

the Village Yarn & Fiber Shop

Newsletter Volume 28: Fall 2018

Dizzy Sheep

Life's a Stitch!

Have you noticed them? Those little changes - a cool breeze in the evening, a scatter of yellow leaves on the ground, the smell of freshly sharpened pencils and pumpkin spice lattes? One of the very best parts of living here is the changing seasons, especially as we head into fall and winter and woolly, cozy knits! We've been busily preparing for our new fall inventory and boxes and boxes of new and exciting yarns plus re-orders of all of your tried and true favorites are arriving now every day!

There's so much to share and show you and we are especially excited about the new classes and workshops we have in store for you as the knitting season unfolds. This fall we are getting back down to basics with topics like beginner socks and mittens, and how to fix your stitches. And by popular demand, we are offering a workshop on the little stuffed bunny and friends you've all been asking about, just in time for holiday knitting. After the holidays, look for a basic sweater class as well as finishing and blocking classes. And of course, Scheduled Help Table sessions are still running to assist you with any project or technique you may be working on; Learn To Knit classes are available by appointment. Be sure to check out details in this newsletter and online, and check days and times carefully as they may be different now. We hope you can find the time to join us for something you are eager to try!

We've been running our Dizzy Clubs for a few years now and we are changing things up a bit. For this next season, club topics will be based on Michelle Hunter's fantastic Building pattern book series in Blocks, Color and Lace. Please note: current club members with time left in their memberships will be contacted to make sure we fit you into a club that meets your needs. If you aren't a current club member but are interested in joining one, be sure to check out the details for all of our new clubs in this newsletter and online.

Sunday hours are back for the fall-winter season. **Beginning Sunday, September 23rd the shop will be open from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.** We hope this makes it easier for you to fit time at the shop into your busy schedule to browse, imagine, plan, play, take a class or just visit with friends.

As we enter our 12th fall season, we want to thank you for making it all possible and tell you how much we appreciate your support. Without you we would not be here. To all of you we have come to know over the years and to all the new friends we meet each day – you are amazing and you inspire us every time we connect. As always, we love to hear your ideas, wishes, and thoughts. We are always happy to see you, and excited to see the beautiful projects you create.

Bring on the Fall and Happy Knitting for All!!

What's Dizzy Doing?

Have you met Dizzy and the gang yet? Our online store, DizzySheep.com, has grown from a Dizzy Deal-A-Day website to a full online store! When you just can't find the time to come in person, you can now browse our shop and make your purchases with the assistance of Dizzy, Fred, Nameless Alpaca and the rest of the Dizzy Gang any time from the comfort of – well, anywhere. If you are local you can opt for In-Store pick up or you can enjoy Free Shipping while this promotion lasts. www.dizzysheep.com



Shop Hours

Mon, - Wed: 10:00am – 6:00pm
Thu: 10:00am – 9:00pm
Fri & Sat: 10:00am – 4:00pm
Sun: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

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Shop Happenings

Staff Comings, Goings, Changes

We are very excited to welcome Sarah Reilly back part time during some additional weekday hours to support customers as they shop, and to add her amazing skills to our fall curriculum and our social media venues now that her youngest is off to Kindergarten.

We are so happy to welcome Carl Petito full time to run and manage Dizzy Sheep operations and inventory, as well as to contribute his amazing customer support to all things Dizzy Sheep!

We wish Van Black-Winhaber the very best of both worlds as she re-pursues her passion for the library sciences. Van will be in shop limited hours on Tuesday mornings and some Saturdays to stay connected and keep in touch with her knitting family and friends.

We Bid Adieu With All Of Our Best Wishes To:

Deb Jaworowicz as she returns to her professional teaching career.

Sarah Grace Jaworowicz as she embraces a new career in her field of graphic arts design and event planning.

We will miss them both and thank them for all of the time, talent and fun they shared with us over the years. We know they will shine brightly in their new posts and we wish them both the very best and hope to see them in the shop socially as they settle into their new endeavors.

Fall Shop Hours

Shop hours are changing for the Fall/Winter season! Beginning Sunday, September 23rd, the shop will be open in the afternoon from 12 noon until 4pm. We hope this will make it easier for you to fit time at the shop into your busy schedule to browse, imagine, plan, play, take a class, or just visit with friends. Please note that unlike previous years, we will not be open Sunday mornings between 10am and 12noon this season and we will not be open on Tuesday evenings.

