

January 2007

Dear Skein Lane Community:

Happy New Year! Didn't this last year just fly by....and certainly the last couple of months have been a "whirlwind" of activity settling into the Studio. Classes are underway and we've gotten use to our new "digs". We have several classes and events coming up.

Classes

Our [Knitting Workshops](#) begin again on January 2. If you haven't already signed up and are interested, call 510.525.9276 to check on space availability.

Socks have become an obsession for some us and we will continue on with more sock classes from [Vintage Socks](#) by Nancy Bush. We will also offer a basic sock class for those who want to learn to knit socks.

[Beginning Knitting](#) is scheduled for January 22 and 29. If you know someone who is wanting to learn to knit just refer them onto Skein Lane Studio. We are happy to start new knitters.

Are you ready for another [Moebius Class](#)? We have one scheduled for February 3.

Consultation by appointment

In our studio setting we have added consultation hours. If you need help you can either call or e-mail for free consultation. You can also schedule an in-person consultation appointment for a fee of \$5.00 for 15 minutes or \$20.00 per hour. We look forward to being able to help you with your knitting opportunities.

Guest Instructors

[Helen Hamann](#) will be with us on Saturday, January 20. She is a native of Peru, an international knitwear designer and alpaca enthusiast whose designs have been featured in many magazines and catalogs. Her new book, [Andean Inspired Knits](#), released in September 2006, introduces her collection of designs in soft alpaca. Join us for this inspiring workshop.

[Maggie Jackson](#) will be with us again the last weekend of January - the 26th, 27th & 28th. Maggie is a delightful instructor full of lots of tricks and humor and her designs reach out to the whimsical side as well to those of us who might be a little more conservative. I am looking forward to taking her classes. Hope you can join us.

Special Events and Future Classes.

We are looking forward to a customer fashion show and a yarn swap. Both of

these events will be scheduled for early spring. We will be scheduling a sweater design class when we all return from Stitches West in February.

Knitting Retreat

The dates for our fall [knitting retreat](#) have been confirmed. Mark your calendars for September 14-16 at Marconi Conference Center. [Chris Bylsma](#) is returning as our guest instructor. Be sure to sign up soon as the retreat space fills quickly. Deposits for the retreat will be due January 31. The cost will be posted this next week.

Knitalongs

We are embarking on another knitalong - [The Nantucket Jacket](#) designed by Norah Gaughan. Our [Einstein Coats](#) and [Log Cabin Afghans](#) are either completed or nearing completion. For those in progress, the knitalong is still open during the same time as we begin The Nantucket Jacket. Join us on Saturday afternoons from 2-4pm. The fee is complimentary if the yarn was purchased from Skein Lane or \$5.00.

Customer Projects

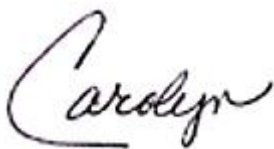
Our [customer project page](#) is up and we will continue to add your wonderful photos. If you have photos that you would like to share, please e-mail to skeinlane@aol.com. Be sure to include details of your project, i.e. pattern, yarn and any tips.

Yarn and Product Offerings

For those of you looking for Eucalan for washing those handknit garments, we've just stocked our shelves.

It's exciting that we have a small offering of yarn available in our studio. Currently we have Cotton Fleece from Brown Sheep, Deco Ribbon and Waikiki (in skein put-up) from Crystal Palace, and other miscellaneous yarns: Silke Tweed, Sock Yarns, and some Novelties...an array of yarn. Call 510.525.9276 or e-mail skeinlane@aol.com if you are looking for any these yarns. You might guess that I have stocked two of my favorites - the cotton fleece and waikiki- I've seen them knit together into a beautiful fabric. And I recently knit the *Moderne Baby Blanket* log cabin, featured in [Mason-Dixon](#), in cotton fleece and what a pleasure - both in terms of the knitting experience as well as the finished product.

My best and knit on!



SKEIN LANE KNOW HOW

This tip comes straight from Knitty Gritty on DIY. In a pinch for a stitch marker? Just grab a plastic straw and cut it into small pieces. Instant stitch markers!

Do you have a knitting time-saver? Got a hot crochet tip? Share your know how with other Skein Laners! Submit your tip or other helpful hint for knit or crochet by email to info@skeinlane.com. If our staff chooses your tip for the newsletter, we'll mention your name with gratitude and even give you a prize.

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