

# Studio News

The March/April 2010 newsletter of  
**Mosaic Yarn Studio, Ltd.**

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## Dicey Knitting Party!

Friday, April 16,  
7 - 9 p.m.

- ◆ Dicey Knitting Game (includes a set of dice)
- ◆ Snacks, Pizza
- ◆ BYOB (beer or pop!)

\$30/person

*Unleash your  
creativity!*

Purchase 300 yards of worsted weight yarn from MYS, bring a size US 8 needle and a cable needle.



Hi,  
MYS has a lot in store for you these next couple of months. We have a wonderful yarn tasting where you can try out 12 different eco-friendly yarns! If you are feeling a little adventurous, why not join us for some "Dicey Knitting" or sign up for Melissa's Mystery KAL. You may want to also try Darlene's mystery dishcloth free pattern at the back of this newsletter. Let your teen's know about the special workshop for them on Thursday, April 29th. It's all about having a little fun, learning something new and meeting new friends. Please join us.

Happy knitting/crocheting!

Darlene

## "Yarn Tasting"

"Inspiration and experimentation are on the menu for this wonderful day. Please bring a dessert to share and a variety of sizes of knitting needles and/or crochet hooks"

## "Eco-friendly Yarns"



Saturday, March 6,  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(4 hours with one hour lunch break)

Fee: \$60

(includes a lunch and yarn samples)

12 yarns will be sampled.

Pre-registration required.

## Tech Square Afghan KAL

with Courtney Buckalew & June Sorensen

The 2nd Saturday & Friday of every  
month, 1-3 p.m.

during the entire 2010 year!

Learn a block a month

Each class is \$10

Make a commitment to learn something new in 2010!

Space is limited, please register early.

March-Decrease

April-Forest-For-The-Trees

May-Pocket

June-Embellishment



# Just for Fun!

## HOLIDAY HUES

Tuesday, March 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. &  
Wednesday, March 17, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
In celebration of **St. Patrick's Day**, all  
**Green** yarn is 20% off!



## Teen Knitting

with June Sorensen

Thursday, April 29

7 - 9 p.m.

Learn now to make a quick  
scarf on size 19 needles!

### Here's the Fine Print:

- 1) You must be at 13 to 19 years old.  
(We may card)
- 2) You must pay the \$20 fee.  
(yarn & needles included in fee)

# Charity Corner

## "Knitting for Charity"

with June Sorensen &  
Darlene Joyce

New!

1st & 3rd Thursday of Every Month, 7-9 p.m.

&

1st & 3rd Friday of Every Month, 1-3 p.m.

## Handknit to Help Haiti Project



- ◆ Knit/Crochet items to be sold at our "Handmade Sale" in the fall 2010.
- ◆ Bake items to sell on the special day.
- ◆ Invite your friends to come to sale.
  - ◆ Proceeds will be donated to "Doctors Without Borders"

## Custom Pattern Writing

Let Darlene measure you & print a pattern according to your unique body measurements. This computer-generated service starts at \$10 with yarn purchase from MYS. Additional fees for more difficult patterns or for yarns purchased elsewhere may apply.

Please call the studio at 847-390-1013  
for an appointment.

## 3rd Mystery Project

### KAL

(Knit Along)

with Melissa Cooper

Wednesdays,  
April 21 to May 12

7 - 8 p.m.

### Here's the Rules:

- 1) You do NOT know what you're knitting; don't ask, we won't tell.
- 2) Register and pay the small **\$20 fee**.

*Supply List to Follow.*



## \$\$\$\$ Earn Charity Dollars \$\$\$\$

\$1 credit for each hat (3 premies), scarf, pair of mittens, blanket, etc.

Yarn must be purchased at MYS and must be for one of our charities. Registration is required.

We reserve the right to determine credit value.

# Knitting Classes

## Beginning Knitting

During the first 2 classes, you will learn to cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease & cast off. On the 3rd class session, you will pick out an easy project, learn to read knitting instructions & work on your chosen project for the remainder of the course. **Fee: \$76/4 week class**

Wed. March 10 to April 7 with Courtney 1 - 3 p.m.  
(No Class March 31)

Sun. March 7 to April 11 with Melissa 12 - 2 p.m.  
(No Class March 28 & April 4)

Mon. March 29 to April 19 with Georg 7- 9 p.m.

