



Knitty Couture

Newsletter

Hello!

Despite the bloody hot weather these last few days, it's actually been quite mild this summer, don't you think? I particularly enjoy the evenings when the day has cooled down, and Eric and I can go for long strolls around the neighborhood.

This winter we'll welcome a new, exciting addition to our family. We're in the mist of baby preparation and I must say, it's a little crazy around the house, but also a bit fun too! At the moment, there is quite a bit of baby knitting going on, and every item is as adorable as the next. Check in with the blog to see how they're coming along.

There are great events coming up so read on!

Current Events

St. Louis Stitch N Pitch 2009



Are you going to be there? We are! This annual event is a must-attend. Last year, there were over 700 knitters, crocheters, needlepointers, and their families attending. It was so much fun and what better way to enjoy the game than with friends – several hundreds of them!

Join us on **Monday, September 14th**, as knitters, crocheters, and other needle artists (and families) gather to cheer on the St. Louis Cardinals as they take on the Florida Marlins.

Game starts at **7:15pm**. Tickets are **\$28** (originally \$34). Seats are located in the Left Field Section (e.g., Section 268) of [Busch Stadium](#).

Come on out and show your support!

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Groups

Sundays: Open Knit-in, 1pm-6pm

2nd Tuesdays: Spinning Group, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursdays: Knit Night, 5pm-8pm

Shop Hours

Mon	Closed
Tues	11am - 6pm
Wed	11am - 6pm
Thurs	11am - 8pm
Fri	11am - 6pm
Sat	11am - 6pm
Sun	1pm - 6pm

In addition to Knitty Couture (University City/Delmar Loop/ 314.727.6500), tickets can also be purchased at the following shops:

- Hearthstone Knits (South County) - 314.849.9276
- Kirkwood Knittery (Kirkwood) - 314.822.7222
- Knit & Caboodle (St. Charles) - 636.916.0060
- Knitorious (St. Louis South City) - 314.646.8276
- Sign of the Arrow (Ladue) - 314.994.0606
- Weaving Dept./Myers House (North County) - 314.921.7800

Fall Sweater Knit Along

There's been buzz about this **Knit Along** at the shop, and we're all itching to get started!

Join us for our **Sweater Knit Along** this Fall. Here is your opportunity to finally knit that sweater or overcome that daunting anxiety about starting a sweater. There's no *one* pattern we're all doing. Just pick out whatever you'd like to do, and we'll walk you through it, if you need the help. Need a simple pattern? We'll help you with that too.

Cast-on date is **Sunday, August 30th, 1pm-6pm**, so you have plenty of time to select your pattern and yarn. COME!

Sock Knit Along – Halfway There!

We're moving into the second half of our year-long **12 Socks in 12 Months Knit Along**.

Would you believe me if I told you I haven't really slimmed down my stash? Though it hasn't gotten any bigger, it's hasn't gotten any smaller either! Somehow, I'm able to keep it balanced by finding new, pretty sock yarn soon after finishing a pair of socks with stash yarn. Perhaps as a reward to myself???

How're your socks coming along? We're knitting them on Thursdays evenings and Sundays so come!

St. Louis Knitters Guild Fall Workshop - Amy Detjen

This is a plug for my friend, the crazy and absolutely fun **Amy Detjen**, who will be offering her talents at a three-day workshop in October.

OCTOBER 23rd (Reception), **24th**, & **25th** (Classes), 2009
at the **DRURY INN** at Sulphur and Hampton, near Forest Park

Attend a **FREE lecture/reception** for Amy **on Friday, October 23rd** at the Drury Inn from 7pm – 9pm. We'll enjoy cake, coffee, and Amy's presentation on "[The Lies We Tell Ourselves about Knitting](#)". Amy is Meg Swansen's assistant at Knitting Camp, teacher, author, list moderator. I had the great opportunity of meeting Amy last summer at Knitting Camp, and she's wonderfully hilarious and such a social bug. Trust me, you'll love just being around her!

Classes on Saturday and Sunday will cover Lace, Double Knitting, I-Cord, and Bavarian & Austrian Twisted Stitches. Please be aware that the event is open to Guild members only. Here's your chance to join!

Information on membership, registration, fees, and room rates can soon be found at the Greater SLK Guild website, <http://stlouisknittersguild.com>.

The Red Thread Project

The Red Thread Project is a brilliant event and not only showcases the love of those involved, but those to whom these hats will go. This active community exhibit engages local participants to wear and display knitted hats which will then be donated to local programs.

The **community performance** will take place outside the St. Louis Artists' Guild in **Oak Knoll Park** on **September 27, 2009** from **1:00pm–2:00pm**. The performance coincides with Innovations, a conference and citywide celebration of the fiber arts.

Participants will be led through a series of simple movements done in unison while connected to others. No rehearsals – just come ready for fun. All ages are welcome!

