

fall 2008

A GRAND YARN

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greetings

Dear Friends of A Grand Yarn,

Is it any wonder that fall season incites so much enthusiasm among knitters? The chill starts to descend, giving all the more reason to make warm knitted goods. The colors start to change, the yellows, reds, oranges, and browns inspiring their reflection in yarn. The darkness starts to arrive sooner, making evening knitting time begin earlier. And the holidays start to creep into our minds, prompting us to select just the right gifts to knit for someone we love. It's a wonderful time indeed.

Here at A Grand Yarn, we're celebrating this season with lots of new classes, events, and products. Well over half of our classes are new, with many opportunities for picking up new techniques and knitting fabulous projects. New offerings include Clapotis Scarf, Chevron Love Hat, Undulating Beaded Scarf, Log Cabin Felted Bag, Central Park Hoodie, and Elizabeth Zimmeran Tomten Jacket, to name just a few. Plus, we have guest teachers, an exciting author event, a trunk show, and a new charity knitting group. You'll find all the details within this newsletter.

We also want to note that autumn at A Grand Yarn brings our anniversary. The end of September will mark four years in business. That's the time it takes to go to college, or the time between Olympics, or maybe the time it takes to complete that certain unfinished knitting project that's been sitting in the closet. For those of us at A Grand Yarn, the past four years have meant meeting all of you incredible people, being impressed and inspired by your creativity, being moved by your stories, and being grateful for every day. So we thank you for making the years so marvelous. With all that in mind, we invite you to join us as we fall in love with fall all over again. Happy knitting!

Best wishes,
Mary and the AGY Staff

simply grand pattern

We are pleased to announce that our fall Simply Grand pattern is a lovely little shawl with a lacey trim. Called the Graceful Shawl, this is one of those accessories that you can wear again and again with just about anything. The pattern, set to be released in October, is very versatile and can be used with all sorts of yarns, but we decided to knit it in the luscious Louisa Harding Grace. Simply Grand patterns are free with purchase of yarn for the project.

fiber trends returns!

This spring the Fiber Trends and Naturally trunk show and reception with Bev Galeskas was so fun and inspiring, we just had to do it again! So please join us **Saturday, September 6th** to see a great sampling of Fiber Trends and Naturally designs, particularly new fall projects. Plus, you'll have a chance to meet and visit with Bev Galeskas, the founder and owner of Fiber Trends, one of the most popular and recognizable pattern lines in the knitting world. Some of the great Fiber Trends patterns include the Felted Clogs, the Leaf Lace Shawl, the Landscape Shawl, and the Color on the Side cardigan. Bev will be in the shop all day to meet and greet customers and give us some insight into her patterns and yarns, which include the Naturally line from New Zealand. She will also be bringing along project quantities of the yarn that each trunk show item uses so that you may have the opportunity to buy the exact yarn shown in the pattern. As we all know, there is nothing like seeing an actual knitting project in person, as opposed to seeing a photo on a pattern. If you missed the spring event, be sure to stop in (actually, Mary missed it the last time because her grandson Carl was born that day). And if you made it the last time, stop by to see the new samples and to say hello to Bev again.

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Trunk Show & Reception
Saturday, September 6
10:00am-5:00pm



knit one, give one

Here at A Grand Yarn we invite you to join us in using our knitting skills to contribute to the Spokane community. This fall we are launching a new donation endeavor called Knit One, Give One. The idea is to knit hats and wristwarmers to give to Crosswalk, a shelter and multi-service center for homeless and at-risk teens. Our goal is to have 100 projects finished by December 15th. We will provide yarn kits and patterns for the Knit One, Give One projects. If you would like to participate, you may pick up a kit any time after September 10th. Please note that we will only give out one kit at a time; if you would like to knit multiples—which we welcome and encourage—we will give you a new kit when you turn in a finished project. You can knit the projects at home at your own pace. But for those of you who would like to meet and knit together with other contributors, we will have several Knit One, Give One gatherings. We hope you can join us in our mission to warm some heads and hands this winter. Thank you!