Sun. April 18 to May 9 with Melissa 12 - 2 p.m.

**All materials must be purchased from Mosaic Yarn Studio. Registered students get a 10% discount on class supplies!**

## Intermediate Knitting

### Intermediate Knitting

You will learn more advanced techniques of your choice. For example, you can choose a simple cabled sweater pattern, a fair isle pattern, an intarsia pattern - the choice is yours! This class can be taken over and over and over and over....

Fee: \$80/session 4 weeks  
Special Fee: \$288/4 consecutive sessions (16 weeks)

**Monday Afternoons with Darlene** 1- 3 p.m.  
Session 3 March 1 to 29  
(No Class March 22)  
Session 4 April 5 to 26  
Session 5 May 3 to 24  
Session 6 June 7 to 28

**Tuesday Mornings with Darlene** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Session 3 March 2 to 23  
Session 4 March 30 to April 20  
Session 5 April 27 to May 18  
Session 6 May 25 to June 22

**Tuesday Afternoons with Darlene** 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Session 3 March 2 to 23  
Session 4 March 30 to April 20  
Session 5 April 27 to May 18  
Session 6 May 25 to June 22

**Tuesday Evenings with Darlene** 6 - 8 p.m.  
Session 3 March 2 to 23  
Session 4 March 30 to April 20  
Session 5 April 27 to May 18  
Session 6 May 25 to June 22

**Wednesday Evenings with Judy** 7 - 9 p.m.  
Session 3 March 10 to April 7  
(No Class March 31)  
Session 4 April 14 to May 5  
Session 5 May 12 to June 2  
Session 6 June 9 to 30

**Wednesday Evenings with Georg** 7 - 9 p.m.  
Session 3 March 3 to 31  
(No Class March 24)  
Session 4 April 7 to 28  
Session 5 May 5 to 26  
Session 6 June 2 to 23

**Thursday Evenings with Darlene** 7 - 9 p.m.  
Session 3 March 4 to April 1  
(No Class March 11)  
Session 4 April 8 to 29  
Session 5 May 6 to 27  
Session 6 June 3 to July 1  
(No Class June 10)

**Friday Mornings with Courtney** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Session 3 March 12 to April 9  
(No Class April 2)  
Session 4 April 16 to May 7  
Session 5 May 13 to June 4  
Session 6 TBA

**Saturday Mornings with Darlene** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Session 3 March 20 to April 17  
(No Class April 3)  
Session 4 May 1 to May 22  
Session 5 July 10 to 31  
Session 6 TBA

**Sunday Afternoons with Melissa** 2 - 4 p.m.  
Session 3 March 7 to April 11  
(No Class March 28 & April 4)  
Session 4 April 18 to May 9  
Session 5 May 16 to June 6  
Session 6 June 13 to July 11  
(No Class July 4)

## Technique Classes

**Continental (European) Knitting** with Judy Chan  
Learning continental knitting, sometimes called picking, can help give you options while knitting. Some knitters find that they can knit more evenly and quickly with this method.

Mon. March 8  
Fee: \$32

7 - 9 p.m.  
2 hour class

### Correcting Mistakes with Darlene Joyce

Are you tired of running into the shop every time the stitches fall off the needle? Come and learn how to correct common mistakes made while knitting. You will learn to pick up dropped stitches in stockinette, garter, and at the end of the row. The class will include exercises in dropping down pattern stitches, picking up dropped stitches, and ripping out rows of knitting and getting stitches back on the needle. Please pick up homework sheet.

Sat. March 20  
Fee: \$32

1 - 3 p.m.  
2 hour class

Please note that out of courtesy to instructors, MYS cannot promise any make-up classes for missed classes. Any exceptions are at the discretion of the owner.



## Finishing Clinic

The Knitting Doctor is in!

\$10/one hour clinic

Bring your knitted pieces, a tapestry needle, split ring markers, a tape measure and learn to sew your sweaters together!

Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m. (Darlene)

Saturdays, 9 - 10 a.m. (Darlene)

(No Clinic on March 10, 27 & April 3)

Registration 24 hours before clinic start time required.

