

Capital Caper

Capital Yarns

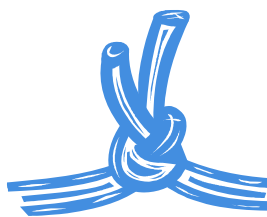
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Rooms are still available for the MANRA getaway.
- Vogue Trunk show (Winter) arrives Feb. 3rd, 2006 and will be leaving Feb. 10th.
- Vogue Knitting magazine (winter issue) is due out toward the middle of January.
- Mark those calendars for the 2006 Knit Out & Crochet Too event to be held on Sunday, Oct. 15th, location TBD.

KNOTS, KNOTS, KNOTS...

Every wonder why some skeins have so many knots and others don't? Well, the story goes like this...

Baa Baa Black Sheep, have you any wool? Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Three bags full. Well, those bags of wool are processed and once they arrive at the spinning mill, the knots begin.



Each ply is wound onto cones that average about a kilo. There will be a beginning and

an end of the yarn on this cone. Then, on to the twisting mill. Let's just say it's a four ply yarn. There will have to be a minimum of 8 ends here, one coming from each end of the four cones involved in the four ply yarn. They have to be tied together. Then on to the reeling mill where the same thing happens. So, you see, there is no way around a certain number of knots.

If there were no knots, there would be a tremendous

amount of waste which translates into higher prices and we all do our best to keep prices down.

So, what's an acceptable number of knots? It depends on the size of the skein. Certainly it would be reasonable that a 500 yard skein could have more than a 50 yard skein.

— From Skeins by Lorna's Laces

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A WORD FROM THE STORE MANAGER

The year 2005 is coming to a close and I would like to say thank-you to all of our customers both new and old for all the patronage you have given Capital Yarns under the new management. We will have new and exciting things happening in 2006.

Managing a yarn store should be fun, I thought. It has been that and more.

I am used to managing people not things. There is so much to learn and I thank all of you for your patience.

We always appreciate your patronage. Please make any

suggestions that would make your shopping experience with us more pleasurable.

Have a safe & prosperous New Year!

— T. Manning

EMAILS

Those of you who have not signed up for the newsletters/specials by email have missed our first Midnight Madness sale.

We will be doing more communication/promotions via email to save time and money on snail mail.

Keep checking the website for special events such as the trunk show arrivals, new items, and updated class schedules.

THE GADGET QUEEN

The Gadget Queen, alias, Melissa Johnson, owner of Capital Yarns has a new residence in Windsor, CO and is expecting a baby girl in early February 2006. We'll keep you posted.



SCARF CLUB

The Fiber Artists Scarf Club has been on vacation. We will be starting up in January. If you are interested, please let us know. We will have a sign up form that will require credit card information.

"Happy New Year from Capital Yarns"

NEW STORE HOURS

Beginning January 1, 2006, Capital Yarns will change its Monday operating hours. We do not want to close entirely on Mondays but find it necessary to open Noon to 5:00 PM.

Mon Noon – 5:00 PM

Tues through Sat: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sun Noon to 5:00 PM



PRIVACY POLICY

We are committed to protecting your privacy. We promise never to reveal your name, address and/or any other information to anyone, PERIOD. We will not sell or rent our customer database or mailing list to any 3rd party under any circumstances.



SPECIAL ORDERS

Should you need a special item (beyond our normally stocked items), we will be glad to order it, if available through our current vendors.

HOLIDAY HOURS

We will close on New Year's Eve at 3:00 PM and reopen January 2nd at 12:00 Noon.

Although we try to process special orders as quickly as possible, it is not unusual for these orders to take six (6) weeks (at least) due to current popularity of needles, yarns, books, knitting and crocheting supplies.

HOLDS

We can hold merchandise for 24 hours. If merchandise is not purchased by the close of business the next day, the merchandise will be returned to stock.

STITCHES RETREAT INVITE

2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Needlework Retailers Association
(MANRA)

"Get-Away With Yarn and Ebread"

The Eisenhower II Hotel & Conference Center
2634 Emmitsburg Road
Gettysburg PA 17325

April 28-30, 2006

Registration: \$350 Double / \$425 Single occupancy

Includes:

All taxes and gratuities

Hotel Accommodations for Friday & Saturday nights

Stitching Lounge open from noon on Friday to 3 pm on Sunday

Friday evening Welcome Reception with decadent desserts & cash bar

Continental Breakfast Saturday & Sunday

Buffet dinner Saturday evening

Free lectures, demonstrations, and classes Saturday & Sunday

A Boutique will be available during the Get-Away

Ebe Specifics:

A check payable to MANRA for \$175 (\$212 single) non-refundable deposit is due **ASAP** with balance due by February 1, 2006. Deposits are non-refundable unless you provide a replacement for yourself.

