

A NAUTICAL YARN

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HOURS Our hours will change in June, so watch for an announcement in a few weeks!

SPRING MAKER'S RETREAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!

We just held the Spring Maker's Retreat in Ludington for the first time and everyone had a good time. We spent the day at Harbor View Marina and enjoyed the beautiful view of the channel, the marina, and Lake Michigan. We had a delicious lunch catered by Book Mark and everyone received a SWAG bag and a door prize. The next morning was spent at Next Chapter Café where we had breakfast, again catered by Book Mark. We spent the morning crafting and taking tours of the new restaurant. Groups of us attended dinners designed especially for us at Scotty's and Jameport Brewery. We plan to host next year's Retreat at Harbor View in late April 2027.

SUMMER CLASSES

BRIOCHE HEADBAND

During this 3 hour class, you will learn two techniques, Brioche knit flat and two-color Brioche in the round. You may use either technique to knit this warm, stretchy, soft headband for next winter.

Date: **June 13** Time: **10-Noon** Teacher: **Carole** Price: **\$25 includes pattern**

BEGINNING CROCHET

This class is for people of all ages. Children ages 8 to 12 are excited to learn to crochet, but in the interest of keeping the class on track, we require that kids are accompanied by an adult. The adult does not need to know how to crochet (they will learn in class). We will meet three consecutive mornings in July and learn several crochet stitches and techniques. A hat or stuffed amigurumi creature will be the project—your choice.

Date: **July 1, 2, 3** Time: **10-Noon** Teacher: **Staff** Price: **\$40** includes patterns, yarn and hook

SUNDAYS IN THE SUMMER

Sundays in the summer we are open from Noon—3 PM and we invite you to join us in the shop and knit, crochet, chat and have fun with us and others who stop in. While this is not a class in the normal sense, a staff member will be on hand to answer questions and provide help as time allows. We will be open on Sundays beginning June 22, 2026 through Labor Day.

Price: **\$FREE**

LINDAL TASCHLEIN PURSE

This beautiful Lindal Taschlein bag is knit using Cairns yarn plus a solid accent color. The pattern is created using knitted short rows. This bag uses 242 yards of MC (Main Color striping yarn—we used Cairns) and 76 yards of CC (Contrast Color). The size of the bag is dependent on your needle size. Size 3, 32" circular is recommended in the pattern.

Date: **August** Time: **Evening TBA** Teacher: **Debbie** Price: **\$35 includes pattern**



TIME FOR A ROAD TRIP

We will be participating in two yarn crawls this year.

- ♥ The first is the Heartland Yarn Adventure (HYA) which is comprised of 80-plus shops in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. Of course, you do not need to travel to each and every shop, but it would be fun to make a day of it and see us and other shops in Michigan. The HYA will be held July 24—August 2.
- ♥ The Fall in Love with Fiber shop hop (also known as the NW Michigan shop hop) will be held during the heart of color tour season in October. It is always a lot of fun.
- ♥ For all you quilters, take a day and visit Sew Let's Be Quilty (Pentwater), New Ewe (Newaygo), and Quilted Memories (Montague) - some of the notable quilt shops in the area during the All Michigan Shop Hop that lasts almost all summer, June 1 through July 31.

B & B WEEKEND 2026—ALL ABOUT BRIOCHE

This fall our B & B Knitter's Weekend topic is **All About Brioche**. During the weekend, you will learn several methods of producing the Brioche stitch. Also, you will learn how to create decorative Brioche motifs and how to fix mistakes in Brioche knitting. You will receive patterns for five projects but we don't expect you to finish all five during the weekend. However, you will have learned the skills required for all five projects.

You may register to stay at your favorite Ludington B & B or, if you have your own lodging in the area, call Nautical Yarn at 231-845-9868 or visit our website (see below) to be put on the waiting list for openings after the Bed and Breakfast establishments fill up.

Candlelite Inn

www.candleliteinnludington.com

231-843-0101

Lamplighter Inn

www.ludington-michigan.com

231-852-3535

Cartier Mansion/Ludington House

www.cartiermansion.com

231-843-0101/231-843-9792

More information is included on our website where you may add yourself to the waiting list.

<https://nauticalyarn.com/event/2026-b-b-weekend-nov-wait-list-only/>

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BOB AND CAROLE'S NEXT CHAPTER!

I haven't been knitting as much as usual. Bob and I have been busy preparing for the late spring opening (fingers crossed) of the **Next Chapter Café**.

We have thought about this endeavor for several years. The Book Mark building is much larger than it appears from the outside. We bought the bookstore building and business 16 years ago. The first additions we made were the lounge and conference room. Both of these rooms are frequently full of people socializing, working on their laptops, or meeting in groups in the conference room (free to non-profits). Next, we built out the second floor adding seven large apartments about 10 years ago. The third phase was the addition of a commercial bakery kitchen where delicious pastries are prepared every morning, and the "Next Chapter" (and final phase) is the addition of a homey and friendly breakfast, brunch, and lunch café, **Next Chapter Café**. The café includes the main dining room which seats over 100 people, the banquet room—seats 40, and a private dining room—seats 20, plus a covered outdoor patio and a large commercial kitchen.

Coincidentally, about the same time we were planning the restaurant, Chef Jon of Chef Jon's European Café and Bakery and Brenda Cole of Brenda's Harbor Café sold their restaurants. They have both been invaluable in providing help with our new restaurant.

We are so excited to offer this new breakfast, brunch, and lunch establishment to downtown Ludington! Please stop in a give **Next Chapter Café** a trial run when we open late Spring or early Summer.

CAROLE'S BIRTHDAY SALE

This is the year I hit Jack Benny's age. If you are near my age you will remember the TV star, Jack Benny. When asked his age, his answer was always, "39!".

In the past we have discounted merchandise on my birthday by my age, I'm getting to the point of giving the yarn away for free or paying you to buy it! So this year, the discount percentage will be 39% for one day only, May 30th from 10 AM—3 PM. My actual birthday is May 24th, but this year Bob and I will be near Leelanau celebrating our granddaughter's wedding, so the **Birthday Sale** will be held a week later on Saturday, May 30th with 39% off everything and anything in the store. (There will be a few exceptions including all classes and events.)

WELCOME TO BECKY!

Nautical Yarn is pleased to announce the addition of Becky Smith to our staff. Becky is a great, knowledgeable knitter and quilter, and in addition she's a very nice person. Stop in any Monday or Wednesday to introduce yourself to Becky!

KNIT EVERY DAY IN MAY!

It's that time of year again. Fill in your May knitting calendar. ([Download](#) our copy or stop in and pickup a copy.) Submit your completed calendar by midnight June 5th to be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate from Nautical Yarn. Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a \$5 store credit.

FOURTH OF JULY YARN EXTRAVAGANZA!

Our granddaughter in North Carolina sent us this picture and we realized that we have a perfect place for a tribute for the 250 year anniversary (**Semiquicentennial**) of our great Declaration of Independence.

We are asking for help from anybody who would like to contribute a garland to bedeck our fence railings in patriotic colors for July 4, 2026. No special pattern needs to be followed. Garland can be knit or crocheted. They can be linked together using crochet chain or I Cord. We will hang the garlands on the fence railings beginning July 1st.

