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Kiwi News

I'm so excited about this spring's activities here at Kiwi, that I can hardly sit to write up the newsletter! As you can see in the next article we celebrate our 10th anniversary for starters! Several special teachers will join our regulars – Holly, Jill, Michelle, Brigid, & Kendra – so be sure to check out all our great classes.

While needles, **Pacific**, **Cozy Soft Prints**, and **Encore** have been replenished, the shelves in some of Kiwi's rooms look mighty bare as I write this. Some of my spring yarns have arrived, Cascade **Ultra Pima** & **Heritage** have some great new colors, especially the paints. Anzula **Breeze** is a wonderful lace weight linen/silk blend for summer cowls, shawls and sweaters. Juniper Moon Farm **Zooey** follows up last year's all natural palette with a beautiful new palette of spring colors. New yarns from Noro, **Tokonatsu** and **Kureopatora**, are also on the shelves!

Other yarns have been slower in arriving. Schachenmayr and J. C. Brett yarns should arrive this week. In keeping with the trends this season, **Catania Denim**, (100% cotton; 137y; 50g) uses a special dyeing technique so that it will look exactly like denim when knit or crocheted. **Tahiti** (99% cotton/1% polyester; 308y; 50) which is great for delicate airy knits. Other yarns expected shortly are **Amazon** & **Baby Marble DK**. Soon some great yarns from Debbie Bliss, Ella Rae, & Katia will help fill up those empty bin, too!

New books you will want to check out are [Sock Yarn Shawls II](#) & [The Best of Jane Austen](#).

So there are plenty of reasons to visit Kiwi this spring! We sure hope to see you soon & often!

10th Anniversary Celebration

It is spring and time to celebrate another anniversary – a major one this time and we are ready to celebrate in a major way! We are starting out with a host of very special classes each month February through April. Ric Rao will teach you about natural dyes in February. Judith Shangold is coming in March to teach beginning weaving. Gwen Bortner will be here in April to share her talents on a variety of knitting techniques. See the "Special Events" section of "Classes" below for details.

Of course, April will bring our usual anniversary sale. Watch for more details and another big reason to celebrate as April approaches.

For a grand finale to our celebration, Kiwi is sponsoring a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico with Cat Bordhi and Jim Petkiewicz (of Frog Tree Yarns and Community Links International). While the details are not yet finalized, plans are to include knitting, cooking, and organic farming activities during the week of July 12 – 17. Please let me know if you are interested (no obligation at this point). Keep an eye out for more info later this spring!

Kiwi Partners with U of A

One of our customers is doing his dissertation on fiber crafts. Kiwi has been assisting him in various ways over the last few years. In this phase, he is hoping to learn more about crafts and crafters through a survey. You can complete this on line by following this link http://eller.co1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_dpc8cjTGff4YdQV or if you prefer paper and pencil, pick up a copy here at the store. Your answers will be held in strictest confidence. As a token of appreciation, you will receive a \$5 certificate for a future Kiwi purchase. Thanks for your help!

Knit Night

Join us for Knit Night there is always friendly conversation, refreshments, and help when you need it every **Monday** from 7 – 9 PM. The fee is \$5 for non Kiwi Klub members (applicable to a purchase on the night you attend).

Sock Group

Looking for friendly faces & warm feet? Come to Kiwi from 1 – 3 PM on the first Saturday of each month! Sock knitting is strongly encouraged, but not mandatory! Drop-ins welcome.

Bead Crochet & Beading Workshop

Join our knowledgeable & enthusiastic group to work on bead crochet or other beading project(s) of your choice. Novice & experienced participants are actively working on bracelets, necklaces, and earrings using various techniques. 1 – 3 PM each Thursday.

Kiwi Klub

Kiwi Klub membership benefits & cost have changed! As the Klub enters a new decade, it includes the following benefits:

- ♥ Kiwi 10th year eco-friendly Brazilian tumbler (for your favorite knitting bev).
- ♥ A pattern-of-the-month this year featuring a new yarn (remember to pick up when you're in the shop).
- ♥ Exclusive New Yarn Introduction – Monthly pattern-of-the-month class introducing the new yarn & instruction in any special techniques involved.
- ♥ A 10% discount on the New Yarn introduced for the month.
- ♥ Weekly Knit Night fee

Cost is \$ 45 per year for membership June 1 – May 31st. The cost is pro-rated during the year as of the first of each month so you snowbirds can take advantage while you're here. **New Memberships close on May 1, 2015.** A real bargain just for the Knit Nights alone!

Knit Doctor

Feel free to drop in on Friday mornings when Holly or Kendra is available from 10 AM – Noon to help with your knitting and crocheting challenges. (No charge!)

