

A NAUTICAL YARN

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NEW YARN

Wow! Do we have a lot of yarn! As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have almost tripled our purchasing of yarn and supplies for Fall 2025. We were able to purchase before price increases went into effect late last summer. Most of the vendors we work with have raised prices between 15-25% beginning in August 2025. Some vendors are taking the hit themselves, but most are sharing the increased costs with yarn shops. That means that the next time we order, prices will go up.

We sometimes receive special orders from customers who need a large quantity of a color that we don't have in stock. We are going to have to charge the going rate for the special ordered products. For example, if we have a yarn on the shelf for \$10, but the price has risen by 25%, the special order price to the customer will be the new price of \$12.50 per skein.

That being said, we have tons of yarn and needles at pre-tariff prices and there are some gorgeous selections for you!

UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

Two Tuesdays in October (the 14th and 21st), Mary Jo DeMorrow will be teaching **DOUBLE KNITTING** from 5:30-7:00 PM. Mary Jo has made beautiful DOUBLE KNITTING projects and is a great teacher. Some of you may remember Mary Jo teaching us to use *KnitCompanion* software both in the shop and at our Spring Knit and Crochet Retreat. In the DOUBLE KNITTING class you will learn casting on, reversible double knitting basics, edge joining techniques, working with charts, fixing mistakes, and binding off. Cost of the class is \$25 and you may register in the shop or online at <https://nauticalyarn.com/classes/double-knitting-with-mary-jo/>. Materials required are 2 contrasting colors of DK or worsted weight yarn, size 6 or 7 needles, crochet hook or repair tool.

Also, in October/November Michele will teach us the **LA SAVINA** sweater. La Savina is a side-to-side sweater featuring 3-needle bind off center front and back detail. This pull-over sweater is very flattering to all sizes and the pattern includes 9 sizes from XS - 4X (38, 42, 46) [50, 54, 58] {62, 66, 70}. Yarn used in pattern is a DK weight cotton blend (Lumi) from Berroco. Michele used a beautiful blend from Noro. Yardage requirements are (1096, 1233, 1370) [1370, 1507, 1644] {1781, 1918, 2055}. The La Savina sweater class will meet on Wednesdays, October 22 and November 5 and cost is \$25 for the two sessions. Register at <https://nauticalyarn.com/classes/la-savina-sweater-class/>



SANTA'S WORKSHOP CAL

The SIRDAR Christmas 2025 **Santa's Workshop Crochet Along** (CAL) will begin the week of October 8th. We have ordered 10 of these adorable kits (first come, first served—Call 231-845-9868 to reserve yours). The kits are offered for the discounted price of \$67. Each kit includes:

- ♥ 15 balls of Hayfield Bonus DK
- ♥ Santa's Workshop label
- ♥ Santa's workshop Christmas decoration
- ♥ Santa's Workshop Work-In-Progress Bag

We will be happy to help anyone who purchases the kit. The materials provided by SIRDAR are outstanding! Resources include excellent written and illustrated patterns and videos (One week at a time from October 8 - November 12 so blanket is finished in time for Thanksgiving). We expect the kits to arrive by September 24th. The Trick or Treat Afghan is in stock at this time and it is very FUN & SPOOKY!



FALL IN LOVE WITH FIBER

Passports are on Sale NOW for \$5 each! We are excited about the upcoming (Oct 2-11) **Fall in Love with Fiber Yarn Crawl**, otherwise known as the NW Michigan Yarn Crawl. Enjoy a Michigan color tour and yarn shopping extravaganza. Shops include:

Get Crafty
New Yarn

Knit & Spin
New Ewe

Leelanau Fiber
Wool and Honey

Lost Art

Also, stop by The Bird Nest (Cadillac) who is offering a special to all shop hoppers who stop by. Every shop is offering specials, free patterns, technique instruction, and door prizes! Join a friend or group of friends and Have a ball at the Fall in Love with Fiber Yarn Crawl.

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BOB AND CAROLE'S NEXT CHAPTER!

