



IT'S GOING TO BE . . .

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST!

The masses have spoken! OK. . . really there were only a couple of you but your idea was excellent --- think ahead a few months and offer December colors at a discount in the summer so customers can start planning, shopping, and creating for their holiday gift giving. **Brilliant!!!** Even though there are numerous reasons to celebrate in December, (St.Nicholas Day, Bodhi Day, Hanukkah, Al Hijr, Virgin of Guadalupe, Santa Lucia Day, Ashura, Las Posadas, Christmas, Boxing Day, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice), each with their own unique holiday color/s, but we are keeping it simple. **RED** and **GREEN** in stock items will be **15% OFF** during August. As we wind up the dog days of summer, think about the cool holidays that will be here before we know it.

NEW HOURS: Starting in August we will no longer be open on Sundays. The reasons are many but the bottom line is exactly that. We will be having **Special Event Sundays** beginning in the fall so watch your emails for those updates. Some of our ideas include Super Scarves Sunday (knitting for the 2012 Super Bowl), special sales and classes. How about hosting a party? Let us know your ideas! And speaking of classes. . . .

The **Class Schedule** is almost complete so stay tuned! You can check our website and in case you don't have your browser set to open our front page ☺, here we are: www.inayarnbasket.com then go to the "classes" link.

WHAT'S NEW: Since TNNA it has been like a birthday party almost every day. Meet our new pets, Felted Mama and Baby Sheep Notions bags. They come in grey, black, white and pink. We are pretty sure the pink is not a color found in nature but they are still very cute and would like to go home with you. One of the best reasons to buy one or more (they make great gifts.....hint, hint) is because of the story. You know how we here at **In a Yarn Basket** appreciate heartwarming, making a difference in the world stories. These sheep, along with a variety of other felt needle cases, notions bags and fibers from **Frabjous Fibers** are made by artisans in Nepal who are paid a fair wage. Yup, we love that.



And also from **Frabjous**, the most colorful basket of bananas you ever saw! This is their Banana Silk Yarn, 100% made from the banana tree, 150+ yards, and 200 grams per skein. It is luscious; several unnamed employees are already fighting over who is going to knit the sample. (Sometimes bosses have priority!)



A colorful idea for accenting a solid color scarf is the **Sari Ribbon** yarn. The ribbon yarn is made from hand cut strips of silk fabrics then hand sewn end to end. Ahhh, the possibilities! And the last item we currently have from **Frabjous** is **Live Wire**. Handspun by a women's cooperative in India, this colorful, variegated, heavy-worsted yarn is 100% silk made from weaving mill waste. They are all good things and we hope you like the story too.

Silky Wool chunky is arriving (slowly...). We've had Silky Wool DK since last winter and it is a stellar yarn. BUT for some people it is just too skinny. We get that. The Silky Wool XL is 4.5 stitches per inch on a US 7 – 10! YES!! We ordered 12 colors so we are confident that one will speak to you.

Farmhouse Yarns are made in America --- now that is a great story! Carol Martin,



owner and dyer, buys wool from small family farms with 20 or fewer sheep. These farms have found it difficult to compete in a global economy where foreign wool has taken over. Carol chooses the fleeces and then hand-dyes the yarns at her small farm in Connecticut. They don't use dye lots, and no two skeins are exactly alike which makes for striking variegations and color saturation in each skein. We will be adding to our collection as you start to fall in love with these yarns. One skein of **Lumpy Bumpy** (99% Merino and 1% nylon) is more than enough to make an adult hat or a pair of mittens and it is fun! The

Silk Blend (34% Silk, 33% Cotton, and 33% Lamb's Wool) is put up in 350 yard skeins and lends itself to drapery garments like cowls, scarves or shawls. We have several patterns in case you need some ideas.

In case you haven't noticed, novelty yarns are baaack! Everything seems to be cyclical, including bell bottoms and peace signs, but we sincerely hope that orange shag carpeting never rears its ugly head. But back to the wild and crazy yarns that some of us have always loved. Even if you only use novelties for scarves or as an accent on a felted project, they are attention getters. We are finding more vendors who are getting with the Novelty Program and already we have a good selection with more arriving for the fall.

Next month we will be tempting you with more lovelies. We are sitting on hooks and needles waiting for new washable wool from **Jojoland**. And the new books and patterns are making our fingers itch -- - as in itch to knit (or crochet) not as in 'this yarn makes me itch'.....You get it.

Sale Items: As these new fall yarns, notions and books start to arrive we need more room. Hanging yarns from the ceiling would be a lovely decorating feature but difficult to retrieve so we began editing colors of Lamb's Pride and Cascade 220 that have been 'cubed' for YEARS. Check out our sale wall for some unbelievable deals.

The fine print: We have had some issues with people bringing back yarn that smells like cigarette smoke. Our policy, which is printed on each receipt, states that we will accept yarn that is in '. . . original condition, with labels intact and a receipt within 60 days.' Original condition means unwound and smoke free. We cannot restock and sell yarn that smells of smoke. This is an awkward situation but thankfully it does not happen often. We ask our smoking customers to buy accordingly and be sensitive to our situation. As a small business we work to keep our costs down and throwing away smelly yarn doesn't work toward that goal.

And finally the brain teaser moment! From the March 15th Page a Day Calendar by Stephanie Pearl-McGhee: *My youngest daughter asked me recently what the knitter's version of a really serious dare would be. Like, if two knitters were really getting into it, what would be the equivalent of a "double dog dare." My friends and I thought about it for a bit, and then we decided: It definitely would be p3tog tbl.*

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