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July 2008

Greetings to you all! I can't believe it's almost July 4th, but it is! We will be closed on the 4th, but we WILL be open on the 5th. So, if you're in town, stop in, and bring your knitting! With a lot of people out of town, I don't anticipate Saturday being very busy here, so I'll probably be in the back room knitting, and I'd love some company.

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## Charitable Neighbors

This week I received a letter from Carol Anderson, the knitting guru from Cottage Creations (of Wonderful Wallaby & Rambling Rows fame). She lives in Carpenter, Iowa. I'll share some excerpts here, but if you'd like to read it, the full letter is at the end of this email:

"Tonight on the news we learned that 69 of Iowa's 99 counties have been declared "disaster" counties.

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So, I thought it would be nice to do some knitting for our neighbors to the south. I'll be collecting items here at the shop, so if you'd like to contribute, please do! She asks that we attach a card to the items with the following info: Name of item, Size (if applicable), Fiber content (most items should be machine washable & dryable), and if you'd like your name & address and any words of encouragement. Carol asks that we get them to her by November 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you get them to me by **October 25<sup>th</sup>**, I'll take care of shipping them down.

If you're not sure what to knit, Carol has several pattern booklets that might help you out, and while my supplies last, I'd like to offer them to you for half price: Projects for Community Knitting, More Projects for the Community & Family, and Still More Projects for the Community & Family. I need to limit this to one booklet per customer. At half price, they're just \$3.00 each. But don't feel like you can only contribute items from these patterns; anything is welcome.

Last year we had so much fun knitting baby hats, baby socks and blankets for Afghanistan, I thought it would be great to do something like that again. Want to join me?

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New Stuff: Cascade Try It Special

One of the best parts of having a yarn shop is when UPS comes, and last week I got a nice box from Cascade! They were having a special on some of their yarns, so I ordered a few I haven't carried before to give them a try. The special was on mixed bags, so there are anywhere from one to eight skeins of any single color, but it's all beautiful! So I thought I'd have a little "Try It" special where I can pass my savings on to you. These three yarns will be 20% off until the end of July.

Jewel Hand Dyed: 100% Peruvian Highland Wool
100 g / 142 yards
Regularly \$10, sale price \$8

Dolce: 55% superfine alpaca, 23% wool, 22% silk
50 g / 109 yards
Regularly \$8, sale price \$ 6.40

Lana D'Oro: 50% superfine alpaca, 50% wool
100 g / 219 yards
Regularly \$8.50 / sale price \$6.80

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And that brings me to our...

## Summer Sale

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

Yup, it's that time of year...time to start moving out some of the summer yarns to start making room for new fall yarns. The thing is, there's still time for plenty of summer knitting!

The following yarns will be **25% off**:

- Ty-Dy
- Bamboozle
- Cotton Rich DK
- Cilantro
- Cotonade

- Panda Cotton
- Fixation
- Sockotta
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Time Cotton

AND, there will be a LOT of other yarns discounted even more than 25%! But that part's secret right now...you'll have to stop in to see the deals.

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July – August Classes

Scroll down to the end of this newsletter for detailed descriptions, or visit our website at: www.double-ewe-yarn.com/Classes.htm and scroll down a bit for the details, or stop in the shop for a schedule. To register you can stop in the shop, send an email to kelly@double-ewe-yarn.com, or call 763-780-2465.

Here's what's going on in June & July at the Ewe:

- Knitter's Choice
- Beaded Amulet Bag
- Beaded Sheep Pin
- Learn to Knit – Felted Bag
- Knitting with Kerri
- Beaded Lace Scarf
- Toe-to-Cuff Lace Scarf
- Basics: Hats

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## Events, Knit Alongs, & other stuff to do with Ewe

Please note: All of our groups, as well as our regular Tuesday evening and Friday morning open knitting\*, **will continue** through the summer. Please visit our website at [www.double-ewe-yarn.com/Classes.htm](http://www.double-ewe-yarn.com/Classes.htm) for details.

**Mother Bear Project:** First & Third Thursdays, 2:30 – 5:00

**Great American Afghan Knit Along (a.k.a. GAA KAL):** Saturday mornings, 9:00 – 10:30...or is it 11:30...or whenever classes start

**Knitting with Ewe (Open Knitting) :** Tuesday evenings, 6:30 – 9:00 -and- Friday afternoons, 1:30 – 4:30

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Summer Hours

Tuesday 10 am - 9 pm

Weds-Thursday Noon - 8 pm

Friday Noon - 5pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm
Sun-Monday Closed

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## July - August Class Details

### **Knitter's Choice** (Instructor: Kelly)

Ongoing: Tuesday mornings 10:30 – 12:30 **-or-** Thursday evenings 6:30 – 8:30

Price: Pay as you go for \$10.00 per class session, or \$48/6 session punchcard

Instructor: Kelly

Description: I call this class Knitter's Choice with a nod to Elizabeth Zimmerman, my knitting hero. Knitter's choice is just that - YOUR choice: you pick the project, we provide the support. Knit what YOU want, but if you get stuck, don't worry, we can guide you along the way. This is a great option if you want to take a class with a friend, but you knit at different levels. Come to just one or all of the classes – knitter's choice.