Beginning September 23rd our Fall/Winter shop hours are:

Mon, Tue & Wed: 10:00am – 6:00pm
Thu: 10:00am – 9:00pm
Fri & Sat: 10:00am – 4:00pm
Sun: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Featured Local Items

Red Fern Cookies

Delicious, gluten free, vegan cookies in a variety of delectable flavors from The Red Fern on Oxford & Park in Rochester, NY.

Debbie's Project Bags

Small and medium sized handmade project bags in a variety of fun and pretty fabrics by Debbie Erpenbeck in Irondequoit, NY.

Pat's Knitting Bags

Beautiful, feature rich hand sewn knitting bags by Pat Messerino in East Rochester, NY.

Geek Chic Doll Designs

Adorable handcrafted American Girl doll designs in a range of fashion styles from pretty florals to nerdy girl science by Sarah Reilly in Victor, NY.

True Creations Drop Spindles

Exquisitely crafted hand turned drop spindles in exotic woods and a variety of weights and styles by Jim Echter of Penfield, NY.

RMB Farms Soaps, Lotions, Lip Balms

All natural cold pressed sheep and gargoyle soaps, and bees wax based non-greasy lotions, scrubs and lip balms in a variety of scents by Robin Grant Bischooping in Williamson, NY.

Sweet & Cute Coffee Syrup

A delicious and versatile syrup for use on ice cream and desserts, in beverages and cooking, and in all of the ways you might enjoy chocolate or maple syrup by Tina Clark of Sweet & Cute Sweets in Honeoye Falls, NY.

Community Connection



Twiddle Muffs

Twiddle Muffs are a knitted or crocheted cuff similar to a winter hand warming muff creatively embellished inside and out with textured yarns and stitches, buttons, ribbons, appliques, beads, pom-poms, braids, pockets, and anything else you might imagine would be satisfying to twiddle with and touch; a great gift to help someone through their long days of living with the symptoms of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. They are designed to warm hearts and cold hands, delight, invoke memories and soothe with colors and textures, relieve stress and comfort anyone living with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia, or who would benefit from sensory stimulation and the calming that comes with having something to do with your hands when feeling anxious, bored or agitated.

Interested? Stop into the shop to pick up more information and/or supplies, and to drop off finished muffs for distribution.

Knitted Knockers

Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. Traditional breast prosthetics are usually expensive, heavy, and uncomfortable. They typically require special bras or camisoles with pockets and can't be worn for weeks after surgery. Knitted Knockers on the other hand are soft, comfortable, and beautiful, and when placed in a regular bra they take the shape and feel of a real breast.

Together we can in a simple, loving way bring a smile to a woman at a low point in her life. Stop into the shop to pick up patterns and approved yarns, and to drop off finished knockers. We will take it from there and send them to the Knitted Knockers organization for distribution.

Dizzy's Woolly Hugs

Send a woolly hug to someone and make them smile!

Thank you all for your generosity in both time and talent, and the love you put into each and every stitch of the hundreds of hats we have collected over the last many years to send to Golisano Children's Center, the local hospital nurseries, homeless shelters, refugee centers and school districts in need of warm winter accessories.



We are still making and collecting hats in all sizes to distribute locally. We have patterns for both knit and crochet hats, so please ask! Scarves, cowls, wraps, mittens and small blankets are also welcome. Nothing warms the soul like giving or receiving a handcrafted hug!

Ongoing Events

Dizzy Clubs

Thursday evenings from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Fee: \$75 for 10 consecutive club meetings

Skill Requirements: students must be comfortable casting on, knitting, purling and binding off.

Join us this year as we work our way through Michelle Hunter's *Building Blocks*, *Building In Color* and *Building With Lace* pattern books. Each club meets once a month September through June and is a great way to learn new skills and make new friends!

New-ish Knitters Club 1st Thursday of the month

Expand your knitterly repertoire in this stitch mastering club as we work through Michelle Hunter's skill building blocks. By the end, you'll have a gorgeous lap throw, and it will be a fantastic reminder of how far you've come.

Materials: *Building Blocks* book by Michelle Hunter, appropriate yarn and needles of your choice available through the shop

Color Craze Club 2nd Thursday of the month

Spice up your knitting in this colorful club as we work through Michelle Hunter's sequence of patterns that introduce knitters to color work in many of its various forms. By the end you'll have a beautiful color work blanket!

