

# The Slipped Stitch

## July 2020

Your opinion matters! Please help us make a decision. Although BC (before Covid) we were open late on Tuesday nights, we currently have no late nights. We would like to know if any of you are interested in a late night and what day of the week you prefer. Please email [donna@thefiberhouse.com](mailto:donna@thefiberhouse.com) with your preference. I'd also love to hear if you have any ideas for projects or classes.

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### The Fiber House Covid Update

Currently our store hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

We have hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes readily available and use both frequently. We are not requiring facemasks for customers and it is your choice whether to do so. If you do not feel comfortable entering the store, we still offer pick-up at the door. You can place your order either through our webstore or by phone.

We will be restarting our in-store sit-and-knit and also attempting to do our classes both in the store and virtually through Zoom.us. We are limiting the number of people in the store to 8 until further notice. If you would like to attend a class at the store please call ahead to make sure there is room. If you would like to join a class/meeting through Zoom please email [donna@thefiberhouse.com](mailto:donna@thefiberhouse.com) in order to receive a meeting ID number. Also, if you have previously received Zoom meeting ID's these will be changing in July. I will email everyone who has previously requested these ID's with the new ones. If you do not receive the new links by July 3<sup>rd</sup>, please email to request them again.

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### Special Events

**Crazy Days** – our annual blow out sale will be held July 31 and August 1. Up to 75% off quality yarns.

The **Black Hills Fiber Frenzy** in Rapid City has been postponed and will hopefully take place in August. No date has yet been announced for this event.

The **Prairie Handspinners Fiber Fest** in Billing is still schedule for September 25 and 26. We will be vendors for this event. We're keeping our fingers crossed that this will still happen.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Cowboy Yarn Crawl** is still scheduled; however, we are shortening the time to August and September only. This year we have seven participating stores: Ewe Count in Cheyenne, Cowgirl Yarn in Laramie, Grand Loop Yarns in Cody, Knit on Pearl in Jackson, Mountain Meadow Wool in Buffalo, Pingora Yarns in Lander, and us, of course.

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## July Monthly Special- Knitting Fever and Euro Yarns – 10% off

All the brands distributed by Knitting Fever and Euro Yarns - Ella Rae, Elspeth Lavold, Juniper Moon Farms, Noro, Queensland, EuroBaby, Mirasol, Araucania, Louisa Harding. This covers about half of the store! Something for every project – including several upcoming class projects!

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**NEW! NEW! NEW!**

Plymouth *Stellato* – chunky weight wool encased with a glittery nylon chainette. Soft to the touch, great for accessories and sweaters. Restock on *Mushishi*. More new yarns will be coming in August and September.

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## DROP SHIP PROGRAMS

These programs are still active.

**Polka Dot Sheep** ([www.polkadotsheep.com](http://www.polkadotsheep.com)) – Hand-dyed yarns, kits, and patterns. You can order directly from her website and she is offering free shipping. When you check out, put The Fiber House in the “Notes” area and we will get credit on our next wholesale order.

For all of the following companies, you can check out what they offer on their website. Then you place your order with us (even if it something we don't generally keep in stock), we submit the order to the company, and your items are shipped directly to you. In most cases there is a drop ship fee (\$7 to \$11 per order).

**Mountain Colors** ([www.mountaincolors.com](http://www.mountaincolors.com)) - Hand-dyed yarns, kits, and patterns.

**Berroco Yarns** ([www.berroco.com](http://www.berroco.com)) - All Berroco, Amano, Lang, Wool Addicts, and Lopi Yarns and Drop Ship kit of the week specials. **Sign up for their newsletter list “KnitBits” and get free patterns and information about the weekly kits, contests, and other goodies.**

**Universal Yarns** ([www.universalyarn.com](http://www.universalyarn.com)) - Universal, Wisdom, Rosetti, Nazli Gelin, and Fibra Natura Yarns, kits, and patterns.

**Urth Yarns** ([www.urthyarns.com](http://www.urthyarns.com)) – Yarns and kits. This is a company we have not yet stocked at the store but they have some nice yarns that we may stock in the future. Right now you can order through us and get it drop shipped to you.

