



Black Sheep

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July-August Newsletter

Where does Summer go?



It seem like the summer has just arrived and It is already July. Midsummer has come and gone and the days are beginning to shorten again. Thankfully the weather has been glorious. Although I am already supposed to be thinking about all of the winter projects and yarns to get into the shop I have instead been focused on shawls. We had a little shawl knit-a-long here at Black sheep. Although I just finished mine I am having some finishers remorse and am ready to get another one going. The result is a little online shawl knit-a-long. This way if work is too hectic or you go on vacation you can check in and post photos of your progress. Jessie Dodington has agreed to check in with us online as we knit one or both of her shawl patterns: Dinner at the Eiffel Tower or Beach House. I just finished Beach house using two skeins of Black Trillium's Pebble Silk Sock yarn and love it! Dinner at the Eiffel Tower works up beautifully out of Artyarn's Rhapsody Glitter light. We will be putting together kits that you can come in and choose for yourself or order online.

<http://www.ravelry.com/people/blacksheeporenc>

Shop 'New's'



Cascade Heritage Silk Sock: Cascade Yarns are a staple yarn here at Black Sheep but they have outdone themselves with this line of beautiful multi-colored yarns called silk paints. I have made socks out of this super-soft yarn but fingerless gloves, shawls or even a sweater would be lovely.

Regia Sock: I made my first pair of socks using Regia self-striping sock yarn and those socks are still going strong. Regia sock yarns are reasonably priced and strong. The mix of wool and nylon make them the perfect material

to make kids socks from. We have added several shades to our selection of finger-weight yarn that stripes, form fair-isle designs or produce a painted effect as you knit.

Vintage German Glass Buttons: I am a sucker for a pretty buttons and these are gorgeous. The history of German glass buttons is fascinating making these even more attractive. These unique high quality buttons come in a variety of sizes and would look great on sweater projects or cowls. An article about German Glass buttons can be found here:

<http://bnb.jewelrymakingmagazines.com/en/sitecore/content/Home/Community/Button%20Corner/NBS%20Articles/2009/07/A%20History%20of%20Bohemian%20glass%20buttons.aspx>.

Signature Knitting Needles: These needles are pure luxury. Engineered to fit a knitter's hand, Stiletto sharp and beautifully weighted these knitting needles are lovely. Come and give them a test drive. Black Sheep can order sets for you or you can pick out just a pair of the most common needle size you use. We have several in stock.

Fleece:

Black Sheep has a variety of fleece available for sale. We just received a new shipment from Restoration Farm in Louisiana. Farm owner, Kerri Carruth Miller (<http://www.etsy.com/shop/WoolofLouisiana>) raises indigenous gulf coast breeds of sheep, shears for her neighbors and spins. We have a crisp white roving and a fleece from Pride. I have just finished up spinning up Pride's fleece from 2012 and highly recommend it. It is soft, a creamy yellow tone and creates a finely textured yarn. We also have a very long staple Romney-dale fleece that is cleaned and carded from Debra and Nuts about Berries and Several raw fleeces available for sale from various farms in the area(Romney-Dale, and Alpaca).

Spinning Group:



May was the inaugural meeting of the Black Sheep Spinning Group and thanks to Edna and her daughter Diane Laughter we had the perfect event to kick off our

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group. Edna donated a huge collection of fleeces she acquired over the years and we had a give-away. We had a great time spinning and picking out fleeces to take home. June's spin group was just as much fun with great conversation beautiful work and wheels to compare and discuss. Come join us the last Friday evening of the month from 6:30-9pm.

May/June Free Patterns:



Paula Berman is a regular knitter at Black Sheep and she generously shares her patterns! She has several to choose from. I am especially fond of the Wombat Blanket and Rowing socks. <http://www.ravelry.com/designers/paula-berman>

Have Project Will Travel Giveaway:



My favorite thing to do while travelling is knitting or crocheting. On a recent trip to San Francisco I suffered through several airplane delays but did I mind? No..because I had my knitting project in hand. Before you go on your next trip swing on into Black Sheep at get a small project, a project bag and the gear you need to have your project ready to go. To sweeten this deal I have a little contest in mind. Get a photo of yourself knitting, crocheting or tatting while on vacation. This can be an exotic location, on a plane, in an airport or car or even just a weird place. Email it to me or send me a link to a favorite photo upload program and I will share it on the blog/facebook. Make sure and also include your name and email address in the email. All participants will have their

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name put into a drawing for a travelling kit containing *two skeins of Erika Knight Regia yarn, an Erika knight Pattern book and a project bag.*

Summer Classes and Workshops:

There are a couple of summer only workshops on the calendar this time. These are classes I hold only in summer and tweak a little from year to year. Make sure you register as it will be a whole year before they appear again.

Knitted and Crocheted Jewelry:

These two back-to-back classes will show you how easy it is to knit/crochet on any fiber. Using a special silver glass coated wire we have here at Black Sheep we will knit a found object bracelet and pendant and then the next week crochet a flower brooch using the same wire with beads. Each class is \$20.00 and comes with all the supplies needed to complete your projects.

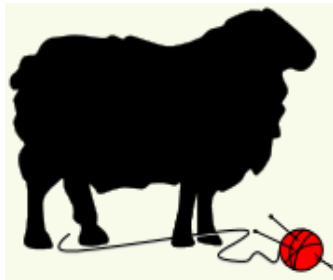
Crochet/Knitted Dolly Doorstop: Do you remember crocheted or knitted doilies? My grandmother made them by the dozen and was famous for her prized beaded pineapple doily. I still love doilies but really do not have much cause to use them around my home. This all changes though when summer comes and my door-stop comes out. In this class we will pick from a variety of vintage doily patterns to make covers for large stone doorstops. If you have a special rock you want to cover bring it along to class. Otherwise all supplies will be provided. \$20.00

Fleece to Yarn Workshop Series: This three part class will take you from sheep to yarn. In our first session we will learn all about fiber, skirt a wool fleece, wash a portion of fleece and lay it out to dry. Session two: now that our fleece is clean and dry it is time to dye it. Using easy to acquire dyes suitable for animal fiber we will dye our washed wool. Session three: It is time to spin. We will card our wool and using a drop spindle and spinning wheel do a bit of spinning. All supplies will be provided. If you own a drop spindle or spinning wheel bring it in to use and show others. \$20.00 per class. Students may attend one or all of these sessions.

It is Almost Fair Time!

The Washington County Fair is on for July 25-28. Bobbie Wallace a regular knitter, spinner and friend here at Black Sheep has taken on the huge task of manage the adult craft entries and building. Bobbie is looking for a few volunteers to help with entry day and set up on July 23 and a few people to hang out at the fair to answer questions (what a wonderful opportunity to people watch and get some knitting/crocheting/spinning done during the fair. Don't forget to enter your beautiful finished projects! There are a whole host of categories and you can have a look at the fair book at Black Sheep for inspiration.

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Events and Classes

See the 'Workshops and Events' page at www.blacksheepatorenco.com for more information and updates on specific classes, events and online registration. Remember I will put a special class together for two people or more. Just contact me!

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