Knit One, Give One Knit-Together

Fridays: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21, 12/12—3:30-5:30

let's knit together

Sure it's fun to knit in the comfort of your own home in your favorite chair, your favorite music or show playing, and your favorite snack by your side. But you know what's just as fun? Knitting in a group. You get to participate in lively conversation, see other people's projects, trade knitting tips, and get inspired. If this appeals to you, please join us for one or both of our popular knitting groups. They're free and weekly. Bring a current project and knit away. Your favorite knitting chair will still be there at home for you every other day of the week.

Good Morning Knitting
Tuesdays from 10:30 to 12:00

Saturday Stitches
Saturdays from 3:00 to 5:00

guest teachers

TERRI SHEA

We are so thrilled to welcome to Spokane Terri Shea, author of *Selbuvotter: Biography of a Knitting Tradition*. After a career in the computer field, Terri began designing knitwear in 2002. A few years later, she enrolled in a Museum Studies program, which led to her extensive research into Selbu knitting, a style reflected in the iconic black and white star-patterned mittens of Norway. That research resulted in her new book, which details the history of Selbuvotter and includes thirty incredible antique patterns for Selbu mittens and gloves. Terri's visit is a unique opportunity to absorb both knitting history and technique, so you won't want to miss it! You can visit Terri's web site at www.selbuvotter.com.

Book Event

The history of Selbu knitting is intriguing and, surprisingly enough, can be traced back to a single individual: a teenage girl knitting up in the Norwegian hills while she watched the cows graze. The story of Selbu knitting includes everything from the folk culture traditions that surround the patterns to its development into a successful business for Norwegian women. Now there are fewer than a dozen true Selbu knitters in Norway. Terri will be giving a fascinating presentation on this rich history of Selbu knitting at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church on Thursday, October 2nd. Her talk includes photos and information that didn't make it into the book. This event isn't just for knitters. Anyone interested in design, Scandinavia, or folk history will find something to love in Terri's talk. A book sale and signing will follow the presentation.

***Selbuvotter* Presentation**
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
316 E. 24th Avenue
Spokane, WA 99203
Thursday, October 2nd, 7:30 p.m.
Fee: Free!

Mitten Workshop

Hear the story behind Norway's most beloved traditional mitten style, the Selbuvotter, while you learn to make some for yourself. Students will knit an original two-color design based on a year's research studying old mittens and gloves from Norway. Techniques to be covered include stranded knitting, a stranded cuff, shaping the thumb gusset, shaping the pointed fingertip, and working the thumb. In addition, you will be able to examine thirty sample mittens and gloves from Terri's book, recreated from actual antiques and museum collections. The class will also cover designing your own mittens and modifying mitten patterns to make gloves. The workshop will include a one-hour lunch break, and you will have the option of ordering lunch in if you like. Please note that students need to be proficient at knitting in the round on double points and should be prepared to knit stranded patterns in two colors.

***Selbuvotter* Workshop**
A Grand Yarn
Friday, October 3rd, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Fee: \$90

INGRID FINSTUEN

Mary's daughter Ingrid will travel over from Tacoma to teach a few fun new classes this fall. The classes cover relatively quick projects that include some interesting technique or color details to give the projects a unique signature. For knitting tales and photos, you can visit Ingrid's blog at www.agrandyarn.blogspot.com.

RAZZLE DAZZLE VEST NEW!

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$45

This adorable bright vest designed by Jil Eaton is sure to get lots and lots of use...and praise. Students will learn how to use the two-handed Fair Isle technique to create alternating stitch colors. But there are absolutely no charts, so this is a great project for getting the hang of simple stranding. There is very little finishing (no button band!), making this a surprisingly quick project. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursdays: 9/18 & 10/23 – 5:30 – 7:30

CLAPOTIS SCARF NEW!

