

# VILLAGE WOOLS

## Winter/Spring 2008

We are delighted to have many new **teachers** for classes and workshops this semester. Joining our tried and true group, we have newcomers to the area Ahza Moore (co-author of When Bad Things Happen to Good Knitters), and Claudia Dunitz (owner of Heal My Hands). The new weaving instructors are Myra Chang Thompson and Karen Page Crislip.

Returning with more inspiring classes are Galina Khmeleva and Pat Werner. For the spinners and dyers, Judith MacKenzie-McCuin author of Teach Yourself Visually: Spinning will teach a dye workshop here, and a spinning workshop through the Guild.

**Fibers** keep getting nicer and nicer. Alpaca is very big this year and in a lot of combinations: alpaca and silk, alpaca and tencel, with merino, cotton, etc. Organic fibers are more and more available. We have a naturally dyed organic wool and cotton line, and several organic cotton possibilities. We're looking into a new native New Mexican organic wool line as well. Then there are those luscious cashmeres, silks, merinos, bamboos....ooh lala. So much yarn, so little time. (Sigh.)

Village Wools has on-site **looms and spinning wheels** for you to look at and rent for try-out. We can order the looms and spinning wheels with a reasonable turn around time. Looms: Schacht, Leclerc, Harrisville, Macomber, Ashford, Louet, Glimakra and Norwood. Spinning Wheels: Schacht, Lendrum, Ashford, Louet and Kromski. We also have weaving and spinning supplies.

### Events coming up:

#### **Casa Angelica – Fund Raiser**

The local "Casa Angelica" is a home for children and young adults with various needs. We are supporting their fundraising project. In April they will raise money by having a silent auction, selling hand made goods. We would like to encourage our customers to donate items for this auction. You can drop items by the shop after March 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will make sure it gets to Casa Angelica for the auction. Thank you for being so generous!

Las Aranas Guild Workshops at Village Wools:  
February 22-24 Understanding Rayon Chenille with Sue Butler  
Please contact Las Aranas Guild for more information.

**Surprise Sales "manager's mania's"** These have been a great success. Continue to watch our web-site weekly for impromptu sales. [www.villagewools.com](http://www.villagewools.com) Or give us a call.

**Swatch Group:** Second Wednesday of every month. 1:00 - 2:30 pm. Drop in and join Pam to try out some of the new spring yarns!

**Special Help:** We continue to have specially staffed hours for knitting help:

**Tuesdays: 1-3 pm**

**Thursdays: 3-5 pm**

**Saturdays: 3-5 pm**

During these hours there will be an **extra staff person** here, just to help with general knitting problems. Special techniques that are specific to a few patterns or specific designers, may be something the help person may not know. When in doubt, please call to check. For crochet help, please call to be sure someone who crochets is here. Linda can help with **spinning** and **dyeing** questions on Tues and Fri. Cathlena can help with **weaving** and **crocheting** on Mon. Thurs., and Fri. Please call ahead.

VW will be **closed** the following holiday:

Memorial Day

Monday May 26th

**PARKING ISSUES:** If you are attending a class or guild meeting at Village Wools we would appreciate you parking across from the front of the building so there will be easy access for our other customers who come to the store for shorter visits. The evenings and Sundays are different. Also at any time, please do not park in front of the attorney's office. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**CLASS AVAILABILITY:** Please sign up for classes early; teachers may cancel if there are not enough students signed up a week or two before the start date.

## WORKSHOPS

**Introduction to Freeform Knit and Crochet:** Freeform knitting and crochet has been growing in popularity since the 1970's. It's definitely the wilder side of the fiber arts. There are no lines, no patterns and no rules. Anything goes. Freeform pieces can have beading, felting, embroidery and found objects in them. When you start a freeform project – even if you think you know where you're going, what actually emerges from your needles will be anyone's guess. Your subconscious directs the work – your inner chaos reveals itself!! Learn to create a multi-directional, multidimensional fabric with hooks and needles to be used as a bag, a brooch, or as trim on a garment.