Classes!

Whether you want to learn a new skill, try a new project, or simply socialize, we have just the class for you - from the basics to advanced techniques. Private lessons are available, too. You'll love working with a great line-up of teachers: Brigid Connolly, Holly Harper, Jill Holbrook, Ann Hunt, Deborah Levine, & Michelle Yauger. **Check www.kiwiknitting.com for updates.** In order to provide you with the individual attention you deserve, classes are limited to 5 unless otherwise noted.

We'd like to hear from you! Let us know what classes you would like to see and best times for you. E-mail me at Lynnd@kiwiknitting.com.

Special Events

Natural Dye Workshop – 9 AM – 4 PM (1 hour for lunch) Saturday February 28th.

Dye your own yarn & fiber right from the garden & desert. Ric Rao will be here with 10 natural dye pots, all the necessary equipment, and samples of alpaca, cotton, mohair, silk, & wool to teach you how. Black walnut, cochineal, indigo, cosmos & snakeweed are just some of the colors you will have the opportunity to try. Materials: All class materials provided, but bring some undyed yarn in your stash or buy some here at Kiwi to take advantage of the dye pots to make yourself a unique skein of yarn! Cost: \$85 + \$12 for lunch (optional).
Class size limit: 10 students.

Beginning Rigid-Heddle Weaving – 10 AM – 4 PM (1 hour for lunch) Saturday, March 21.

Wondering what to do with those orphan and leftover stash yarns. Judith Shangold, author of Weave, Knit, Wear, is here to help! Learn to warp and weave on a simple rigid-heddle loom. By the end of the day, you will have a new (woven) cowl and a new outlet for your creativity. Bring your own yarns or choose from a selection available here at Kiwi. Materials: 60 yds each of 2 coordinating colors of smooth yarn for warp (at least one should be a worsted weight, the other can be thinner); 100 yds of worsted or thinner yarns for the weft, including different colors & textures; scissors, tape measure, safety pin or similar stitch marker; 6 – 8 straight pins, darning needle; note pad, pencil, 8" wide pieces of craft/brown paper bag that total 60" in length (2 – 4 pieces); small heddle loom (available if you need one). Cost: \$75 includes lunch.
Class size limit: 8 students.

A Weekend with Gwen Bortner – April 11 & 12. Gwen Bortner returns to Kiwi for a weekend of classes. (Also a talk for Old Pueblo Knitting Guild on Monday morning.) Gwen is a fountain of knowledge with an amazing ability to convey it to fellow knitters. Don't miss the opportunity to learn something new from this expert! Check out the fabulous classes below:

Entrelac Basics – 9 AM – Noon Saturday.

Two Right Sides: Double Knitting Basics -- 1 – 4 PM Saturday

Mobius Mysteries Untangled – 9 AM – Noon Sunday

Sneaky Shaping with Short Rows – 1 – 4 PM Sunday

Cost of each class is \$55. Class size limit: 15 students.

Kiwi Klub Yarn Intro

Please register by calling 881-1319

February --	Knit One, Crochet Too Batiste (100% baby llama; 418y; 100g)
	1 – 3 PM Tue Feb 10 7 – 9 PM Thu Feb 12
March --	Juniper Moon Farms Neve (100% cotton; 220y; 100g)
	1 – 3 PM Tue Mar 10 7 – 9 PM Thu Mar 12

April --

TBA

1 – 3 PM Tue Apr 7

7 – 9 PM Thu Apr 9

Beginner Classes

The Beginning Crochet Series – Learn the basics of crochet – the foundation chain, single & double crochet, pattern reading, and more in this 3-session class. Then create an easy scarf to help you practice your new skills. Materials: A size H crochet hook & 100g a plied worsted yarn. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Jill Holbrook

10 AM – Noon

Tue April 7 -- 21

1 – 3 PM

Wed Mar 4 -- 18

Intermediate Crochet – Once you have learned the basics, this class will take you to the next level. You will make a hat while learning how to increase & work circular construction similar to “Granny Squares”. Materials: 100g worsted-weight yarn & a size H crochet hook. Cost: \$40. Teacher: Jill Holbrook (2 sessions). 10 AM – Noon Thu Mar 12 & 19

The Beginning Knitting Series — A series of 4 modules that can take you from non-knitter to confident knitter ready for most common knitting projects. Making a sampler scarf allows you to master the knit and purl stitches, casting on (starting), binding off (ending), basic increases and decreases and pattern reading. Take one or all. Materials: 200yd worsted weight yarn and knitting needles size 8, 9, or 10. Cost: \$60 or \$25 per module. Teachers: Michelle Yauger