If you would like contribute to this effort, the Red Thread Project and Knitty Couture welcomes you to drop off your donated knitted hats at the shop. All hat sizes are appreciated.

For more information on this great event and to view additional pictures of the Red Thread Project, visit <http://www.lbostudio.com/>.

Other Events

Knit Clinic

At this **twice-weekly help session**, we'll help you solve project problems and provide guidance on your work.

Take this opportunity to come in, sit down, get more personalized help, and ask as many questions as you'd like.

Knit clinic sessions are on **Sundays, 4:30pm-5:30pm**, and **Wednesdays, 5pm-6pm**.

Knit for Newborns- Help Keep Missouri Kids Warm

We are continuing to invite knitters and crocheters to use up their stash to knit toys for Missouri children and families. These items are given to the staff of **Nurses for Newborns Foundation** and distributed to the children and families that they service.

Caps, garments, blankets, and toys for newborns - 4 years olds are welcomed! Just drop them by the shop!

Classes

The **Fall/Winter 2009 Event Calendar** is now available! A full, detailed listing can be found on our website, www.knittycouture.com.

This semester's offering of classes is quite exciting.

We're bringing back the **reversible brioche hat** lesson for those who missed it last fall. But wait! We've also created matching, reversible mittens to go with the hat. These mittens are one of three styles of mittens we'll offer this fall. The other two include basic mittens and colorwork.

Our sweater class for the Fall is a wonderful, simple sweater with a beautiful cable motif along the front. A sample of the sweater will soon be available at the shop. In the meantime, you can find it available at <http://www.berroco.com/exclusives/wishbone/wishbone.html>.

We've also included **crochet lessons** which seem to become more popular lately. Our wonderful friend, Angie Gonzalez, will be teaching this technique.

We'll also have a class on **Knitting with Beads** taught by our great friend, Leslie Levin. Working with beads seems to be all the rage, and Leslie has offered to walk us through it.

As always, we **also** offer **individual lessons** on all topics, including spinning, advanced

colorwork, socks (on techniques not offered this semester), and design (my favorite).

Demonstrations

Don't forget. We also continue to offer free workshops every **1st Thursdays** of the month, **6pm – 7pm.**

Demonstrations for Sept. – Dec. are scheduled as follow:

Sept. 3rd: Mitered Corners

Oct. 1st: Invisible Cast-on

Nov. 5th: Buttonholes

Dec. 3rd: Selvedge Edges

At the Shop

In addition to knitting, we also wanted to offer other items that may be just as rewarding.

Where Women Create

Where Women Create is a wonderful, inspirational magazine about creative spaces. Full of beautiful photos and in-depth stories about women and their creative process, this magazine will make you want to look at your creativeness in an entirely new way. Visit <http://www.wherewomencreate.com/magazine.html> for more info!

Stop by and get your issue!

Other Accessories

Two companies I have always adored and whose products I use religiously at home will soon be available to you as well.

Verdera Botanica Urbana is a located-owned and operated company specializing in luxury,

hand-crafted soaps, lotions, and soy candles made from natural ingredients and selected organic botanicals (e.g., olives, tomatoes, lettuce).

You may have noticed the wonderful scent when walking in the shop. Well, that's one of their soy candles which burns such a soothing fragrance.

Honey House Naturals is a Washington-based small company whose products uses honey, beeswax and other natural ingredients to create rich, gentle balms, handbars, lotions, and soaps.

I particularly love their BeeBar which keeps my hands completely moisturized all day, without the greasy feeling.

Be sure to stop by the shop soon to check out both of these companies.

What We're Doing

On the Needles

Eileen

I'm finishing up a short-sleeved sweater with Alpaca with a Twist **Highlander** yarn and also working on a pair of socks in **Frija**. Like Siri, I'm trying to figure out which sweater to make for the Knit Along... I'm thinking something out of *Country Weekend Knits*.

Siri

I'm working on a pair of **jaywalkers** and am also trying to decide what sweater to cast-on for the **Sweater Knit Along**. I'm wavering between **February Lady** and a **Curvaceous Cardi**.

Thi

Four sweaters. Yup, and I'm procrastinating on finishing them. Then I'll start another for the Sweater Knit Along. In the meantime, I try to

sneak in a bit of time for baby knitting, of course (e.g., socks, mittens, soakers, bunting bags).

Staff Picks

Eileen

Still loving the **Bambino sock yarn**, especially in the new variegated colorways. I'm also kind of eager to work with **Rowan Wool Cotton** again.

Siri

I'm picking **Lorna's Laces** worsted and the **Knit Kit**. I think they rock!!

Thi

I'm working with **Rowan Cashsoft** right now and absolutely love it. My other fav which I'd like a tubful of is Spirit Trail Fiberworks' **Frija**.