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$35

The Clapotis (pronounced clap-oh-tea) scarf sparked a frenzy when it first appeared on Knitty.com. It has gone on to become one of Knitty's all-time most popular projects. And with good reason. The beautiful design is knit on the bias and features diagonal dropped ladders at regular intervals. The impact is incredible. As if that weren't enough, it's a terribly addictive project and can be easily adapted to various yarns, widths, and lengths. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Friday: 9/19 – 1:00-3:00

KNIT ONE UNDER SCARF NEW!

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$35

Mary and Stacy discovered this great project at market in June. The scarf gives the effect of vertical stripes by using two yarns and employing the technique of working into the stitch below. In this class, Ingrid will teach this "knit one under" technique and give you tips for keeping track of where you are in the pattern. Self-striping yarns can create an incredible effect in this scarf, and it makes a marvelous gift for men and women alike. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturday: 9/20 – 1:00-3:00

▪ classes at a grand yarn ▪

Registration: Class registration begins immediately on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-payment is required with registration to secure your spot in the class. You can register in person or over the phone. Supplies are not included in the class fee.

Cancellations: You may cancel up to one week before the first class for a full refund. If you cancel later than that, we will issue a refund if we are able to fill your space. You can transfer class fees to apply to another class within the same semester if you still let us know a week prior to the original class. If a class does not fill with the minimum students, we will cancel the class and issue a full refund.

Student Discounts: Students receive a non-transferable, one-time 10% storewide discount card at the time of registration. The discount is valid through the last day of class. The AGY Club discount can be applied on top of the class discount. You will need to present your discount card at the time of purchase.

Skill Level: Our class descriptions include a skill level to help you choose classes that suit your abilities.

Learn To. You have never picked up needles or you need a refresher of the basics.

Beginner. You know how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off.

Advanced Beginner. You are comfortable with knitting, purling, and binding off. Some experience with shaping.

Intermediate. You have completed many projects, can read most patterns, and are ready for more challenging projects.

Private Lessons: If you can't make one of the class times, there is a specific skill or project you want to learn, or you work better one-on-one, consider making an appointment for a private lesson. Our teachers are available for lessons on any skill or project you have in mind. Lessons are \$20 per hour for one person or \$30 per hour for two people.

getting started and building skills

BEGINNING KNITTING: SCARF AND HAT

Skill Level: Learn To

Fee: \$65

If you want to become a knitter, this is an excellent place to start. This comprehensive class will help you learn to cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease, cast off, and read patterns. Over the course of the class, you will work on a scarf and a hat. You can even make yourself a matching set! (4 sessions. Maximum 6 students.)

Saturdays: 9/13, 9/20, 10/4, 10/11– 10:30-12:30 (Sheila)

Wednesdays: 9/24, 10/1, 10/15, 10/22–5:30-7:30 (Gerda)

Saturdays: 11/8, 11/15, 12/6, 12/13 – 3:00-5:00 (Sheila)

LEARN TO CROCHET with Leslie Huppín

Skill Level: Learn To

Fee: \$25

In this class, you will learn the basics of crocheting and will be able to go ahead and start a simple crochet project. Whether you are a knitter who wants to enter the world of crochet or whether you don't have any previous needlework experience, this is a great place to begin. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesday: 9/23 – 2:00-4:00

Tuesday: 10/20 – 2:00-4:00

LACE 101 with Mary Perry **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$25

Lace is experiencing a huge surge in the knitting world right now. Often when knitters try lace, they become addicted. But lace knitting can be daunting. In this class, Mary will demystify lace charts and lace techniques, priming you for a new knitting experience. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursday: 9/25 – 10:30-12:30

OOPS! with Mary Perry

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up

Fee: \$25

Don't let a mistake derail your project! In this immensely helpful class, Mary will teach you how to correct your mistakes so that one little goof doesn't mean you have to rip out the whole thing. These are invaluable skills to have that will save you a lot of time and frustration in your knitting. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursday: 9/25 – 1:00-3:00

PICKING FOR THROWERS! with Gerda Porter

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up

Fee: \$25

In the knitting world you often hear the question, "Are you a picker or a thrower?" Pickers, or Continental knitters, carry the yarn in their left hand, while throwers wrap with their right. Many feel that picking is faster and easier on your hands than throwing. If you are already a thrower but would like to try changing to a picker, this class is a great place to begin. Gerda will help you make the switch. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesday: 9/17 – 10:30-12:30

Saturday: 11/8 – 10:30-12:30

one hour wonders

These one-hour classes are designed to give you a quick jump-start on a project. Just one hour and you'll be off!