Materials: *Building In Color* book by Michelle Hunter, appropriate yarn and needles of your choice available through the shop

Lace Is Lovely Club 3rd Thursday of the month

Unlock the secrets of lace in this exciting club as we work through Michelle Hunter's beautiful patterns that introduce knitters to lace work starting with the basics and working towards more difficult patterns. By the end you'll have a lovely lacy wrap/throw to use!

Materials: *Building In Lace* book by Michelle Hunter, appropriate yarn and needles of your choice available through the shop

Help Table

Mon, Wed, Fri from 11:00am - 1:00pm

Saturdays from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Fee: \$10 per session / \$45 for 5 session punch card

Stuck on a knitting project? Need assistance learning an advanced technique? We are happy to help with your project. No need to pre-register.

Sit & Knit

Thursdays 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Free event!



Come join us Thursday evenings with your current project to socialize and make some new friends! Coffee and tea will be available to enjoy while you relax and work on your projects. Bring your knitting, crochet, spinning – or any crafty project you wish. All are welcome!

Private Knitting, Crochet & Spinning Lessons

By Appointment Only

Fee: \$20 per hour

Prefer a private lesson to a group setting? Need some one-on-one time to work through a difficult project?

We're happy to help in any way that we can! Please email Support@DizzySheep.com or call the shop at 585-586-5470 to make arrangements.

Fall 2018 Classes and Workshops

Classes

Basic Socks

New to sock knitting? This is the perfect place to start! Join us for three 2 hour sessions on three consecutive Saturdays to learn top down sock basics and how to knit socks in the round on two circular needles as we work our way through Cat Bordhi's Simple Sock pattern. Students must be comfortable casting on, knitting, purling and binding off. Please note that new sock knitters who are very comfortable with Magic Loop are welcome to use that method, however, the two circular needle method for knitting in the round will be the method taught in this class.

Materials: *Socks Soar On Two Circular Needles* book by Cat Bordhi. Fingering weight yarn and 2 circular needles of your choice in appropriate size to get gauge for your socks (available through the shop)

Saturday, October 13th, 20th and 27th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Fee: \$65

Basic Mittens

Warm and toasty mittens just in time for winter!! Join us for two 2 hour sessions on two consecutive Saturdays to learn mitten basics and how to knit mittens in the round on two circular needles using *The World's Simplest Mittens* pattern by Tin Can Knits. Students must be comfortable casting on, knitting, purling and binding off. Please note that new mitten knitters who are very comfortable with Magic Loop are welcome to use that method, however, the two circular needle method for knitting in the round will be the method taught in this class.

Materials: Pattern, worsted weight yarn and 2 circular needles of your choice in appropriate size to get gauge for your mittens (available through the shop)

Saturday, October 27th and November 3rd from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$45

Oops! 101

In this class you will learn how to read your stitches, recognize problems in your knitting, tink, frog, easily put your stitches back onto your needles, and how to repair slipped stitches and dropped stitches in both stockinette and garter stitch.

Students should come prepared with knitting needles (circular or straight) appropriate for worsted weight yarn, some spare double pointed needles in small sizes up to a US 4 if you have them, and two 6" x 6" worsted weight swatches: one in garter stitch and one in stockinette stitch. Swatches should be made in a light to medium color to facilitate stitch reading.

Skills Requirements: students must be comfortable with casting on, knitting, purling and binding off.

Saturday, December 1 from 10:00am - 12:00pm

Fee: \$25

Stuffed Bunny (or Bear) Workshop

Join us as we work through a Little Cotton Rabbits knitted stuffed animal, from cast on through finishing. We will be using the *Bunny Girl in a Dotted Dress* or *Girl Bear* pattern (your choice) by Julie Williams. If you've wanted to tackle one of these adorable stuffed animals but were intimidated by all the pieces, let's work through it together!

Participants should be very comfortable with various cast ons, knitting, purling and directional increases and decreases. The classes will mainly be focused on the finishing work (seaming, attaching limbs, embroidering facial features) and there will be knitting both during class and as homework between classes. Willingness to swatch is a must!

Materials: Pattern; sturdy worsted weight yarn, fingering weight sock yarn in three colors, a selection of small 2mm – 3mm needles (available through the shop). A kit with small amounts of finishing details materials is included in the workshop registration fee.

Sunday, October 7th, 14th and November 4th from 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Fee: \$75 (including some materials)