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■ STEPHEN WEST VISITS: SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2016

Wow! What an amazing response to **Friday's lottery drawing!** We appreciate your patience--even though we thought we had ironed out the kinks after the **Plucky Knitter** website server debacle in May, our web host had outages all over the country. (We'll do our best to have things run smoothly when the tickets for **Jared Flood + Julie Hoover's event** goes on sale next month--stay tuned for details on our **Brooklyn Tweed weekend** soon.)



The winners are:

Kathryn R.
Carol K.
Kelly H.
Chris H.
Debbie R.
Jane S.
Mary B.
Heather M.
Shelly L.
Nancy S.
Kristi W.
Tracie H.
Lani K.
Dannielle H.

and the winner of
the FREE class with
Stephen West is....

Pam B.

We called all of our winners right away on Friday afternoon, so each has been notified and is fully registered for the class.

If you didn't receive a call from us, unfortunately, you did not win a spot. We will keep our list of lottery names and if there are cancellations, we will move to the next random number on the list.

Didn't land a spot? You can still meet Stephen West!

On **Tuesday, September 27th from 7 to 9 pm,** we're having a cocktail reception for Mr. West--and everyone is invited to join us. You'll have the chance to meet Stephen, try on his huge collection of knitted samples and chat with him about the Westknits story and his personal process as a knitter and designer. We'll be celebrating with both sparkling wine (L. Mawby, of course!) and a special cocktail, as well as some of our favorite local cheeses, fruits and treats. The evening is free...and even

better?

We're giving away a HUGE gift basket filled with Stephen's (and our!) favorite yarns (Madelinetosh, HedgehogFibres and the Plucky Knitter) to one extremely lucky partygoer, worth over \$250.

Join us at the party and you'll be entered to win.



Pre-order your copy of Westknits Bestknits **HERE.**

We hope you can join us for at least one of the day's events;

we guarantee you won't want to miss this day with the King of Brioche!

photos courtesy of Stephen West

THE 12 KNITS OF CHRISTMAS: **CHRISTMAS CHEVRON COWL**



One of my most beloved gifts to knit--for both women and men--is a cozy cowl. Shorter than a scarf, more unisex than a shawl, a cowl is a gift you can give everyone on your list. This cowl is especially dear to my heart; not only is the pattern a simple two-row repeat (perfect for car, meeting or bar knitting!), but in a blind test, you'd swear it was cashmere. Not sure what to get your favorite brother-in-law? This cowl, knit in any one of the more neutral shades, would be an excellent wind barrier on his annual cross-country ski trip in February. Is your daughter in-between sizes? Pick any of the colors and not only will it work with her navy wool coat, it'll be sure to fit. And can I tell you a secret? I know I'm not supposed to play favorites when it comes to yarn (for me, it's the equivalent of picking a favorite child!) but the luscious Malabrigo Finito falls into my Top Five Yarns of All Time. In fact, with its gorgeous color palette and its uncanny likeness to cashmere (without the same price tag!), I consider Finito my desert island yarn--I might just be able to knit with this yarn alone for the rest of my days.



Each kit will make one generous 14" deep x 21" circumference cowl and includes an easy-to-read pattern and two skeins of Malabrigo Finito, a fingering weight, 100% superfine baby Merino that easily could pass for cashmere. Choose your color from the menu at checkout.

Order the Christmas Chevron Cowl Kit [**HERE.**](#)

Interested in just the PDF pattern? Find it [**HERE.**](#)



One of the greatest gifts we have as knitters is to spend a little time every day with our tools, our minds, our hands, some quiet and make. Making a tiny

sweater for the first grandchild that's growing inside your daughter's belly. Making a pair of mittens to keep your best friend's hands warm out on the cross-country ski trail. Making a sweater for the guy who finally gave you that ring.

It doesn't have to be big. Or complicated. Or expensive. (We've found that a simple garter stitch dish cloth and a handmade soap tied with a ribbon makes a wonderful wedding/housewarming/thank-you-for-being-my-dogsitter gift, time after time after time.)

What a gift should be, however, is heart felt. Which is why we're starting now with our celebrated **12 Knits of Christmas** (in its ninth year, if you can believe it!) We've written 12 patterns for the hands, home and heart that, if you start now, will give you plenty of time to create meaningful gifts while rejoicing in the everyday.

The focus is on gifts that you'll be ecstatic to give, whether it's because they're knit with yarn you've never seen before (they are), they all require less than two weeks to complete (they do) or because they're fresh takes on classic knitted gifts (they will be).

There's more. (Of course.) We'll be giving away three outrageous prizes to three *very* lucky knitters.



1.) For each ambitious knitter who purchases ALL 12 kits, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a Brooklyn Tweed Oshima Sweater kit, in the color

of your choice. (A \$200 value!)

The sweater was designed by Jared Flood, who we'll be welcoming into the shop in late October, as well as introducing the Brooklyn Tweed collection to the shop!

- 2.) For each kit ordered, you'll be entered into a separate drawing for two (2) \$50 gift certificates to Wool & Honey, either in-house or online.
(Ordering 3 of the same kit? That counts as 3 entries!)**

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Knit One: French Vanilla Shawl



Knit Two: Sinterklaas Stocking



Knit Three: Christmas Chevron Cowl



■ THE GREATER TRAVERSE YARN SHOP HOP:
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2016



September 23th - 25th
Friday 12 - 7 pm, Saturday 11 - 3 pm, Sunday 12 - 4 pm

It's hard to believe it's already that time of year, but September marks our 5th annual Greater Traverse Yarn Shop Hop. Take an entire weekend to shop all 8 of our area yarn shops, where each shop will highlight unique yarns and patterns, offer refreshments and ideas for handmade holiday gifts.

Purchase a \$5.00 passport and get an exclusive logo tote bag. They are now available in each shop--don't wait to pick yours up!

Stamp your passport at all eight shops and you'll be eligible to win one of three Grand Prize Baskets, which each include a \$20 gift certificate to all eight shops and several other exclusive prizes. We'll be posting sneak peak photos on the group's [Facebook page](#) of pieces that make up the grand

prizes.

New this year - a progressive pattern! As you stop by each shop, pick up a piece of the pattern. By visiting all eight shops you'll have the entire pattern. Stay tuned to see a glimpse of the finished piece soon!

Here are the specials at each shop this year:

Dolls & More - 20% off yarn and quilting fabric

Knit Knorth - an exclusive colorwork pattern kit

Knitology - 20% off Cascade Yarns

Lost Art - 20% off Rowan yarns

Thistledown Shoppe - 20 % off Brown Sheep yarns

Warm and Fuzzy - 30% off storewide

Wool and Honey - 20% off YOTH yarns

Yarn Shop - 20% off storewide

Visit the group's [Facebook page](#) to keep up on all the details as it gets closer-
-we can't wait to see you!



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