STITCH CLUB with Leslie Huppín

Skill Level: Beginner and Up

In this popular workshop, Leslie teaches a single stitch pattern that you can add to your repertoire. This is an excellent way to build your stitch pattern experience, not to mention a great way to meet with other knitters on a regular basis. Each session, you will receive a handout that details the stitch pattern, given suggestions for uses of the stitch, and provided a spot where you can attach your own stitch swatch as a reminder to yourself. Students may start the Stitch Club at any session. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Fee: \$15 for the first session (includes stitch notebook and yarn), \$5 each session thereafter

Tuesdays: 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/20, 11/4, 11/18 – 12:30-1:30

LINEN WASHCLOTHS with Mary Lindeblad **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$15

Linen fiber is perfect for making exfoliating washcloths. In this class, Mary will teach you two different stitch patterns for making lovely washcloths. One of these quickie projects paired with a nice bar of soap makes an incredibly thoughtful gift. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursday: 10/16 – 10:30-11:30

Friday: 11/7 – 10:30-11:30

LACEY LINES SILK SCARF with Sheila Porter

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$15

Learn how to knit a simple diagonal lacey pattern (no charts!). This year-round project works with all sorts of yarn but is especially stunning in silk. Lacey Lines has become one of the most popular projects at AGY. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturday: 9/27 – 10:30-11:30

Saturday: 10/25 – 3:00-4:00

RIB AND EYELETS SCARF with Mary Lindeblad **NEW!**

Skill Level: Beginner and Up

Fee: \$15

In this class, Mary will teach you a Simply Grand scarf pattern involving ribbing and eyelets. The pattern looks great in any yarn, but Mary has really stepped it up by using Muench Touch Me. She will show you how Touch Me, an oh-so-soft chenille, can be washed and ironed to create a supremely elegant, vintage look. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursday: 10/9 – 10:30-11:30

Saturday: 11/22 – 10:30-11:30

MISTI QUICKIE COWL with Mary Lindeblad

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$15

It's amazing what you can do with just one skein of Misti Alpaca Chunky! In this class, Mary will teach you how to use some simple stitches to make this fashionable neckwarmer. Chunky yarn and big needles make this an ultra-quickie project. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Friday: 10/17 – 10:30-11:30

Thursday: 11/13 – 3:30-4:30

SIMPLE BUT ELEGANT CROCHET SCARF with Leslie Huppin

Skill Level: Beginner and Up

Fee: \$15

Some simple crochet stitches come together to make this lovely scarf from the book *The Happy Hooker*. The scarf has scalloped edges and the option of a contrasting border. Depending on your yarn choice, you can make it cool and casual or dressy and elegant. Beginner crochet skills required. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesday: 10/7 – 2:00-3:00

keep your hat on

CHEVRON LOVE HAT with Mary Perry **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up

Fee: \$35

What's to love about this hat? Well, there's the beautiful striped chevron pattern. There's also the soft knitted lining on the inside of the band. And then, of course, there's the fact that it is simply fun to knit. Join Mary as she shows you the ins and outs and the ups and downs of this great pattern. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursdays: 11/6 & 11/20 – 10:30-12:30

RED WAVES BERET with Gerda Porter **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up

Fee: \$35

We instantly fell in love with this hat, which appears on the cover of the new book *Casual Elegant Knits*. This hat, a sort of cozy oversized tam, looks flattering on everyone and is a joy to knit. In this class, Gerda will teach you the textured stitch pattern and shaping techniques you need to make this project a big success. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturdays: 10/4 & 10/18 – 3:00-5:00

