the **Main Grain Bakery!**



Stevens Point, Wisconsin

We're just off of Hwy 66 on 2nd, just north of downtown, east of the Wisconsin River, three blocks south of the Co-op.



Kimmet-Croft Yarn

Heavenly squooshy hand-dyed merino angora blends from Kellner Wisconsin

The larger space is going to make it much easier to create a small fabric & stitching corner... something we've been talking about for a while now. We've learned so much over the last 18 months in the little shop in Amherst and are now really excited about bringing what we've learned to Stevens Point.

...besides, fair trade coffee, Wisconsin-made ice cream, a lovely lunch, bakery AND yummy local fiber all in one building, can you think of a better definition of paradise?

CLASSES! We'll be holding both one-day afternoon workshops on Saturdays and Wednesdays as well as our ongoing knitting classes on Thursday evenings. Most of the classes and workshops are set up for knitters of all skill and confidence levels.

Let your knit-curious friends know about our **Free Learn To Knit Workshops**. Buy needles and a yarn and learn to cast on and knit for free!

WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY

Come be part of this world wide knitting party **Saturday June 18th 11-3!** Bring your knitting, bring your lawn chair, maybe get some ice cream or bakery and proudly practice your craft! Come learn to knit. There'll even be live music and lemon cookies in the afternoon. This is our second year celebrating. Last year we had loads of fun knitting, spinning and chatting. Keep an eye on facebook and 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!

TUESDAY EVENING

EXCHANGE

7-8:30 OR SO
(STARTING JUNE 7TH)

OPEN CRAFTING! Bring your current lap-craft 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. Tuesdays after dinner.

LOTS OF NEW STUFF We are going to have lots more space in the new store for new yarns, fibers, gifts and tools. We are constantly getting in new fiber and tools from our local farmers and craftsmen. From Brown Sheep we have both Legacy Lace yarn in 1,500 skeins and lovely washable sport-weight wool very nice for baby things. Besides all this, we are beginning to carry **KnitPicks** needles at the same low prices on their website.

OUT ON THE WEB: If you get a chance, check out our page on Facebook. Maud has a lot of fun posting new products, upcoming classes, and photos of projects (maybe yours? We LOVE when people post photos of their masterpieces!)

You don't have to be "on facebook" to come see all the updates on our facebook page. Just go to our website www.WisconsinWoolExchange.com and follow the link.

While you're on the web, you really should check out www.Ravelry.com This amazing site has so many resources for knitters, crocheters, felters and spinners including a Wisconsin Wool Exchange group!

ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS

START KNITTING FOR FREE!

Come learn all about knitting. We'll choose needles and yarn, then cast on and all be knitting in one afternoon.

Choose from one of three workshops:

Saturday 2-3:30 June 4th or July 16th
Wednesday 2-3:30 June 22

Supplies: needles & yarn (less than \$20)

Cost: Free with the purchase of supplies

DROP STITCH SCARE

How liberating it is to drop stitches on purpose! Learn in one afternoon this simple, impressive, and fun technique!

Saturday 2-3:30 June 11th

Prerequisite: Cast on, knit and bind off.

Cost: \$20 plus materials

FIXING KNITTING MISTAKES

Learn to fix snags, dropped stitches, knits that should've been purls, un-knitting, lifelines, and much more.

Choose from 2 sessions:

Saturdays 2-3:30 June 25th
Wednesday 2-3:30 July 13th

Bring With You: Cast on 24 stitches of white worsted-weight wool on size 7 or 8 needles and knit 4 inches of stockinet but don't bind off (keep it on the needles)

\$20 (and worth every penny)

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 2-3:30 July 9th

Supplies: A drop spindle

Cost: \$20 includes 3 types of roving samples to try

BASIC CROCHET (FOR KNITTERS)

Learn the provisional cast-on, basic crochet stitches and even a little bit of lace edging! (Bring a swatch to edge)

Saturday 2-3:30 July 30th

Cost: \$20 plus materials

MULTI-DAY CLASSES

INTRODUCTION TO THE ART OF KNITTING

In just three weeks we will cover all the basics plus discuss some of the finer points of knitting including how knitting "works," reading patterns, gauge, increases, decreases, blocking and answer some of those "silly questions" you've been wanting to ask.

Thursdays 6-7:30pm June 9th, 16th, 23rd

Prerequisite Skills: Cast on and knit

Cost: \$45 plus a skein of white worsted-weight wool

KNITTING IN THE ROUND

Over two weeks, we will knit a great wool hat while leaning to work with both circular knitting needles as well as double pointed needles. Circular knitting is the secret to everything from socks to sweaters. With this class you will be set to tackle ANYTHING!

Thursdays 6-7:30pm June 30th and July 7th

Prerequisite Skills: Cast on and knit

Cost: \$30 plus materials

KNITTING SOCKS!

Over three weeks learn to knit the basic top-down sock on double-pointed needles over three classes. Your feet will love you but be very careful, sock knitting is very habit-forming.

Thursdays 6-7:30pm July 14th, 21st, 28th.

Prerequisite Skills: Familiar with knitting in the round

Cost: \$30 plus materials

SIGN UP EARLY!

Classes & workshops are kept small so everyone gets lots of attention

They fill up fast so come in soon to save your place!

And don't forget to join us for
World Wide Knit in Public Day
Saturday, June 18th 2011

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