With fall comes thoughts of preparations for winter. For a fiber artist, this includes making holiday gifts and/or warm items for home and bodies -- blankets, ruanas, jackets, rugs, pillows, socks. This would be a great time to join us for classes to make gifts for loved ones. Check out Knitting and Crochet classes November and December on page 9. Easy continuous strand weaving methods for various shapes will be taught during the first weekend in November. Plenty of time to make several projects before the holiday season. See page 3 for gift ideas made on our two-foot Travel Triangle Frame Loom.

Our Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe, under Rebecca's guidance, is involved in several service projects, and in supporting small cottage industry projects in the States and abroad. Check out Shoppe Talk, starting on page 8 for more information, and for knitting and related specials, classes, and a book review.

NEW!! Spriggs Adjustable Rectangle Loom. You have come through, again, dear customers and students! After we posted pictures in our April newsletter of what you can do with our Spriggs Adjustable Square Loom, including a rectangle shawl using the Continuous Strand Weaving Method, you started asking, "Well, what about a longer rectangle? Can you do a Continuous Method on something like that?" I finally figured out how to do the weaving, and Carl designed an Adjustable Rectangle Loom which will adjust to 17 different sizes for using the continuous strand weaving method!

Read more, and see more pictures on Page 4. We premiered the loom at the bi-annual international Convergence Weaving Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in June, and I've taught three classes already where students have chosen to use the rectangle loom. So far, projects on this new loom include table runners, a voyager sash (which
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DEALERSHIPS carried by Carol Leigh’s
HILLCREEK FIBER STUDIO & YARN SHOPPE
ASHFORD Spinning Wheels, Looms and Tools EARTHUES Natural Dye Extracts INDUSTRIAL MACHINE PRODUCTS: MARG Electric Spinners, Spin Winders, & ACADIAN Spindles LOÙET Spinning & Weaving Tools & Supplies
MOUNTAIN LOOMS Table Multi-Harness Looms SCHACHT SPINDLE CO. Looms, Wheels & Supplies SNIPES Weaving & Spinning Tools SPRIGGS CUSTOM WOOD PRODUCTS Adjustable Triangle, Square, and Rectangle Looms; Navajo & Inkle Looms; Drop & Navajo Spindles; Warping Boards; Maru-dai Stands WINSOME TIMBERS: Lennox Spinning Wheels HANDWEAVERS GUILD OF AMERICA Shuttle, Spindle & Dye pot INTERWEAVE PRESS Books and Magazines: Handwoven, Spin-Off, Piecework, Knits, Fiber Arts XRX PUBLICATION Knitters' Magazine UNICORN BOOKS every type of fiber-related book
BRITTANY, CRYSTAL PALACE, LANTERN MOON, ADDI NATURE, and ADDI TURBO Knitting Needles VICTORIAN VIDEO PRODUCTIONS YARNS and FIBERS:
BROWN SHEEP CO., CRYSTAL PALACE, ELSBETH LAVOLD, FULL BOBBIN, FIESTA YARNS, FROG TREE, JAGGERSPUN, GREAT NORTHERN, HARRISVILLE, LOUËT, VERSEIS/FOX FIBRE, WEAVING SOUTHWEST, ELLEN’S 1/2 PINT, OAK GROVE, D’zined HEMP, LISU YARNS, ELYN COOPER’S Yarn Sonnets, MOUNTAIN COLORS, BONKERS, OPAL, NORO, REGIA, PHILOSOpher’S WOOL, SOUTHWEST TRADING, JO SHARP, SCHACHENMAYR, SCHEAER, Ashford TEKAPO

Partial Listing - MISCELLANEOUS Items
Knitting Spools by Montgomery Sterling & Pewter Jewelry by Ram’s Horn Brass Shawl & Kilt Celtic brooches by Mountain Forge Handmade Bookmark/Notecards by Moosetrack Studio Lucets by Peggy Ledrich Clay Buttons by Carol Hibbard
looks like finger weaving), a floor runner, a blanket, a scarf, a V-vest, a Mobius vest, and a shawl. Future ideas include strip weaving for full-sized bed cover and a ruana.

