

# Baa Baa Blabber

New for Ewes

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE GIRLS AT THE LAMB'S WOOL

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## First Knit-A-Long at The Lamb's Wool -Big Success!

The first knit a long at The Lamb's Wool was a great success. We had an average of seven women who worked on one or more mobius projects over 10 weeks. Some women enjoyed the process so much that they made the bag then moved onto bowls, shawls and triple twisted stacking bowls. All the women appreciated the fellowship and community of being with other knitters.

With the success of our first KAL we are going to have a second one this winter starting in January (see last page for dates). Our project this time is going to be a felted vest. We will be using the Fiber Trend pattern. Stop in and see our sample of this fun and easy vest. After the vest is felted, we plan to personalize each vest in a unique and personal way.

## Holiday Gift Ideas

**Knitter's Mugs** - Choose from six attractive and fun mugs just for knitters. Make great stocking stuffer and host gifts.

**Knit Lite Needles** - Needles that let you knit anywhere even in the dark. Sizes 6 - 15.

**Sister Sets** - Interchangeable bamboo circular needle set. Sizes 5 - 10 and jumpers from 16 - 40". Comes in an attractive compact traveling case.

**Gift Certificates** - Great when you don't know what they want or need. Comes in any denomination. Also, available for classes.

**Knitting Bags, Baskets and Accessories** - We have a good selection of tapestry stands, rice baskets, sea grass and silk baskets, and a fine leather knitting briefcase for any working knitter.

**Ebony and Rosewood Knitting Needles** - Straights and Circulars in various sizes

Remember any gift bought at The Lamb's Wool maybe exchange if your recipient does not like your choose. Please ask at time of purchase for our gift receipt.

## Knitting Classes for Children over the

### Holidays

Give your child the gift of knitting lesson this holiday break. The Lamb's Wool will be running children's classes December 26, 27, 28, 29 2006.

8 to 13 years of age - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - \$35.00

Stop in and buy them a gift packet that includes needles, yarn, pattern, sewing needle, and gift certificate for lessons. Give them a gift this year that will give back for a life time.

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**Holiday Hours at The Lamb's Wool**  
**We will open until 8:00 pm on Thursdays**  
**December 7, 14, 21 for holiday shopping**

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### Holidays and Closings at The Lamb's Wool

December 24, 2006 - Christmas Eve

December 25, 2006 - Christmas

December 31, 2006 - New Year's Eve

January 1, 2007 - New Year's Day

April 13 - April 22, 2007 - Vacation to Chile

Betty and Liz have the opportunity to travel to Chile this spring to help the Mapuche women with there spinning and weaving. So we have tentatively set the dates for April 13 - 22, 2007. More information to come closer to the time.

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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10am-5pm, Tuesday noon-8pm, Thursday noon-6pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Closed Sunday

## Spinning Circle

Upcoming dates:

No Dec, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19 2007

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## Christine's Spin.....

Hello Spinner's,

It's gotten cold out and my thoughts are turning to spinning wool but you know me I've got to have color, color, color. We have a new book at the shop that is giving me so many new ideas on how to use color. It's the Ashford Book of Carding. While this book is no where near as comprehensive as Color in Spinning, that is precisely why I like it. It's not too advanced but it will give you great preparation to go even further with Color in Spinning when you're ready for it. The Ashford Book of Carding has clear easy to read instructions on using a flick card, hand cards, and drum carder. The book goes into the basics of color theory and has some very good projects to knit, crochet or weave. This book also has a ton of pictures that help to keep the concepts the author is trying to convey clear. If you've never carded before, want to work with color, or have felt a bit intimidated by Color in Spinning (I know I have) then this is the perfect book to get you going.

The other excitement around the shop has been the order we placed to Nancy Finn at Chasing Rainbows Dye Works. Nancy has some amazing spaced dyed fibers and yarns. While we couldn't bring in everything she has to offer, we finally narrowed it down to a good range of colorways that will be sure to please everyone. We focused mainly on bringing in Nancy's silk fibers. These include Top, Bricks and Hankies to go along with a new class for you to take, Spinning the Queen of Fibers. This class will go into the basics of spinning the various ways silks come, and give you the opportunity to use some equipment you might not have tried in the past. If you don't spin or are not quite ready to try spinning silk, don't worry, we've brought in some of Nancy's colorways in a sock weight yarn too!