Instructor: **Claudia Dunitz** Fee: \$55 + tax  
Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 2:30 w/ break

**Ojo de Dios Vest Workshop:** In this exciting introductory class you will learn the secrets of Pat's unique approach to modular knitting. This is a class for both beginners and seasoned knitters, laying a foundation for all her other classes. While this vest may appear complex, it is surprisingly simple to knit. It has virtually no seams and you never have more than a few stitches on your needle at a time, and rarely more than one color. You will learn to 'fear no color' and how to have fun while breaking all the "knitting laws". A thorough pattern booklet is included in the fee. Yarns must be chosen and wound (if needed) before class.

Instructor: **Pat Werner** Fee: \$75 + tax  
Saturday April 12 and 26<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm

**Pyramid Vest Workshop:** Learn the true secrets to the construction of the pyramids by knitting these very simple equilateral triangles. This lovely vest is the epitome of instant gratification since each module takes only 15-20 minutes to create. If you ever tire of wearing your garment as a vest, it is so easy, using Pat's modular concept, to let your vest grow sleeves! She'll show you how in class. Pattern booklet is included. Yarns must be chosen and wound (if needed) before class.

Instructor: **Pat Werner** Fee: \$75 + tax  
Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm

**Metropolis Coat:** Pencil in **Pat Werner's** newest pattern on Saturday, August 2 & 9, and look for details in the Summer class schedule!!

**Dyeing with Mother MacKenzie:** At the time we had to go to press, Judith was so busy with her workshops that we haven't gotten details yet, but we know she will bring her special techniques for dyeing to share with us in our new dye room.

Instructor: **Judith MacKenzie-McCuin** Fee: \$200 + tax  
Wed April 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 4 with break

**Finishing From the Beginning:** This workshop will include tips and tricks for a more professional garment used in techniques from the beginning of the project through to the end. Finishing is not just seaming and blocking, although these subjects will be covered. Edge stitches, selvedge stitches, cast ons, bind offs, buttonholes, buttons, zippers, mitering, cording, camouflaging mistakes, and false seams are just a few of the things that will be covered in this class. The objective is to make your knitting look "**better than store bought**"! Level: Advanced Beginner/Inter-mediate (know how to co, bo, inc, dec, YO, cable, crochet a chain, follow simple written instruction; able to work in the round and use circ and dpn; able to pick up and knit for necklines and button bands, and correct simple errors in knitting). Come learn what the Judge's look for when you put entries in the Fair. Small homework swatches need to be ready by class.

Instructor: **Carol Singletary** Fee: \$60 + tax  
Saturday April 19 1 – 4 pm

## A Lace For Every Taste

In this unique workshop, Galina will cover the broad range of knitting techniques that will enable every knitter to successfully complete one or all three of the challenging lace knitting projects (seen in back issues of Interweave Press' Piecework Magazine and Knits, and XRX's Knitter's Magazine). This includes the standard basic elements, cornering techniques, the elegant borders, grafting and finishing techniques. So much more than a knitting class, Galina's workshops are an unforgettable cultural learning experience. Skill level: Lace knitting experience helpful.

Instructor: **Galina Khmeleva** Fee: \$185 + tax  
Mat Fee \$25  
Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sun May 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 3:30ish pm w/ break

## CLASS SCHEDULE

### Weaving

**Beginning Tapestry Techniques:** Immerse yourself in an art form that has existed since the 14<sup>th</sup> century! Learn and practice techniques in a small sampler and design that you will weave on your tapestry loom. Slides of contemporary small format tapestries will be shown, and finishing/mounting techniques will be discussed.

Instructor: **Karen Page Crislip** Fee: \$120 + tax  
Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 10 am – 4pm w/ break

**Beginning 4-Harness Weaving:** Students will learn the basics of weaving: terminology, how to read and draft patterns, calculate yarn amounts and of course, weave. Special emphasis is placed on warping the loom so that you will master the set up. You will weave 2 samplers and a project of your choice.

