

All Strung Out Fine Yarns and Fiber Arts

May 2009 Newsletter

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Store Hours

Tuesday: 10am - 6pm
Wednesday: 10am - 6pm
Thursday: 11am - 8.30pm
Friday: 11am - 8.30pm
Saturday: 10am - 5pm
Sunday: 11am - 4pm
Monday: Closed

As of May 1st our new summer hours will be:

Tuesday: 11am-6pm
Wednesday: 11am - 6pm
Thursday 11am-8.30pm
Friday: 11am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-5pm
Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed

Be advised that over the summer our Wednesday Morning Knit and Chat will now run from 11am -2pm, and our Spin and Chat will run on Saturdays from 3pm-5pm.

Last month at All Strung Out we were extremely busy getting ready for the Knitter's Frolic, a giant knitting show held every year in Toronto. Our hosts for the show, the Downtown Knitter's Collective, did an amazing job organizing everything and the show was a huge success, despite the ill-timed closure of the Don Valley Parkway and

some seriously rainy weather. We had a great time at our first show and we're excited to go back next year. Maybe we'll see you there!

In this issue you will find our brand new class schedule, so if you are looking to expand your skills this spring we have plenty to offer you.

World Wide Knit in Public Day!

Saturday June 13th, 10am-5pm

Drop in at All Strung Out on this day to help raise a little knitting awareness! We will be hosting an all-day Knit and Chat on our front step and in the store. There will be refreshments, door prizes and some excellent deals to be had, so bring your knitting, your lawn chair, and stay a while!

New Yarns for Spring

New yarns have arrived at the shop! We have Estelle Cloud Cotton, a beautiful worsted weight pima cotton, Filatura Maxime Print, a "fake-fair-isle" sock yarn, Elizabeth Lavold Silky Wool, and Cascade Fixation, a stretchy cotton yarn which is great for socks, caps, tank tops and tee shirts. I'm also very excited that we have received a big shipment of Tahki Cotton Classic, a cotton yarn

available in a wide variety of vibrant colours.

Soon we will be receiving a shipment of Lorna's Laces Yarns, so come in to check out the new colours!

Summer Lace Knitalong

Our February Lady Sweater Knitalong was a huge success, with many people casting on and knitting it throughout February and March, so we're starting up another knitalong. This one is a bit more open-ended: This summer we challenge you to cast on a lace project. Anything goes, from lacy wristwarmers, to a triangular shawl. Stop by the shop for suggestions and inspiration, and bring your project to any of our Knit and Chats for tips, tricks, advice and encouragement. Check our website for tons of lace links! If you are a member of the KW Knitter's Guild, this will help you get in gear for next year's theme, which is also Lace Knitting.

This month I am going to be focusing on finishing my KW Knitter's Guild Mystery Shawl, designed by Marilyn Everingham, and perhaps casting on for Aeolian, a shawl pattern from the latest issue of Knitty Magazine.

Classes

If you are interested in knitting your first pair of socks, a Fair Isle hat, a sweater from the top down, and much more, check out our schedule and call to reserve your space.

New: Online Class Signups!

Check out our website at www.allstrungout.ca to sign up for classes using our new calendar!

March Finishing School

Our March Finishalong was a great success, with many people completing their Clapotis scarves and their February Lady Sweaters this month, as well as other assorted projects. We will be putting up a gallery of customer projects on the website soon, so bring in your finished projects if you would like to show them off! I finished my brown February Lady Sweater near the end of the month and it is now on display in the shop.

Weekly Events

Knit and Chat

Wednesdays, 11am-2pm
Thursdays, 6pm-9pm
Saturdays, 1pm-3pm

Come Knit and Chat at All Strung Out! Bring your knitting/crochet to work on and hang out for a while in our community area. Meet other local crafters, show off your finished (and unfinished!) objects, and have a fun, relaxing evening of knitting, good company, and good conversation.

Spin and Chat

Saturdays, 3pm-5pm
Are you a spinner? Bring your wheel, your drop spindle, or your handcards to our Sunday Spin In, a gathering for spinners to hang out, spin some yarn, and get to know some fellow fiber artists. Anyone is welcome.

Class Schedule

Intro to Crochet

Three 2hr sessions
Saturday May 9th and 16th
10am-12pm
and Tuesday May 13th
6.30-8.30pm

Looking for something different from the usual knit and purl? Learn this fun, fast way to make beautiful accessories, blankets, tote bags, and even garments! Alisa will teach you all you need to know to get started on your first project.

Cost: \$50, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Intro to Drop Spindling

Two 2hr sessions
Saturday May 23rd and 30th
10am-12pm

Learn how to make your own yarn on the drop spindle, an ancient, portable spinning tool. In this class students will learn how to draft, spin, ply and finish a yarn made from combed wool top. Students will receive their own drop spindle and 100g of handpainted fiber.

Cost: \$70, includes materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Two Handed Fair Isle

Two 2hr sessions
Saturday June 20th and 27th
10am-12pm

Add some color to your knitting! Learn this easy, tangle-free way to knit with two colors at the same time, as we work through the "Squares Squared" hat pattern by Cosette Cornelius-Bates (visit her blog at <http://www.cosymakes.com!>)

Cost: \$40, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Learn to Knit

One 2hr session
Friday May 29th
6.30-8.30pm

OR
Saturday June 6th
10am-12pm

OR
Saturday July 18th
10am-12pm

If you are just getting started with knitting or you need a quick refresher, this is the class for you! Learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off: everything you need to know to get started on your first scarf project!
Cost: \$25 plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 5.

Knit a Sweater from the Top Down

Two 2hr sessions
Saturday July 4th and 11th
10am-12pm

Learn to knit a seamless sweater! This innovative method of sweater construction allows you to try your sweater on as you go and make adjustments to the fit as you work. We will be working from a basic top-down sweater "recipe" which is highly customizable and so much fun to knit.

Cost: \$30, plus materials. Minimum 3 students, Maximum 6.

Learn to Knit Socks

Two 2hr sessions
Saturday August 1st and 8th
10am-12pm

There's nothing more comforting and cozy than a pair of hand knitted socks. In this class we will learn how to construct a simple sock worked from the cuff down by knitting a miniature sock that will teach you all the skills you need to make socks to fit your own two feet! In this class we will learn how to knit on double pointed needles, how to work a gusset heel and decrease for the toe.

Cost: \$50 plus materials
Minimum 3 students, maximum 6.