



## Skein Laners,

Hope all are having a great spring and are ready for summer stitching! There is a lot happening these days at Skein Lane, and we are happy to see each of you in the shop. Until you're in next, here is the latest news of the shop, all in one newsletter.

- **New Yarns Arrive Daily...**
- **Hot Projects**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Knitter's Retreat**
- **Learning at the Studio**
- **Yarn Events**
- **Skein Lane Know How**

### **New yarns arrive daily...**

We just received a large shipment of Noro's **Kureyon**. If you're familiar with Noro yarns, you know it doesn't last long in our shop!

### **Hot Projects**

Summer is **sock season** – they're small, quick projects that are really appreciated come the fall. Get started with Skein Lane – we have a great selection including Regia, Sockotta and Lorna's Laces. In addition, we have just added a new sock class: Sockology 101. Visit the [class schedule](#) on our website for more information.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Knitter's Retreat**

Since it's almost summer, it's time to start planning about taking yourself to an after-summer knitting retreat. After your busy summer schedules, consider taking time out for a real knitting retreat, at a peaceful location near the Bay Area. Skein Lane's Fourth Annual Knitter's Retreat will be September 23-25, 2005 at Marconi Conference Center, near Point Reyes Station. Our very special guest instructor is Christine Bylsma, a talented knitting pattern designer and inspiring educator. Visit our [website](#) for all the details and contact the shop as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

### **Learning at the Studio**

This summer's highlights include Sockology 101 and the (Martha Stewart) Homecoming Poncho in (crochet) in June, a Sweater Design Series in July, and of course, Camp Knit for Kids in July and August. There are new classes added every week – visit the [class schedule](#) for a complete list of all our classes.

We still have room in one of our most exciting classes this year – the Magical Containers: Baskets and Sling Bags, given by Cat Bordhi this weekend, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Cat is the author of *The Treasury of Magical Knitting* and *Second Treasury of Magical Knitting*. We'll unlock

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the mysteries of the moebius as it can be applied to making baskets and bags. Hope you can join us! Visit the [Special Workshops](#) section of our class schedule for more information about this and other exciting national instructors and designers we will host at our Studio.

### Yarn Events

Skein Lane will have a booth at two tradeshow in the near future that may interest you....

Visit us at the Carquinez Strait Stitchers Quilt show, to be held April 30-May 1 in Benicia, California at the Historic Clock Tower. For the second time, Skein Lane will have a booth showcasing new yarns, fun notions and items you may not have seen before. But be sure to visit all the vendors and see the prize-winning quilted creations at this amazing show.

Even if you don't quilt, all the quilts you see will inspire you. Phone 707.749.6336 or [cssquilter@pacbell.net](mailto:cssquilter@pacbell.net) for more information. Hours are 10am-5pm Saturday and 10am-4pm Sunday. Stop in the shop to pick up a flyer and come and say hello when you're there.

On July 22-24, Skein Lane will also have a booth at the [Summer Fiber Arts Market](#), co-sponsored by the Knitting Guild of America and the Crochet Guild of America, at Oakland Convention Center downtown at the Marriott Hotel. This is a great meeting of knitters and crocheters, where there will be classes, contests, a fashion show and of course, a little shopping. Stop in at Skein Lane, Booth 116-118.

And something to look forward to near the end of summer – the **Skein Lane Summer Sale!** Stay tuned for more information on our annual August sale event.

### Skein Lane Know How

Recently, several customers and staff have shared a neat little trick for joining your plied yarns together when you change to a new ball. Known as the **Russian Join**, it makes a strong, nearly undetectable join of two ends of yarn AND removes the need to weave in those 6-inch tails we all hate to deal with. Visit [www.computertutor-online.com/russian.htm](http://www.computertutor-online.com/russian.htm) for easy step-by-step instructions with clear photographs. This technique is best used with a solid colored plied yarn (two or more strands twisted together) that is wool or other animal fibers. You could also test it with plied cotton yarns. It is not recommended for novelties, unless it is plied.

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