Instructor: Cathlena Burr Fee: \$200+ tax  
Loom rental: \$20 + tax

Thurs March 27, 6 – 9 pm, Sat March 29, 9 – 4 pm, Tues April 1 (really), 6 - 8 pm, Thurs April 3, 6 – 8 pm, Sat April 5, 9 – noon, Tues April 8, 15, 22 6 – 8 pm, Thurs April 10, 17, 24 6 – 8 pm.

**Supplies:** warp yarns to be purchased throughout class and for a final project. Instructor will provide: Notes which you will use forever !

**Pattern Reading & Drafting:** If you've ever wondered what those numbers, lines, boxes, strokes, X's and O's are next to those delicious patterns in the Handweaver's Pattern Book or Handwoven, this is your class. You will learn how to read pattern drafts, do drawdowns, and invent your own patterns.

Instructor: Cathlena Burr Fee: \$25 + tax  
Session 1: January 19<sup>th</sup> 9 -noon  
Session 2: April 5<sup>th</sup> 9 -noon

**Rag Rug Workshop:** Here is a wonderful way to use old clothes, towels, sheets or that fabric you can't remember why you bought it, and weave beautiful rugs, mats and clothing. We will start class with a pre-warped loom and weave 6 coordinating placemats each with a different technique. We will discuss fabrics, stripping methods, etc for specific outcomes. Instruction for warping the loom will be available by Feb. 18. This class is for weavers who know how to warp a loom.

Instructor: Cathlena Burr Fee: \$95 + tax  
Loom fee: \$10  
Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm

**Inkle Weaving:** A compact portable inkle loom is an ideal way to make attractive narrow bands. Inkle projects make wonderful hatbands, belts, straps, or handles. During class you learn to design bands, put a warp on your loom, basic weaving techniques and how to do at least one kind of pick up design. Students will need an inkle loom.

Instructor: Alice Graybill Fee: \$70 +tax  
Friday April 11 & 18 1 – 3:30 pm

**Pattern Weaving:** Several different weave structures will be explored including overshot, spot bronson lace, summer and winter crackle, twills and M's and O's. Each student will be responsible for warping a loom in a different pattern but will get the chance to weave samples on each pattern. Warping experience is necessary. Looms will be available to warp May 5-14, and must be ready by the first class.

Instructor: **Myra Chang Thompson** Fee: \$150 + tax  
Loom Fee \$10  
Thurs May 15 1-5 pm, Sat 17 9am - 5 pm and Sun 18 9 am -5pm

**Warping Back To Front:** This workshop is for weavers who are frustrated by some of the problems encountered when warping a loom from front to back. This technique is useful if you are working with a very fine and/or delicate warp, or a very long warp. This is the perfect excuse to dust off that **radde** you never knew

what to do with. Do not pre-wind the warp. **Weaving experience required.**

Instructor: Cathlena Burr

Fee: \$85 plus tax  
Loom Rental: \$5 plus tax

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 6am-9pm  
Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 9am-4 pm

**Supplies:** Please bring the yarn for a quick project of your choice. **Do not pre-wind the warp.**

**Hint:** You could put your “double weave” warp on during the “warping back to front class.” If you take both classes you will receive \$20 off the combined fees.

**Intro to Doubleweave:** This class is an introduction to the various possibilities on four harnesses: two layers, including slight pattern variations, tubes, slits and double width. We will work off a single sampler warp, weaving and discussing double weave theory. Students must already know how to dress the loom and weave Looms must be warped before the first class.

Instructor: Cathlena Burr

Fee: \$75 + tax  
Loom Fee: \$5

Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon  
Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon

## Spinning

**Beginning Spinning:** Spinning is a wonderful experience!!! The first class will address the hand-spindle, a very “ancient” method carried to the present. The next week you will start the process of spinning on a wheel – you will be assigned a different style wheel each session and will learn about fleece preparation (skirting, washing, carding). We will also learn to “stretch” to prevent overuse injuries.

