

## “Shoppe TALK” with Bex

*Last time we chatted, I told you all how everyone around me was having babies. Well, for those of you that haven't heard, now I'm pregnant! We are due September 13, so I won't be seeing some of you at shows this summer. Wish me luck, I'm too old for this!*

The shoppe has been buzzing with spring activity, new books (see page 12), new products like the **Lantern Moon Sox Stix**, and new yarns. Our favorite new yarn has got to be **Dream in Color** superwash, super-soft merino wool. We got it in two weights, DK (light worsted) for great kids sweaters, and fingering for socks or lace. Socks and Lace have been the two most popular knitting projects this year! We also have two new Summer sock yarns with the **ONLINE** cotton blend and Southwest Trading Company's **Tofutsies**, made from cotton/wool/soysilk/and chiton. What is Chiton you ask? It is a fiber extruded from crab and shrimp shells which is supposedly naturally antibacterial!

Rose and Chrisma have had the shop open on Sundays from 12 to 5 p.m. since the beginning of February. At first it was just a trial to see how many customers would come in. It has become one of our busiest days with club meetings and lots of out-of-town guests. Come by and see what all the buzz is about!

### Sock Club

Rose Marie Heim has started a Sunday afternoon sock club that meets at 1:00 p.m. at the Shoppe. We have had increased attendance each week with a wide variety of knitters. Last week the discussion was lively on the toe-to-cuff or heel-to-toe techniques. Everyone is using different yarns, some on five double-point needles, some on two circulars and some on one long circ doing both socks at once. Ask about Kirsten Richards' pattern using this technique for toe-up socks that we just got reprinted, \$7.

### Spinning Club

Our recently formed Spinning Club meets on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. Spinning can be a solitary craft and our club members have found they very much enjoy being able to chat while they spin, and not just with spouses but with other fiber enthusiasts. If you enjoy discussing angora rabbits and cashmere goats, lace weight and novelty yarns, drop spindles, castle wheels or Saxony wheels, this club could be for you. Our members' experience ranges from beginning to advanced. Bring a wheel or spindle, or just join us to chat!

### Monthly Sales at Hillcreek Yarn Shoppe

**May: Kits!** Designer kits are usually not included in sales. Includes Philosopher's Wool Fair Isle sweater and shawl kits, Liisu/Zilboorg sweater kits, Vivian Hoxbro Domino or Shadow knit sweater and shawl, and Knitability Entralac Kits.

Buy 1 kit and receive 10% off

Buy 2 and receive 15% off

Buy 3 and receive 20% off

Buy 4 and receive 25% off

**June: Knitting Needles or Crochet Hooks.**

Buy 4 get 1 FREE of equal or lesser value

**July: Yarn skeins or balls**

Buy 4 get 1 FREE of equal or lesser value

**August: Book Sale Blowout**

Buy 1 book get 5% off; 2 Books 10% off; 3 Books 15% off; 4 Books 20% off.

**September: Pattern Sale Blowout**

Buy 4 get 1 FREE of equal or lesser value on any individual knitting or crochet pattern plus get 10% off yarn to make the pattern

**October: Sale of the Day**—Look for a calendar posted online and in the shoppe each week to find out which yarn will be on sale each day that week.

Sales are on-line or in-store and in-stock only. If item is already on sale, whichever discount is greater applies, but discounts are not combined.