I mentioned the Next Chapter in a recent newsletter. Everything is coming together for a late fall launch of the **Next Chapter Cafe** at 205 S Rath in the Book Mark building. The kitchen equipment and hood over the cooking surfaces has been ordered and should be installed in the next few weeks. The plumbers and electricians have been at work, but still have more projects to complete.

Initial Health Department approval has been granted. But there are still many things to do. Flooring must be installed, final furniture must be selected and ordered, software and computer system must be ordered and installed, dishes, silverware, Coke machine...the list goes on and on and grows and grows! We are having a lot of fun with our new venture, but we aren't doing all this on our own - we have a couple of rock stars helping us. More about that in the Next Chapter.

KNITTER'S WEEKEND THIS FALL

This year during our **Fall 2025 B & B Knitter's Weekend** we will be working on a beautiful classic vest called **Avenue** designed by the iconic Hanna Falkenberg. More information is included on our website at <https://nauticalyarn.com/2025-b-b-weekend/>

The fall Bed and Breakfast weekend will take place during the weekend of November 7, 8, & 9.

Registration for the weekend is made directly through the B & B where you wish to stay. Prices vary depending on the B & B and room you choose, so we cannot state a firm price. You will need to check with the B & B. Make sure to inform them that you are registering for the Fall Knitting Weekend. Links to participating B & Bs are on our website listed above.



KNIT & CROCHET RETREAT SPRING 2026

Nautical Yarn Spring Retreat 2026 will be held in Ludington Tuesday/Wednesday April 21-22, 2026. You may stay wherever you like, (hotel, B & B, private home) or come for one day only on Wednesday, April 22.

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Dinner & Fun

Next Chapter Cafe

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

All day event

Harbor View Marina

Ward Room and Great Room

Registration for the Spring Retreat will begin near the Holidays because it is a great gift for a knitter or crocheter. The price for the event will be ala carte and include these choices (pricing still TBD):

Tuesday Dinner, Games, Entertainment

Wednesday Continental Breakfast

Wednesday Luncheon, SWAG Bag, and Door Prizes

Links to participating B & Bs will be included in website registration information, but participants will make their own arrangements for lodging. The retreat is very relaxed with lots of fun, delicious food, and great SWAG gifts and Door Prizes. We hope our change of venue is popular with everyone and hope you can attend.

VIPS AT NAUTICAL YARN

Speaking of groups - Nautical Yarn has been busy hosting groups of knitters and crocheters now that the summer rush is over. We have recently hosted groups who scheduled with us from Grand Haven, Grand Rapids, Traverse City and Big Rapids plus several groups who just popped in out of the blue (which is fine with us).

If we know you are coming, we offer a VIP promotion which includes a discount on your purchase and a FREE beverage from Book Mark. If your group is planning a visit, please let us know so we can have your VIP Passes ready for you.

Also, overnight accommodations are available in the Book Mark Lofts. Call Carole at 231-845-9868, if you have questions.

ON TRACK READING TUTORS NEEDED

It is almost time to begin the **ON TRACK READER** tutoring program offered by Nautical Yarn and Book Mark to students in Ludington, MI. Every Tuesday and Thursday, 15-20 second graders are bussed to Book Mark by Ludington Area Schools at 3:30 PM. After a healthy snack, they receive help with reading with a tutor. All lessons are organized by grade level and topic in folders for easy planning.

If the student has "worked hard" the tutor gives the child a "Book Buck" which they use to "buy" any book of their choice at the end of the term.

At 4:15, Storytime begins where a tutor/parent/author reads an engaging story and discusses it with the students. At 4:30 PM parents arrive and the tutoring session is over.

We divide the school year into three terms—fall, winter, and spring. We don't expect every tutor to attend every session—we know people have appointments, vacations, illnesses. That is why we always need more tutors and subs. If you love kids and would like to help, please call Carole at 231-679-0575 for more information. Don't worry—you will receive a lot of help. You will attend a training session. All lessons are prepared for you. Our coordinator, Stephanie, is on hand to guide you. Other tutors will mentor you. You will find that it is a lot of fun and you will have helped a happy child learn to read.