Of course, our next looms will be two rectangle travel sizes to go along with our two travel tri-looms and two travel squares.

News flash!! Maxwell Carter Spriggs was born October 3, 2006, a handsome 8 pound 8 ounce son to Carl, his wife Jody, and big brother Vincent. A proud grandma again, I am. But I wonder, why so many boys? Almost a basketball team now, with Rebecca’s two boys!

Announcement Price increases on all Hillcreek Fiber Studio Frame Looms will go into effect December 1, 2006. Please place your Holiday orders before this date to guarantee lower prices and delivery by Christmas. See Page 4 for price changes.

Have Looms, Will Travel. Hillcreek Fiber Studio is cutting back on some of our smaller shows, which will allow me to be available to travel to guilds, conferences, and shops to offer one, two, and three-day workshops using the Magical Continuous Strand Weaving Method on Triangles, Squares, and now Rectangles. I will bring all the looms, tools, and yarns appropriate for each size loom, and have the looms available for purchase. Contact me for workshop brochure and further information for your group.

Have a warm, cuddly, fuzzy winter! Hope to see you this year! Naturally, Carol Leigh

In Memorium Leo Natani was a treasured part of Sarah's visit every year for the past six years to Hillcreek Fiber Studio. Sarah came by herself her first two years, but Leo joined her starting her third year. Leo served in active roles with the Navajo Nation in several capacities over the years, including councilman to the Tribal Council, and most recently, as an advocate for bringing traditional language and culture values back into the school system, and actively as a counselor with the Diné people and the Nation’s health care system to improve health and health care to his people. He presented programs and talked about current issues on Reservation, increasing our awareness beyond just learning weaving techniques, during our workshops with Sarah. His contributions and presence this year will be sorely missed.

Easy Gift Projects on the Two-Foot Triangle Loom Each two-foot sized tri-loom weaving takes about 80 yards of worsted-weight yarn.

Five-Tri Scarf, woven by Laura Gavett.

Lots of Design Possibilities with this idea. Weave five triangles of the same, assorted, or similar colors. Yarn idea: Brown Sheep Handpaint (70% mohair, 30% fine wool) with some tri’s in one of the variegated colorways and one or more matching solids, or Prairie Silk (10% silk, 17%mohair, and 73% wool). Arrange them symmetrically, or not. Stitch them together by just chaining the edge loops back and forth between the two layers, or add a decorative chain or crochet join to put the tri's together. Add more Tri's for longer scarf or for hand-warmer pockets. Project is do-able in a weekend.

Three-Tri Felted Purse, designed by Laura Gavett. Pattern will be available soon. Laura used the Noro yarn with colors continuously changing and never repeating throughout the skein, 100 percent wool. Any worsted-weight yarn (approx.40 - 60 yards per ounce) with a high wool or other feltable fiber content will work fine. By folding the triangles, stitching them together, then felting the whole piece, a good sturdy purse or bag is easily created.

Rectangle Looms -- What can you do with them?

When using the Magical Continuous Strand Weaving Method on a rectangle shaped loom, the length of the loom should be some multiple of the width. For example, if the loom is one foot wide, the length needs to be two feet, three feet, or some other multiple of 12 inches. Weaving on a rectangle entails weaving two loops, alternately to the left side, then the right side of the loom. The loop to the left is relatively short, the one to the right will zig-zag across the loom following the diagonal of each "square" within the rectangle. This creates a weaving on the bias, which will drape beautifully for clothing.

Our New 7-foot Adjustable Rectangle adjusts to 17 different sizes, all of which include the length being some multiple of the width. The smallest size is 20 nails (approximately 7 inches) by 160 nails (approximately 56 inches), the largest size is 80 nails (approximately 28 inches) by 240 nails (approximately 85 inches). Long, skinny rectangles can be used as sashes, wider rectangles can be used as rectangle shawls, pieced for ponchos, ruanas, or blankets. Other sizes can be used for table runners, floor mats, folded for pillow covers. We've created two vests from rectangles.