**Knitting Fever/ Euro Yarns** ([www.knittingfever.com](http://www.knittingfever.com)) – special drop ship kits only.

**Rowan Yarns** ([www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)) - special drop ship kits only.

**Ashford Looms** ([www.ashford.co.nz](http://www.ashford.co.nz)) - weaving and spinning supplies and equipment.

**Kromski** ([www.kromskina.com](http://www.kromskina.com)) - weaving and spinning equipment.

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## July In-store and Virtual Classes

We will be starting to hold classes in the store again as well as attempt to do them simultaneously through Zoom. See the class descriptions for more information.

Mondays through Thursdays, 1-3 pm and Saturdays Noon to 1 pm, -Virtual Sit and Knit Social Hour

Tuesday July 7, 1-3pm – Needle Felted Christmas Ornament – Decorated ball.

Tuesday July 14, 21, 28, 1-3pm – Socks

Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10am -12pm - Learn to Knit/Crochet

Wednesdays, 1-3pm - Juliette Shawl Crochet a-long.

Friday July 3 and Sat July 11 – 1-4pm - Greek Mosaic Beanie

Friday July 10 – 1-4pm – Mini How-to: Adding Stripes

Friday July 17 – 1-4pm – Pine Bark Cowl

Saturday July 18 – 1-4pm – Needle Felted Ornament – Penguin

Friday July 24 – 1-4pm – Stellato Wrap

Saturday, July 25, - 1-4pm – Tunisian Crochet Washcloth

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## Weaving and Spinning News

The weaving and spinning meetings will be on hiatus until the virus epidemic is cleared.

Kromski Promotion – Kromski is one of our weaving and spinning vendors. They manufacture beautiful old-world style looms and wheels in Poland. For the month of July, Kromski is running a promotion for their 10” Presto rigid heddle loom – buy a loom and receive a FREE stand.

Another vendor, Schacht Spindle Company has a new tapestry loom called Arras. This adjustable tension loom is free standing. If you are a member of the American Tapestry Alliance you can receive 20% off the cost.

For either of these products please contact us and we can arrange direct shipment to you.

Handweaver’s Guild of America Small Expressions Exhibit. The CFG will be co-hosting this event with the Bradford Museum in from March to May 2021. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help.

## Request for Submissions

Sheridan’s Creative Fiber Guild and Brinton Museum will be co-hosting the Handweaver’s Guild of America’s *Small Expressions Exhibit*, March 15 through

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May 9th, 2021. For this exhibit we would also like to include pieces completed by Wyoming fiber artists. Submissions must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Include a handwoven, handspun, or hand dyed component as part of the piece. Any art medium is welcome (fiber, wire, paper, mixed media, etc.)
- 2) Garments will be considered. All other items must be less than 15" in any dimension.
- 3) Items must be display ready.

We will initially request a photograph and details of the item to be submitted for consideration. Once we have decided on the pieces to be added to the display we will then request the item. At this time we do not have a firm deadline for submissions but it will most likely be December to January time frame.

If you would like to submit an item to be included in this exhibit, please contact Donna Stubbs (email: [donna@thefiberhouse.com](mailto:donna@thefiberhouse.com) or phone: 307-673-0383) for further submission guidelines.

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In Consideration of . . . (also known as - Donna's Soapbox):

## Don't Judge a Yarn by the Skein

I have been guilty of this too many times. Back when I first bought the store Janet and I looked at a skein of sock yarn and we both went "Yuk!" So we decided to use it to demonstrate some new needles that we were introducing. To our surprise the yarn looked great when we knit it into socks! And it sold a lot of yarn that way too.

More recently I had a request by a customer for some yarn with a little glitter to make a holiday sweater. As I was researching the yarns available, I saw one from Plymouth. However, I didn't like the way the skein looked on their website so I passed it by. Then my Plymouth yarn representative came in wearing a wrap using that very yarn. And I was completely surprised at how different it looked when it was knit into a garment.

Today, we just received a shipment of some sample Lang yarns. One of their new yarns is a heavily variegated wool/ acrylic blend that doesn't look very appealing. But I have seen pictures of the proposed designs using this yarn and was again very surprised at how much better it looks knit up. This is one of the reasons we have so many samples in the store. You can never tell how a yarn will look made up by what it looks like in a ball or skein. When choosing yarn, try to look for patterns that show how that yarn shines as a finished project.