Instructor: Linda DeBlois

Fee: \$75 + tax  
Material fee: \$8 + tax  
Wheel Rental: \$20 + tax (4 wks)

Sunday April 6, 13, 20 and 27 12:30-3:30 pm

**Supplies:** You will rent a wheel unless you have your own (please bring to first class).

## Knitting

**Beginning Knitting:** Students will learn the basics of knitting— cast on, knit and purl stitch; and bind off. Shaping, reading stitch patterns and finishing techniques will also be taught.

**Supplies (all sections):** U. S. size 7 or 8 needles and light colored worsted weight yarn (4 ½ to 5 sts to inch).

**Section 1:** Wednesday Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27 1-3 pm  
Instructor: Azha Moore

**Section 2:** Wednesday March 5, 12, 26 & April 2 6-8 pm  
Instructor: Sandy Dawson (note- no class March 29<sup>th</sup>)

**Section 3:** Tuesday March 11, 18, 25, & April 1 1-3 pm  
Instructor: Alice Graybill

**Section 4:** Sat March 22, 29, April 5 & 12 10:30 am-12:30  
Instructor: Marlene Brockmann

**Section 5:** Wednesday April 9, 16, 23, 30 & 1-3 pm  
Instructor: Ahza Moore

**Supplies:** U. S. size 7 or 8 needles and light colored worsted weight yarn (4 ½ to 5 sts to inch).

**Beginner Lace:** Let’s get started with some patterns that are fun but not too complicated; learn 3 patterns for a scarf or more! Written instructions and charts will be discussed. Either way we will have plenty of design possibilities. Level: Confident Beginner.

Instructor: Gudy Klawer

Fee: \$60 + tax

Saturday Jan 26, Feb 9 and 23 3-5pm

## ON GOING

**Lace Club:** Pattern of the month sampler and guidance; after Suzanna Lewis’ book and others.

Instructor: Gudy Klawer

Fee: \$15 + tax

1<sup>st</sup> meeting Thurs January 24<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30 pm and following 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs

**LACE- THE EVELYN CLARK WAY:** Her new book is a little gem. It shows us how to knit a spectacular triangular shawl following her directions and allows us to design our own shawls, by choosing different stitch patterns. Level: Intermediate.

Instructor: Gudy Klawer Fee: \$50 + tax  
February 2, 16, and March 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am – 12:30

**Celtic Motifs: A beautiful Felted Bag:** Learn the intricacies of Celtic knitted braids. This is a spectacular piece, easier than you think! Level: Intermediate.

Instructor: Gudy Klawer Fee: \$50 + tax  
Saturday February 2, 16 and March 1 1:30-4pm

**The Purl Stitch and Beyond:** The rest of basic knitting and more for those who have been doing only the knit stitch: purling, increases and decreases, reading patterns, choosing yarn and needles, pattern stitches, plus more, as time permits. Whether you hold the yarn in your right hand (American Style) or your left (Continental Style), this class is for you.

Instructor: Alice Graybill Fee: \$65 + tax  
Session 1: Tuesday February 5, 12, 19 and 26 1pm-3pm  
Session 2: Tuesday June 10, 17, 24 and July 1 6 – 8 pm

**Intermediate Knitting:** Learn the next steps after Basic Knitting in a nurturing environment. We introduce students to circular needles, double-pointed needles, shaping (increasing and decreasing) in our “real life” knitting – a simple hat with color work and mittens.

Instructor: Cheryl Kurzawa Fee: \$70 + tax  
Section 1: Wed February 6, 13, 20, and 27 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Section 2: Tuesday April 1, 8, 15, and 22 6 pm – 8 pm

**The Secret Language of Knitting Patterns:** For intermediate knitters; Learn to translate a pattern into a project, such as a hat, mittens, or a baby sweater. Choose a project for your level with one new technique.

