

Breaking News from Bex

For those of you who haven't seen me around for the last year and a half or so, I miss you all! Life has been so different without the daily dealings at the yarn store. I have managed to stay busy with various jobs, helping Mom with occasional shows, ACT prep and tutoring at Sylvan Learning Center, having a booth in my cousin's second-hand store, taking care of my ailing Mother-in-Law and children, and sample knitting and technical editing for designer friends.

This June I will be doing another "Blue Party" in Mom's Studio back yard. If you came last summer, bring back the items dyed in the trash can "Zinc/Lime" vat for a free re-dye. It wasn't working so well then, but we'll have it flowering nicely this year. As always, I will do the popular Saxon bath for protein fibers. Contact Carol Leigh to let us know you are coming and for details on what to bring.

I will also get a chance to see some of you at Fiber "U" in Lebanon, MO in July. My husband, Eric, and I will be representing Hillcreek Fiber Studio there, so let me know if you need specific items to be brought. I will be teaching my new "Two-Color Reversible Entralac Knit Cowl" on Saturday, July 12. I believe there is still room if you want to learn how to knit backwards and make a two-color interlacing knit pattern that looks good from both sides!

Okay, I know you are all waiting to hear details about Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe. Yes, it is true! I will be finalizing the purchase of this shop from Karen Cox on June 30. She will close down for final inventory on the 27th and I will reopen on July 1! Karen has been very pleasant to work with and I hope you will continue to support her until the change-over. I have to give a huge, HUGE thank you to my family (especially Mom and Eric!) for supporting me through all of the changes and turmoil of the last 7 years, and still being as excited about another yarn shop as I am! This isn't just "another" yarn shop, though. This is the original shop that Mom opened back in 2003 because my crazy knitting customers (you guys) were taking over her weaving studio! She always said I could have this shop anywhere there was a "Hill" and a "Creek".

The shop now is very different from what I left 7 years ago. As Mom mentioned, I will be bringing back spinning, weaving, dyeing and felting supplies, mostly from Mom's Studio as she moves toward retirement. I look forward to getting input from local fiber artists concerning what you would like me to keep the same, and what you would like brought in. Here's to many happy years together this run!

I'm excited to see you all soon, Bex Olinger