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@ The Studio

What Do We Like about Winter? The Studio Annual Winter Retreat!! Coming Soon—January 29-31, 2016

Everyone deserves a break from the run-up to the holidays and the travel and gifting and giving. So relax and rejuvenate in one of the most beautiful places in Kansas City, the iconic Unity Village. Though many of its buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places, the Hotel and Convention Center is all new, all on one floor and environmentally up to date.

So imagine...

...Sitting in front of cozy fireplaces stitching and chatting with fellow lovers of our craft.

...Taking a brisk walk on trails throughout the 200 acres of rolling hills that Unity Village sits on.

...Showing off your latest and greatest project at the Student Runway Show

...Shopping at the Yarn Market featuring many yarns and other items that have yet to be seen at the Studio

..Enjoying food with friends, including vegetarian selections and homemade desserts, as well as a Designer Showcase in a lovely banquet setting.

...Learning new skills in classes offered by our guest instructor, nationally known designer and teacher Ann McCauley and by our team of talented Studio staff and instructors. The theme of this year's Retreat is Create Your Own Adventure and classes will focus

on skills to take a simple pattern and customize it to your own specifications and give attention to those details that raise your projects to the level of handmade rather than homemade. Ann will be teaching classes on invisible seaming, adding texture and the details that add so much to garments. Cindy Craig, Jessica Kerrigan and Nirmal Kaur Khalsa will show you how to take a basic pattern for top down sweaters, crescent shaped shawls, popular boot cuffs and crocheted shells and do the calculations to modify these projects to make them uniquely yours. Lynn Haffner, Monta Morris, Joan Daniels and Jessica Kerrigan will teach you new skills such as knitting two mitts at the same time using the Magic Loop, beautiful tubular cast-ons, knitting continental and adding Latvian Braids to give your knitting a folk look. All this for a fee of \$205 plus the classes you choose to take. All classes are still have open seats and registration is open online and at the shop. Let's go retreating!!!

Do you enjoy sitting and stitching among the company of others? Then join the Studio's **FREE** stitch alongs! You can have fun, meet new friends and often learn new techniques.

Tuesday, 8:30 am until whenever the last stitcher leaves.

Wednesday, 1-3 pm: Needle pointers at all levels are welcome.



TECHNIQUE CLASSES



“How To” Classes in Knit & Crochet

Learn the basics of how to knit or crochet. The two hour-one session Crash Courses in knitting or crochet will provide you with basics you need to get started and are best for reacquainting yourself with a long lost skill. The four hour-two session Learn to Knit/Crochet are especially helpful if you have never knit or crocheted. If purchasing materials the day of the class, please allow time before the class starts to make your selections. Instruction is **\$10** if class materials are purchased at The Studio or \$25/\$30.

Crash Course in Knit or Crochet



Crash Courses are best for students who are reacquainting themselves with a long lost skill. Crash Courses are \$10 if you buy supplies at the Studio or \$25.

Crash Course in Knitting Dates/Times:

Thursday, January 7, 2-4 pm **OR** Thursday, January 21, 1-3 pm **OR** Thursday, February 11, 11 am-1 pm **OR** Thursday, February 25, 3-5 pm

Crash Course in Crochet Dates/Times:

Thursday, January 14, 2-4 pm **OR** Sunday, February 21, 12:30-2:30 pm.

You will start a dishcloth in class.)

Learn To Knit/Learn To Crochet



Are you new to knitting or crochet? Do you prefer to learn in a more relaxed setting? Then these *two-session* “Learn To...” classes are for you. “Learn To...” classes are **\$10** if you purchase class materials at the Studio or \$30.

Learn to Knit Class Dates/Times:

Thursdays, January 14 & 21, 6-8 pm **OR** Tuesdays, February 2 & 9, 6-8 pm

Learn to Crochet Class Dates/Times:

Wednesdays, January 13 & 20, 5:30-7:30 pm **OR** Mondays, February 8 & 15, 5:30-7:30 pm

(You will make a flower and start a scarf)

Become an Intermediate Knitter with Our Building Blocks of Skills Classes



If you have learned the basics of knitting (casting on, binding off) and want to steadily improve your skills, then come join the our **Building Blocks of Skill Classes**. A new series of classes will be starting on Tuesday, January 19 and will continue every Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm through April 12. Learn skills and techniques to move from a beginner to an intermediate level knitter. Attend every class and you will have 12 squares that you can stitch together into a beautiful afghan. Or pick and choose which skills you want to learn, come to those classes and use your squares to make 12' X 12" throw pillows or a smaller baby or lap blanket. Whatever you choose to do, you still are adding to your knitting repertoire and saving—take 3 classes and the 4th one is free!

Homework: Please knit a gauge swatch in your selected yarn before the 1st class you attend. *One Session Each.*

Dates/Time: Tuesdays, January 19, KNIT/PURL STITCHES, January 26, READING CHARTS, February 2-YARN-OVERS & BOBBLES, February 9-SIMPLE DECREASES, February 16-CABLES, February 23-RIGHT TWISTS.

Fee: \$25 per class + Supplies. Take any three classes and the 4th one is **FREE!**

STILL TO COME:

Tuesdays, March 1-MOCK CABLES, March 8-SLIP STITCHES, March 15-LEFT TWISTS

March 22-SSKs, March 29-MAKE ONE, April 5-ADVANCED DECREASES. April 12-FINISHING CLASS. You can sign up for any of these classes at any time.

