## HILLCREEK FIBER NEWS

**Navajo Weaving Workshop, November 17 - 22, 2013.** Sarah Natani will be returning this year sharing her Navajo weaving way and culture while teaching beginning through advanced Navajo Weaving techniques. She has always come the full week before Thanksgiving week. This is an opportunity not to be missed. We don't know how many more years she will be able to join us. Her humor and expertise are unsurpassed, creating a memorable experience for all students. We have a few openings available, complete with bed and breakfast. Call today.

**Easy Holiday Textile Gift-making Weekend**. Down to the wire, and still need a couple more handmade holiday gifts? Or would like to learn a few quick make-it skills? Come share the weekend December 7 - 8. Choose as many projects as will fit into the weekend, from: Felt a luscious silk/merino Scarf, Knit a Cowl, Weave a Hat using Continuous Strand Weaving on a 3-foot Tri-loom, Weave a Scarf using Continuous Strand on a 30-inch rectangle loom, Knit and/or Needle Felt Ornaments, Weave Designer Wool Potholder/Trivet, Felt warm Slippers, and More. See Page 7 for more details.

The part about being in business which Denny and I enjoy the most is the meaningful friendships and satisfaction of learning as we teach and provide equipment and supplies for our students and customers. Our **31st Anniversary Holiday Show and Customer Appreciation Sale** will be the weekend of December 14 - 15. Everything in stock in the Studio will have at least a 10% discount; tools, books and supplies 30%; DVDs, fibers, and yarns 35%, and some must-move inventory items 50% (A list will be available on our web site by the first of December.) See page 9 and Coupon on page 11.

## **New or Returning Products**

This summer I was asked to teach a short 7-hour Navajo-style weaving class at the Fiber U fiber retreat sponsored by MOPACA. Well, we have been offering two travel-sizes of Navajo-style looms which we developed for teaching twoday workshops, but even those are too large for a 7-hour class, so we've developed an even smaller loom in a kit form - just the size for a mug rug. Our **Mini Navajo-style Loom Kit** includes everything needed to complete a first project: loom, warp, three colors of weft, a small comb, batten, finishing needle and locker hook. Kits are available both with the loom dressed and ready to start weaving for \$69, or not dressed, but with complete instructions for warping for \$44. Recommended instructional weaving books: *Weaving the Navajo Way* by Carolyn Spurgeon, \$22. *Navajo Weaving Way* by Noel Bennett, out of print, and DVD, *Navajo Weaving, Sharing the Technique and Tradition*, Malony and Clark, nearly 4 hours, \$39.95..



## **Other Product News:**



Now that daughter Bex is teaching knitting classes here at the Studio, we are again providing a few Knitting Supplies. Just got in some Frog Tree Fair Trade Pediboo wool/bamboo yarn which works well for several of the patterns she has been developing, such as the Climbing Clematis Cardigan, the Infinite Eternity Mobius Double-Knit Cowl, and the Hills are Alive Scarf and Hat. We also offer Brown Sheep Wildfoote washable wool/nylon sock-knitting yarns, which work well for Bex's double-knit reversible Trinity Tam. She will be teaching knitting classes at Fiber U in Lebanon, Missouri next July: Knitting an Entrelac Cowl, and 25 Things You Didn't Know You Didn't Know About Knitting. Bex's classes at Jefferson City Fiber Retreat in March, 2014 are: Reversible Letters Double Knit, and Focus on Indigo. She also teaches a Toe-up Two-at-a time Sock Class, among others, here at the Studio. Call to schedule lessons. We also carry Knitter's Pride Knitting Needles. Bex is available for individual or group instruction on any knitting topic or technique!