## Project Classes

### Swallowtail Lace Shawl with Darlene Joyce

A border of lily of the valley adds an interesting counterpoint to the tiny budding lace pattern at the top of this small shawl. It ends with a scalloped edging, and the lace throughout has an Estonian influence. This shawl looks great in both solid and semi-solid color lace, fingering, and Shetland/sport/DK weight yarns. Designed by Evelyn Clark. Darlene added beads to her shawl!  
([www.evelynclarkdesigns.com](http://www.evelynclarkdesigns.com))

New!



Wed. March 3 to 24  
(No Class March 10)  
Fee: \$60

1 - 3 p.m.  
3 week class

### Headband Earwarmer with June Sorensen

These headbands have been quite popular in the local boutiques. You will learn how to make simple increases and decreases in ribbing to shape the headband. Some crochet skills required to make flower. Pick out a bulky weight yarn from MYS and bring a size US 10 needle and a J crochet hook to class. We are using a free pattern by Tiffany Matthews at [www.tmatthewsfineart.blogspot.com](http://www.tmatthewsfineart.blogspot.com). Check out her website, she has a lot of great things!

New!



Wed. March 3  
Fee: \$32

7 - 9 p.m.  
2 hour class

### Sprout Textured Cardigan with June Sorensen

Using the Double Seed Stitch and a chunky yarn, this cardigan goes real quick. Carrie Bostick Hoge designs this cardigan to be knit from the top down using bar increases a four points. For best selection, choose your yarn early.

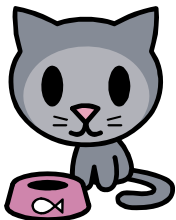
Wed. March 10 to 31  
Fee: \$80

7 - 9 p.m.  
4 week class



### Mice Toys for Your Cat with Judy Chan

When we saw Judy making all these mice toys, we knew we had to offer them as a class. Students will learn bobbles and I-cords. Filled with catnip, cats go nuts for these toys!



Mon. March 15

7 - 9 p.m.

Fee: \$32

2 hour class

### Stash Knitting: Side to Side with Judy Chan

Do you have lots of leftover balls of yarn from your projects? Here is a great way to combine these yarns into a sweater that has vertical stripes. This sweater is made from the sleeve cuff to the center. Once the two halves are complete, you just use a three needle bind off to join them. Any yarn, stitch or combination can be used to create this one of a kind sweater. This sweater can be made in any size and length. Bring samples of your stash and use them all! The pattern and instructions for completing this sweater will be given out at the workshop.

New!

Mon. March 22 to April 19

7 - 9 p.m.

(No Class April 5)

Fee: \$80

4 week class

### Vintage Hand Towel with Darlene Joyce

Pattern Description

from Mason-Dixon

Knitting Outside the Lines:

“My grandma and her frugal ladyfriends made each other gifts for the kitchen: home-made aprons, embroidered napkins, or terrycloth towels with fabric loops sewn on for hanging. While she may have preferred not to have seven embroidered kittens doing household chores, Grandma did appreciate having a clean dishtowel for every day of the week. This vintagey hand towel makes a sweet housewarming gift with a dishrag and a bottle of aromatherapy dishwashing liquid. (Grandma would not have wanted to live to see aromatherapy dishwashing liquid.)” Pattern is free. Must bring 2 skeins of worsted weight cotton (my favorite is Debbie Bliss’ Eco) purchased from MYS and a size 7 needle.



New!

Fri. March 26

1 - 3 p.m.

Sat. April 10

1 - 3 p.m.

Wed. April 28

1 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$32

2 hour class

### Knitted Market Bag with Darlene Joyce

Go green! Pick out your favorite craft cotton at MYS and make a market bag that you can use over and over. Students will learn a cluster stitch. You will need size 6 and 15 knitting needles.



Sat. March 27

1 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$32

2 hour class

### February Lady Sweater with Darlene Joyce

Currently, this cardigan is the most popular project on Ravelry, with over 7,000 people working on it. Originally, Elizabeth Zimmermann designed this cardigan for a baby in her Knitter’s Almanac and Pamela Wynne (www.flintknits.com) up sized it for adults. Although the adult pattern is free, the book is a great value at \$7.95!



Wed. April 7 to 28

1 - 3 p.m.

