

## SHOPPE TALK WITH BEX



Wow! It has been a whirlwind around here for the last few months! In case you haven't heard (where have you been?), I bought Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe in July. Now we have both Hillcreeks back in the family! Speaking of family, you are likely to meet them all if you come into the shop. My husband, Eric, and my three sons, Ben, Jesse, and Charlie, are regularly here helping me. And YES, they can all knit and weave!

It took me awhile to figure out what all I had here, what I wanted to keep in stock and what needed to change. I immediately started bringing back the Domestic, Fair Trade and Independent Dyer yarns that we have always been famous for. I have, of course, stocked all of Mom's Nature Dyed yarns and wool potholder loops, as well as the Spriggs and Hillcreek Continuous Strand Weaving looms, Inkle looms and spindles. Besides a complete selection of knitting supplies, we also carry fibers and supplies for spinning, weaving (including Rigid Heddle and Inkle Looms), felting and a smattering of natural dyes. I will expand more as demand warrants .... so tell me what you want!!

Knitting classes have been super popular, and each type of class is scheduled as demand dictates — some class every Saturday. If you would like a class on a style of weaving, spinning, basic dyeing or any crochet or knitting technique, let me know and then watch our web-site for class listings. Private classes are also available. If you would be available to teach a craft I am not so familiar with (Tatting, Bobbin Lace, Rug Hooking, Needlework, Crewel, Kumihimo, Lucet braiding, Tamari, Twining, Nahlbinding, Cro-knitting...) let's find out how much interest there is and get it scheduled. We all like to learn new things!

Another thing I have brought back is donation yarns and Charity collections in the store. We are a collection site for baby and chemo hats, hats, scarves and mittens for all ages and sizes, baby and larger blankets, squares for Warm-Up America, prayer shawls and wheel chair aprons. If you need yarn or patterns, ask. If you have yarn you won't use, bring it in! I donate to schools, youth groups, church groups, prisons...anyone that wants to knit for charity and needs yarn!

Thank you all for your incredible support over the years! Everything has come full circle and all is right in my Yarniverse now. It will still be a challenge to keep the store stocked with all the lovelies you all want, but as long as you will keep coming in, I will do my best to keep you all in stitches!

Best to you, Bex Oliger



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