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Here are a few pictures of projects woven so far on our new Spriggs Adjustable 7-foot Rectangle Loom.

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(To see these pictures in full color, go to our Websites & click on the links to the current Newsletter)

Travel Rectangle Looms -- small enough to take with you for long, skinny pieces, which can be folded or pieces for many projects. These looms are so new we don't have projects or pictures done on them yet. Here's your opportunity to develop a pattern with picture for inclusion in our next newsletter! Skinny fashion scarves are an obvious first project. Attach two, end to end, for longer ones.

Discontinued Spinning Wheels -- Priced to Sell

The following spinning wheels have been floor models and are very slightly used, but in excellent condition.

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Events in ALL CAPS are workshops offered at **Hillock Fiber Studio** or **Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe**.

Call 1-800-TRI-WEAV (874-9328) to register for weaving, spinning, and dyeing workshops.

Please call 1-866-482-KNIT (5648) for more information, and to register for knitting classes.

Bed and Breakfast at Hillcreek Fiber Studio is available for students at each class location.
Workshops Offered at Hillcreek Fiber Studio

Nestled in the Little Bonne Femme Creek Valley, amidst woods and pastures, in view of a major state park, Hillcreek Fiber Studio offers the serenity for a true get-away. Let someone else do the cooking. Just focus on learning a new skill or on exploring an older one. Cuddle up with a book from over 800 titles on the shelves. Relax. You deserve some quiet time for yourself.

Workshops at Hillcreek Fiber Studio allow the student to immerse her or himself in the study and exploration of a number of textile-related subjects. We continue to offer at least two sessions each year in the more popular subjects of Spinning, Natural Dyeing, Four & More Shaft Weaving, Navajo Weaving, and Triangle Weaving. We periodically add classes in Spinning Special Fibers, Spinning Designer Yarns, Children’s Fiber Weekend, Inkle & Tablet Weaving, Felting, and Knitting, among others, as the demand warrants them. In the past, we’ve added special workshops with guest instructors, such as knitting, mushroom dyeing, kumi-himo, and felting. If there’s enough interest, we’ll find the best instructor we can on the subject. Let us know what interests you!

See Page 9 for Knitting and Crocheting classes at Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe.

BEGINNING THROUGH ADVANCED TRIANGLE LOOM WEAVING:
Two or three days, Nov 4-6, 2006 and Mar 24-26, 2007. In two days students can complete a full 7-foot Triangle Shawl using the simple, unique continuous-thread method. Or choose to stay three days, take your time and learn a few intermediate or advanced techniques, such as twill, leno lace, log cabin, double weave, plus color patterns, such as tartan plaids and color blending, or weave on the square loom.

ADVANCED NAVAJO WEAVING:
Five and one-half days, Nov 12-17, 2006. Guest instructor Sarah Natani has become family. This will be her ninth visit to Hillcreek Fiber Studio. Sarah’s focus will be on Advanced Navajo Weaving techniques, including twills and two-faced structures (different design on each side), by using 4-shed techniques (or come and practice basic techniques). Guest instructor tuition $395.

BEGINNING SPINNING / SPINNING DESIGNER YARNS:
Two or three days: Feb 24 - 26, 2007. Beginning students, Sat & Sun, will learn basics of spinning, choosing and skirtting fleece, cleaning, carding & combing techniques, spinning on spindles and on a variety of spinning wheels. They will make at least two 2-ply skeins of handspun yarn.

Designer Yarn students, Sun. & Mon, will learn color & fiber blending and Navajo 3-ply techniques. They will create novelty yarns such as slubs, knop, marl, core-spin, loop, and feather yarns, among others.

NATURAL DYING, LEAST-KNOWN ANCIENT DYES: Two-day weekend, March 3 - 4, 2007. This will be an exploratory class using dyes rarely used, such as Alkanet, Annatto, Kamala, Myrobalan, Red Sandalwood, Quercitrion, Pomegranate Rinds, Safflower, and Woad. We need at least four students to make the class.