Should you and a friend plan to go together to the Get-Away, please sign-up at the same time and notify **Capital Yarns** (sponsored MANRA shop) that you would like to room together.

All attendees must register through a sponsoring MANRA needlework shop.

Questions maybe directed to Cindy Knowles, The Hang Up,

703 430-0717/thehangupck@aol.com

CLASSES

We are over whelmed with class requests in the handy arts of knitting & crocheting. Below is a description of the classes we hope to offer in the New Year. Dates & times are subject to change.

Please check our website or call for updates. The website is user friendly and secured which makes class registration easy. With limited space, we must utilize a portion of the store's

space to conduct classes during business hours.

This is not the best accommodation for the customers nor the students and I ask that you bear with us as we research other venues.

Starting in January, we will have classes on Monday morning starting at 10:00 AM and Monday evenings starting at 5:00 PM.



The following class options are available:

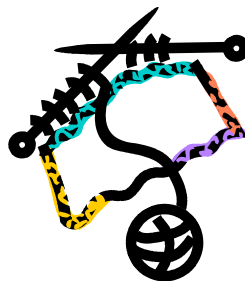
- Scheduled classes
- Semi-Private classes
- Private classes (1on 1)
- Workshops

Classes are categorized as technique, project and short 'n snappies which have different skill levels.

Malika's DOD, entitled "Knitting with Malika" is still available.

CLASS SUPPLIES POLICY

You will receive a 10% discount on your initial purchase of class materials (yarn, pattern, needles, gadgets, etc.) when purchased with class session fee made prior to or on the first scheduled



KNITTING CLASSES

INTRO TO COLOR KNITTING (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

Color is a wonderful way to add texture and pattern to your knitting. Introduce color to your knitting and discover which methods you want to explore further. In this class we will learn how to "read" a colorwork chart, and learn the basics of changing colors in a row while knitting. We will also discuss the differences between fair isle and intarsia, and compare different methods of carrying yarn across the back of the work. Come prepared to knit!

1 – 2 hour class
COST: \$25

DATE: Monday Jan. 30th 10:00 AM—12:00 PM

LAYAWAYS

Merchandise can be put on layaway for 45 days with a 50% deposit. Layaways not finalized within 60 days will be automatically cancelled and 25% of the deposit will be forfeited and remaining deposit will be applied to store credit.

BEGINNER KNITTING PROJECT OF CHOICE

This class is for those with a **minimal** amount of knitting experience who are looking to advance. This class emphasizes pattern reading, learning different types of increases and decreases as well as stitch patterns, and proper finishing techniques while working on a project of the student's choice.

3 – 2 hour class
COST: \$60

DATE: Fri. Jan. 13th, 20th & 27th

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KNITTING CLASSES

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BASICS OF LACE KNITTING (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

Are your friends and relatives tired of you making fuzzy scarves? Wow them with these lovely lace scarves! Learn the difference between lace knitting and knitted lace, different decreases, yarn overs, and the importance of blocking lace while making the scarf of your choice using a fingering weight yarn. Stop by the shop to see our models. **The price includes the pattern.** The pattern will be available at the end of January and must be picked up before class. Must be comfortable with knitting and purling, but chart reading skills are not necessary.

3 – 2 hours classes
COST: \$75

DATE: Wed. Feb 15th, 22nd & Mar. 1st 11:00 AM — 1:00 PM

FINISHING (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

Have you ever spent a lot of time and money on a project only to find that you can't get it put together so that it looks good? This

class will help you refine your finishing techniques and make the whole process faster and maybe even pleasurable. Learn to pick up neckline stitches, sew seams invisibly, graft seams together, sew in sleeves, duplicate stitch, and buttonholes.

1 – 3 hour class
COST: \$35

DATE: Fri. Jan. 20th 12:30 PM — 3:30 PM

INTRO TO CABLES (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

Don't be intimidated by cables! In this one session class you will learn to the basics behind cables and Aran patterns. You will follow a chart and knit a basic cable, a braided cable and a diamond cable. Prerequisites: casting on, binding off, knitting and purling.

1 – 3 hour class
COST: \$35

“Have you heard the latest? It's Hip to Crochet.”



CROCHET CLASSES

CROCHETED SPIRAL BEADED BRACELET

Learn how to make lovely crocheted spirals that can be turned into bracelets, necklaces, or earrings. In class, we will make one bracelet. You must be able to crochet.

