

The Slipped Stitch

Mar 2020



Happy St. Paddy's Day – even if you are only Irish for one day a year.

Mountain Meadow's winner for the Sheridan yarn design challenge is Sharon Miller. Sharon will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Mountain Meadow. They have also awarded me a \$100 gift certificate for the viewer's choice win and \$25 gift certificates to the other designers. Congratulations everyone!

It's March already and spring is sure to be here any day now (at least we hope so). This spring and summer are shaping up to be extremely busy for us. We have three events we plan to be vendors at – Black Hills Fiber Frenzy (Rapid City) in May, MAWS conference (Helena, MT) in June, and Prairie Handspinners Fiber Fest (Billings) in September. We're also planning something a little different for this year's Knit in Public Day in June (stay tuned for more details next month). We also have an LYS day coming in April with some special offers from our yarn companies.

The 3rd Annual Cowboy Yarn Crawl kicks off Memorial Weekend (early this year on the 25th of May) and will be extended to September 30. We have seven participating shops and a new knit/crochet a-long project, so think about traveling around the state to see the sights and visit all of our great Local Yarn Stores!

Last but not least, Chris and I are actually going to be taking a vacation! (Only our third one since we bought the store.) We'll be gone May 14 thru 19, and as usual Janet will be holding down the fort. We are going on a road trip with Mom to visit family and have a HUGE family reunion (we're not sure how many people plan to attend but we're thinking it could be several hundred!)

And you know me, no matter what else is going on there's always a project or ten (15, 20 . . .) that I'm working on. I plan to get lots of knitting and crocheting in while we're on the road. ☺

March Monthly Special- Sirdar and Karabella Yarns – 10% off

Sirdar distributed yarns include Rowan, Hayfield, SMC/Schachenmayr, and Sirdar brands. The yarns we have include a limited stock of Rowan's *Felted Tweed*, SMC's *Catania*, *Boston*, and *Fashion Tahiti*, Sirdar's *Wild*, *Colorwheel*, and *Snuggly Pattercake DK*, and Hayfield's *Baby Chunky*, *Baby Blossom DK*, and *Baby Blossom Chunky*.

Karabella yarns include *Aurora 8*, *Magrite*, and *Lace Merino*.

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NEW! NEW! NEW!

New Noro yarns and magazine. Two new Noro yarns are just in: *Geshi*, a dk weight cotton/bamboo/silk blend that has a longer color repeat than most other Noro yarns, and *Tabi*, a DK weight wool/polyamide blend. The latest Noro magazine features some beautiful summer tops and I couldn't resist starting one using *Geshi* (pattern #27 the Boxy Top). We also have a free pattern for a cowl using *Tabi*.

March Classes

Sunday Mar 8 and March 15 - 9am to 4pm - Beginning Spinning

Sat, Mar 7 and Fri Mar 13 - 1-4pm and every Tues evening from 5-7pm- Raglan Sweaters

Fri Mar 6 and Sat Mar 14- 1-4pm - 2-at-a-time Socks

Fri Mar 20 and Sat Mar 28 - 1-4pm - Channeled Colors Brioche Cowl

Sat Mar 21- 1-4pm - Needle Felted Christmas Ornament - This month is the penguin (I swear he looks like Elvis).

Fri Mar 27 - 1-4pm Aran Crochet Pillow

Coming in April:

Continuing with Raglan Sweaters and Brioche Cowl.

Double Knit Coaster

Coming Events - More info to come in the next few months.

3rd Annual Cowboy Yarn Crawl - extended time - May 25 thru September 30! Seven participating shops.

Black Hills Fiber Frenzy, Rapid City, SD - May 30 and 31

Montana Association of Weavers and Spinner Conference, Helena MT, June 25 thru 28.

World Wide Knit-in-Public Day Picnic - Saturday June 13

Weaving and Spinning News

Weaving and Spinning Group meets the 4th Sunday of each month.

This month we will be at the UU Fellowship Bldg in Sheridan, Sunday, March 22 from noon to 4pm.

Next month will be in Buffalo.

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. I will be setting up a meeting time for us to get together to discuss our plans.

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If you would like to lend a hand, please call me at 307-763-1974. Please consider helping with the following action items:

- 1) Local fiber artist submissions to be included in the exhibit
- 2) Adult and children educational events
- 3) Advertising/ Spreading the word

In Consideration of . . . (also known as – Donna’s Soapbox):

Never Enough Time – A Lament

I wish there was 28 hours in a day.
Maybe then I could get everything done.
The floor needs sweeping,
Dirty dishes are in the sink.
But housework can wait.
I’d rather be crocheting

We schedule meetings and doctor appointments,
And set the alarm clock to get up.
We let time rule our lives,
So why not schedule a time to spin?

The Fates of Greek Mythology
Clotho, Lachesis, and Atropos
Were said to measure out the
Length of our lives at birth.
They are often depicted as weavers.
So with MY allotted time
I’d like to spend more of it weaving.

There are bills to be paid
And I do like to eat.
Someone has to work.
Unfortunatly, money
Really doesn’t grow on trees.
But I’d still rather be knitting.