BEGINNING & INTERMEDIATE NAVAJO WEAVING: Four days, March 17 - 20, 2007. Students will warp their looms and learn basic Navajo weaving techniques and color joins. The experience will include readings and discussions of the Navajo/diné culture. Most students will finish a sampler, learning finishing techniques for the tight ending.

FIBER FURLOUGH — II: Five and one-half days, July 8 - 16, 2007. Focus on what you can do with yarn: Weaving of all types - - Rigid Heddle, Four & More Shaft Structures, Navajo, Triangle, Tapestry, Inkle, Table, Fingerweaving, Kumi-himo Braiding, Luct Cordage, Macrame, and Tatting, and now Kilim and Pile Carpet weaving. Obviously, no one person can explore it all, but you can choose one, two or three types to explore during the week. And what you don't have time to explore yourself, you can observe others doing.

Students may choose to spend both Fiber Furlough weeks with us for a 10% discount on both tuition and B&B for both weeks. Do the whole textile process - weave or knit something the second week from the yarn you spun and dyed the first week!

NATURAL DYING, MISSOURI PLANTS: Two-day weekend, Sept 8 - 9, 2007. A full color spectrum will be obtained from foraged plants within walking distance of Hillcreek Fiber Studio — red from pokeberries, blue, lavender and green from elderberries, yellows and oranges from flowers, browns and blacks from trees. Students will go home with over 60 dye samples on wool, cotton, and raw silk fabric. They may bring items of their fiber medium to dye: fiber, yarn, fabric, basket reed, quills, buttons, etc.

BEGINNING SPINNING / SPINNING SPECIAL FIBERS: Two or three days: Sept 15-17, 2007. Beginning students, Sat. & Sun, will learn basics of spinning, choosing and skirtting fleece, cleaning, carding & combing techniques, spinning on spindles and a variety of spinning wheels. They will make at least two 2-ply skeins of handspun yarn.

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Tuition: Two days, $120; three days, $165; four days, $220; five and 1/2 days, $295. Tuition includes a full lunch every day. Deposit of one-half tuition will hold a space for you. Tuition for Guest Instructor Workshops will be higher. Bed & Breakfast is available at the Studio: $45 first night, $40 each night thereafter. Airport shuttle service available from St. Louis, Kansas City, and Columbia Regional airports to our front door. Call toll free to reserve space in a class or two: 1-800-874-9328 (1-800-TRI-WEAV).
Price Increases on Hillcreek Fiber Studio Manufactured Looms, effective December 1, 2006

It's been nearly two years since a price adjustment on the looms.

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Travel Looms

| Triangle, 2-foot                                  | $ 74/ $78 |
| Triangle, 3-foot                                  | 94/ 99    |
| Square, 18-inch                                  | 89/ 94    |
| Square, 27-inch                                  | 109/ 15   |
| Rectangle, 2-foot                               | 89/ 94    |
| Rectangle, 3-foot                               | 109/ 115  |
| Mini Stand                                       | 94/ 99    |

Book Reviews

Knitting Nell  Review by Chrisma Edwards  Knitting Nell is a young children’s book by Julie Jersild Roth. This is a book to inspire young children to start knitting. Nell is a young girl that knits all the time and she is looking for some young children to join her. In the book, Nell came up with a “Good scarf project”. The Good scarf project, Nell and her friends hope to promote, is to get young children to start knitting. This project is for individuals or groups to knit pieces of what will become a virtual scarf online at www.goodsarfproject.org. Come to Hill Creek Yarn Shoppe or go to www.goodsarfproject.org for more information about the project or the book.

Unexpected Knitting  Review by Kirsten Richards  Not Just a Coffee Table Book… Although full of beautiful photographs, Debbie New's Unexpected Knitting is much more than "pretty." Whether you are interested in knitting your own teacup, photograph, or functional lace boat you are sure to find something of interest in this book. Debbie New embraces knitting with infectious joy and curiosity. Even if you never knit a single item from this book, you'll feel enriched just by sharing her explorations.

