

In The Loop

November 2007



Happy Thanksgiving

Dear Skein Lane Community:

Another few weeks gone by and new "techie" learnings have happened! A [slide show](#) of customer projects has been added for your viewing delight. As I check out the market place, I have been hearing a lot about inspiration boards and the slide shows serve as some of our inspiration boards.... an opportunity to be inspired with new visions for the endless possibilities of knitting and crocheting. I don't know about you....but I am barely into a design when I start thinking about the next idea!

As I write this, I am listening to a knitting podcast from [Cast On](#), and I marvel about how vast our knitting world has become and how many opportunities for knitting enjoyment await us. I became aware of several knitting podcasts with a recent [Lion Brand newsletter](#). Lion Brand has a podcast and have you heard of [Crazy Aunt Purl](#)? There are several podcasts out there for us to visit.

Another [knitter was "born"](#) this past weekend. Phyllis brought her 13-yr old niece to knitalong and within a short period of time, this delightful young lady had learned to cast on and knit. She embarked on a lengthwise garter scarf knit with Kathmandu Aran. During this afternoon I was reminded of my many knitting [afternoons with my Auntie Kate](#) when I was a young child...most wonderful memories.

Our [holiday knitalong](#) is fun.....gauntlets, scarves, socks, scarves, and hats are underway. Join us during these upcoming knitalongs as we are all busily knitting along for the holidays.

Here is another call for scarves for the [homeless project](#) that Sandy Olson was involved in with her church. If you have scarves to contribute, please drop them by Skein Lane Studio.

In early October Bill and I attended his grandson's wedding...you remember my marathon knitting to complete the [Colinette Afghan](#)? Well, that was the wedding and it was a joyous day with one of the fun events of the day being a photo booth. Yes, you popped into a photo booth...had your four pictures taken and picked the best of the four to post in the guest book. What a fun way to remember your wedding day! And we certainly remember how much we were laughing taking those photos!

My most recent project nearing completion is a top-down sweater knit in Brown Sheep's Cotton Fleece. I love the fit and the design. I am also completing gauntlets knit with Elsbeth Lavold's Silky Wool during our Saturday knitalong.

Classes

The Winter sessions of [Knitting Workshops](#) begin January 8, 2008. We are also offering a [Holiday mini-series workshop](#) during December. Hope you can join us!

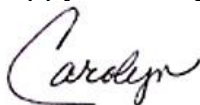
We have several classes coming up. We will be repeating the [top-down sweater class](#) again in January. The opportunity for custom designing is strong in this workshop and I have seen many wonderful projects - all beautiful and unique! Socks continue to be popular.. join us for [Vintage Sock Knitting](#) 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 Zimmerman. 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

I want to share that one of our knitting workshoppers is on the Board of [Women's Resouce Center for Cancer](#)...and she recently participated in a fund raiser where she and other swimmers raised money for this worthy cause. Congratulations to Merle and her many efforts!

Happy Thanksgiving! And happy knitting and stitching to all



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The tip for the month comes from Anne - she is just completing her Einstein Jacket and she has indeed added flare to it. She added flare to the "skirt" by shortrowing where side seams would be. She has created a beautiful drape to her jacket. A great idea!

Do you have a knitting time-saver? Got a hot crochet tip? Share your know how with other Skein Laners! Submit your tip or other helpful hint for knit or crochet by email to skeinlane@aol.com. If our staff chooses your tip for the newsletter, we'll mention your name with gratitude and even give you a prize.

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