



# The Tail Spinner

## SAFF—October 21-23

It's that time of year again. The Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair is just around the corner.

For all the information about the fair, go to <http://www.saffsite.org>

The schedule is full of some marvelous workshops, which are really a bargain! We instructors are able to provide the classes at lower rate due to extra numbers of students. You'll find everything from spinning and weaving to felting, knitting and crochet.

There will be plenty of booths where you can shop and find lots of great bargains and unusual items. — I love the antique stuff!

More than anything else, the fiber animals put on quite a display! You'll get to see some of the most beautiful llamas, alpacas, sheep of all kinds, and fiber goats. The

individual animal shows are very interesting, and the wool judging is an experience. Naturally, you'll be able to pick up a favorite fleece, or two!

If nothing else, the fair is quite an experience for anyone who enjoys fiberarts, and even for those who don't. If you can make it up to Fletcher for this event, please do so.



## Other Upcoming Events

**Farmer's Day** is right around the corner on September 10th! I hope you can attend and have an enjoyable day under the pines. There will be lots to see and do that day.

The **25th Annual Onslow County Quilt** show, which is sponsored by the Onslow County Museum, will be held 24-25 September. The show will once again be held at the Onslow County Multipurpose Building

on Hwy 24/258. If all goes well, the guild will once again be there to support the Quilters.

In November, we once again have **Museum Fest** the first Weekend of November; and the Coastal Carolina Belles on Wheels Fiber Arts Guild will once again have demonstrations for all! Hope to see you at these events!

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### My Promise to You!

- **10% Off All Sales in Store All the Time!**
- **Free** Knitting & Crochet Classes and Assistance to My Customers who purchase their yarn and supplies at the Tail Spinner

### Your Project is My Passion!

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## New Arrivals



Kourtney Anne—Born July 20,

Before I begin to tell you about the new arrivals, I wanted to apologize to anyone who came to the shop on July 20th. I had a good excuse, as I was at the hospital for the arrival of my first granddaughter, Kourtney! — I thought the announcement of her arrival fit into this section just perfectly!

### New Yarns!



— I am so proud to announce the arrival of *Classic Elite Yarns* and *JCA, Inc.* into the store! I also expect arrivals from the *Skacel Collection* in the next week or so. The *Classic Elite Yarns* have been

an industry standard, but with their "Luxury Collection" there are even more exquisite choices to make. I have a full yarn catalog of all the beautiful yarns; and if it is not on the shelf, I can special order it for you.

*JCA, Inc.* is the distributor of *Reynolds, Artful Yarns, Grignascio, Adrienne Vittadini, Jo Sharp, Scheepjes, Grignasco, and Paternayan* yarns. This company also offers some beautiful cross stitch, needlepoint, and stitchery pattern kits, which can be ordered for you by request. I already have a fine selection of yarns from JCA in the store to choose from.



*Skacel, Inc.*, now has the Austermann Yarns added to their wonderful collection. With this yarn collection, I have included some of their most popular sock yarns. I hope you will enjoy seeing the new collection the next time you are in the shop.

*Mango Moon* now has different color skeins. These skeins are slightly variegated in one color and are really beautiful. I also completed the poncho, which is now on display in the store to show the effect of combining the Mango Moon recycled silk with different colors of mohair.



Lots of new colors in *Cascade 220* have arrived just in time for fall knitting and

felting. I must admit that this wool is spectacular for all types of projects.

The latest books are in from *Interweave Press* and *XXR, Inc.*, including the latest editions of magazines from these publishers. — While we're on the subject of magazines and books, the long awaited "*Knitscape*" has already undergone a name change. This new magazine will now be called "*Knitscene*." More information on this new magazine is included on the back of this newsletter.

For those who haven't seen or used them yet, *Bryspun* has developed circular needles. They come in 16-, 24-, & 29-inch lengths; and the cord is very soft and easy to work with. They also have the same great tapered tip as the single point needles. So far, they are getting great reviews from all the customers who have used them.



Speaking of needles, *Crystal Palace* has revamped and improved their bamboo needles. I now have the extra large, circular needles in stock. They are a bit expensive; but in this case, "you get what you pay for."

Lots of new patterns are arriving in the store daily, to include Maggie's Rags, Oat Couture, Knitting Pure 'n Simple, and Fiber Trends. There are plenty of different types of patterns to choose from, to include felting patterns, neck down seamless sweaters, shawls, ponchos, and so on.