In this book, Debbie introduces several exciting techniques, including labyrinth and swirl knitting. In labyrinth knitting, a single continuous strip is knit, turning corners this way and that as the needles wind their way around the project. When the strip is finished it is laid flat, it magically takes on the shape of a sweater. When the seams are joined an intricate maze pattern winds its way across the entire sweater. With swirl knitting, Debbie has developed an innovative charting technique for planning free-form swirls. Knitting is no longer restricted to squares and lines when it can pour forth from the needles in meandering paths and soft swirls. Swirl knitting is a great stash-buster. Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe offers classes in both of these unusual and captivating techniques.

Monthly Sales at Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe

October: Kits!  Designer kits are usually not included in sales.  Includes Philosopher’s Wool Fair Isle sweater and shawl Kits, Liisu/Zilboorg Sweaters, Vivian Høbro Domino or Shadow knit sweater and shawl kits.

  Buy 1 Kit receive 10% off,
  Buy 2 receive 15%, buy 3 receive 20%

November: Buy 4 get 1 FREE  (of equal or lesser value) on Knitting Needles or Crochet Hooks

December: Yearly IRS sale (Inventory Reduction Sale)

  Buy $50 in yarn receive $5 off your purchase
  Buy $100 in yarn receive $12.50 off your purchase
  Buy $150 in yarn receive $22.50 off your purchase
  Buy $200 in yarn receive $35.00 off your purchase
  Buy $250 in yarn receive $50.00 off your purchase

January: Charity Knitting and Share the Passion  Bring in a donation to any of our charity organizations or bring in someone who has never been to our store and get a $5 off appreciation coupon.

February: Buy 4 get 1 FREE  (of equal or lesser value) on Knitting or Crochet individual Patterns. Also get 10% off any yarn purchased to make those patterns!

March: Spice up the season!  Novelty Yarn Blowout - 20% OFF ALL "NOVELTY YARNS".  Call for specifics.

Our permanent SALE CORNER in the shop has a luscious assortment of discontinued Fiesta Yarns such as Zuni, Zia Flirt, Chinchilla and a few oddballs of long gone yarns. Anyone who has used fiesta before knows how well all of their colorways and yarns blend wonderfully!
“Shoppe TALK” with Bex

Wow! The last few months have been a whirlwind of activity around here. We have been trying to keep up with our blogsite - while we update the website, www.hillcreekyarnshoppe.com. (Check out the blog for a coupon passcode to use on orders or your next visit to the shop!) We usually get 10-15 new customers in the shop per week, many from out of town or state. We’ve had a recent surge in pregnancies and babies being born (including our yarn shoppe mascot-baby Tanith, my nephew Maxwell, and my German heart-son Janis) so baby knitting projects have been popular. If you’ve never tried SandnesGarn Norwegian yarns and patterns for babies, you’ve got to see (feel!) their Mandarin Cotton Petit and Lanette Superwash Wool. Their patterns are well written and adorable.

Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe has always supported independent American yarn dyers such as D’zined, Oak Grove, Ellen’s 1/2 Pint, Ellyn Cooper’s Yarn Sonnets, Liisu Yarns, and Missouri’s Own The Full Bobbin. We also like to promote local (at least originally) pattern designers like Jeanne Abel of Nature Speak Knits and Gwen Bornter of Knitability. This year we have added a couple of new product lines in this spirit. Ozark Handspun has become well known around the world now for their funky loose spun mohair/wool yarns. Believe it or not, the spinner lives 30 miles down the road and we carry his yarn, too! We also have a good stock of yarn from locally raised alpaca through Alpacas d'Auxvasse. The naturally snow white Suri and pitch black Huacaya are both cloud soft to touch. Another new product that has been flying off of the shelves are handmade silver cuff bracelets from the independent silversmiths of Hand and Hammer. These have catchy phrases engraved in them like “Eat, Sleep, Knit”, “My Stash is Bigger Than Yours”, “*K1,P2*” or “Cast On!” These sold out at Stitches Midwest in several hours! I can special order phrases for you, too!