Wednesdays: 10/8 & 10/22 – 10:30-12:30

TWINED HAT with Leslie Huppin **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up

Fee: \$25

In this class, Leslie will teach you the old Swedish technique of twining, or two-ended knitting. The resulting fabric is both beautiful and durable. This interesting variation on the basic hat, designed by Lisa Ellis, has many people hooked. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesday: 11/4 – 2:00-4:00

EARFLAP HAT with Sheila Porter **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up

Fee: \$35

Earflap hats are very popular right now, both on the street and on the slopes. Join Sheila as she shows you how to make a cool and cozy earflap hat that knits up in a flash. This is a project that is sure to get a lot of requests from family and friends. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturdays: 12/6 & 12/13 – 10:30-12:30

scarves and shawls

VOGUE FLORAL SCARF with Gerda Porter **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$30

This stunning scarf appeared on the cover of *Vogue Knitting's* 25th anniversary edition. Beautiful silky knitted flowers come together in what can only be described as wearable art. Join Gerda in this class as she guides you along the way toward making your own masterpiece. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturday: 10/18 – 10:00-1:00

Friday: 11/14 – 10:00-1:00

UNDULATING BEADED SCARF with Leslie Huppin **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$30

Bring together some sock yarn and beads and what do you get? An elegant, show-stopping scarf. In this class, Leslie will show you how to knit with beads in a pattern that splashes a few beads here and a few beads there to create a dramatic look. This scarf makes a very special gift, if you can bear giving it away. (1 session. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesday: 10/14 – 12:30-3:30

Tuesday: 11/18 – 2:00-5:00

EZ MOEBIUS SCARF with Lena Lopez-Schindler **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$35

Beloved knitting guru Elizabeth Zimmerman designed this twisted strip scarf years ago, and it is still as lovely as ever. Lena will show you how to knit the lace strip and then how to twist it and graft the ends together for the seamless effect. This is a versatile accessory you can use for years to come. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Fridays: 11/21 & 12/12 – 1:00-3:00

LEAF LACE SHAWL with Gerda Porter

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Fee: \$35

This elegant pattern from Fiber Trends is a wonderful introduction to lace knitting. With a triangular shape, a leaf design, and size and gauge options, this is a shawl you just might find yourself wearing over everything all the months of the year. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Fridays: 10/10 & 10/31 – 10:30-12:30

lovely little gifts

FAIR ISLE WRISTWARMERS with Gerda Porter **NEW!** Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$35
This pattern, which appears in the fall issue of *Interweave Knits*, pairs a beautiful, traditional Fair Isle chart with sleek and modern wristwarmers. The result is quite wonderful. If you don't have any Fair Isle experience, this is an excellent place to start. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesdays: 9/17 & 10/1 – 1:00-3:00

Wednesdays: 11/26 & 12/10 – 3:30-5:30

BROKEN RIB MITTENS with Pat Nerbun Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$35
With just one skein of the gorgeous hand-dyed Mountain Colors 4/8's Wool, you can make these great mittens. The broken rib stitch pattern adds some interest to the body, yet the pattern is basic enough to take these on as your first mittens. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Fridays: 11/21 & 12/5 – 10:30-12:30

MODULAR LUNCH BAG with Nancy Palmer **NEW!** Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$35
Modular knitting, in which you start with one shape and build from there with more shapes, can be extremely fun and extremely addictive. In this class, Nancy will teach you the modular technique and how to use it to make a little bag of her own design. The size is perfect for a lunch bag (carry your munchies in style!), but you can also easily adapt the idea to make a different size. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturdays: 11/1 & 11/15 – 10:30-12:30

sock it to me

TOE UP MAGIC LOOP SOCKS with Mary Perry Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$50
In this class, Mary will teach you how to knit socks from the toe up instead of the cuff down. You will also learn how to use the Magic Loop method, where you use one long circular instead of double points or two circulars. The socks in this class are knit with a larger gauge yarn so you can move along quickly. (3 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Thursdays: 11/6, 11/20, 12/4 – 1:00-3:00