1 – 3 PM: Mon Feb 9 – Mar 2

7 – 9 PM: Wed April 1 -- 22

Second Steps – Second Steps is a series of 3 classes for the new knitter. Using a simple hat, these modules will expand your knowledge of casting on, increasing & decreasing, knitting in the round and simple color work. Materials: 75g of worsted yarn in 1 or 2 colors; 16” circular knitting needles sized US7 & 6. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Michelle Yauger

10 AM – Noon: Mon Mar 9 – 23

7 – 9 PM Wed Feb 11 -- 25

Spin Clinic – Jill will be at Kiwi on the Saturday mornings listed below to teach beginners and those needing help to move to the next level. Learn hand spinning, how to use a spinning wheel or bring your questions about preparing and spinning fibers. Materials: Your hand spindle and/or wheel, fiber and questions. Cost: \$25/session. Teacher: Jill Holbrook

10 AM – Noon: Sat Feb 21 & April 18

Tech Classes

Cost: \$25/class unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise indicated, please bring a small amount of worsted weight yarn & US 7 knitting needles.

Norwegian Purl – If purling in continental makes you crazy, then you need to explore this option! I’ll bet you’ll be purling with ease in no time! It worked for me! Teacher: Holly Harper. 1 – 3 PM Friday February 13

Tips & Tricks -- Knitters of all levels can get advice in this class about how to avoid mistakes, how to fix them when necessary, how to tidy up gaps and gaffes, and much more. Even if it feels like TMI for 2 hours, you’ll still get useful information and resources to help you. Materials: Bring a current or marinating problem. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 1 – 3 PM Tue Feb 24

Fair Isle: one handed – If you are a continental knitter and want to try your hand at Fair Isle knitting, you might like this efficient technique that (once learned) allows you to move effortlessly through the process. Teacher: Brigid Connolly. 1 – 3 PM Mon Mar 9

Hand-dyed Yarns & the Magic # -- Jill & I spent a couple of hours with Laura Bryant in early January and are anxious to share what we learned about determining and using Laura's "magic number" for hand-dyed yarns with you. Class Size: 10 students Materials: US 6 – 8 needles; yarn & other materials included. Teachers: Jill Holbrook & Lynn Davis. Cost: \$40 + \$15 materials fee. 10 AM – Noon & 1 – 3 PM Saturday March 28

Lace Elements – Lace is simply holes in your knitting! The beauty is in how you make those holes. In this class, you will make a swatch to start you reading lace charts and learning some basic lace patterns. If time permits, a simple knitted-on border will also be included. Teacher: Jill Holbrook. 1 – 3 PM Fri Apr 3

Fair Isle: 2 handed – This technique for Fair Isle has gained a lot of popularity over the years. Come learn the pro's, con's, and how-to's for this alternative to stranded Fair Isle. Teacher: Holly Harper. 10 AM – Noon Mon Apr 13

Projects

Bead Crochet Bracelet – Learn this internationally popular technique for making vintage bead rope jewelry while creating a beautiful bracelet or necklace. No crochet experience is necessary. Materials: 6 colors of size 6/0 seed beads; #10 crochet thread; 2.1 – 1.5 mm steel crochet hook; scissors; bead mat; & thread heaven. Cost based on private lesson fees. Teacher: Deborah Levine. Scheduled on a private basis only. Call for contact information.

Collage of Beads Cuff – If you have ever wondered about adding beads to your knitting, now is the time to act! Brigid will guide you through the different techniques while you make a stylish cuff to wear for fun & fancy. Materials: Small amount of fingering yarn; tube of size 8 or 6 beads; US 1 needles & a sz 0 crochet hook. Cost: \$25. Teacher: Brigid Connolly. 1 – 3 PM Sat Mar 14

Felted Bowls – Fun gift you can personalize for Easter or other occasion. Easy to knit in the round (good first project for knitting in the round) and fast to construct. Materials: 1 – 2 skeins worsted wool; 25y contrasting color worsted wool; 16 – 24" circular & 2nd circular or double pointed knitting needles sz US 11; Theresa Gaffe pattern #155 & 4 markers. Cost: \$40. Teacher: Holly Harper. 10 AM – Noon Wed Feb 18 & 25 (2 sessions)

Felted Clogs – These fun slippers will become a favorite of the whole family! Materials: 100 – 200g of worsted or chunky 100% non-superwash wool for a child or 300 – 400g for an adult; 16" & 24" US13 circular knitting needles; & Fibertrends pattern AC-33 or CH-38. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 1 – 3 PM Tue Mar 17 – 30 (3 sessions)

