

Welcome, 2014!

First thing's first...we have to announce the 2013
Twelve Knits of Christmas Winners!

\$25 Gift Certificates:

Catherine Southwick, Shannon Rice, Mamie Wytrwal

\$50 Gift Certificates:

Kathryn McDonald, Ann Hanson

\$100 Gift Certificate:

Kathryn Savoie



Sasha loved helping me pick the winners.

Congratulations, winners! Look at your email inboxes for your information from us...happy knitting!

January's Featured Yarn:
Acadia by The Fibre Company



60% Merino wool, 20% baby alpaca, 20% silk
145 yds--50 g
Gauge: 21-23 sts/4 inches on US 5-6 needles (DK weight)
\$15.95

See our gorgeous selection of Acadia [HERE](#).

Not sure what to knit with this beautiful yarn? We've got a sample of the Acadia Cowl pictured above knit with one skein (we featured this one during our most recent 12 Knits of Christmas,) a [little dress](#) for Sasha knit with two skeins (18 month size), and we're planning our [Scalene Shawl class](#) around three skeins (two of the main, one in a contrasting color) of this yarn.

Still need more inspiration? Click [HERE](#) for some ideas on Ravelry!



Knitting and Social Networking: Expanding the Knitting Circle

For many, many of you that are reading this, your time in Northern Michigan is extremely limited. You're here for a long weekend a few times a year, or for your yearly two-week vacation in July. Many of you live nearby, but it might be a few weeks between visits to the shop. For some of you, we've never met, but have been introduced by way of Ravelry or Etsy. We feel so lucky that during this time of at-your-fingertips-technology, we can touch base with all of you--near OR far--with a quick status update or a message board post.

Facebook and Ravelry are both great ways to get to know your

community. Looking for a ride to Open Knitting on Saturday mornings? Wondering what our hours are on a particularly snowy Wednesday (or if we'll be open at all?) Lurking to see if that latest box of Malabrigo has arrived?

We're always trying to reach more knitters--the circle can never be too big! We'd like to ask you to help us with our campaign. **We're attempting to get 1,000 likes on our Facebook page** and when we hit several milestones (the first being 500, of course!), we'll be giving away all kinds of freebies. (Think stitch markers, kits, wool wash, yarn...) When we hit 1,000 likes, we'll have a gift basket to give away--**a gift basket that includes a Wool & Honey gift certificate and is valued at over \$100.** The giveaways could go to ANYone--we'll select the winners by randomly generate a name from the *entire* fan base!

Check us out--and invite your friends--to "Like" our page at
<http://www.facebook.com/WoolandHoney>

*There might just be something in it for
you!*

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You can find us on Ravelry--we're "Friends of Wool & Honey, formerly Inish Knits". Feel free to join--or start!--the conversation.

Classes

January & Early February 2014

Check out our entire schedule [online](#) or call us at (231) 228-2800 to sign up.



Skill-Building Sessions

NEW for 2014!

Every Tuesday and Thursday this winter from 1 to 3 pm, we'll be offering skill building sessions. These 2-hour sessions, ranging from Finishing Techniques to Cables to Getting Gauge, can help you add to your knitting arsenal, one week at a time. No previous experience necessary and no materials are needed.

You can attend just one class or every single session. These classes are perfect for knitting New Year's Resolutions, knocking a few of those techniques "you've always wanted to learn" off your list.

\$20.00 per session.

January

*Tuesday, January 21st--**Finishing Techniques***
*Thursday, January 23rd--**Two-Color Knitting (Fair Isle)***
*Tuesday, January 28th--**Getting Gauge***
*Thursday, January 30th--**Short Rows***

February

*Tuesday, February 4th--**Double-Pointed Needles***
*Thursday, February 6th--**Reading Charts***
*Tuesday, February 11th--**Fixing Mistakes***
*Thursday, February 13th--**Finishing Techniques***
*Tuesday, February 18th--**Turning Sock Heels***
*Thursday, February 20th--**Edges & Necklines***
*Tuesday, February 25th--**Intarsia***
*Thursday, February 27th--**Cables***

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for one--or several--of our [Skill Building Sessions](#) or call the store at (231) 228-2800.

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Knitting 101: Learn to Knit Class

Saturday, January 18th 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OR

Saturday, January 25th 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you've never picked up a pair knitting needles before, this is the class for you. In this class, we'll learn to cast on, knit and bind off--the basic foundation for starting your first project.

Already know the basics but looking for a refresher on some of the basics? In love with your new knitting hobby but need a little guidance on how to take the next step?

Be sure to sign up for [Knitting 201: The Next Step](#) on Saturday, February 15th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

One 2-hour class. \$20.00.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for [Knitting 101: Learn to Knit](#) or call the store at (231) 228-2800.

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Scalene Shawl Class

Tuesdays, January 21st & 28th

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

OR

Saturdays, February 1st & 8th

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Scalene is an asymmetrically shaped, triangular scarf that features both horizontal *and* vertical keyholes for several styles of wear. This gender neutral design looks great on women and men of any age. The knitting is simple enough for an adventurous beginner, but interesting enough for knitters at any skill level.

We'll be knitting **the dk-weight version** during this class in one of our favorite yarns this winter, the Fibre Company's [Acadia](#).

Two 2-hour classes, \$25.00. Materials not included.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the [Scalene Shawl](#) or call the store at (231) 228-2800.

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Finishing Techniques

Saturday, February 8th

1 to 3 p.m.

One of the most important aspects of knitting isn't the actual knitting--it's the sewing, seaming & wrestling that some cleverly call "finishing". Knowing how to match up the proper techniques insures overall knitting success. This session will put you at ease, leaving you to create pieces you're proud to call hand-knit. We'll focus on the three major seams you encounter in the knitting world, as well as the infamous Kitchener stitch. (Which isn't nearly as difficult as you think. Really.)

One 2- hour class. \$25.00. Materials included.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the [Finishing Techniques Class](#) or call the store at (231) 228-2800.

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Knitting 201: Beyond the Basics

Saturday, February 15th

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Okay, so you can cast on, knit, purl and bind off. What's next? This session will be devoted to increasing, decreasing and learning to knit in the round.

After this session, knitting a hat or a pair of mittens would be the natural next step.

One 2-hour session. \$25.00.

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for [Knitting 201: Beyond the Basics](#) or call the store at (231) 228-2800.

Best,

Cindy, Liz, Melissa & Sasha

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