Instructor: Ahza Moore \$65 + tax  
Section 1: Thursday February 7, 14, 28 & March 6 1-3pm  
Section 2: Thursday March 6, 13, 27 & April 10 6-8pm

**Mosaic Knitting:** This color technique is easy and fun to knit. If you can slip a stitch and knit stripes you can knit these beautiful patterns. In this class students will knit samples and play with color. (**Prerequisites:** Students must be able to knit and purl while carrying on a conversation.)

Instructor: Nan Brinker Fee: \$35 + tax  
Saturday February 9 10:30 – 12:30 pm

**Knitting Viking Period Cables:** Knit an amazing cable sweater from Elsbeth Lavold: a simple shape embellished with cables in a delicious yarn. Let’s knit this elegant and sophisticated sweater together! Level: Intermediate.

Instructor: Gudy Klawer Fee: \$50 + tax  
Saturday February 9, 23, and March 8 10 – 12:30 pm

**Soaring With Socks:** Socks knit on 2 circular needles, as Cat Bordhi introduced, go more quickly as well as avoid some of the problems of dpn’s! You can try them on as you knit and assure correct size. Level: some experience with sock knitting essentials.

Instructor: Liz McMaster Fee: \$40 + tax  
Session 1: Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-1:30 pm  
Session 2: Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30am-1:30 pm  
Session 3: Friday March 7<sup>th</sup> 1 - 4pm  
Session 4: Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> 1 - 4pm

**A Beautiful Ending:** Learn beginning and intermediate finishing techniques. Practice sewing seams, picking up for ribbing, button holes, and blocking. Gain the skill to complete your projects with style. **Small homework assignment to bring to first class.**

Instructor: Deborah Gaudet Fee: \$45 + tax  
Wednesday February 20 & 27 6 - 8 pm

**Fringe, Tassels, and Pom-Poms:** Sometimes a project needs a little something. Learn how to do these traditional finishing touches.

Instructor: Alice Graybill Fee: \$30 + tax  
Section 1: Wednesday Feb 20 10-12:30 pm  
Section 2: Tuesday May 13 6-8:30 pm

## ON GOING

**Afghan Square of the Month Class and Club:** This class will run all year long, meeting monthly. Using Knitter's Great American Aran Afghan Book. We'll cover one or two 12 by 12 squares per month (announced ahead of time), and have fun! Students will learn about the art of cabling, as well as many other techniques (don't worry – not all at once!) There will be one make up class offered each quarter. At the end of the year, (or more often if we feel the need) there will be a finishing class where we'll talk about how to sew squares together and finish an afghan. Skill level: Advanced Beginner/ Intermediate. You must be comfortable with casting on, knitting and purling.

Instructor: Laurie Hedrich      Fee: \$15 + per class

Third Tuesday of the month: Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 6 -8 pm, and so on through the Spring (and on ?)

**Heel Toe Heel Toe:** This is the next step for experienced sock knitters. Students will learn several different ways of constructing sock heels and toes: Dutch, French, peasant heels, and star toes.

Instructor: Franzi Collins      Fee: \$70 + tax  
Tuesday March 4, 11, and 18 10am-1pm

**Knitting Raglan Sweaters from the Top Down:** The easiest and fastest way to knit sweaters for any size and season. Knit your sweater as fancy or plain as you like. No gauge swatch needed! Minimal finishing!!!! Confident knitter recommended

Instructor: Gudy Klawer      Fee: \$60 + tax  
Saturday March 8, 22, and April 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4pm

**The Joy of Color Theory- A Playful Approach:** A hands-on approach to learning color theory in stranded knitting. Experiment with knitted swatches to see how changing design and placement affects color choices. Through several experiments students will get a feel for color theory with a minimum of rules. Learn to choose colors to achieve your desired effect for any project. Must have stranded 2-color knitting experience.

Instructor: Celeste Nossiter      Fee: \$45 + tax  
Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30-5:30pm

**Knitting in the Round:** Learn the tricks of knitting in the round with circular and DPN while making a beanie. Level: confident beginner with basic knitting skills.

