

A NAUTICAL YARN

Spring 2021

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Nautical Yarn

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Spring Classes

This newsletter contains a class schedule for April—June 2021. All classes are offered via remote learning using ZOOM. If you need a ZOOM practice session, please sign up for **Learn to Learn with Zoom** on 4/27/2021 @ 5 PM.

NAUTICAL YARN

Wow! What a year! When you receive this newsletter, we will be experiencing COVID-19 for over a year with numbers on the rise again. Yikes!

Here is a summary of what has happened at Nautical Yarn during COVID-time.

March-June 2020

Closed with online and curbside pickup only

March-May 2020

Re-developed online store at www.nauticalyarn.com

June 2020

Re-opened store with in-person, online appointment, & curbside pickup

July 2020

Offered first Zoom classes with new technology studio

Nov 2020—Jan 2021

Closed with online and curbside pickup only
(All West Michigan hospitals were over-full)

March 2021

Staff fully vaccinated! YAY!!!

We are still being very cautious with masks, hand-sanitizing, social distancing, increased cleaning measures, and no in-person gatherings and we expect to continue our extra-cautious measures until Dr. Fauci or my brother, Dr. John Coulson (who constantly updates us on Michigan and Mason County COVID statistics which he gathers from Johns Hopkins research)

gives the OK to relax our standards.

As you can imagine our sales have suffered as have those of most small retailers, but we are carrying on bravely, knowing that someday this Pandemic will be behind us. We have experienced an almost 50% drop in sales, so we really appreciate our loyal and new customers who have kept us going during COVID-time.

Of course, we wish we could invite everyone back for classes and social knitting and crochet events, but for the next 3-6 months, we plan to continue with Zoom classes and Zoom meetings every Monday Night 6-7 PM & Thurs afternoon at 1 PM.

Our excellent online store is available 24-7 for out-of-towners and local residents. Shipping is free for sales over \$100 or you can select "Store Pick-up" for free shipping if you are or plan to be in Ludington.

CLASSES

This spring we are **ZOOMing** classes again. Due to the limitations for meeting in person, we will be using ZOOM for our classes this Spring. You will receive your Zoom links and Zoom class ids after you sign up for the class at nauticalyarn.com. Because each class consists of the Zoom meetings plus printable course materials that are downloadable from our website, you must sign up online for classes to retrieve the downloadable course materials.

To sign up:

1. Go to www.nauticalyarn.com
2. Click on Classes/Events, then Click on Classes picture and Click on the class you wish to take
3. Click on Add to Cart, then Click on Continue Shopping to add more classes or Proceed to Checkout
4. To checkout:
 - A. Type your email address (if you have an account already, Sign In)
 - B. Complete the Billing and Shipping Address section even through the class is virtual
 - C. Complete the Payment section (payment by credit card or PayPal)
 - D. IMPORTANT! - Type a password—(this enables you to retrieve course materials throughout the class)
 - E. When you complete the transaction you will see the downloadable materials link. Download all course materials.

As you proceed through the class, you may retrieve new and revised course materials, by signing in at nauticalyarn.com. Retrieve your order for the class and click on the red arrow download link.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Beans for Brains Scholarship Program – sponsored by Jimmy Beans, Madelinetosh & Knitter's Pride

- o Three \$2,500 scholarships awarded to students who knit, crochet, or weave.
- o Graduating high school seniors, undergrads, grad students, professional school students
- o Applications deadline: May 14, 2021
- o <https://www.jimmybeanswool.com/details/knitting/scholarshipHome.asp>



Woodland Loafers



Butterfly Cowl



StevenBE & Mama Crista

LEARNING WITH ZOOM

During the past year many established norms have changed and education has changed profoundly. K-12 and college students now learn virtually and we are making the change to virtual learning with Nautical Yarn.

The platform we are using is Zoom—a synchronous method of online learning. This means we are all in the same place (the Zoom Meeting Room) at the same time. We interact with each other through audio and video and share screens with each other. Meeting ID [893 5159 7874](#)

LEARN TO LEARN WITH ZOOM 6-7 PM
4/27/2021 Sign up for this class to learn tips and tricks to make learning through Zoom more efficient and enjoyable. Complete Student Requirements for Zoom (above) in preparation for class. Zoom should be installed and you should have watched YouTube video prior to class. First-Timers: Definitely sign up for this class!

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS—ZOOM

What the student needs for our Zoom classes.

- A computer, tablet or phone
The larger the device the better. You will have the best learning experience on the largest devices.
- Device should have video (built-in camera) and audio (built-in microphone) capabilities.
- Zoom app should be downloaded and installed
To test Zoom, join one of our social knitting group Zoom meetings.