Fee: \$80

4 week class

### Pi Shawl with Melissa Cooper

Elizabeth Zimmermann’s famous circular shawl is based the geometry of Pi—the relationship between a circle’s circumference and its radius containing six shaping rounds.

Starting in the middle, students will learn “Emily Ocker’s Circular Beginning” and work outward to the edge. Chose fingering to sport weight yarn. Sock yarn works well. Students must have one of the following books: Knitter’s Almanac, Shawls and Scarves: The Best of Knitter’s Magazine, or Knitting Workshop.



Wed. April 7 & 14

7 - 9 p.m.

Fee: \$50

2 week class

### Estonian Lace Knitting with Judy Chan

Pick one of the beautiful lace shawls to knit in Nancy Bush’s Knitted Lace of Estonia. Learn the basics of Estonian lace knitting, including how to read a chart, how to make a “nupp” and other special techniques unique to Estonian lace. You will learn how to knit the beautiful borders, how to bind off and how to wet block your lace shawl with blocking wires.



Sat. April 17 to May 15

1 - 3 p.m.

(No Class May 1)

Fee: \$80

4 week class

## Dahlia Square with Darlene Joyce

I did this 6" square as my first Crochet Square CAL (crochet a-long) on Ravelry. I loved it! This square is a variation on a traditional granny square. Isn't beautiful? Bring a H hook and some worsted weight yarn in 2 to 3 colors. (Please make sure the yarn was purchased at MYS). Darlene will give ideas on how to design a project around these squares. Designer Chris Simon. Free pattern at [www.yarncrazy.blogspot.com/2009/11/little-dahlia-6-square](http://www.yarncrazy.blogspot.com/2009/11/little-dahlia-6-square).



Sat. April 17

Wed. May 5

Fee: \$32

1 - 3 p.m.

1 - 3 p.m.

2 hour class

# Crochet Classes

## Beginning/ Intermediate Crochet with Robyn Krause

This class is for crocheters of any skill level. It is tailored around what you know and what you'd like to learn. If you're new to crochet, you'll get started with chain, single, and double crochet stitches. Already know the basics? Then learn to read patterns and stitch diagrams. If you want to learn classics like granny squares, doilies, motifs, or filet crochet, only your imagination is the limit! Come prepared with a project of your choosing, and let's get started



Wednesday, March 3 to 24

Wednesday, March 31 to April 21

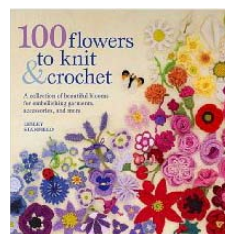
Fee: \$80

7 - 9 p.m.

7 - 9 p.m.

4 week class

All intermediate crochet students are welcome to join one of the intermediate knitting classes to continue learn more about crochet!



## St. Patrick's Day Special Workshop

with Robyn Krause

Friday, March 12, 1 - 3 p.m.

### Crocheted Irish Rose

by Lesley Stanfield



The most popular flower in Irish crochet is the rose. Each region of the world has it's own variation with more or less layers of petals.

Fee: \$20. Pattern is free.

Coming soon...

## "Tops, Tanks & Tees" Fashion Show



Saturday, June 19,  
4:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$20

Appetizers will be served.

## We are online!

- ◆ view classes
- ◆ pick out a class
- ◆ pay on line with a credit card
- ◆ buy gift certificates  
(under "services")



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## Coming in May/June

**My First Sweater** with Darlene Joyce  
(This class is not just for beginners!  
Learn all the special shaping techniques  
that you missed over the years!)



Sat. May 1 to 22      1 - 3 p.m.  
Fee: \$80              4 week class

**Changing Commercial Patterns to Fit** with Darlene  
(A willingness to measure oneself required!)

Sat. May 29                              1 - 3 p.m.  
Fee: \$32                                  2 hour class

### Classic Elite Yarns Spring 2010 KAL

- ◆ pick a project from the 2010 collection
  - ◆ use a Classic Elite yarn (save labels)
- ◆ sign up and attend (optional) a weekly KAL session (starting in May, details to follow)
  - ◆ program ends July 1, 2010
- ◆ participants who finish from MYS are entered to win a \$200 basket of Classic Elite Yarns.
- ◆ photographs for Ravelry & CEY will be taken

## Free Pattern

Mystery Dishcloth  
by Darlene Joyce

**Materials:** 1 skein of Debbie Bliss Eco or Sugar n' Creme in your favorite spring color, size US 7 needle. If you want to use Cotton Classic, go to a size US 5 or 6 needle.

