

# Ewephoria

## Les Joies Des Fibres!



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Mary and Diane have returned from The National Needle Arts (TNNA) show in Long Beach. What a sensory overload! It was fast paced, informative and exhausting all at the same time. Here are some highlights of the trip:

**Fashion Show** -- It was exciting to see the actual garments from the knitwear magazines on the runway. Styles are definitely feminine and sophisticated.

**Trends** – Lace shawls, fingering and lace weight yarns and organic yarns are reappearing for spring and summer

**Sample It** - This was the chance to buy store samples during a one hour (timed!) scramble. It was utter pandemonium but fun!!! We scored some beautiful and interesting souvenir samples of new and unusual yarns, project bags and notions. They are available to see in the store.

**Galleria** – Needlework designers of all media displayed their current designs and were available for questions and conversation. Our favorite exhibit was the giant three-dimensional needlepoint Easter egg, complete with a miniature rabbit family inside and beautifully finished with ruched fabric and gold braid trim and a thickly clustered bow on top. We've never seen such a breathtaking example of fiber craft incorporating so many different finishing techniques. Over the top!

We'll be getting some new fibers, arriving later this spring, which were "must haves" from the show. Watch for them coming to Ewephoria soon:

**Corntastic and Cornucopia** from **Kollage Yarns** – machine washable and dryable made of 100% corn in fabulous pastel colors. These will be great yarns to start your spring projects with. Cream, another new fiber and incredibly soft, is made from *milk!*

**Zaol** (say "chow!") is a new to the USA yarn company from Korea. We ordered their angora yarn

that is absolutely heavenly to feel. We also fell for their thick and chunky cashmere/cotton and a fingering weight polished tencel that begs to be crocheted.

**Bead Knitting Kits** from **Deanna's Vintage Styles** are complete kits for knitting necklaces, bracelets, scissor fobs/zipper pulls and amulet bags. Patterns for a beaded shawl and beaded scarf have arrived already.

**Heads up Lace Knitters!** *Cobweb*, lace and fingering weight yarns from **Yarn Place** have arrived. These are beautiful and delicate "yarns" (threads?) suitable for scarves, shawls and socks.

**Feza** – We have glamorous patterns and yarns from this young Turkish company. Come in and see the jacket sample. The yarns include Dazzle, Tokyo, Mesmerize and Spring.

We are now offering **Presencia** Finca Mouline **Embroidery Floss**, made of the best Finca Egyptian mercerized cotton. All colors are 100% guaranteed solid dyed. This floss can be used for embroidery and cross stitch and tying quilts. We have 252 solid colors, 33 variegated colors and 3 metallic colors. We also have a color conversion chart available to convert your DMC or Anchor colors to Presencia.

**Mark Your Calendars!!** – In celebration of leap year on Friday, **February 29, 2008** Ewephoria and Fabrique will be hosting "Knit a Bit" and "Quilt 'til You Wilt" from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Wear your comfy cozies bring a potluck dish and your fiber or fabric projects and join us for some knitting, quilting or needlework fun.

## Knitting Programs

**Note:** Due to severe weather in the last couple of weeks, several of our knitting programs were not

held. If you would like help finishing your 2007 KBOM, we have rescheduled it for Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to start a Knit Along project, we have rescheduled it for Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. If neither of these dates work for you, please call us and we would be happy to schedule a time that is more convenient for you.

Join us for "Knit Alongs" this quarter. We are offering 3 different sweater patterns to choose from using **Elsebeth Lavold** Silky Wool, **Universal** Eden Silk and **Queensland Collection** Kathmandu Aran. The Knit Alongs are designed to ease the transition to knitting garments for the adventurous intermediate knitter. This is not a class but an interactive project with the staff participating, too! We will meet regularly (see class schedule) to monitor progress, offer solutions, share frustrations and enjoy seeing each other's work literally take shape. *There is no charge for the program*, you'll receive a 10% discount on your yarn and pattern, and enjoy the help and support of fellow knitters. What's not to love? Sign up now to secure your color choice.

**TOFutsies Sock Club** – Our first offering of this limited edition yarn was so successful we sold out of our original allotment, but have *added more space for more members!* Sock Club members meet the 3rd Thursday of each month during Knit Knite. Note: The October pattern we began with does have a correction to it. If you did not receive your corrected pattern via e-mail – let us know and we will make sure you get the correction.

### Blocks of the Month

The 2008 Knit Block of the Month (KBOM) is underway. This year we are using the **Great American Afghan Book** featuring Cascade 220, 220 Superwash, and Pastaza, all from Cascade Yarns. This is an exciting opportunity since many of the blocks have interesting textures and sculptural qualities, and the complete patterns are available in a full color booklet. Just like last year, participants enjoy 10% off their block yarn purchase.

KBOM dates this quarter include:  
February 12, and March 11

Crochet Block of the Month (CBOM) continues on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Those dates this quarter include:  
February 26, and March 25 from 5:30 to 7:30pm

## Classes:

**DPN Socks** (Double Pointed Needles) - learn the traditional method of knitting socks. Conquer your fear of the "toothpicks" and you'll be able to knit just about anything!

February 23, 10:30am - 3:00pm. Cost \$55 including supplies. Required: must know how to knit, purl, ssk (slip, slip, knit), k2tog, and cast on using the long tail method.

**Beginning Knitting** - a focused introduction to the six foundational skills for knitting. Class is five hours with a one hour lunch break, and offered each month. Fee includes all materials. Payment for registration is required prior to the beginning of class.

February 9, OR March 8, 10:30am - 3:30pm  
Cost \$45

Evening Section February 6 AND February 13,  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Beginning Crochet** - a focused introduction to the six foundational skills for crochet. Class is three hours, and offered each month. Fee includes all materials. Payment for registration is required prior to the beginning of class.

February 16, OR March 22, 10:30am - 1:30pm  
Cost \$45

### Sit and Stitch

How often do we take the opportunity to just sit and knit, crochet, or do whatever our needlework passion is for a couple uninterrupted hours? There is NO charge and we invite you to enjoy a warm beverage while you relax and give in to your creativity.

Wednesday Mornings 10:30am - 12:30pm, Saturday Afternoons 3:30pm - 6:00pm, and of course Thursdays are always Knit Knites from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

### Come join us!

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