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**Spring 2012**

Dear valued customer,

SPRING into SPRING! Although this winter hasn't been the norm I know I'm looking forward to spring! I worried a few weeks ago with it being so mild that the spring bulbs would start to emerge and silently urged them to stay put. I'm ready now to see the new shoots and welcoming blooms. Let's hope spring soon blossoms for you too.

What better way to SPRING into SPRING than to take up something new or refresh old pastimes. This spring we are offering workshops in spinning – both for spindle and wheel – in the beginner or intermediate level. We also have an exciting workshop on spinning with cotton as well as one on learning how to comb and hand card rovings while making your own fiber colour wheel. If it's felting that's caught your interest, please join us for our workshop on wet and/or needlefelting. Our workshops are fun, informative and relaxing but space is limited so early registration is recommended. Please refer to the attachment listing all our workshop information.

We have also added some new items that may inspire you to SPRING into SPRING and either try something new or enhance your current fiber "addiction". Please read on for further details.

As always, if we can be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact us by phone, fax or email. We look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Spring!  
Cheryl, Tanis & Aubrey

#### **WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

See separate Leaflet/attachment for workshops being offered this Spring. Early registration is recommended as limited space is available.

#### **We're OPEN during Workshops**

During our Workshops, Gemini Fibres will be open for your shopping convenience. We will not be open on weekends that we are attending out of town events. If you would like to visit outside our regular shop hours, please contact us to arrange an appointment.

**NOTE:** Stuff happens and things change. We know that many customers travel a distance to visit our shop. If you're planning a "road trip" outside of our regular Monday to Thursday Shop Hours, please call to be sure we will be here for you. Thanks!

#### **CLOSED FOR SUMMER VACATION**

*Gemini Fibres* will be closed for 2 weeks holidays from Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to and including Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **EVENTS we're attending this Year:**

*Look for Gemini Fibres at the following events:*

**Knitters Frolic – Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** – 9:00am to 4:30pm – Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, Toronto ON. For more information go to:

[http://www.downtownknitcollective.ca/dkc\\_frolic.html](http://www.downtownknitcollective.ca/dkc_frolic.html)

**Wasoon 2012 Conference – May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>** – Lester B. Pearson Civic Centre, Elliot Lake ON. For more information go to: [www.ohs.on.ca/events](http://www.ohs.on.ca/events)

**OHS Seminar – June 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>** – Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre, Burlington ON. For more information go to: [www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca](http://www.ontariohandspinningseminar.ca)

**Knitters Fair – Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30am to 4:30pm – Bingemans, Kitchener ON. For more information go to: [www.kwknittersguild.ca](http://www.kwknittersguild.ca)

**OHS Central Region Seminar – Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** – 8:00am to 3:30pm – Simcoe County Museum, Barrie ON.

**Woodstock Fleece Festival – Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** – 8:30am to 4:00pm – Woodstock ON. For more information go to: [www.fleecefestival.com](http://www.fleecefestival.com)

## NEW PRODUCTS:

### Coming soon from Forrester Spindles:

Tom's new spindle-whorl wood for 2012 is made from Bamboo, a fully renewable resource. It's called **Strand-Woven Bamboo** because it is made from long strands of shredded bamboo. Some of these strands are dyed with various permanent colors and spun together with a non-toxic binder. This mixture is then formed under high temperature and pressure into logs about the size and shape of railway ties. Once fully cured, these Strand-Woven Bamboo logs are sawed into thin boards. The end product is a renewable wood that has highly variable colors that appear to be "woven" together. It is very strong, non-toxic, and waterproof - a wood even Picasso would be proud of! Because of its high density, working Strand-Woven Bamboo requires more care and extremely sharp tools to form it. Due to the added time and effort needed to shape these whorls, the end cost is slightly more than whorls made from other exotic woods. We are sure that these new arty-looking Strand-Woven Bamboo whorls by Forrester will be a fine complement your own personal artistic sensibilities!

The whorls shown below are: Top row = **10-Hole Granny**; middle row = **Vortex**; and bottom row = **6-Hole Granny** styles - the first three Forrester spindle styles to have these new bamboo whorls. There are other bamboo wood color patterns coming such as chocolate brown & tan mixes.



### Fibers:

Blue-faced Leicester Sliver, natural	66.50/kg
Cheviot Wool Top White	62.00/kg
Corriedale Stripey Sliver - 5 colourways (Spring Morning, Autumn Dusk, Winter Nights, Summer Days, Natural Fusion)	78.50/kg
Corriedale Stripey Sliver 100 gram multi-packs (Spring Morning, Autumn Dusk, Winter Nights, Summer Days, Natural Fusion)	10.50
Cultivated Silk Top, Black	19.11/100g
Jacob Wool Top, Grey or Black	44.00/kg
Karakul Wool Top	44.00/kg
Leicester Sliver, white	66.50/kg
Manx Lockton Wool Top	75.50/kg
Romney Sliver	66.50/kg
South African Fine Wool Top	89.00/kg

<b>Merino Pre-felt</b> , natural white (39" x 39")	17.00
<b>Merino Pre-felt</b> , dyed colours (47" x 39")	25.00

**Alpaca Lace Yarn** (made in Peru) 100% superfine Alpaca, Natural, approximately 200g skeins, 4960 yds/lb. 116.00/kg

**Knit Knack Pack** from Nancy's Knit Knacks.....\$49.95  
Fully lined, inside zipper & external pocket. Tapestry or denim fabric which can be worn as a backpack.