Social Knitting Groups

Mondays from 6-7, Meeting ID=**872 3434 6080**
Thursdays from 1-2, Meeting ID=**872 3434 6080**

Review Zoom tutorial on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbbYgiurgeo>

YouTube is an asynchronous learning method.

Think Asynchronous = AAA (Anywhere, Anytime, Alone)

KNITTED WITH LOVE BY MARTIN STOREY

A KAL Coming Friday, May 7, 2021

Martin Storey's **Knitted with Love** KAL features eight beautiful squares with a variety of colourwork, lace and cable techniques. Martin has suggested designs for six cushions, a medium sized throw and a large throw, so knitters can choose the scale of project that suits them best. With the option to add a loved one's initials and an extra trim to finish off, knitters will create something personal and unique.

Video tutorials will be released weekly in our friendly and welcoming Knitted with Love KAL Facebook group. This is the ideal opportunity to learn new skills, in a supportive and encouraging environment. Keep your **Knitted with Love** cushions and throws for yourself as a memento of 2021 or give as a gift to someone you love.

Join us for this KAL in 2021! You will learn so many new skills and become a more knowledgeable and proficient knitter. More details will be coming soon.

The extra Nautical Yarn Q & A classes are free and will be offered on the following dates: Tuesdays, May 4 (prior to the first KAL release), May 11, 25, June 8, 22, July 13, 20 at 5 PM.

"In these anxious and unprecedented times, knitting has provided solace for many. A happy place to immerse oneself in. In light of this, for Spring 2021, I am excited to announce a new, cosy and comforting

Knitted with Love KAL, designed for you or the special people in your life. The KAL is worked in Rowan's beautiful **Island Blend** and comes in seven colourways, a large & smaller 'cot' throw design and a range of cushions too.

Take great care & stay safe. Martin"

5.07.2021 - Intro and Shopping list
5.14.2021 - #1—Floral Heart



5.21.2021 - #2—Initials Heart



5.28.2021 - #3—Rose Heart



6.04.2021 - #4—Double Heart



6.11.2021 - #5—Lace Heart



6.18.2021 - #6—Bobble & Lace



6.25.2021 - #7—Garter Stitch



7.02.2021 - #8—Bead & Lace



7.09.2021 - Making Up

7.16.2021 - Knitting the optional trim

RUG HOOKING SUPPLIES

We have expanded our selection of Rug Hooking supplies and now carry all sizes of **Oxford Punch Needles** and excellent quality Monk's Cloth.

WINE & WOOL & MERRYTIME GRADUATION WITH STEVENBE

We will be providing more information regarding the Wine & Wool event scheduled for June 24-26 as we get closer to the date, but we can say that the event will take place as scheduled June 24, 25, and 26, 2021. We have had to reschedule twice and are excited that we will be able to have our Wine & Wool event at last.

Our guest teacher will be StevenBE. He is knowledgeable, fun, funny, kinda "out there" and a very kind man. Tentative schedule is below.

Thursday, June 24 MerryTime Graduation at Lincoln Hills with StevenBE as guest speaker

Friday, June 25 Morning and afternoon classes with StevenBE

Walking Dinner and wine tasting at Love Wines in Ludington, MI.

Saturday, June 26 Morning and afternoon classes with StevenBE

Our Thursday evening MerryTime Graduation is open to the public. Lincoln Hills can seat up to 100 people in their 300-seat capacity banquet room. After dinner (menu and cost to be determined) we will be presenting Graduation Gifts, watching a fantastic fashion show, and hearing a talk by StevenBE. This is great opportunity and should not be missed. Signup for the Thursday evening event only (not the entire W & W) will be available online beginning in May 2021.

LYS DAY(S)—APRIL 15-17, 2021

LYS Day (Local Yarn Shop Day) will be celebrated over a three-day period this year. Some of the events include: Virtual Yarn Tasting—Saturday, April 17 @ noon EDT. Special LYS Patterns and Kits will be available for purchase.

Sample six of Berroco's Spring-Summer 2021 yarns, including Summer Sesame, Chai, Remix Light, Medina, Zinnia, and Ultra Wool Handpaint. Be eligible to win one of 5 door prizes provided by Berroco. Enjoy the fun of "tasting" your Berroco yarn and make the simple, yet beautiful, Diagonal Spring Cowl by Deb Kerr. Cost of the kit is \$15 plus shipping, if required. Call 231-845-9868 or [purchase online](#) (select Store Pickup or normal shipping at \$7.50 per order under \$100).