We often recommend products from Fair Trade Cooperatives which help drive a higher standard of living for developing countries. Some that we have supported for a while are Frog Tree alpaca, pima cotton and pima/silk yarns from Bolivia and Peru, Lantern Moon exotic wood knitting needles, handmade baskets and silk needle cases from Vietnam and Nomad Yarns handspun Mongolian camel down yarns. We have JUST (2 days ago!) added Frabjous Fibers handspun recycled silk and cotton, and Banana Silk (rayon) yarns, as well as adorable felted needle and notions bags. This particular cooperative in Nepal not only provides the women with twice their normal wages, they also set aside funds for the education of children of coop members. The stories behind these operations are incredibly touching and help reinforce a sense of global responsibility and charity.

Speaking of charity, there is always some great cause out there needing our knitting and crocheting hands. For those of you not familiar with the charities we contribute to, here’s a sample. We are a permanent collection site for baby hats for local hospitals, Warm-Up America blanket squares, Project Linus blankets, Chemo Hats for cancer patients, and Afghans for Afghans (wool sweater or vest shipment deadline for AfA extended until Nov 3). During the month of October, we are accepting donations of hand-knit Pink items for Breast Cancer awareness month. Hillcreek volunteers (special hoorays for Joan, Cyndi and Kirsten) crocheted over 150 hot pink awareness ribbon pins which we will continue to give away for a $5 donation to the Susan G Komen Foundation while supplies last. Our latest endeavor to support is the “Red Scarf Project” from the Orphan Foundation of America. Red scarves will be given on Valentines Day to teens who have aged out of the foster care system and are “going it alone.” Thank you to the Columbia KnitWits for their never-ending enthusiasm towards charity knitting with over 2000 hand-knit items donated last year.
Up-coming Workshops at Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe

February 3, 2007 Intermediate knitting workshop—"Faroese Lace Shawl Sampler" with Marilyn van Keppel. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, lunch included, $60 plus materials.

March 14, 2007 Still to be confirmed- Melissa Leapman "Celtic Cables"

September 21-23, 2007 back by Popular Demand Merike Saarniit with - "Knitting with Painted and Variegated Yarns" and "Knit to Fit You -Stash Buster Vest".

Classes Offered at the Yarn Shoppe

Hot Topic Classes are offered every Saturday morning from 10:00 am-12 noon. $15 plus materials at a 10% discount.

All-Level Project Classes are offered every Saturday from 2:00-4:00 pm and Wednesdays 4:00-6pm. $5 per hour plus 10% off FIRST materials purchase.

Wednesday Evening Classes for November and December

November
1st: Crochet I: Quick Holiday Gifts and Adornments through Columbia Career Center (CCC) but held at Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe (HYS) 6:00-8:00 pm
8th: Crochet II or Knit I: One Sock in Two Nights (Great for Holiday Stocking!) through CCC but held at HYS 6:00-8:00 pm
15th: Knitting II through CCC 6:00-8:00 pm
22nd: No Classes Happy Thanksgiving!
29th: Quick & Simple Christmas Presents 6:00-8:00 pm

December
6th: Quick Felted Gifts or Ornaments 6:00-8:00 pm
13th: UFO (unfinished objects) get help for FREE and get it done! 4:00-7:00 pm
20th: UFO & HYS volunteer Holiday Party 4:00-7:00 pm
27th: No Classes (Questions answered in exchange for inventory help!)

Saturday Hot topics

Hot Topic Classes in November
Saturday 4: Crochet with Joan Ditmore
Saturday 11: Magic Loop Toe-Up Socks (both socks on one long circular needle)
Saturday 18: Knit Mittens or Gloves
Saturday 25: No Class, come sit and knit with us!

Hot Topic Classes In December
Saturday 2: Entralac Class-in-a-bag (from Gwen Bortner, watch for upcoming workshops with her!)
Saturday 9: No Class - Holiday and Anniversary Sale
Saturday 16: Knit Mobius scarf, shawl or basket
Saturday 23: UFO (unfinished objects) Day, join us in finishing projects
Saturday 30: No Class, we'll be inventorying!

We are always working to bring you excellent workshops with top-name instructors. Please call Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe for future classes, toll free 1-866-482-KNIT (5648), or 573-449-KNIT (5648).