**The Knook Beginner Kit** \$11.95

The Knook is a specialized crochet hook that has a cord threaded through a hole in the non-hook end. The cord holds the stitches while you work, allowing you to create a knitted fabric. Includes 3 bamboo knooks (3, 5 & 5.5mm) 3 x 36" cords & how-to-book & 4 project instructions.

**Sock Blockers** – stainless steel (sm, med or large) ..... 24.95/pr

**15" Cricket Loom** from Schacht – Available in **April** \$186.00

### 2013 Calendars:

Crochet Patterns-a-Day 2013 Calendar (July) 17.99  
Knitting Patterns-a-Day 2013 Calendar (July)..... 17.99

## BOOKS newly arrived or coming soon

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### Crochet Books:

63 More Easy to Crochet Pattern Stitches	8.50
101 Crochet Stitch Patterns & Edgings—edited Connie Ellison (Apr)	23.95
All Washed Up! 9 crochet designs – Drew Emborsky.....	4.95
Celebrity Slouchy Beanies – Lisa Gentry	4.95
Crochet Bakemono (Monsters!)—Lan-Anh Bui & Josephine Wan	21.95
Crochet Garden: bunches of flowers, leaves & other delights – Suzann Thompson (May) .....	19.95
Crocheted Flowers: 20 to make – Jan Ollis (April) .....	11.95
Granny Squares: 25+ ways to crochet the classic pattern – Stephanie Gohr, Melanie Sturm & Barbara Wilder (May) .....	21.95
Mosaic Magic: afghans made easy – Lily Chin	8.95
Textured Crochet Lace: 64 lace patterns for rugs, scarves, beanies & more—Renate Kirkpatrick (March).....	23.95
Unexpected Afghans: innovative crochet designs with traditional techniques – Robyn Chachula (June) .....	27.95
Use Up That Yarn: 13 designs to crochet from your stash – Drew Emborsky .....	11.95

### Dyeing Books:

Handbook of Indigo Dyeing (re-issue)—Vivien Prideaux (Apr) 35.95

### Felting Books:

Art in Felt & Stitch: creating beautiful works of art using fleece, fibres & threads – Moy Mackay (July) .....	32.95
Creative Needle Felting: wool art with a painterly style –Lyn Slade (April) .....	17.99
Felted Feathered Friends: techniques & projects for needle- felted birds – Laurie Sharp (July).....	21.99

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- 60 More Quick Baby Knits: newborns to tots in 220  
superwash sport (May) ..... 21.95  
All You Knit Is Love: 20 patterns for romantic handmade gifts  
– Debbie Harrold ..... 11.95  
Aran Knits: 25 contemporary designs using classic cable  
patterns – Martin Storey ..... 28.99  
Beyond Knit & Purl - Kate Atherley ..... 31.95  
Beyond Toes: Judy's magic cast-on – Judy Becker ..... 33.95  
Cast On, Bind Off: 54 step-by-step methods–Leslie Ann Bestor (June) 19.95  
Coastal Knits: a collaboration between friends on opposite  
shores – Alana Dakos & Hannah Fettig ..... 25.95  
Cuddly Knits for Wee Ones: 20 projects  
– Catherine Bouquerel (July) ..... 17.95  
Custom Knits Accessories – Wendy Bernard (May) ..... 31.50  
Cute Creatures to Knit & Crochet ..... 21.95  
Essentially Feminine Knits: 25 chic designs – Lene Home  
Samsøe (June) ..... 29.95  
Extreme Double Knitting – Aladsair Post-Quinn ..... 34.95  
Fair Isle Basics & Beyond – edited by Kara Bott Warner ..... 17.95  
Gothic Knits: crafting hauntingly beautiful knitted dolls  
– Fiona McDonald ..... 23.95  
Handknit Romance, A: 22 vintage designs with lovely details  
– Jennie Atkinson ..... 29.95  
Hats – Guild of Master Craftsman (April) ..... 17.95  
Knitlympics: knit your favourite sports star–Carol Meldrum (Mar).. 14.95  
Knit-Opedia: the only knitting reference you'll ever need  
– Claire Montgomerie (March) ..... 28.99  
Knit Red: stitching for women's heart health – Laura Zander (June) 23.95  
Knit Socks for All Seasons: fabulous, fun footwear for any  
time of year – Stephanie van der Linden (April) ..... 27.95  
Knit Your Own Cat: patterns for 16 frisky felines – Sally Muir  
& Joanna Osborne ..... 17.95  
Knits for Nerds: 30 projects – science fiction, comic books,  
fantasy – Toni Carr ..... 19.99  
Knitted Booties for Tiny Feet – Catherine Bouquerel (June) 17.95  
Knitted Toy Travels: wild-at-heart animals from around the  
world – Laura Long (April) ..... 24.99  
Knitters Curiosity Cabinet – Hunter Hammersen (March)... TBA  
Knitter's Handy Book of Top-Down Sweaters–Ann Budd. 35.95  
Knitter's Life List, The – Gwen Steege ..... 29.95  
Knitting Circles Around Mittens & More – Antje Gillingham ..... 29.95  
Knitting Everyday Finery: Practical designs for dressing up in  
little ways – Mel Clark (May) ..... 27.95  
Knitting for Gold: medal-worthy projects for sporty knitters  
– Sue McBride (April) ..... 14.95  
Knitting Know-How – Dorothy T. Ratigan & Judith Durant (Aug) 29.50  
Knitting Mittens & Hats from Around the World  
– editor Kari Cornell (July) ..... 27.99  
Knitting Scandinavian Slippers & Socks–Laura Farson 29.95  
Knitting Scarves from Around the World–editor Kari Cornell .. 27.99  
Knitting with the Color Guys: inspiration, ideas & projects from  
the Kaffe Fassett Studio – Kaffe Fassett & Brandon Mably ..... 29.95