1 – 3 hour class
COST: \$45 + kit fee

DATE: TBD

INTRO TO CROCHET

Learn basic crochet stitches, learn to increase and decrease to shape your work, work in rows and work in the round while making a cell phone holder, scarf & hat.

4 – 2 hour class

DATE: Mon. Jan. 23rd, 30th, Feb. 6th & 13th
1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

WHAT'S NEW?

Felting! What, you haven't tried it yet? If your husband can felt your favorite wool sweater, how hard can it be?

Crocheting has moved to "center stage" and crochet is being used as embellishments to knits.

The small retail establishments are having to fight for the little share of the market because the large distributors are playing games by acting like "little stores" and are marketing aggressively in our areas using discounts to lure you to them.

That is why we are changing the items we carry and also why we don't carry certain yarns. We want to provide our customers with quality products and services at a reasonable price that cannot be compared to the larger retail establishments.

Gadgets—

Susan Bates and Clover Bamboo needles, once our stock is depleted, will no longer be carried at Capital Yarns for the reason stated above.

We will continue to carry Brittney Birch, Rosewoods, Pony Aluminums, Denise, and Addi Turbos and are looking for another style.

Come stock up on Susan Bates and Clovers at bargain prices while supplies last.

Magazines—

Family Circle Easy Knitting has been discontinued and will be replaced by Knit Simple. Come check it out.

We have the latest Vogue Knitting; Knitters; Interweave. Come see how to make scarves into vests with the latest Knitters.

Also check out the newest crochet & felting patterns.

Books—

Books are coming in and going out quickly. We have received new titles as well as some out of stock ones.

Yarns—

We have 100% superfine cashmere in black & cream for those special projects. Very soft and easy to work with. Come see the crochet shawl we have on display in this gorgeous yarn.

100% merino from Australia for the Jane Slicer-Smith patterns can be special ordered. We are carrying a few colors.

We also have a sampling of Blue Heron yarns from the Eastern Shore as well as Erdal yarns which are made in the good old USA.

Segue from Trendsetters has finally made an appearance. Come see it before it leaves.

Shipments of exciting new products are arriving constantly and don't stay very long. Check the website to see what's new to arrive.

KNITTING CLASSES

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DATES:

Monday Jan. 30th 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Wednesday Feb. 8th 10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

CONTINENTAL KNITTING (AND PURLING) (Intermediate/Advanced Technique)

Learn how to knit and purl by carrying the yarn in your left hand and "picking" rather than wrapping the stitch. Knowing how to

knit with the yarn in either hand makes color knitting easier and can help alleviate strain since you can switch off hands.

3—2 hour classes
COST: \$60

DATE: TBD

SHORT 'N SNAPPIES MONDAYS FROM 10 AM — 12 PM

Perfect for those who want to learn a new technique but can't commit to a series of classes. The cost is \$45 per two-hour session. Students must call by 12 noon Friday to schedule an appointment and request homework assignment.

ARMHOLE SUCCESS (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

COLORWORK 101 (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

SEAMLESS FINISHING (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

CAST ON METHODS (Beginner/Advanced Beginner)

INCREASES & DECREASES (Advanced Beginner/Intermediate Technique)

PATTERN READING 101

CROCHET BORDERS FOR KNITTERS

Kids classes are also available.

PROJECT CLASSES

KNITTED CARDIGAN CLASS

Learn the basic techniques needed to knit independently over a ten (10) week period while making your very own cardigan. Homework required. Great for beginners. Supplies not included.

Students will learn how to cast on and bind off, how to knit and purl, how to pick up stitches, correct errors and the fundamentals of gauge.

Choice: Fridays 5:00 — 7:00 PM
Saturdays 2:00 PM — 4:00 PM
Sundays 3:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Level 1
4 — 2 hour sessions
COST: \$80

DATES: Fri. Jan 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
Sat. Feb. 25th, Mar. 4th, 11th
& 18th
Sun. Jan. 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Level 2
3 — 2 hour sessions
COST: \$60

DATES: Fri. Feb. 3rd, 10th & 17th

Sat. Jan. 14th, 21st, & 28th
Sun. Feb. 5th, 12th & 19th

Level 3
3 — 2 hour sessions
COST: \$60

DATES: Fri. Feb. 24th, Mar. 3rd, & 10th
Sat. Feb. 4th, 11th & 18th
Sun. Feb. 26th, Mar. 5th & 12th

CLINICS

Perfect for those who need help from an instructor but can't commit to a class. The cost is \$10 per half-hour session. Students must call by 12 noon the day before they wish to schedule an appointment.

Knitting Clinic is held Mondays from 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM and Sundays from 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM.

Crochet Clinic TBD

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