Check Out our website and blog at www.hillcreekyarnshoppe.com
psst......look for a blog comment coupon code.
Bex's now Infamous Olympic Diamond Bag Pattern

will be available at Stitches East in Baltimore, MD - Nov 2-5, 2007

Bex and a whole group of Hillcreek Ladies became convinced by the colorful blog of "the Yarn Harlot" during this year's Winter Olympics to compete (mostly against ourselves) in a Knitting Olympics. The goal was to start knitting a pattern during opening ceremonies and get the pattern done by the closing ceremonies. The whole idea was that the pattern should be a challenge for the individual knitter to complete the project competently in 16 days. Bex, being the knitting anarchist she is, started a felted bag with 6 oddlot skeins of Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride and no pattern. "This way I can just bind off whatever I have done during the closing ceremonies and call it done!" she said. Well, long story short, Bex got bored and started Fair-Isling and created techniques (including the Double Edged Base) she couldn't find anywhere in books and.....yes it did get KNIT in 16 days! It didn't get felted for another couple of weeks, but it turned out really cool. Every knitter that saw the bag started asking for the pattern. Everyone who saw the bag at STITCHES Midwest in Chicago wanted the pattern. Bex couldn't remember what exactly she'd done, much less write the techniques out so they could be understood by other knitters. Some regular Hillcreekers convinced Bex to have a class where select students would help work through the pattern and make sure it is written so it works. The moral of this story... The next time Bex starts making stuff up as she goes, she's gonna write it down! Oh, and the pattern should be done and for sale by Stitches East.

Centipede Scarf pattern by Jean Sensintaffer

Materials needed:
Yarn: Noro Transitions -- 1 skein
#13 needles

Directions:
Cast on 11 stitches
Set up Row:  k1, p1 across row
Row 1:  cast on 6 sts with e wrap method.
Then immediately bind off 6 sts, p1, k1 across row
Row 2:  repeat row 1
Row 3:  k1, p1 across row
Row 4:  repeat row 3

Work 4 row repeat to end of skein
Finish by working Row 1 and Row 2
Then bind off all stitches
Work in ends

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2007 Event Contacts

The Fiber Event, April 7 - 8, Friday/Sat, Putnam County Fairgrounds, Greencastle, IN. Contact: John Salamone, SpinGuy28@earthlink.net; www.thefiberevent.org.

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, May 6-7, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD www.sheepandwool.org for show schedule, workshops and vendors.

30th Annual New Hampshire Sheep & Wool Festival, May 13-14, 2006, NH State Fairgrounds, Hopkinton, NH. Contact: Nadine Chouenet, "Festival" at e-mail address tinyfarm@metrocast.net, or find more information at www.yankeeshepherd.com

Missouri Fiber Artists Retreat (MoFA), Feb 2007, Contact: Debbie Prost, 573-443-1731, www.missourifiberartists.com

Highland Fiber Artists FIBER FAIR, May 19, 10 am - 4 pm, Webster Co. Fairgrounds, Marshfield, MO. Contact: Helen Grace Muzzy, 417-859-7840, helengrace1@netzero.net

Missouri Natural Colored Wool Growers Association-Heart of America Fiber Festival, June 1 - 3, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO For information, visit www.moncwga.com or contact: Carolyn Parry, 816-632-4310.

Midwest Weavers' Conference, ROOTS, June 18 - 24, 2007, Omaha, NE, Contact Kitt Hamersky, 5431 Hamilton St., Omaha, NE 68132; roots2007@cox.net

Christianson Native Craft Workshop, July 29 - Aug 3, Shannondale, MO Contact: Susan Claus, 3402 Commonwealth Ave, St Louis, MO 63143; 314-645-4999 nativeworkshop@hotmail.com


Michigan Fiber Fest, August 15 - 19, Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, Michigan, www.michiganfiberfestival.org

World Sheep & Fiber Arts Festival, Sept 1 - 4, Bethel, Missouri, Contact: Bev Otto, Leonard, MO, rotto@marktwain.net, 660-762-4215.


Southeast Animal Fiber Fest (SAFF), Oct 26-29, County Fairgrounds, Asheville, NC, www.SAFF.org


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