## Open House



Thanks to all of you who came to the Open House in July! Fiber—Food—& Fun was had by all!

## Spinners / Weavers / Felters / Dyers Corner

First and foremost... Anyone wishing to reserve a corriedale fleece from *Melissa Gray's* flock can do so at the shop. Samples are available with the Micron Count and comfort rating information for each fleece. A \$20 deposit is required.

The verdict is in in! — The soy silk from "*Conjoined Twins*" is absolute wonderful to spin! ... and it is very comparable to the real thing! The satiny shine gives that extra glamour to any yarn, either as a single being plied with other strands of wool or by blending it directly into the wool fiber before spinning. — For those who must have the "real" thing, silk is also available. — Other new arrivals include "Ingeo" which is derived from corn, and new colors of cashmere.

Beautiful raw fleeces from New Zealand are also available in both white and colored variations. These fleeces are well skirted and are very clean. For those who like to "spin



in the grease," these fleeces will meet your expectations.

For the needle felting crowd, I now carry small bags of colored and natural rovings and beginner's needle felting kits from "*Fibertrends*", as well as individual felting needles and punch tools. The kits include felting needles and a foam cube.

For those who missed the news, Ashford is now making a 16-shaft table loom. Consider the possibilities of the endless patterns you can create on this wonderful loom. Until now, you could only achieve the versatility of a 16-shaft loom on an enormous floor jack loom, which costs thousands of dollars. Now, you can get the same flexibility at a fraction of the cost.

Weaving books are also back in stock, and there are some new selections. "*Mastering Weave Structures*" is an excellent reference book for new and experienced weavers.



## Classes

This summer was very busy with classes of all sorts! Several of you learned how to knit socks, how to spin, how to weave, and how to make your first sweater! Barrie and Candi endured two days of spinning with me this summer, and I am proud to say they were successful in spinning a skein of yarn!



Thanks to all of you for making these classes successful and for giving me the opportunity to enjoy many wonderful hours doing what I enjoy most. I look forward to seeing all of you this fall for more fun and classes!

Coming this fall, don't miss "**How to Knit Socks on Two Circular Needles**" with **Tina Young**. Tina has perfected the technique of knitting a pair of socks at the same time from the "toe up." This class will be held on Saturday, November 12th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. This will be a fairly long class, so we will take a break for lunch and continue on until finished. **THIS CLASS IS FREE FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO PURCHASE YARN IN THE SHOP.** Prerequisites are: 1) Reserve a seat for the class, 2) Purchase the yarn you want to use for this class and the needles, 3) knit a gauge swatch. Tina will cover how to measure your foot and produce a perfect sock to the gauge you knit and teach you some terrific techniques that create a super looking sock.

On October 29th, join **Melissa Gray** for "**Learning How to Needle Felt.**" Melissa will demonstrate and work with you to make a Christmas Ornament sculpted out of wool. Needle felting is a great way to work with your fiber and this technique can be used to embellish your other felted products that you create. Class materials will cost approximately \$5.00 and may be purchased at the store.

The other classes available are listed on the Calendar of Events! — See you soon!

## Kits — From the Tail Spinner

Exclusively at the Tail Spinner... Come in and see my very own "Loop-de-Loop" scarf kits.

The scarf is a "very easy" pattern and was done in one day! You knit it with two strands of yarn — one is a "fur" yarn and the other has some "glitz"! When you finish, the scarf magically creates its own fringe! This is really a fun technique to learn, and the pattern allows for different lengths of fringe.

The kit comes with enough yarn to create your scarf and the pattern. You'll need size 13 SP needles, which can be purchased separately if you don't have a pair. — The cost per kit is \$22.00. — This is a bargain, compared to similar kits that cost \$50 or more.

If you like "kits", just let me know. I have the **Mango Moon poncho kits** in several colors. Each pattern will be your own unique design depending on how you mix the yarns as you knit or crochet.

I am also selling **Artful Yarns "Limerick"** as a kit with a sweater pattern. You can actually make a sweater in a day with this super chunky yarn and size 19 needles, if you stick with it.



"Loop de Loop" Scarf  
Back View

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## Customer Spotlight



Mrs. Virginia Quinn shows off her gorgeous red poncho! The picture does not come close to doing this one any justice. Virginia chose several red yarns and combined them into this "easy to make" poncho. The overall reaction of everyone who has seen this garment was **WOW!!!**