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## Thinking Thoughts, Feeling Feelings



*The view from the observation deck at the Leelanau Conservancy's Clay Cliffs Natural Area*

The world is changing exponentially every moment, and it's so very hard. Hard to keep a stiff upper lip, hard to be patient, hard to be calm, hard to be creative, hard to wade through a normal day. We feel waves of grief and terror--even peace--crashing over us, hour by hour, every single day. We imagine that this might last for awhile. How are *you* holding on? What is giving you comfort these days?

Please know, dear ones, that even though it feels like it, you are not alone in your emotions. Not nearly. This is very traumatic. This has never before happened in our lifetime. Nor will it go on forever. Allow yourselves to be very sad, very mad,

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our lifetime. Not will it go on forever. Allow yourselves to be very sad, very mad, very overwhelmed, very lonely. Feel all the things: cry the tears, laugh on the phone with your friends, scream into pillows, stress clean, eat the foods that give you comfort. Judy passed [this article](#) about grief on to us, and it's very good. If you have a moment, [give it a read](#).

How do we continue to go on? Not by moving *past* grief, exactly, but *through* it. How do we do that? We don't know, really. What we *do* know that our calmest, most joyful moments throughout these past few weeks have been when we've connected to others. Spent time in Nature. Pet our cats. Escaped within the pages of a book. Played games with our children. Listened to Motown. Danced in the kitchen. When we've put our phones away. Made beautiful things with our hands, stitch by stitch.

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## Shopping Local, LYS Day 2020



During these times of unknowing, supporting our friends--in whatever way we can--always feels right. Dropping off a plate of cookies to our parents. Sending a bouquet (especially fancy tulips from [Leelanau Specialty Cut Flowers!](#)) to our hairdresser who can't see clients for the next six weeks. Calling in a to-go dinner at a local restaurant ([Market 22](#), [Martha's Leelanau Table](#) and [The Village Inn](#) in Empire are some of our favorites!) Ordering a new book from [Cottage Books](#) in Glen Arbor. These businesses all could use your help, now

and in the weeks to come. It doesn't have to be much, but every little bit of kindness means more to these small businesses than you know.

And sometimes, the person you need to treat is you. Pick out a little treasure for yourself. These brand new [Sweet Stone stitch markers](#) (in the dish, pictured above) are made by our dear friend, Liz Saile, these stones are very, very rare--man-made from sugar beet processing in the early 1900s. A candle for your bedside table, like the newest scent from [Farm House Candle, Bay Rum + Teak](#), as pictured here.

Safe at home? Clean out your yarn storage. Shake out every skein and wipe down the entire area with a damp cloth. Arrange everything so that your favorites look their best. Tuck a few of the [Cedar Roma](#) sachets into the drawers and cubbies, keeping your area smelling fresh, the bugs out and let your creativity flow. (Even better? Buy 12, get the 13th FREE.)

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We are so very sorry to say that **LYS Day 2020** has been postponed until September 12th. However. We'll be celebrating in our own way the last weekend of April; we've got a **special limited edition yarn** we've been keeping a secret for months, and it'll be making its debut on April 25th. Stay tuned for more info soon!

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## 52 Weeks of Socks



Last month, we finally sent the last of Laine Magazine's breathtaking [52 Weeks of Socks book](#) orders out the door.....and we just didn't order enough. There were SO many of you who didn't get your hands on a copy the first time around, which is why we've got a new stack of books from the \*fourth\* printing arriving in Michigan mid-April. There's a very limited edition coming--if you've had your eye on the book, don't wait. It's a feast for the eyes--and a sock knitter's dream come true.

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## Making Magazine: No. 9 Simple



The act of making helps to connect us to the past, knowing that many craft skills were practiced daily out of necessity. We also connect to our present, as we stop to slow down and enjoy the work at hand, leaving behind the stress of our busy days. And, possibly at the heart of our creations, is the future. As the sweater we knit or the blanket we quilt becomes an heirloom for our family to use, enjoy, and pass down to the next generation. Circling back and tying us to the past. All these connections are equally important and help to bring meaning and value to the beauty and utility we make. We are thrilled to offer the newest [Making Magazine, Issue No. 9 Simple](#) for pre-order, arriving in Michigan on May 8th.

No. 9 / SIMPLE is filled with over 24 projects and tutorials. Contributors include: Sacrée Frangine, Ocean Rose, Takako Ueki, Jen Hewett, Jessica Unsell, Sanae Ishida, Arounna Khounnoraj, Aneela Hoey, Anna Graham, Megahann

Halfmoon, Kristine Vejar, Leila Raven, Jennifer Berg, Orlane Sucche, Vanessa Coscarelli Black, Brandi Harper, Pam Allen, Bristol Ivy, Jaqueline Cieslak, Eri Shimizu, Susan B Anderson, Katrin Schneider, and Cal Patch.

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## The Colors of Leelanau: Nearly 50 Colors from the First Six Years



Back for the first time EVER--[Inspiration Point](#) from Hedgehog Fibres

It's been almost six full years since we launched our [Sleeping Bear Yarn Club](#) and it has blossomed into something beyond our wildest dreams. Because our club continues to grow every month, there are many, *many* customers who've only just joined us--and have missed out on some of the previous months. And almost everyone has said that they'd love to get their hands on at least [one more skein](#) of one colorway or another.

So. We're opening up the opportunity for everyone who has been hoping to get another go at one--or more!--of our exclusive yarns. We reached out to the brilliant dyers who've produced colorways for our [Sleeping Bear Yarn Club](#) and asked them to dye a limited edition run for the spectacular colors from the first six

years.



L to R: [Snowy Owl](#), [Shoreline Frost](#), [Manning Light](#), [Christmas Cove](#), [Frozen Bay](#)

**And, as always, these yarns are available to you at 10% off retail prices.**

However. You must be [a Sleeping Bear Yarn Club member](#).

We've said from Day One that these colors are exclusive to our members and we still stand by that. Before you can order any of the colorways below, you first have to [join the club](#).

After that, you can order any of the colors between now and April 15th.

After that, they may be unavailable forever.





*[Specialty Cut Flowers](#) by Plucky Knitter, as knit by our dear friend and longtime member, Daryl Webster*

Club memberships are available for 3, 6 and 12 months, with the ability to pay monthly, quarterly or in full.

A current membership of any kind will grant you access to the [Colors of Leelanau](#).

Not a current member? Sign up [HERE](#).

Already a member? Click [HERE](#) to order the [Colors of Leelanau](#).

We'll be taking pre-orders for the [Colors of Leelanau](#) for a VERY limited time--through April 15th only.

*Orders will ship with the May 2020 packages.*





L to R: [Christmas Cove](#), [Cottage Crocus](#), [Isadore Lilac](#), [Stoney Point Winter Glow](#),  
[Sleeping Bear Meteor Shower](#)



[Peninsula's Third Cutting](#), our September 2018 selection

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