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SEPTEMBER YARN CLUB: PENINSULA'S THIRD CUTTING



Peninsula's Third Cutting

*"As the sun shines I will make hay
To keep failure at bay
For there remaineth a pay
For my honest toil each day."
-Ogwo David Emenike*

***** pre-order by August 15th *****

We are thrilled to announce the September selections for the **Sleeping Bear Yarn Club**. Dyed exclusively for us by Julia of Sweet Sparrow Yarns in New Jersey, this tonal-dyed, warm golden color is named after the year's last hay harvest: third cutting.



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September's delightful little package will include a skein of Sweet Sparrow Yarns Gosling (80% superwash Merino wool, 10% cashmere, 10% nylon-- 400 yds, 100 g), a Fossil Coral stitch marker and your choice of the Bitty Blossom Baby Sweater, Wishbone Socks OR the Sweet Valentine Cowl, as well as the free gifts for NEW 12-month members, Thank You gifts for Year Two members and Leelanau Lifetime Members.*

Sign up for the **Sleeping Bear Yarn Club** **HERE**.

Read over our policies **HERE.*

NATURALLY DYED INDIGO



The newest **Stone Wool Cormo**...
dyed with Indigo!

Indigo is an amazing plant and dye source, prized for centuries for its magical blue properties. Dyeing with Indigo is a time-consuming and elaborate production, as the dye will only yield color under precise chemical conditions, which must be constantly evaluated and adjusted.

Springy, lofty and with a substantial hand, **Stone Wool Cormo** offers crisp stitch definition, with the perfect amount of texture in the knitting. This special edition of **Cormo** was hand dyed by Jackie Ottino from Forage Color in Searsmont, Maine, and will only be available for a limited time.



Not sure what to knit with indigo-dyed Stone Wool Cormo? Try the Golden Hour Shawl Kit in one of two colors--Nordic or Baltic.



Nordic



Baltic



One of our newest favorites: **the Flaum Sweater**. Knit for us by our sweet friend Sarah Barca (sexylegs on Rav, sarahlbarc on IG), it might just be the perfect sweater. Open and flowy, yet structured and soft, this indigo-dyed beauty is 100% grown, spun and dyed in Michigan. The base yarn is Fresh Water Fibers Medium Indigo (dyed by our those busy bees Kat & Claire of Why Knot Fibers!) and while blue most certainly is our favorite color, we're dying to knit this in the raw white color. We've made **kits for this sweater** in all three indigo shades, plus natural, undyed white--it's a modern sweater that'll last a lifetime in your wardrobe.

On Monday, we received a box of **Fresh Water Fibers Batch 01**--the last of the raw white. If you've been lusting after this yarn, don't wait too much longer; Batch 02 will be entirely different and is heading to the mill this fall--we hear it's going to be a gorgeous gray.



Find [Fresh Water Fiber Yarn HERE.](#)

Find the [Flaum Sweater Kit HERE.](#)

Find the [Golden Hour Shawl Kit HERE.](#)

BIG NEWS:
[EVENTS IN 2019](#)

While we freely admit that 2018 was a bit quiet in regard to speakers and events at Wool & Honey, we are certain that 2019 is going to knock your handknit socks off.

We are *thrilled* to announce our coming events for next year, mostly because they're some of the biggest and the best in the industry. We only have the

very basics mapped out so far--no sign-ups, no specific details, no exact times--but the most important thing to do was to get them on the calendar in black ink. You're the first to know; we wanted our dearest friends (YOU!) to be able to make travel plans and accommodations as early as possible.

Each of these weekend events will have both **ticketed, smaller events** AND trunk shows with *plenty* of shopping opportunities with **FREE meet-and-greets** for everyone.

Without further ado....



February 21st-23rd, 2019. A Book Release Party for Marie Greene of Olive Knits. Details TBA.

Marie Greene is a knitwear designer in the Pacific Northwest. She designs wearable, classic styles with modern features that are fun to knit, but--most

importantly--are easy to wear. She's inspired by architecture and her home near the Oregon Coast, loves rainy days, dinner parties, Nordic Noir and early *early* mornings. (Our kind of woman!) Marie just handed her book in to her publisher on Tuesday and we will be the first shop to host her when her book tour begins in February. (We featured Marie's **Azimuth Sweater** in our Ravellenic Challenge this winter.)





July 11th-14th, 2019. A Plucky Knitter/Grocery Girls Trunk Show. Details TBA.

Yup. You read that right. A **Plucky trunk show** AND a weekend with the **Grocery Girls**. It's basically going to be a sisters extravaganza all. Weekend. LONG. You know how much we love **Plucky**; Sarah and Hayley have been a part of our hive for years. We can't wait to have them--and their mountains of yarn--back! But do you know Jodi and Tracie (L to R) of the world-famous podcast 'Grocery Girls'? We can't get enough of their spunky, saucy podcasting style and their infectious love of all things knit. They both write patterns and Jodi is the production sewer behind Mrs. Brown's Bags. We're still hammering out the details, but we're thinking about beachfront knitting, a pajama party, a sock class...and maybe even some live podcasting!



November 8-10th, 2019. A Weekend with Susan B. Anderson. Details TBA.

Susan B. Anderson is a best-selling knitting book author, designer, award-winning blogger, writer and international knitting instructor. Susan's love of knitting and wool has spanned over 30 years, while she has worked as a freelance designer for many top yarn companies, magazines and independent companies. We have loved Susan B. Anderson almost as long as we've been knitters; *Itty Bitty Hats* was one of the first books to make it into both of our knitting libraries and we are *honored* to have the opportunity to introduce her to our loyal customers. Susan's newest venture, **Barrett Wool Co.**, is an especially exciting addition to the knitting world--we'll have a trunk show here with kits and Midwest-made yarns--and you better believe she'll be teaching a class.



We **cannot wait** to experience all of these events with you, friends. Thank YOU for helping us bring these amazing, internationally-acclaimed women to a tiny little town in Northern Michigan--let's show these superstars what a buzzing little hive we've got tucked away in Paradise!

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Planning to travel but not sure where to stay?

Here are some of our favorite accommodations in Northern Michigan:

Hillside Homestead for a completely unique farm stay, hosted by our dear friend Susan Odom. She'll cook you a farm-fresh meal on her 1910 cookstove with eggs, pork and veggies grown right on her property. A dinner party with Susan was one of the best experiences I've ever had with my Northern Michigan girlfriends.

Leelanau Vacation Rentals. Whether you're looking for a beachfront condo, a large cottage to split with friends or a pet-friendly rental, there isn't anyone who knows Leelanau County better than Renee and her team.

The Homestead Resort. The Inn is amazing, and so is Hawk's Nest and Fiddler's Pond and....you get the idea. The whole place is spectacular. And on Lake Michigan.

And for more **budget-friendly accommodations**, we'd suggest hotels in nearby Traverse City (an easy 20 minutes from the shop). You can also find extremely reasonable hotels in Cadillac (an hour away), Petoskey (an hour

and a half) and Grand Rapids (two and a half hours) and rent a car for an easy day-trip.

We suggest thinking about your travel plans now, especially for July's weekend event, as it will be the very peak season in Northern Michigan; we'd hate for someone to miss an event because they couldn't find a place to stay.

Keep watching our **Events page**, as we'll continue to add details as time goes on. Of course, our newsletters will always be the first place we'll announce sign-ups. Stay tuned!



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