Finishing Clinic – Are you at a point in a project that requires sewing or other finishing work and just not sure how to get the job done. This informal class is designed to provide personal help with your project. Materials: Project in process; tools such as tapestry needles, holders, crochet hook and needles/hook used to work the project. Cost: \$25. Teacher: Brigid Connolly. 10 AM – Noon Sat Mar 7

Lace Scarf – You've learned the basics of lace knitting and are ready for your first project. How about a graceful scarf? The first week we'll get you started with a provisional cast on, additional tips and tricks of knitting lace and the rhythm of lace knitting. The second week will be all about edging and finishing the scarf. Materials: 400y (or more) lace weight or fingering weight yarn in a light color – much easier to see your work; US1 - 3 knitting needles for lace yarn or US 3 - 5 for fingering (preferably circulars); crochet hook (2 - 2.25mm); stitch markers; scissors; a small

amount of light weight contrasting yarn; and pencil & paper. Cost: \$40. Teacher: Jill Holbrook. 1 – 3 PM Fri April 10 & 24 (2 sessions)

Mainline Scarf – Graceful as reeds in a pond in a gentle wind is how I would describe the textured motif. The scarf itself drapes around your neck and/or over your shoulders providing the perfect accessory to change up your go-to outfit for work or fun. Materials: 362y sport yarn; 32” US 5 circular knitting needles & the pattern available on Ravelry. Cost: \$40. Teacher: Kendra McNally. 1 – 3 PM Wed Feb 11 & 18 (2 sessions)

Socks Your Way – If you have mastered knit and purl and are looking for a new challenge, this course may be just what you are looking for. You will be introduced to several different techniques for sock construction then choose the one that you prefer to make your first sock. A 100g of fingering or sport weight yarn; a set of US 0, US 1, or US 2 circular or double pointed needles; pattern provided. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 7 – 9 PM Wed Mar 4, 18, & 25 or 10 AM – Noon Thu Apr 9, 23 & 30 (3 sessions)

Summer Driving Gloves – Looking for a great way to deal with those searing hot steering wheels this summer? Look like a pro with fun fingerless gloves in fabric perfect for our warmest temps! Materials: TBA. Cost: \$25. Teacher: Brigid Connolly. 1 – 3 PM Sat April 25

Toe-up Sock – If you are wondering whether you might prefer to make your socks starting at the toe, this class is the way to find out! Holly is here to share her expertise with you. Materials: 100g fingering or sport yarn & your favorite sock needles. Pattern provided. Cost: \$40. Teacher: Holly Harper. 10 AM – Noon Wed Mar 4 & 11 (2 sessions)

Top-down Sweater – Choose a child or adult *Knitting Pure & Simple* pattern and enjoy creating a simple top-down sweater with no seaming required. Great for a first sweater! Materials: Yarn & needles per the pattern & size you choose; one of the *Knitting Pure & Simple* patterns; & stitch markers. Cost: \$50. Teacher: Holly Harper. 10 AM – Noon Mon Feb 9, 16, & Mar 2. (3 sessions)

Versatildes – During this class we will explore Cat Bordhi’s latest obsession by starting a “Tiny Tilde”. We’ll learn about their versatility and fun-factor. Materials: 50g worsted yarn; US 7 or 8 knitting needles; access to [Versatildes: a New Landscape for Knitters](#), an e-book available on Ravelry. Cost: \$25. Teacher: Lynn Davis. 10 AM – Noon Mon April 20 [Option to continue with a full-sized scarf class April 27 & May 4.]

Spring’s Featured Book!

Jen Lucas has done it again! If you love knitting shawls, you will find faves of all sizes within the covers of her new book, [Sock Yarn Shawls II](#). The 16 patterns are organized from scarf-sized (typical in her first book) to full-sized. Each with skill level designated and many of the smaller ones with instructions for making them bigger. Plus, Jen has added circular shawls and attached border shawls to the choices. You are sure to use this book for years to come as you grow from “easy” to “experienced” levels.

Class times don’t fit your schedule?

Call about private lessons or to find out if more classes are being planned when it is convenient for you. (881—1319)

Store Policies

New policies in **bold**

- Full skeins of yarn are returnable up to 1 year after purchase except sale items & special orders. A receipt for the purchase must accompany EVERY return.
- Needles and patterns are not returnable after 3 days.

- Needles and equipment must be in the original packaging and accompanied by a receipt. Store credit only will be given.
- Pre-registration and payment are required to reserve your spot in our classes and events.
- Cancellations must be made by close of business the day previous to your class. Refunds are given only if your spot is filled, but you may reschedule for a future class at no extra fee.
- The stated times for each class are estimates and may vary by the number of people attending.
- Class materials are not included unless specifically stated otherwise.
- 2% discount given for cash/check purchases.
- Checks greater than \$250 are accepted only with the approval of the owner.

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