Bobble=(k1, yo, k1, yo, k1) all in next st, turn; k5, turn; purl 5, slip 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th st on right hand needle over first st one at a time.

Cast on 43 sts and knit 10 rows.

Row 1 & all odd rows except Row 29 (WS): k4, p35, k4.

Row 2: k10, p1, k10, p1, k10, p1, k10.

Row 4: k8, p2, k1, p2, k6, p2, k1, p2, k6, p2, k1, p2, k8.

Row 6: k7, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2, k4, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2, k4, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2, k7.

Row 8: k6, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, p6.

Row 10: k10, bobble, k10, bobble, k10, bobble, k10.

Row 12: same as Row 4.

Row 14 & 16: k7, p3, k1, p3, k4, p3, k1, p3, k4, p3, k1, p3, k7.

Row 18: same as Row 2.

Row 20 & 22: same as Row 14 & 16.

Row 24: same as Row 4.

Row 26, 28 & 30: k across.

Row 29: k4, \*p2tog, yo, repeat from \* to last 5 sts, p1, k4.

Rows 32 to 54: same as Rows 2 to 24.

Row 55: purl.

Knit 9 rows. Bind off.

## Class Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to enroll in the following classes:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Charge My Credit Card:

\_\_\_ Visa    \_\_\_ Mastercard

Account # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Mosaic Yarn Studio, Ltd.**  
**1585 Ellinwood St. #101**  
**Des Plaines, IL 60016**

### Class Policies

**Class Materials:** Except when noted, yarns **must** be purchased from Mosaic Yarn Studio. Come in as soon as possible to pick out your supplies in case we need to order something. *Students receive a 10% discount on all class materials! Please come to class with any gadgets you might need!*

**Pre-Registration:** Pre-registration is required for all classes. You may register by phone via Visa/Mastercard or you can send in the class registration form above. Of course, you can always register in person!

**Minimum:** A minimum of **three** students is required in order for a class to run. You will be notified one week in advance if the minimum is not met and your deposit will be refunded.

**Balance:** The balance for class fees is due on the first day of class.

**Cancellation:** Store credit can be issued for your deposit if we are notified one week before the start of class. After this point, deposits are non-refundable. *Out of courtesy to our instructors, no make-up classes are given.*

**All Classes: 100% payment is due at the time of registration.**

### Private Lessons

We offer private lessons at **\$32.00 per hour**. Call the shop at 847-390-1013 or stop by & we can set something up for you with one of our instructors.

◆ **One hour minimum please**

◆ **Pre-payment required**

◆ **No refunds on cancellations made less than one week before scheduled lesson**

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## Store Hours

<b>Tues., Fri., Sat.</b>	<b>10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10 a.m. to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12 p.m. to 9 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12 p.m. to 4 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Closed</b>

### Holiday Schedule

Sunday, April 4                      Closed

**Join Us for Our *FREE*  
Knit/Crochet Nites!**



Come by Mosaic Yarn Studio the  
2nd & 4th **Thursday** Evening of Every  
Month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Mosaic Yarn Studio is located in downtown  
Des Plaines at 1585 Ellinwood St. on the  
South Side of the Railroad Tracks**

*From the Northwest Suburbs*

Southeast on Northwest Hwy (Rt.14) to Pearson.  
Right on Pearson to Ellinwood. Left on Ellinwood.

*From the Northern Suburbs*

I-294 South to the Golf Rd. Exit West on Golf Rd. to  
Des Plaines River Rd. Left on Des Plaines River Rd.  
to Ellinwood. Right on Ellinwood.

*From the Western Suburbs*

I-294 North to Dempster St. Exit. West on Dempster  
St. to Des Plaines River Rd. Left on Des Plaines  
River Rd. to Ellinwood.  
Right on Ellinwood.

*From Downtown Chicago*

I-90 West to I-294 North  
Follow directions for  
Western Suburbs

***Additional Parking Available Behind the Studio!***