B & B KNITTER'S RETREAT —NOVEMBER 5-7, 2021

Our annual knitter's retreat with the Ludington Area B & B Association has been scheduled for Friday—Sunday, November 5-7, 2021. We will host a simple dinner at Nautical Yarn on Friday Night (November 5) and go over details of the weekend project. Saturday we will have a morning class to get started on the project followed by a catered luncheon. Saturday afternoon we will have knitting time and more instruction. Saturday evening the B & B association will serve dessert at one or more of their beautiful locations and we will have more time to knit. On Sunday morning at Nautical Yarn we will host more knitting time, followed by gifts and a special VIP shopping experience for attendees. The project for this year's B & B Knitter's Retreat will be a deceptively simple sweater.

ON & OFF THE NEEDLES

Yarn Shop Knitting

Many people come in to the shop and see me sitting down and knitting or crocheting. They invariably say, "I wish I had a job where I could sit and knit all day." Well, truth be told, I may average about 15 minutes of knitting each day, so it is a challenge to complete projects. A typical day at the yarn shop includes getting the mail ready to go (that takes a couple of hours each morning with the increasing popularity of our online store at www.nauticalyarn.com), paying the bills and processing payroll, ordering yarn, processing inventory, cleaning and straightening, and, most importantly, helping & waiting on our wonderful customers.

- **Original Design Aran Sweater**

I, FINALLY, finished an Aran Sweater that I began several years ago. It is dark, greeny-teal and knit with Shepherd's Wool. It is a cardigan and includes a flared hem, vertical and horizontal cables, double-moss stitch, and ribbing. I must say, it turned out very well. I call it the "Heart On Your Sleeve" Cardi.

- **FRANCA by Cocoknits**

I am finishing the FRANCA Sweater that I knit in the KAL sponsored by Cocoknits last winter. It is light blu-ish grey, knit in Germantown yarn. What a comfy sweater to throw on over any outfit. It will also work as a car coat during cool months of the year, which, in Michigan, are most of the months of the year.

- **Woodland Loafers**

I made a pair of the Woodland Loafer slippers in just a couple of days. I made them my size and wear them all the time. So comfortable and STYLISH! See class notes for date and time of Woodland Loafer Class.

- **Rug Hooking**

I completed two trivets—The letter "K" (using the Rug HOOKING technique with left-over fingering weight yarn) and The Cottage (using the PUNCH NEEDLE technique with worsted weight wool). I think both turned out okay for my first attempt with either technique. I am currently working on a "RAINBOW SHEEP" rug or wall hanging. It is so much fun! If you wish to try Rug Hooking, sign up for our Beginning Rug Hooking Class scheduled for June 8, 15, and 29 via Zoom. The cost of the class is \$45 and includes all supplies except a crochet hook and Sharpie pen. You will receive a kit that includes hoop, yarn, linen cloth, Monk's cloth, punch needle, designs, and instructions.

- **Watercolor Cowl**

I have almost completed the Watercolor Cowl designed by Kaffe Fassett using the Intarsia technique. What fun and very easy!

- **Sasquatch Slipper Socks**

I completed pair 1 of 5 of the Sasquatch Slipper Socks. The five pairs will be gifts this Christmas to some very special people. They go really fast, especially with the knit 2-At-A-Time method.

- **Crochet Top**

I am completing a crochet top that I started last summer using Rowan Denim yarn. It will be very pretty when completed and I hope to wear it this summer.

- **Birdhouse Sweater**

I have started the Fair Isle bottom border of the "Birdhouse Sweater" designed by Martin Storey for Rowan. It is in the Moordale Book #2. I am using Rowan's Moordale in (blue—Blue Moor) and Island Blend in White.

Class SCHEDULE

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ZOOM SOCIAL KNITTING

Monday Night ZOOM Knit & Crochet **Staff** **FREE!** **6:00—7:00 PM**
These ZOOM sessions are great if you need a little help or if you want to knit or crochet and chat with others.
Meeting ID: [872 3434 6080](#) (We share the same meeting ID for Monday and Thursday knitting groups.)

Thursday Afternoon ZOOM Knit & Crochet **Staff** **FREE!** **1:00—2:00 PM**
These Thursday afternoon ZOOM sessions are so much fun. We have missed everyone getting together in person, but Zoom is a good alternative. Join in each week or occasionally when you have time to knit or crochet and chat with others.
Meeting ID: [872 3434 6080](#) (Monday and Thursday groups share the same meeting ID.)

ZOOM CLASSES

REGISTER ONLINE FOR ZOOM CLASSES. VISIT OUR [CLASS LISTING](#).