Spinning Circle will pick up again in January. Remember that if it looks like the weather might turn bad then I'll try to notify everyone via the Yahoo Group list ([http://groups.yahoo.com/group/The\\_Lambs\\_Wool\\_Spinning\\_Circle/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/The_Lambs_Wool_Spinning_Circle/)) or call the shop.

Have a wonderful holiday season. - Christine

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## New Spinning Book

**The Ashford Book of Carding** - By Jo Reeve

A Handspinners Guide to Fibre Preparation

This is a very inspiring book on carding. It is very easy to understand and is not as complicated as other carding books. It will help you understand color and blending of color. See Christine review in article above.

Classes are on an open enrollment basis, call to sign up for one today. You will receive a 10% discount on all purchases, excluding sale items, for the length of the class. Call to schedule an appointment for classes. You must take any series of classes within an eight-week period. Classes are not transferable or refundable.

## Classes

**Spinning the Queen of Fiber** - If you have never worked with silk before or want to improve your skills then this is the class to take. We will spin different types of silk starting with roving moving on to brick and ending with hankies. In this class you will have the opportunity to use various spinning wheels and drop spindles. Prerequisite must be comfortable on a spinning wheel.

3 Saturdays - 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

\$70.00 plus material

**Hand Carding** - Learn the basics of hand carding wool in this hour and half class. Along with carding learn how to choose a fleece, skirt, wash and prepare it for carding.

One Tuesday or Saturday - time at students convenience  
\$20.00

**Combs & Cards and all the fun you can have with them!**

Learn to work with a flick card, regular hand cards, and two distinct combs. Learn how to make combed top.

One Tuesday or Saturday - time at students convenience  
\$35.00 - fiber included

**Introduction to Spinning** - Learn the basics of spinning using a drop spindle. This workshop is a great introduction to beginner spinning and for all those that want to make spinning more portable.

One Tuesday, - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

One Saturday, - 9:00 am. - 10:00 pm.

\$30.00

**Wheel Spinning for the Beginner** -

Learn how to spin and ply on a spinning wheel. We will discuss different types of wheels and find the one best suited for you. We will discuss different types of fleeces.

Three Tuesdays - 6:00 pm. - 8:00 pm.

Three Thursdays - 4:00 pm. - 6:00 pm.

\$70.00

**Tutoring Time for Spinners** - Been away from spinning for a while and need to refresh your skills? You have been spinning but do not feel confident in your technique or if there is a fiber that you want to try but are afraid to on your own, come in for some tutoring.

Tuesday - Anytime after 4:30 PM for one hour or by appointment

\$25.00 per hour or 4 sessions for \$70.00

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Now Available at The Lamb's Wool  
Chasing Rainbow Roving, Bricks  
and Hankies

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Classes are on an open enrollment basis. Call to sign up today. Classes are set at the convenience of both the student and teacher. You will receive a 10% discount on all purchases, excluding sale items, for the length of the class. You must take any 10 week series of classes within a four-month period and any 5 week series of classes within a 2-month period. Classes are not transferable or refundable.

## KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLASSES

**Skills learned in all beginner classes:** Knit, Purl, Increase Decrease, Cast on, Bind off, Read Patterns, Pick up stitches, Put together project, join new yarns

### **Knitting:**

**Beginners** - If you've never had needles in your hands, then this class is for you. Bring a friend and learn together. Knitting can be very relaxing. **Beginning every Saturday at 9:00 am and Monday and Friday at 10:30 am.**

Choose between

5 week - 1½ hours each

\$45.00 a series or

10 weeks - 1 ½ hours each

\$80.00 a series

**Advanced Beginner** - Made a sweater or two? Need motivation and a lot of help? Then this is the class for you. Come in, knit and get all the help you need. These classes are always meeting. Join any time.

Choose between

5 weeks - 1½ hours each

\$45.00 a series or

10 weeks - 1 ½ hours each

\$80.00 a series

Monday or Friday - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday - 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

### **Teen Knitting - 12 to 17 yrs old**

This is a class just for teens, learn to knit with a friend or two. Learn all the basics of knitting as listed above while having fun.

