

In The Loop



Dear Skein Lane Community:

It's December and then some almost! Time to share [holiday greetings](#) to all! And just barely...I was convinced that I wouldn't be saying "and where has the time gone" this month! And now having said that, I do want to get greetings out to each of you tonight. I was particularly reminded today of the joy of the special friendships that have come from our knitting workshops. The Friday morning knitting workshop celebrates the season by lunching every Friday during December and I was able to join them today...as we toasted our friendships I was moved to tears with the special feeling of all these friendships...truly a joyous feeling for the season. I think we all feel blessed.

The previous weekend found us [celebrating the season](#) within our knitting workshop groups and there are certainly some good cooks amongst us knitters! We might even publish our own cookbook..the Saturday morning group was particularly full of ourselves....and the Thursday group outdid themselves with great desserts..and Friday had one more celebration....and our Tuesday group had a quieter but joyous celebration.....most importantly...it's the treasure of the spirit and the friendships.

At one of our workshops early in December, Margot shared a delightful Christmas memory....the days before Christmas were filled with anticipation about when their dolls, hers and her sisters, would disappear for the season...the dolls were spirited away and returned on Christmas morning with their new wardrobe! Margot thought the disappearance and the anticipation was even more exciting than the actual new wardrobe. I wish you could hear Margot's voice as she shared this....she has such great mirth in her voice.

Margaret was so inspired by the [gauntlets](#) that were being shown in the knitting workshops....so inspired that she completed 20 pairs for her family members and friends.

One more thing about gauntlets....my latest is the [sock gone gauntlet](#). At our knitting sock circle I was lamenting about the never ending tube sock...and Eleanor says, as I am trying the sock on my arm, "why not turn it into a gauntlet?!" No sooner said and I was putting a "buttonhole" in for my thumb and I just love my new gauntlet! Nothing like Koigu on your wrist!

As Bill and I were driving home from dinner this evening and seeing all the beautiful Christmas lights, I was reminded of another Christmas memory...that of my grandfather who put up the santa and reindeer Christmas lights on the roof of my grandparent's basement house in eastern Colorado each season...he often won a prize in our small town for these lights. We, the grandchildren, loved our grandfather's lights and the magic of Christmas.

Join us in the new year for our continuing classes.

Classes

The Winter sessions of [Knitting Workshops](#) begin January 8, 2008. Our Saturday afternoon knitalong, The [Saturday Morning Jacket](#), begins on January 5. Hope you can join us!

We have several classes coming up. We will be repeating the [top-down sweater class](#) again in January. The opportunity for custom designing is strong in this workshop and I have seen many wonderful projects - all beautiful and unique! Socks continue to be popular.. join us for [Vintage Sock Knitting](#) or if you are new to socks join us for our [Basic Socks Class](#) in January. A new class for us starting February 17, 2008 is the % Sweater inspired by Elizabeth Zimmeran. This class will be another opportunity for custom fitting...but this will be from the bottom up.

The next offering of *Getting Started on eBay* at the Adult School will be a 5-week series starting in January. If you are interested in taking the class contact [Albany Adult School](#).

Community

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings to all! And Happy New Year!

Knit on!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Knit on!".