SLOUCH SOCKS with Pat Nerbun **NEW!** Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$50
Doesn't it feel great to have some socks to lounge around the house in? In this class, Pat will teach you how to knit some very cozy, casual socks that have a slouchy cuff. Pat will be teaching the socks on double points. This is an excellent first sock project. (3 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturdays: 9/27, 10/11, 11/1 – 3:00-5:00

fun with felting

LOG CABIN FELTED BAG with Leslie Huppin **NEW!** Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$35
Leslie has designed this beautiful felted bag that brings together several colors in a traditional log cabin pattern in which panels of color build off of each other. It's fun to knit and lovely to behold. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesdays: 10/14 & 10/27 – 4:00-6:00

REDWOOD FALLS STRIPED BAG with Leslie Huppin Skill Level: Beginner-Advanced Beginner Fee: \$35
This great bag pattern features fascinating construction that enables you to have horizontal stripes on the ends and gusset and vertical stripes on the sides. Have fun with color as you learn to create a one-of-a-kind bag that is sure to turn heads. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesdays: 11/11 & 11/25 – 12:30-2:30

FELTED ARAN MITTENS with Mary Perry Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up Fee: \$50
Back by popular demand, this class takes you through the Cabin Fever felted mittens, which feature a stunning aran cable design on the back of the hand. Mary will teach you how to conquer the mitten construction and the cabling successfully. And since the project is felted, it's a low-stress way to learn aran cables. You can't help but love these mittens. (3 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesdays: 10/8, 10/22, 11/5 – 3:30-5:30

FELTED CLOGS with Mary Perry Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$35
In this class, Mary will take you through the popular Fiber Trends pattern for felted clog-style slippers. Along the way, you will learn short-row shaping and three-needle bind-off. This is an excellent technique class, and the finished product is fantastic. Many customers make pair after pair after pair. (2 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Tuesdays: 12/2 & 12/16 – 12:30-2:30

babies and children

LACEY BABY CARDIGAN with Gerda Porter **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up Fee: \$50

Nothing adds femininity and that heirloom-quality feel to a baby sweater like a little bit of lace. In this class, Gerda will guide you through an adorable raglan baby cardigan with lace detailing around the “skirt” of the sweater. The project, worked from the top down, is short on finishing and long on precious details. (3 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesdays: 9/24, 10/8, 10/22 – 1:00-3:00

HELIX STRIPED BABY CARDIGAN with Mary Perry **NEW!**

Skill Level: Intermediate Fee: \$50

Join Mary as she teaches her very own design for this ingenious, stunning cardigan. First off, you will learn how to use the helix technique, which involves striping with three colors in the round but without any jogs or any sign of the beginning of the round. Then you will learn how to take your striped tube and steek it (that is, actually cut the cardigan opening and neckline). You won't want to miss this one! (3 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesdays: 11/5, 11/19, 12/3 – 1:00-3:00

More projects for babies and kids!

Please note that in the EZ Tomten Jacket and the Wonderful Wallaby classes, listed in our “Garments” section, you may elect to make the sweaters in children’s sizes.

garments

CENTRAL PARK HOODIE with Pat Nerbun **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up Fee: \$65

The Central Park Hoodie from *Knitscene* magazine has taken the knitting world by storm. This beautiful, casual sweater is the kind you will wear constantly and will be so proud to say that you knit. With cables up the sides, sleeves, and hood, the sweater has a lot of visual interest and is a ton of fun to make. (4 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturdays: 9/27, 10/11, 11/1, 11/15 – 1:00-3:00

EZ TOMTEN JACKET with Lena Lopez-Schindler **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner and Up Fee: \$65

