



# ARACHNE YARNS AND MORE

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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Happy Fall! Personally, I hope it lasts a long, long time. This is my favorite time of the year. There are lots of fun activities in the next couple of months. It is also time to start thinking about Christmas. Handmade gifts are always welcome, those one of a kind items made with love for a special person. Arachne Yarns and More has lots of ideas and supplies for gift giving. Now is the time to start your knitting and crochet projects or needle felted items. Come and check out our yarns, patterns, tools and supplies. It isn't too late to learn a new craft in time to create some wonderful gifts.

Fall is also time for the **North Country Fiber Fair** in Watertown. The dates this year are September 20-22. The fair has free admission. Some important dates to remember are **August 30**: last day for mailed registrations, banquet reservations and merchandise orders; **September 13**: Last day for online class registration, closes at 8pm. There will be free fiber arts demonstrations throughout the weekend. The Fiber Circle welcomes all, no matter age, ability or expertise. Sit down and join a variety of fellow spinners, weavers, and fiber enthusiasts. Find out about guild activities, new techniques or the hottest buys at the vendor booths. Chairs are provided. Rest between classes! Howard's Concessions will be on hand if you get hungry. A large variety of classes are available on Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. They do fill up fast so register early by mail or online. There are lots of vendors signed up. Come and shop for finished items and supplies. Whether you work with fiber or just enjoy it, this fair is a lot of fun. I hope to see lots of you there! Stop in and pick up a brochure with all the information and class schedules. In now at Arachne Yarns and More.

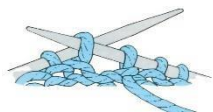
Also, the first weekend in October **Downtown Art** will be open in the Ortonville Flower Shop. Six different artists, including myself will be exhibiting and selling their artwork. Come and check it out! Artists include: Deb Ammerman-jewelry, leather and beads; Carol Knutson-chip carving, porcelain dolls and quilting; Cathy Mueller-watercolor, oil, pen and ink, cards, and advent calendars; Claudia Sellin-local author with her book 'You Can Be Anything You Want to Be! Says Who?'; Erlys Sis-fiber arts, wearable art, spirit dolls, state tea towels; and myself, Tessie Smith-fiber artist, spinning, weaving, needle felting. We will also have free Make-and-Take tables set up if you want to sit down and give watercolor, beading, or needle felting a try! Open hours will be Friday, Oct. 4: 10-6; Saturday, Oct 5: 9-6; and Sunday Oct. 6: 9-4. Be sure to stop down.

Also, that is the weekend of the Art **Meander**. There are several local artists participating in that as well. The Red Barn, Listening Stones Farm, and The Smallest Art Gallery are all hosting artists. Brochures and maps are available at Arachne Yarns and More.

There are lots of classes this month. Come try something new! Don't forget Hats for Homeless Vets. The weather is getting cooler and they will be needed shortly. We are still working with Knitted Knockers.Org collecting knitted knockers.

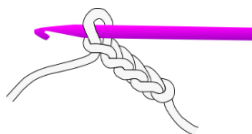
## SEPTEMBER CLASSES

### Beginning Knitting: Tues. Sept. 3, 1-4



This class is designed for the beginner. Anyone wanting to learn (or re-learn) the basics of knitting is welcome to join this class. Students will receive a set of straight needles, a skein of yarn and handouts. We will learn a basic cast on, bind off, knit stitch and purl stitch. Cost: \$35

### Beginning Crochet: Tues. Sept 10, 1-4



This class is designed for the beginner. Anyone wanting to learn (or re-learn) the basics of crochet is welcome to join this class. Students will receive a crochet hook, skein of yarn and handouts. We will learn to chain stitch, single, double and half double crochet. Cost: \$35.

### Beginning Small Loom Weaving: Thurs. Sept. 12, 19, and 26. 1-4



Learn to weave. This class will focus on different weaving technique that you can use to create your own unique woven projects. We will learn the basic weave and then how to embellish it with more advanced weaving techniques. All supplies will be provided. We will be using a small loom and a weaving needle that you will take with you. You will learn to make your own loom any size you need to accommodate your next project. If you have any sticks, shells, beads, etc. that you wish to incorporate into your weaving, bring them to class. This class will meet for 3 -3 hr. sessions. The price covers all sessions. Cost of this class is \$45.

### Basic Needle Felting: Tues. Sept 17, 1-4



Come and make a snowman! Perfect for a gift or to sit or to keep. In this class we will learn the basics of needle felting. We will discuss the qualities of wool that make it possible. We will look at the tools used and learn basic sculpting techniques. Each student will take home a set of three felting needles, a foam felting board and a finished project. All Supplies are included in the class price. Cost: \$45.

### Improve Your Knitting Skills: Advanced Knitting Class



Perfect for cold weather wearing or gift giving. These warm slippers are knit using two strands of worsted weight yarn or one strand of bulky. They knit up quickly on size 10 needles. They are knit flat and seamed. Pattern is free to students. No other supplies are provided but may be purchased at Arachne Yarns and More or elsewhere. Come and knit with others. Enjoy some coffee and conversation and knit up these warm, quick slippers. Cost for class is \$10 and includes all Wednesdays in September from 1-4.

Please remember that you must pre-register for classes. This ensures that materials are available and helps to manage class size. Hope to see you! Also, if you wish to take a class you don't see offered, please let me know and I will get it on the schedule. I am happy to schedule a class for a group at your convenience.