LEARN TO LEARN WITH ZOOM **CAROLE & STAFF** **\$FREE** **6-7 PM**

Tuesday, 4/27/21 Meeting ID: [893 5159 7874](#)

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INTRO TO 2-COLOR BRIOCHE **PAM GRUSHKIN** **\$40** **1-3 PM EST**

Saturday, 5/1 (This class is filling fast!) We are partnering with Pam Grushkin (a professional knitting teacher) for this and some future online courses. You will receive Zoom Meeting ID and instructions via email after you sign up.

Brioche knitting projects are everywhere! Seize the day and learn how to knit 2-color brioche, in the round to create a reversible cowl. The brioche stitch produces a lofty, ridged fabric that resembles the (knit 1, purl 1) rib stitch. Enroll at <https://pamgrushkin.com/product/5-1-21-intro-to-2-color-brioche/> using coupon code **NauticalYarn-MI-10**.

Do not purchase through Nautical Yarn.

KNITTED WITH LOVE KAL **CAROLE & MICHELE** **\$FREE** **5-6 PM**

Tuesday Q & A Sessions with Nautical Yarn, 5/4, 5/11, 5/25, 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/20 Meeting ID: [838 6850 2798](#)

Ten week class where you will make 8 different heart-themed squares to assemble into pillows, afghans, throws, and more. For Nautical Yarn Q & A sessions, please bring two colors of DK or worsted weight yarn and appropriate size needles for practice swatches.

Please attend **FREE Learn to Learn with Zoom Class** on Tuesday, 4/27/21 Meeting ID: [893 5159 7874](#)

BUTTERFLY COWL **CAROLE & DEBBIE** **\$25** (includes pattern) **6-7 PM**

Tuesday, 5/11/21 (You will be able to download your Zoom Meeting ID and pattern after you register at nauticalyarn.com)

Learn to knit the quick and beautiful Butterfly Cowl. You will learn two simple short row techniques (German Short Rows and Shadow Wraps) and you will learn how to follow the pattern. You will need the following materials.

Yarn: 100 yds fingering long-stripping yarn (or 3 Unicorn Tails) for MC and 70 yds fingering solid color for CC.

Needles: Size 2-3 circular 32" or longer for Magic Loop & size 4 needles for bind off, stitch markers

Please attend **FREE Learn to Learn with Zoom Class** on Tuesday, 4/27/21 Meeting ID: [893 5159 7874](#)

WOODLAND LOAFERS **CAROLE** **\$25** (includes pattern) **11 AM—NOON**

Tuesdays, 5/18 & 5/25 (You'll be able to download your Zoom Meeting ID and pattern at nauticalyarn.com after registration.)

Two week class during which you will make a pair of Woodland Loafer Slippers.

You will need the following materials:

Yarn: Chunky / bulky weight: S (M, L, XL, XXL) 95 (110, 130, 155, 180)yds

Needles: Size 8 16" or 32/40" circulars

Please attend **FREE Learn to Learn with Zoom Class** on Tuesday, 4/27/21 Meeting ID: [893 5159 7874](#)

FINE FINISHING **CAROLE** **\$10** **6-7 PM**

Tuesday, 6/01/21 (You'll be able to download your Zoom Meeting ID and handouts at nauticalyarn.com after registration.)

Materials needed include: 4 swatches (MAKE 4 swatches: CO 20 sts, work in stockinette st for 30 rows, bind off)

Light colored Worsted weight yarn and appropriately sized knitting needles and a size C, D, or E crochet hook.

Bent tip tapestry needle and Scissors

Please attend **FREE Learn to Learn with Zoom Class** on Tuesday, 4/27/21 Meeting ID: [893 5159 7874](#)

RUG HOOKING w/YOUR YARN STASH **CAROLE** **\$45 (INCLUDES KIT)** **6-7 PM**

Tuesdays, 6/8, 6/15, 6/29

(You'll be able to download your Zoom Meeting ID and handouts at nauticalyarn.com after registration.)

We will be making a trivet with your own simple design. No experience needed. Your kit will include:

Backing (Linen & Monk's Cloth), Interlocking Embroidery Hoop, Punch Needle, Pattern template & some yarn

You will provide yarn from your stash and you will also need a PERMANENT Sharpie pen. Class & kit \$45.

Please attend **FREE Learn to Learn with Zoom Class** on Tuesday, 4/27/21 Meeting ID: [893 5159 7874](#)

WINE & WOOL & MERRYTIME GRADUATION CEREMONY

Thursday-Sunday, 6/24—6/26

Details will be sent out in May 2021. We are SO excited! StevenBE is coming to Ludington in June!!