### **Knitting Books:**

- Knitting with Two Colors – Meg Swansen & Amy Detjen ..... 29.95  
Lovely Knits for Little Girls: 20 just-right patterns just for  
girls – Vibe Sondergaard (Feb) ..... 25.95  
Noah's Knits: story of Noah's Arc & 16 projects – Fiona Goble (Mar) 19.99  
Norwegian Handknits–Sue Flanders & Janine Kosel (Apr) 27.99  
One + One: Scarves, Shawls & Shrug: 25+ projects from just 2  
skeins–Iris Schreier (March) ..... 21.95  
Pop Knitting: bold motifs using color & stitch – Britt-Marie  
Christofferson (May) ..... 31.95  
Principles of Knitting - June Hemmons Hiatt ..... 49.99  
Scarves – Guild of Master Craftsman (March) ..... 17.95  
Shaping Shawls – Dalvi ..... 29.95  
Sock Knitter's Handbook–Charlene Schurch & Beth Parrott (Mar). 31.95  
Stashbuster Knits: 21 projects for leftover yarn–Melissa Leapman 22.99  
Sweet Shawlettes – Jean Moss ..... 25.95  
Tea Cozies 3 – Guild of Master Craftsman (Aug) ..... 17.95  
Teach Yourself Visually Color Knitting–Mary Scott Huff (May) 29.99  
Techno Cozies – Sue Culligan (March) ..... 17.95  
Ultimate Mittens - Robin Hansen ..... 35.00  
Vogue Knitting: Classic Patterns from the world's most  
celebrated knitting magazine ..... 50.00

### **Spinning Books:**

- Complete Guide to Spinning Yarn: techniques, projects &  
recipes – Brenda Gibson ..... 26.50  
Hand Spun: new spins on traditional techniques – Lexi Boeger ..... 27.99  
Yarn Works: how to spin, dye & knit your own yarn  
– Wendy Johnson (March) ..... 33.00

### **Weaving Books:**

- Magical Materials to Weave: blending traditional &  
innovative Yarns–Lotte Dalgaard (April) ..... 27.95  
Weave Classic Crackle & More – Susan Wilson ..... 39.95  
Weaver's Inkle Pattern Directory: 400 warp-faced weaves  
– Anne Dixon (July) ..... 35.95

### **DVDs:**

#### **Dyeing DVDs:**

- Dyeing in the Kitchen** – deb Menz (75 min) ..... 23.95

#### **Knitting DVDs:**

- Knitters Guide to Color** – Laura Bryant (131 min) ..... 23.95

#### **Weaving DVDs:**

- Loom Owner's Companion – Tom Knisely  
(2 discs/2 hrs.44 min) ..... 41.95  
Weaving Well: from yarn to cloth – Madelyn van der Hoogt  
(2 discs/122 min) ..... 41.95

## **USED EQUIPMENT**

### **For sale by Owner**

**Wee Peggy Spinning Wheel** Asking \$300.00 Contact  
Jayne (Markham) [905-294-3164](tel:905-294-3164) or [jayne.bull41@gmail.com](mailto:jayne.bull41@gmail.com)

**Spin Tech Electric Spinner** with adjustable foot peddle & 4  
bobbins. Asking \$500.00 Contact Libby (Toronto) 416-588-  
8558.