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# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

IN THIS ISSUE: INTRODUCTION, NEW YARN, SALES, CLASSES, LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

I thoroughly enjoyed that tease of warm weather in February, and am ready to knit for spring! The shop has been bustling with new fiber artists, sit & knit attendance is growing, and there are many fun activities going on.



We had a small knit along of the Falling Stars double knit cowl, and we had an awesome Felted Fox class. Look below for more fun activities scheduled this spring at the shop.

If you are working on the Felted Beach Bag, or have any other knitted or crocheted item that you would like to machine felt, but are hesitant to do it on your own, a felting event is scheduled in April. You can sign up on the website in the Classes section. I will be hanging out there from 10:00am – 5:00pm so you can let me know what time you will be able to come.



At this time the only plan that impacts business hours during the upcoming quarter is World Wide Knit in Public Day on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Check out the Events section below for details.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE SHOP?



I am excited to announce [Ruby and Roses yarns](#) at Fleeces to Pieces! I will be her first account on the east coast. I am bringing in a sampling of colors in the array of yarn bases that are available for wholesale.

What's even better is that we created an exclusive colorway called "Azalea Festival" only available at Fleeces To Pieces. Addy was spot on with the color. Come on in and take a look for yourself!

Several other new spring yarns have arrived. Cool blends of cotton, linen, hemp, silk, and even eucalyptus!



## LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHT



Meet Lylah Matthews, a prolific crocheter! Lylah is 13 years old and began her crochet journey self-taught at 10 years of age. Wanting to go further with her craft and formalize her knowledge, her parents brought her to Fleeces To Pieces for crochet instruction. Her initial knowledge and desire to learn more has brought Lylah to the point of professional crocheter! She is now in the process of taking the patterns she thought up and learning to write them into a formal pattern. Lylah also sells her professionally crafted, seasonally themed home décor crochet items at retail.

You may see her younger brother Jackson, also a crocheter, in the spotlight in the future!

## TEXTILE / FIBER GUILD

A group of guild initiators has been working diligently to establish a new fiber & textiles guild. We will be activating the guild before the next newsletter. I will be sending out a one-time special communication to all my contacts with an interest survey and more information about the guild.

### TEASER:

Coastal Carolinas Region - Art in Fiber & Textiles (CCRAFT)

If you have input as to needs in the Carolina coastal community (yarn or quilting crawls, education or vending events, spinning, quilting, weaving collaborative groups, business or recreational engagement, etc.), you can submit your ideas via email to [fleecetopieces@gmail.com](mailto:fleecetopieces@gmail.com). We would love to know what is already going on, or where people are looking for engagement opportunities.

## EVENTS

**World Wide Knit In Public Day is June 10<sup>th</sup>!** Grab your knitting buddies and your current project and head out to a location where people can check you out!

Fleeces To Pieces will be closed until noon that day so that we can join some friends at The Arboretum, 6206 Oleander Dr., Wilmington, NC 28403. You are welcome to join us there. The shop will be open from noon until 3:00pm with 15% off purchases!

Fleeces To Pieces will be scheduling some classes and Knit Along activities on Wednesday evenings this quarter in addition to the classes we offer during business hours. This quarter we will have:

- Rigid heddle weaving class offered by Nina Zonneville,
- Big blanket finger knit class offered by Jo Caracappa.

Don't forget, several beginning & technical fiber arts classes are available to be scheduled if you want to set up private or small group classes.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS & SUPPORT

Here's the line-up of classes, workshops, and Make & Take Parties being offered this quarter: Felting classes are under development and will be announced at a later date. Check the [website](#) for details. Class seats can be purchased on-line, or in the shop.

Title	Date	Time	Instructor	Price	
Beginning and Technical Crochet, Embroidery & Just for Fun (see list below)	By appointment	Two hours – by appointment	Jo Caracappa	\$30.00	
Beginning and Technical Knit (see list below)	By appointment	Two hours – by appointment	Audrey Kruse	\$30.00 / \$35.00 if outside business hours	
Stitch Fix	By appointment	Up to 1 hour – by appointment	Jo Caracappa or Audrey Kruse	\$15.00	
Beginning Rigid Heddle Two Parts	Friday, April 7 Friday April 14	10:00am – 2:00pm 10:00am – 12:00pm	Nina Zonneville	\$65.00	
Title	Date	Time	Instructor	Price	
Chunky Blanket (Make & Take)	Wednesday, January 25	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Jo Caracappa	\$100.00) price includes materials)	
Felted Purse Felting Day	Tuesday, April 18	10:00am – 5:00pm	Audrey Kruse	\$35.00	

- Crochet:
  - Crochet a Chinese Knot Bag
  - Amigurumi

- Embroidery:
  - Flour Sack Towel
  - Beach Towel - Children ten and up
  - Embroidery on Sheer Fabric
  - Embroidered Necklaces - Adults or children ten and up
  - Tote Bag
- Just for Fun:
  - Plastic Canvas - Create a handbag
  - Plastic Canvas - Coasters - Adults or Children ten and up
  - Yarn Trees - No craft knowledge is required! Adults or Children ten and up
- Knitting Techniques:
  - Mitered Square
  - Illusion Knitting
  - Waves & Baubles – Drop Stitches, Feather & Fan, Chevrons, Baubles & Dupps
  - Brioche – Single Color Ribbing, Multi Color Ribbing, Multi Color Patterns
  - It's all in the yarn – Self Striping, Self-Patterning, Pooling, & Argyle
  - Cables
  - Knitting with Beads
  - Double Knit
  - Entrelac
  - Knitting on the Edge – Cast On's, Bind Offs, Provisional CO, Pick up Stitches, Kitchener, hem stitch, i-cord edging
  - Fair Isle (the pattern will be for a cup cozy)
  - Intarsia
  - The Amazing Slip Stitch – Bricks, Fences, Diamonds, & Mosaic



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