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# Green Mountain Yarn & Fiber News



Sunshine and warm weather don't always conjure images of yarn and knitting projects - unless you're addicted to the craft like I and some of our avid all-season knitters. Regardless of your knitting habits, Saturday June 13th is for every knitter, crocheter, spinner, weaver. **WWKIP, or World Wide Knit in Public Day**, is our opportunity to show the world that we love fiber and all the groovy things you can do with it. So, why not come on by and join us for an afternoon knitting adventure.

Bring along yourself, your knitting, and a comfortable outdoor chair to sit outside and knit. Depending on the weather, we can use the grass or the front porch. And, while you're here, we have lots of project samples, patterns, and fibers fit for summer wear! Keep those needles clicking for all seasons! If you can't join us, make your own WWKIP Day anywhere you happen to be!



**An Update on the Great American Aran Afghan** - I told you in the last enews that I was embarking on this "BIG" "small" project - and I have! One square is finished, from the list of five in the "easy" category. And, although it looks complex with bobbles and cables, it's quite intuitive after a few rows. The second is on needles now and I'm loving it. This is definitely one of those great projects to carry around in your knitting bag and whip out when you have a few minutes to knock off a few rows. I'm using Galway (although I would have sworn it was Encore) but any worsted weight yarn will do. Encore gives you washability that I won't have with wool.



**Coming Soon!** Linaza from Plymouth. 50% FS Alpaca, 25% Linen, 25% Tencel  
Gauge: 6 sts = 1" / US 4 Needle  
Yardage: 440 yards  
Weight(s): Sport  
Cost: \$16 per skein

We will have all thirteen colors in stock for your knitting pleasure. Ravelry has 27 projects finished or in progress with Linaza!



[See all the beautiful colors!](#)



### **The Demise of a UFO - not deadly but done!**

I'm inspired! Talk about UFOs has forced me to take stock of the myriad of projects still on needles for oh so many weeks/months/years. While in the shop recently, we started chatting about UFOs and the difference between process knitters and project knitters. Sometimes folks come in the shop looking for their next project - the one they plan to start when the one on needles is finished. They are project knitters who are motivated by the finished product and can savor starting the next - but only when they're done. These are folks who only need one knitting bag and one set of needles in each size ... and they know right where to find them. Thank goodness we have project knitters or the world would be devoid of finished knitwear!

It's the process knitters who are apt to have UFOs hanging around. Process knitters are really all about the journey. We (if you've seen my knitting bag(s) you know I'm a process knitter) are motivated by the perfect pattern for the perfect yarn and the cast on - get it started to see how great it's going to look and then... well, find something else to start because that's the fun of it!

Process knitters can have multiple (actually multiples like 9x3, 5x5, 7x4) projects going at the same time. I already did a "virtual" emptying of my carry around knitting bag in the last enews and I'm so pleased to say that there's one less pair of socks in the list today. (Of course, I added a project to take it's place so there's now another shawl on needles.) But I need to give sock credit to Marjorie who picked up the needles and knitted a few rounds for me - then, handed it back with the direction to do two rows each day. I'm not great at following directions but I did put these socks at the top of my "must finish" list. The crazy thing is I was making two socks at a time on circular needles, had already turned the heel and gusset, and had only the foot left to do... And as you can see from the photo (would you call this a sock-selfie), they're done! What a thrill and such good encouragement to keep picking away at the remaining UFOs. The big challenge - limit the "cast on" when I finish a project.



So, I think we're going to launch a summer UFO challenge. Sandy will have a UFO chart in the shop. Bring in your project, put it on the chart (with a photo if you like) and when finished, bring it back (or send a photo) to receive a gold star. For each gold star, you'll get one entry in a prize drawing on September 1. The lucky winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate for the shop. So, from now until August 31, 2015 whip out all those unfinished projects and get those needles working. We'll track progress on the chart and you may even win the opportunity to select your next UFO!



### **See What We're Knitting!**

**Syncopation mitered square bag** - during last Saturday's class, four knitters started a new Syncopation bag. One of the great things about this bag is that you're working on only one square at a

time but they all work off another square so there's no sewing involved. That's a real plus for me. The other great thing is that the sky's the limit on color choices, from Noro with a solid that's starkly different or complimentary, two contrasting solids, or gradients of the same colorways... I've done purples, greens, and oranges and have gone with pink/bright blue and gray for this bag. The pattern is available in hard copy in the shop or via email through our Ravelry Pro shop at a cost of \$7.00. We don't have another class scheduled but will be happy to start a new roster if you'd like to come learn how to knit mitered squares. Just give us a call or send an email.



**Calling all wanna-be spinners!** Learn to spin yarn from carded wool. Spin, ply, and finish your new yarn. Instruction will be offered one-on-one so call or email to schedule your appointment with Sandy. Classes will run about 3 hours. Cost is \$35. Materials needed: carded wool (available at the shop). Wheel will be provided by Green Mountain Fibers. Please note that wheels may also be purchased by special order.

**Call 802-775-7800 or send email to [yarnshopgmf@gmail.com](mailto:yarnshopgmf@gmail.com)** to register for any class.



Happy knitting, crocheting, spinning, and weaving...  
Kathleen, George, & Louisa



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