

**Labor Day is just around the corner...** if you grew up with the “no white after Labor Day rule” as I did, then perhaps you too are frantically wearing every white outfit you own while it’s still legal. I’m definitely not fashion-conscious but some decades-old lessons are so ingrained that they just seem to take on a life of their own. Luckily, there’s no rule about “knitting with white” after Labor Day...but I digress. Labor Day is important because it marks the beginning of our new “non-summer” hours.

SUNDAY – noon to 5pm (afternoon sit-n-knit)

MONDAY & THURSDAY – 10am to 8:30pm (evening sit-n-knit)

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY – 10am to 5:30pm

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### **WE’VE GOT CLASS(es)**

The following classes will be offered during the month of September. Pre-registration is required. Since classes require additional staffing, minimum class size is three. If you’d like to take any of the classes below, please register early. If you purchase class materials at Green Mountain Fibers, you’ll receive a 15% discount on your purchase.

#### **Knitting 101**

Mondays 5-6:30pm, Sept 13, 20 & 27 (4.5 hours).

Learn how to cast-on, knit, purl and bind off. Find out about tension and how to knit to gauge. Knit a felted bag to carry your knitting projects, or to use as a purse. Cost: \$25

#### **Learn to Knit Socks**

Mondays 10:30-12:30, Sept 13, 20, and 27 (6 hours)

Learn to knit socks from the cuff to the toe. Master double-pointed needles, turning the heel, and kitchener stitch, aka grafting. Cost: \$35

#### **Fixing Mistakes**

Thursdays 3-5pm, Sept 9 (2 hours)

If you think you’re the only one making that mistake, you’re mistaken. Learn to pick up a dropped stitch in knit or purl, fix twisted stitches, and “tink” your knitting. Homework required before class: 4” x 4” knitted swatch from worsted weight yarn, on the needles. Cost: \$15

#### **Two Socks on Two Circular Needles, from the toe up**

Saturdays 3-5pm, Sept 11, 18 & 25 (6 hours)

Two at a time means you’ll never have dreaded “second sock syndrome” again. Use all of your gorgeous sock yarn, and both socks are the same size! Cost: \$35

#### **Dye Workshop**

Sunday 12-5pm, Sept 12 (5 hours)

Kool aid dyeing workshop, custom color for your yarn or fiber is lots of fun, and smells good, too. \$5 fee plus cost of yarn or fiber.

## Knit a Christmas Stocking

Thursdays 6-8pm, Sept 16, 23, & 30 (6 hours)

Get ready for the holidays with a fun and colorful Christmas stocking. Learn all the standard sock techniques plus color work. Start early and make enough for the whole family! Cost: \$35

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**SO, WHAT'S NEW AT GMF?** (and here's a big DUH! Why has it taken me all this time to figure out that I can put photos in the e-news?)

Even though I do the "shopping" for the store, I'm still amazed when new shipments arrive. Last week we received our Plymouth **BABY ALPACA GRANDE** ordered at TNNA and it is to die for... soft, tweedy, luscious... there's a sample cabled sweater (shown in photo along with a few sample colors) that I expect you'll find very attractive. It is definitely on my to-do list for this winter. And, don't forget that we offer a "10% sweater quantity" discount on your purchase.



I told you about **INDULGENCE** last month but we now have the Baby Surprise sweater pattern from School House Press, a one-skein project using this very yummy yarn! Baby Surprise is a timeless Elizabeth Zimmerman pattern from 1968.



Last month, **MALABRIGO** sock was just a tease but it's now the real thing... in WOW! Colorways that will have your feet begging for new socks! This comes in 100 gram skeins, 440 yards, light fingering plied, 100% superwash merino wool.



**ZAUBERBALL** seems to be a sock-staple.... Coming in and going out virtually on the same day! If you see it on the shelf in a colorway you want, don't miss the opportunity to take it home because tomorrow it could be gone. We continue to reorder but demand has been steady for this yarn and we can't seem to keep it in-stock.



**MUSHISHI** – from the Plymouth Italian Collection is 95% wool, 5% silk; 491-yard skein; 5 sts/inch on a US size 7. The knitted (or crocheted) hat and scarf are included as a free pattern with the yarn.



**CHIC PATTERNS BY BONNIE MARIE BURNS** – beautiful and stylish, these patterns are simply elegant Mondo Cable Cardi from the Italian made Queensland Kathmandu Aran Tweed, a soft and luxurious yarn for sweaters, scarves, hats, etc.



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### **COMING TO A WEBSITE NEAR YOU – an e-commerce solution for Green Mountain Fibers**

So many of you ask if you can purchase online that we decided that the time was right to offer a shopping cart at [www.greenmountainfibers.com](http://www.greenmountainfibers.com). We retained a developer who has already begun the back-end work of matching our inventory and point of sale system with an e-commerce solution. If all goes as planned, we'll be live by early October!

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**SIT-N-KNIT, SPIN, CROCHET, WEAVE, NEEDLE FELT... whatever fiber art floats your boat is welcome at GMF.**

Join the fun! No stress, no chores, just fiber, friends, coffee, and cookies. Be inspired by what others are making. Mondays and Thursdays from 6-8:30pm and Sunday from noon-5pm.

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**CAN YOU EVER HAVE TOO MUCH STASH?**

I recently made a trip to Chicago to help my daughter who was moving from Las Vegas to Chicago – actually Downers Grove, a western suburb of Chicago. After 12 years in the desert, she was delighted to be living with green trees and I was delighted to find that Downers Grove is a bustling little suburb with a Saturday morning Farmers Market AND a local yarn shop! I absolutely had to stop in for a visit and, of course, shop! When your “stash” is years’ worth of accumulation plus an entire shop full of yarn that you’ve already purchased you wouldn’t think that yarn shopping would ever be necessary. But, as you all know ... the answer to the question is, “You can never have too much stash!” I added some lovely cashmere, a few new sock yarns, a darling little cotton baby hat in pre-wound colors, and Fleece Artist roving in three colorways for spinning! The stash is overflowing its closet, bags, and many baskets... so, either it’s time for a new house or ... as Cindy N. always says.... Must knit faster! I think I prefer the latter.

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**FALL FIBER FESTIVALS ARE UPON US!**

Mark your calendars now for the upcoming fall festivals.

- Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival – September 25-26 at Washington County Fairgrounds, Greenwich, NY
- Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival – October 2-3 at Tunbridge Fairgrounds, VT
- NYS Sheep and Wool Festival – October 16-17 at Dutchess City Fairgrounds, Rhinebeck, NY

Happy knitting, spinning, crocheting....

Kathleen