### **Knitted Beaded Amulet Bag** (Instructor: Ann)

2 sessions, Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 4:00

Price: \$20.00 plus \$12 materials fee

Instructor: Ann

Description: Looking for something different to knit? Are you in a spring/summer knitting slump? Try this one! Ann will guide you in knitting a cute little beaded amulet bag. Using size 11 seed beads, pearl cotton, and size two 0000 needles, you'll knit a small bag that can be worn as a necklace. While this isn't a beginner project, don't let the small needles intimidate you - stretch yourself!

### **Beaded Sheep Pin** (Instructor: Ann)

2 sessions, Wednesdays July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Price: \$20.00 plus \$18 materials fee

Another fun beaded project from Ann! Have you seen the cute beaded sheep pin in the shop? You can make one too!. All materials are included in the materials fee, including a set of 0000 needles. The kit includes enough materials to make two pins: one for you and one for a friend.

### **Learn to Knit – Felted Bag** (Instructor: Kelly)

3 sessions, Saturdays August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00

Price: \$30 plus materials

It's time to learn to knit or expand your skills while making a cute felted bag. In this class, you'll learn how to cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease, bind off, sew a seam, and how to knit i-cord. So, whether you want to start from the beginning, or if you're tired of knitting just scarves, join us!

### **Knitting with Kerri** (Instructor: Kerri)

4 sessions, Mondays August 4<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30

Price: \$40

Are you stuck on a project and need some help? Or are you stuck on five projects? Do you have something in mind, but you're worried about going it alone? Or maybe you were

interested in one of Kerri's classes, but it didn't fit into your schedule: socks, felted clogs, lace shawls, entrelac, mitered squares, baby surprise jacket. Maybe you want to try another of Elizabeth Zimmerman's designs, but her instructions intimidate you. Come to Knitting with Kerri and she'll give you the guidance you need. And don't feel like you have to choose just one project! She'll help out with as many as you'd like.

**Beaded Lace Scarf** (Instructor: Ann)

2 sessions, Wednesdays August 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30

Price: \$23 plus materials

Join Ann in making a beautiful beaded scarf from Jackie Erickson-Schweitzer of Heartstrings Fiber Arts. This is a luxurious scarf with small beads knitted into a flowing lace pattern. It's knit in laceweight yarn with size 8/0 beads. It would make a beautiful Christmas gift, or keep it for yourself! Skill level: intermediate

**Toe-to-Cuff Lace Socks** (Instructor: Ann)

3 sessions, Wednesdays August 20<sup>th</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 – 8:30

Price: \$33 plus materials

Are you tired of making plain socks and want to try something new? Learn new techniques with these socks: they have a pretty lace rib stitch pattern and are quick to knit in worsted weight yarn, and they're knit from the toe up. Fun!

**Basics: Hats** (Instructor: Kelly)

2 sessions, Saturdays August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00

Price: \$22 plus materials

This is the first in a series of Basics classes we're going to be offering. Using Nancy Lindberg's classic and versatile patterns, you'll learn how to knit an item using any weight yarn you'd like, from fingering to super chunky. Gauge is the key. Once you know the basics, you can get very creative knitting truly one-of-a-kind projects!

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Once again, I want to thank y'all for your support!

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Here's the full letter from Carol Anderson, Cottage Creations:

Greetings from Iowa, soggy Iowa...

Tonight on the news we learned that 69 of Iowa's 99 counties have been declared "disaster" counties. The tornado that hit Parkersburg (Iowa) is less than 50 miles south of us.

While our county is not one of the devastated ones, we too had problems at our house. Deer Creek flows through our property and six miles downstream Deer Creek flows into the Cedar River, which of course empties into the Mississippi. On Sunday, June 8th, we woke up to well over a foot of water in our basement, Deer Creek swollen to within 100 yards of our house. All is under control, though today, two weeks later, the creek is still high and our sump pump continues to work. Our basement is just that, a basement and I'm glad we've not entertained the idea of finishing it—of course, my yarn is stored upstairs! In the big scheme of things our problems don't even register.

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Please attach a card to items with the following information:

- 1) Name of item*
- 2) Size, if applicable*
- 3) Fiber content (most items should be machine washable and dryable)*
- 4) If desired: your name and address and any word of encouragement.*

*Send to: Post office address:
Cottage Creations
At the Farm on Deer Creek
Carpenter, Iowa 50426*

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Carol Anderson
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Thanks....Carol Anderson