NOTE: If you have taken 6 or more of the Building Blocks of Skill classes, you are eligible to take the FINISHING class for **FREE**. Learn how to put together your pillows, lap blanket or afghan. All classes are taught by Lynn Haffner.



PROJECT CLASSES



Project Monday



Please join Kim Dominic and other Studio customers for a new round of Project Monday. This is where you can bring your project and your yarn and knit away with the undivided attention of a talented knitter and instructor. Who knows, in six sessions, you may even finish that project from the bottom of your yarn bag, all for a fabulous price! *Six Sessions.*

Dates/Time: Mondays, January 11, 18 & 25 and February 8, 15 & 22, 11am-1pm

Fee: \$40

Basic Sock Construction



If you have never made sox before then this class is for you. You will learn all the skills for making sox from top to toe; including casting on in the round, ribbing, turning the heel, gussets and closing the toe with the Kitchener stitch. Use time between classes to start on the second sock. **Homework:** Please make a gauge swatch in your selected yarn before 1st class. Three sessions.

Dates/Time: Saturdays, February 13, 20 & 27, 2-4 pm

Fee: \$35 + Supplies

Toe-up Two at a Time Sox



Learn how to use the Magic Loop to knit two socks at the same time. Knitting socks from the two up allows you create sock that truly fit as you can try them on as you knit along. In this class, we will be making a pair of baby sock to learn the skills needed to finish the socks within the time frame of the class. No baby to knit for?—socks can be donated to the Operation Breakthrough baby and toddler day care program. *Two Sessions.*

Dates/Time: Saturdays, January 16 & 23, 1:30-4 pm

Fee: \$35 + Supplies

Fittin' Mittens



Back by popular demand, this class will teach the basics of making mittens that really fit, with the option of making fingerless mitts and adding textured patterning. Calculations to make the mitten fit will be done during the first class, and the pattern will be customized to fit the knitter or another person for whom they are knitting the mitts or mittens. The pattern will be available in the store (class binder) a week or more before the class begins so you can know what measurements to get if the mittens are for another person. Use one color or variegated yarn.

Homework: Please come to 1st class with hand measurements required by the pattern. *Three Sessions.*

Dates/Time: Mondays, February 15, 22 & 29, 1-3 pm

Fee: \$35 plus supplies

Wonderful Wallaby



What is a Wallaby? It is a hooded sweater with a pouch pocket in front. The Wallaby is knitted from the bottom up in the round with raglan sleeves with the pocket added afterwards. The Wallaby is an adventure in seamless knitting. The efficient use of double point and circular needles eliminates seams and the joining of component parts. The pattern booklet has directions for wallabies of all sizes; we will be making a child-size one (2-12 years old) in class. After making one of these comfy sweaters you'll want Wallabies for your entire family. **Homework:** Make a gauge swatch in your selected yarn before 1st class

Four Sessions.

Dates/Time: Mondays, January 18 & 25 and February 1 & 8, 1-3 pm

Fee: \$40 + Supplies



MORE STUDIO CLASSES & ACTIVITIES



Little Valentine Hearts



Valentine's Day is just around the corner and we have the perfect gift. These little hearts, knitted seamlessly in the round, provide you with some interesting techniques to learn. Knit one with a larger needle and felt it into a tiny heart for your honey to carry in a pocket or stuff catnip in some for your furry friends.

One Session.

Date/Time: Saturday, Feb. 6, 1-3pm

Crochet Tips and Techniques



If you know the basic crochet stitches but that's about it, then this class can take you to the next level in the wonderful world of crochet. You will learn how to end off, work in ends,, move up to the next row, increase and decrease stitches, keep your edges even, read patterns and change colors. *One session.*

Date/Time: Tuesday, Feb.16, 5:30-7:30pm

Fee: \$25 + Supplies

Studio Knits and Flicks

Join Studio stitchers for the last four episodes of the wildly popular Starz series of Outlander, based on the book of the same name by Diana Gabaldon. Will time traveler Claire and bonny Highlander Jamie act on their growing love for each other? Will Jamie avoid capture by the British? Will Claire be able to help Jamie escape from a death sentence? Get your Highlander kilt on and hie yourself to the Studio to catch the final episodes of Season 1 before Season 2 begins in April.

Dates: Fridays, January 8 & 22, doors open at 6 pm, show starts at 6:30 pm

Fee: \$10 per session for drinks and treats
Please preregister so we know how much food and drink to have on hand.

154...and Counting

That is how many shawls and lap blankets the Studio's **Hospice Shawl and Blanket Service Project** participants made and donated to hospice patients and family members in 2015. This obviously busy group of knitters and crocheters meets the first Sunday of every month at the Studio from 1-2:30 pm under the leadership of Nancy McDonnell. Shawls and lap blankets are donated regularly to hospices on both sides of the state line where hospice workers distribute them to patients who are in the final stages of their lives. These shawls and blankets let patients in palliative care know that there are people out there thinking of them and perhaps praying for them. They then become treasured keepsakes for the families of their loved ones.

This service project is free to join and patterns are provided for free. If you can't make it to the Sunday meetings, stop by the shop and ask for the Service Project packet to start making them at home. There is also info online on our website.

How To Pick Your Classes....

One Flower: No prior knowledge/skill required

Two Flowers: Must know basic skills—cast on & knit stitch or chain on and single and double crochet st

Three Flowers: Must know above and purl st or how to crochet in the round

Four Flowers: Must know above & how to increase & decrease & follow a pattern.

Be sure to pre-register, so that you will receive a call if the class is cancelled or changed because of weather or low enrollment.