

Happy Spring!

Now that spring is virtually here, most you will probably be focused more on outdoor activities but we do hope you won't forget that there are also great warm weather knitting projects for those rainy days or evenings when you're ready for a little relaxation.

In fact, we were thinking about the great response to our Scarf-a-Month Club and wondering how to give it a warm weather twist and voila.... welcome to the **COTTON CLUB!**

What are the Cotton Club projects?

Month	Project name	Yarn name
April 15	Stow-Away Shopping Bag	Mission Falls 1824 Cotton
May 15	There and Back Again Socks	Frog Tree Picoboo Cotton Bamboo
June 15	Charlotte's Easy Lace Shawl	Araucania Lonco Multy
July 15	Adobe Table Runner	Elsebeth Lavold Hemptathy
Aug 15	Undulating Waves Scarf (beads additional)	Schaefer Yarn Susan
Sept 15	Artisan's Vest (enough yarn for size medium or large; doesn't include buttons)	Green Mountain Spinnery Cotton Comfort

What's included with your Cotton Club membership?

Correct amount of yarn in a surprise colorway (although we will attempt to honor all special color requests depending on available in-stock colorways.) Some months, we will offer an option for an alternate yarn.

Pattern or link to pattern for you to download (this is required by some of the pattern designers). We are always happy to suggest an alternate pattern if you want to try something else.

Shipping (the cost of the Club includes shipping.)

A very special gift for everyone who completes the club – a bonus 7th project! You will get the yarn and pattern to make a cotton (of course) mitered squares throw pillow. Mary Jeanne from Watkins Glen and Kathleen from the Rutland store will design this pattern that will make its premier for the 2010 Cotton Club members.

What is the cost of the Cotton Club?

Membership fee (non-refundable) - \$15. If you pay for the entire Club at time of sign-up, we will waive the registration fee. Or if you are already in our Scarf-a-Month Club, we'll waive the fee, as well.

Monthly charge - \$25, payable on the 15th of each month. No refunds, no exchanges, no substitutions other than Club-offered alternates. You may cancel your membership at any time.

How can you sign up for Cotton Club membership?

You can call the shop (802.775.7800), send an email (yarnshopgmf@gmail.com), or register and pay online via PayPal. The first project, Stow-Away Shopping Bag, will be ready for pick up or shipping in about one week.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN SPINNING CAMP!

Happening now! If you're a spinner or a wannabe spinner like I am, stop by the store this month for a spinning demonstration or even sign up for an individual class. We'll soon have Louet spinning wheels on display and available for sale. It's a perfect time of year to learn to spin with shearing season fast approaching.

KNITTING CLASSES

We know that long days and sunshine encourage you all to be outdoors but do want to serve your class wishes as well. Rather than schedule classes for April and May, we invite you to tell us what's on your list of "must learn" techniques or projects. We'll try to accommodate your availability.

SIT-N-KNIT

Don't forget that we're still hanging around knitting on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening. Feel free to stop in and join us for as long as your schedule permits.

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WHAT'S NEW at Green Mountain Fibers?

In the last few weeks, we received lots of great new fibers. Come and check them out.

- Araucania Ruca Multi - that luscious Sugarcane yarn in fabulous summer pastels.
- Noro Aya – cotton, silk, wool blend that would make a wonderful Crest of the Sugar Wave shawl (Ravelry pattern).
- Elsebeth Lavold Hemptathy
- Louisa Harding Fleuris – bamboo, wool blend in worsted weight ... very soft!
- Queensland Collection Haze – corn, cotton blend in DK
- Dalegarn – new colors of Baby Ull and Heilo.
- Queensland Collection Bebe Cotsoy – cotton, soy blend
- Buttons, buttons, buttons – a new selection of vintage buttons, Danforth Pewter buttons, and Pute Buton clay buttons.
- Plymouth Heaven – ooo-la-la soft baby yarn.

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SCARF-A-MONTH

If you're a member and haven't received your alpaca for April's Mobius Cowl, please let us know.

Happy knitting, crocheting, and spinning...

Kathleen