Instructor: Franzi Collins      Fee: \$40 + tax  
Friday March 21 and 28 10:30am -12:30pm

**Beginning Socks:** Learn to use double point needles and techniques for basic sock design. Student will make a sample sock from cuff to toe. **Prerequisite:** Students must know how to cast on, increase and decrease.

Instructor: Maura Stone      Fee \$65 + tax  
Saturday February 16 10 am – 3 pm with a lunch break

**Mobius Cast On:** Learn this technique made popular again in Cat Bordhi's Magical Knitting Series. Level: Experienced knitters.

Instructor: Franzi Collins      Fee: \$45 + tax  
Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm

**Continental Knitting:** Come learn the hows and whys of knitting with your left hand in the European or continental manner. This is **not a class for rank beginners**, but a class for knitters who want to change their style of knitting or add another skill to their bag of tricks. It might also be for folks who knit continental but who have questions about how to do specific techniques with the left-handed approach.

Instructor: Maura Stone      Fee: \$40 + tax  
Saturday: March 15, 10:00 am – 1pm

### **Toe-up Socks:**

Have you ever worried if you were going to have enough yarn to finish a sock? If so, this method is for you. There is no need to knit a gauge swatch. Just choose your yarn and needles and begin knitting from the toe up to the cuff. Since you get to try on the sock as you are knitting, you will always get a perfect fit. **Basic sock skills needed.**

Instructor: Maura Stone      Fee: \$65 + tax  
Saturday March 29 10am - 3 pm with lunch break





## Regular Services

**Rentals:** We have a variety of 4 & 8 harness looms and a range of spinning wheels available for rent any time they are not being used for classes. Rented looms are to be used at the store. Call for reservations. Rentals range from \$5 to \$10 a week.

**Wind those Cumbersome Skeins** into easy pull balls. We have ball winders/swifts and bobbin winders available for your use during store hours. We also have several warping boards for use at the store, all free of charge.

**Silk Steaming** is done on Tuesdays for \$3.00/linear yard except for silk velvet, which is \$6.00/linear yard. There is a 2 yard minimum if yours is the only silk that day. Please bring in items to be steamed by Monday at 6 p.m. **Steaming is now rolled before we open on Tuesday.**

**Special Orders:** VW will include special orders in our regular monthly orders from the various suppliers. If you have a need that cannot wait and we are able to do so, we will special order it separately for an additional fee of \$10.00. However, sometimes it is not possible because of the “**minimum order**” requirements of the supplier.

**Hold Shelf Policy:** We will hold items up to one month. If your project is taking longer than 1 month you need to notify us for an extension. If in doubt about amounts of yarn, we recommend that you buy the extra ball and return it for store credit if you do not need it. **We will take back unopened skeins of any yarn that are still current (no returns on sale items). As usual cash refunds will not be given, only store credit.**

**Class Registration, Cancellations and Refunds:** Students will need to pay the **full class fee** at the time they register. This policy will give our teachers more certainty about how many paid students will be in classes and will allow us to accommodate those people on the waiting lists. We suggest registering early because some classes fill up very quickly. If a student who signs up gives us notice one week before the beginning of class that they cannot attend, we will refund the class fee. If we cancel for any reason, we will refund class fee. If a student signs up but doesn't give adequate notice their class fee will not be refunded nor any credit given. No credit, refunds or makeup classes will be

given when students miss class sessions. Our instructors have requested that you do not sign up for any series of classes when you have to miss the 1<sup>st</sup> class.

**Book and Pattern Return Policy:** There will be no returns on books and patterns.

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Thursdays: 3 – 5 pm  
Saturdays: 3 - 5pm

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**Store Credit:** Please call the store to see if you have any outstanding **credit slips. We keep them for years!!**

**Call 883-2919 for Questions/Comments/Registration**

**Hours: Monday-Saturday from 10am -6pm**