5 weeks - 1½ hours each

\$45.00 a series - one student

\$80.00 a series - two students

\$105.00 a series - three students

Saturday 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

### **Kid's Knitting - 8 to 12 yrs old**

This is a class for kids that want to learn to knit or know how to knit and need more instructions to improve their skills.

5 weeks - 1 hour

\$25.00 a series

Monday or Friday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

### **Crocheting:**

**Beginner's Crochet** - Learn the basics of crochet. Learn how to make granny squares, shell pattern and read a basic pattern.

5 Classes - 1½ hours each

\$45.00 a series

Wednesday - 10:30 AM - Noon

Saturday - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Learning to knit is a process of perfecting and challenging. Give yourself the gift of pleasure in the process, and do not unwisely hope to be and expert in a few short lessons.

- From Knitter's Companion Vicki Square

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### **Winter Classes**

Any classes that are listed below will be offered the following times; Monday and Friday 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Tuesday 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Thursday 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Call and schedule an appointment for any class.

**Design your Own Class** - This a technique only class. You choose the technique, and we will teach it. Example might be making my first sweater, understanding cables, or working start to finish through a fairisle sweater. The length and number of classes will depend on the need of the student. Stop in and discuss your need with Liz or Betty and get the help you need. Starting at \$15.00 - 1 session - 1 hour

**Understanding Short - Rowing** - This class will walk you through the step to short row a pair of shoulders. When you leave the class you will have an understanding of how to take a pattern that has shaped shoulder and work them as short rows and finish them with a 3-needle bind off.

\$20.00 - 1 session - 2 hours

**Fairisle Knitting (Two-Hand Knitting)** - Learn how to knit with yarn in each hand as it is done with fairisle knitting. Just 2 colors in each row. We teach both Continental and English methods.

\$15.00 - 1 session - 1½ hours

**Sock Construction** - Always a good project to take along so you can pass the time while waiting. We have broken it down into three sessions. The first week will cover working with DP needles and getting your sock started. The second week will cover turning your heel and working the gusset. The last week will shape your toe and Kitchener stitch it closed. Come knit a pair of socks. Yarn and pattern will be provided. Enthusiasm and a will to learn are all that you need. When finished this class you will have a pair of socks to wear.

\$30.00 - 3 sessions - 1½ hours

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## **Paperless Baa Baa Blabber**

The Baa Baa Blabber would like to come to you via email. Send your email address to [info@thelambswool.com](mailto:info@thelambswool.com). Please include your snail mail address along with your email address so we can keep the mailing list up to date. As a thank you for your help trying to go paperless, look for your paperless coupon in an email soon.

## Knitting Books

**Victorian Lace Today** - by Jane Sowerby

This book contains over 40 patterns derived from the Victorian era of knitting. There are patterns that are perfect for the beginner knitter and challenge the experienced. Very concise instructions and pictures. This book would make a lovely present for the holidays.

**Knit Fix** - by Lisa Kartus

Problem Solving for Knitters

Some customers say that this is the book you need when you don't have Liz and Betty around. It is a clear and easily understood book on fix knitting mistakes. It is a spiral bound book so it is very easy to use.

**spin to knit** - By Shannon Okey

The Knitter's Guide to Making Yarn

Knitter's! Have you ever wondered how yarn is made? This book introduces you to spinning your own yarn. It also contains patterns for using your handspun yarn. Easy to follow instructions. Good pictures.

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## *Holiday Greetings From The Lamb's Wool*

Betty and Liz along with Christine and Elaine wish each one of our customers a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. We also wish you a very Happy New Year. We also thank you for your patronage throughout the year. .

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## KAL Dates

Dates for the Winter Knit-a-Long at The Lamb's Wool are January 11, 25, February 8, 22, 2007. We will hold it from 6:00 - 8:30 pm on those Thursdays. Please join us. Stop in a register and to pick up your supplies.

**Holiday Hours: Open til 8:00 pm on all Thursdays Before Christmas**

Now Available at The Lamb's Wool

# Chasing Rainbow Sock Yarn

5 colorways to choose from in 100% wool  
250 yds / hank

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## Trekking Magic Color Pullover Kit

Knit a beautiful sweater using Trekking Sock yarn. Enough yarn to make up to a 46" raglan pullover. Size 7 needle. 5 sts/inch  
Fun and easy to knit. Come see the sample hanging in the shop.

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