

A NAUTICAL YARN

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Summer Classes were FUN!

We taught a few classes earlier this summer and they were a lot of fun.

During the **Brioche Headband** class in June we taught two techniques to create a cute, warm, stretchy headband for our snowy Michigan winters: Brioche knit flat and two-color Brioche in the round. Everyone did a great job on their Brioche projects.

In July we offered a **Beginning Crochet** class and we had all ages in the class. **We will be offering this class again later this fall.** Crochet is very popular right now and adults and kids are making everything from granny squares, blankets, clothing, accessories, amigurumi animals and food shaped items. 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 a helpful adult. The adult does not need to know how to crochet (they will learn in class).

The beautiful **Lindal Taschlein Bag** was the object of a class taught by Debbie in August. This striking bag was designed using knitted short rows. The class included some good techniques that all knitters should know, including, Provisional Cast-On, Short-rows, Lateral Braid, yarn carrying techniques, and Kitchener Stitch. (See **TECHNIQUES** below.)

Sundays in the Summer was not a class in the traditional sense, a staff member was on hand to answer questions and provide help as time allowed. We will be open the Sunday of Labor Day weekend and closed on Sundays after September 6th until next summer.

NORTHWEST MICHIGAN YARN CRAWL (AKA FALL IN LOVE WITH FIBER!)

This fall the Northwest Michigan Yarn Crawl will be held October 1—11. Nautical Yarn and seven other stores are participating in this 11 day event. This is a Yarn Crawl during Color Tour Time that takes you from the Leelanau Peninsula to Traverse City to Ludington, Montague, Newaygo, Evart and Cadillac. You can do it in a long day or break it up into two or three days with shorter hops. Of course, you don't need to visit every shop to have a great time.

Each shop will have giveaways, special techniques, kits and patterns, and their own discounts ranging from 10 to 20% off.

All you need is your \$5 passport (which you will be able to purchase soon at Nautical Yarn or any one of the other participating shops).

Have your passport stamped at each shop you visit to be entered in drawings (local shop drawings and grand prize drawings). Nautical Yarn will be giving prizes each day of the yarn crawl.

KNITTING AND CROCHET TECHNIQUES, TIPS, TRICKS

Every other Saturday this Fall, Nautical Yarn will offer a class with instruction on a single knit or crochet technique. We want you to learn widely used techniques and tricks for knitters and crocheters. Below is a list of dates and techniques offered. Classes are scheduled for 2 hours (from 9-11 AM). Each class is \$5. However, the Crochet Christmas Decorations class has an additional \$5 charge for the pattern. Bring all your normal class supplies, such as scissors, tapestry needle, stitch markers and crochet hook and knitting needles appropriate for your yarn and two colors of yarn to swatch with.

9/19/26 Magic Circle Crochet

10/03/26 Magic Loop (Knitting) Bring circular needle 32" or 40" long

10/17/26 Crochet Lace

10/31/26 Knit Lace

11/14/26 Spiral Crochet Christmas Decoration plus \$5 for pattern

11/28/26 Mattress Stitch

12/12/26 Provisional Cast On in Knitting—Bring a crochet hook suitable for your swatch yarn

12/19/26 Beginning Crochet (9 AM until Noon—Makes a great early Christmas gift)

BOB AND CAROLE'S NEXT CHAPTER!

Bob and I have been busy preparing for the opening of the **Next Chapter Café**. You know the saying, "You don't know what you don't know." Well, Bob and I have been eating in restaurants for years, but we have discovered there is a lot we don't know about restaurant operations. Thank goodness for all the help from our experienced restaurant staff who **do** know what we don't know. All the preparation has been fun though and we are excited to open and share Ludington's newest dining experience with you.

As I write this, we are awaiting final approval from the District #10 Health Department and the City of Ludington. Hopefully, we will pass these inspections next week and open the restaurant very soon.

The café includes the main dining room which can seat over 100 people plus a banquet room that can be used for special gatherings with in-house catering. The commercial kitchen is a thing of beauty with all it's shiny stainless steel. All equipment is operating well and the chefs are eager to prepare food for you.

Next Chapter Café will be open from 6 –2 serving breakfast, brunch & lunch.

NAUTICAL YARN IS 24 YEARS OLD!

We will be 24 years old on Tuesday, September 1st. How the years have flown! We opened up with yarn, needles and hooks, and patterns purchased with about \$20,000 of our life savings.

Bob built us shelving with wire cubes (some of which have stood the test of time and are still in use today), but most of the wire cubes have been replaced at least once.

The only room we used at first was the North room where our cash register is, but after a year we doubled in size (and more than doubled our investment) when we opened up the South room. About a year later we opened the West room where we currently have needles, hooks, patterns and notions. We held our classes in that room for the first 6 years, but then Bob built us our Studio downstairs where we could have more room and comfortable seating. I remember him wiring the dimmer switches about 5 minutes before guest teacher, Melissa Leapman, began her class at a Wine and Wool event.

If you stop in and tell us "**Happy Birthday**" on September 1st you will receive a \$5.00 store credit to be used on your next visit—Happy Birthday to you, too!

Just wait until next year when we celebrate our **Silver Jubilee Anniversary!**

B & B KNITTING WEEKEND

Our B & B Knitting Weekend is coming up the first weekend in November (Friday, November 6—Sunday, November 8). The name of the knitting workshop is **All About Brioche** where attendees will be learning how to knit Brioche flat and in the round. Project choices include a headband and either a two-color Brioche Hat or Cowl with decorative elements. Everyone will receive several brioche patterns for future reference. We will also learn how to avoid and fix mistakes in Brioche work.

At this time a stay at one of Ludington's four Bed and Breakfasts is required, but we can put you on a wait list if you would like to attend the workshop and stay at your own home or cottage. Call 231-845-9868 for more information.

Registration is made directly through the B & B you choose: **Candlelite B & B**, **Cartier Mansion B & B**, **Lamplighter B & B**, or **Ludington House B & B**.

Links to each B & B are available through the Nautical Yarn website at:
<https://nauticalyarn.com/event/2026-b-b-weekend-nov-wait-list-only/>