Elizabeth Zimmerman thought up the Tomten Jacket for her baby boy in 1940, and the pattern was first published in 1961. (Tomten is a little Swedish elf known for his good deeds.) In the famous EZ style, the jacket is worked entirely in simple garter stitch but with surprising, innovative construction. Join Lena as she takes you through this knitting adventure. Students have the option of knitting a child or adult sized Tomten. (4 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Fridays: 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7 – 1:00-3:00

CHIC KNITS EYELET CARDI with Gerda Porter **NEW!**

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Fee: \$65

Sometimes the smallest detail makes all the difference. This is the case for the Chic Knits Eyelet Cardi, a simple and elegant cardigan with a row of eyelet detailing around the yoke. The sweater is worked from the top down, has three-quarter-length sleeves, and a single button closure. Join Gerda as she guides you through making what is sure to be a wardrobe staple. (4 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesdays: 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 11/26 – 1:00-3:00

FIDDLESTICKS GRACE PULLOVER with Gerda Porter **NEW!**

Skill Level: Intermediate Fee: \$65

Do you want to knit a sweater that is a bit more of a challenge and is guaranteed to elicit tons of oohs and aahs? Well, this is the sweater. The Fiddlesticks Grace Pullover is supremely feminine, with lace ribbing at the waist and cuffs, leaf lace in the body, and a deep lacey v-neck. Let Gerda help you through this beautiful, satisfying project. (4 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Wednesdays: 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12 – 3:30-5:30

WONDERFUL WALLABY with Gerda Porter

Skill Level: Advance Beginner Fee: \$65

The complete Wonderful Wallaby class is back by popular demand. One of our all-time most popular projects at AGY, the Wonderful Wallaby is a hooded sweatshirt-style sweater perfect for men, women, kids, and adults of all sizes and tastes. The sweater is worked in the round from the bottom up, so there's hardly any finishing. Gerda is our resident Wonderful Wallaby Wonder Woman, and she has all sorts of tips and tricks to make your first Wallaby a roaring success. Students have the option of knitting any size, from a child's 2 through an adult XXL. (4 sessions. Maximum 8 students.)

Saturdays: 10/4, 10/18, 11/8, 11/22 – 1:00-3:00

what is ravelry?

Just think if you could find a giant web site where you could access information on all sorts of yarn and patterns, look at tons and tons of photos, and connect with other knitters. Well, there is such a place, and it's called Ravelry.com. The site, which began as a couple's modest idea a few years ago, has become a huge phenomenon in the knitting world. At Ravelry you can keep track of your knitting in your personalized "notebook," upload project photos, find information on patterns and yarns, see what fellow knitters are working on, and join groups with people who have similar interests. And it's free! For those of you who haven't already joined, our September e-newsletter will contain an overview how to register for and use Ravelry. And this fall we will be starting an A Grand Yarn Ravelry group. So stay tuned!

a place for lace

Lace is experiencing a huge boom in the knitting world right now. But for those of you who haven't ventured into lace much yet, keep in mind that lace knitting doesn't have to mean super-complicated charts and teeny tiny needles (unless you want it to mean that...). Plus, an entire project doesn't have to be lacey; you can use just a bit of lace as an accent. This fall we have quite a few class projects containing lace or lace-like stitches. Class details can be found in the newsletter.

Lace 101 - Fill your lace toolchest with basic how-to's and tips.

Linen Washcloths - Apply a bit of lace to a small square for exfoliating.

Lacey Lines - One of our most popular projects. No charts and only four rows.

Rib and Eyelets Scarf - Get a taste of a lace effect with some well-placed yo's.

Misti Quickie Cowl - Big yarn and big needles make this one a quickie indeed.

EZ Moebius Scarf - Beautiful, not-too-complicated lace makes this one a winner.

Leaf Lace Shawl - A perfect entrée into lace shawl knitting.

Lacey Baby Cardigan - This girl's sweater has darling lace around the bottom.

Chic Knits Eyelet Cardi - A row of yo's gives this cardi distinctive detail.

Fiddlesticks Grace Pullover - A splendidly feminine sweater with lace all over.



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