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## March 2006 Newsletter

### *St. Patrick's Weekend Sale!*

If you missed last month's sale, don't worry, we're having another one! It will be held from Friday, March 17 through and including Monday, March 20. If your merchandise totals: Up to \$50, take 10% off! \$50-\$100, take 20% off! \$100-\$150, take 25% off! \$150-\$200, take 30% off! *Unfortunately, these prices are good for in-store items only, and you will not get to use your full punch card for an additional 15% off of these items, (sorry!) but you will get your card stamped in \$20 increments, as usual.*

### *New Yarn and More*

-Rio de la Plata is a relatively new company and we are fortunate to have their yarns available for you. If you sign up for our Felted Handbag class this month or next month, you'll get 50% off the yarn used for their pattern! Ask us for more details...

-Exotic Knitting Needles and Crochet Hooks from Laurel Hill are here! They are so elegant and feel great in your hands. Knit and crochet with style!

-Hana Silk! Out beautiful hand-painted silk ribbon is here in two widths and lots of colors to choose from. Use it for fringe or run it lengthwise through a scarf. It's also perfect for baby projects or for wrapping up a special gift.

-Cascade "Sierra" is a cotton/wool that is machine washable and comes in all of your favorite colors. Come and check it out for Spring and Summer knitting.

-When it's time to wash your hand made items, use a fine fabric wash like "Lavender Eucalan". We have it here at the store in 2 sizes. Your projects deserve the best!

-We keep getting in lots of new yarns, books and more so come in and get inspired!

### *Tips And Tricks*

Here are a few tricks of the trade for new knitters:

-If you are working on a complicated lace pattern that requires changing the stitches every row, write each row's number and instructions on an index card, punch a hole in the top left corner of each card, and put a ring through the cards. Then you can flip through them as you begin each row!

-If you ever have trouble seeing your stitches when you're working with black yarn, try putting a white pillowcase on your lap and give yourself some bright direct light.

-When you need to use two strands of the same yarn, instead of taking each end from the same ball, take the time to wind a second ball so you have 2 balls the same size. That way you are less likely to get into a tangle.

-Is your casted on row always really tight when you start to knit? Cast on holding 2 needles instead of one. That way your first row will be nice and loose!

Tips continued...

-If you want to learn to knit faster, get a more consistent stitch, and save your right wrist from unnecessary strain, come in and learn the “continental” style of knitting (at no charge). You might find that the “throwing” method is more comfortable for you, but it’s nice to have another option. You never know, it might change your life, it changed mine; there are only so many hours to complete our projects!

-Don’t forget that there are thousands of free patterns and instructions for common problems online. Look at our links page at [www.luminousthreads.com](http://www.luminousthreads.com).

-Do you have a tip or trick for knitting, crochet, or quilting that you want to share with other Luminous Customers? Email me at: [luminousthread@earthlink.net](mailto:luminousthread@earthlink.net)

## *March’s Most Luminous Customer*

This month, (and every month, really) all of our customers are Luminous! So come in and get 50% off any Vogue Knitting On the Go book or quilting book. All you have to do is say that you are the Luminous Customer of the month!

## *Coupons*

Cut out these coupons and bring them in to save on some wonderful items this month only!

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*A Bag of Yarn!* Order a bag of 10 balls or skeins and get 15% off! (must pre-pay).

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*All Kids and Adults T-Shirts!* Buy 2 get 1 free, (does not include custom orders).

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*Fabric!* Buy 3 yards of any fabric and get a fourth yard off the same bolt free!

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*Classes!* 50% off any one class that begins in April.

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*Jewelry!* 30% off all jewelry made by Alison.

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## *Luminous Spring Fashion Show*

Would you like your Luminous creation to be in our spring show? We will be having a big party in May and we are looking for knitters and sewers to show off their works. Please call the store for more info.

## A Few March Classes . . .

([www.luminousthreads.com](http://www.luminousthreads.com) has the entire class schedule through the end of May)

**-Private Lessons with Alison:** *Get individual attention and work on whatever project you want to complete! \$15/hour (what a deal!) Flexible days/times.*

**-Block of the Month Afghan Club!** Free for members! Call the store or see our website for more information! Your choice of the first Wed. or Thurs. evening of every month.

**“Basic Knitting for the Beginner”** - Meets three times: \$30

*Make a scarf or a baby blanket! Learn: knitting, purling, casting on and off, etc.*

Thursdays: March 23, March 30, & April 6; 5:30-7 OR Saturdays: March 25, April 1, & April 8; 2-3:30.

**Beginner’s Review** – Meets once: \$15

*If you need a refresher, but don’t need to take the 3 class series.*

-Wednesday: March 29, 3:30-5.

**“Knitting In The Round”** – Meets once: \$15 (Skills required: casting on and knitting.)

*Using double pointed and circular needles, we will make adorable and stylish hats for babies or adults. You may repeat the class if you need to in order to complete your hat. Don’t be intimidated by double pointed needles!*

-Friday: March 24, 5:30-7. OR -Saturday: March 25, 12:15-1:45.

**“New Stitches for Intermediate Beginners”** – Meets twice: \$20

*Learn to make ‘yarn over’ designs, cables, & ‘dropped stitch’ and ‘bias’ scarves.*

(Knitting skills required: casting on, knitting, & purling.)

-Wednesdays: March 22 & April 5; 3:30-5.

**“Finishing Projects Without Fear”** – Meets once: \$15

*Bring your almost-there projects and get those seams sewn! Learn tips for professional-looking finishing including blocking, crochet borders, and much more.*

-Wednesday: March 29; 5:30-7.

**“Make A Knitted Felted Handbag”** – Meets twice: \$20

*Make a bag like the ones in Pursenalities and the store samples.*

-Thursdays: March 23 & April 6; 3:30-5.

**Socks! (Knitting knowledge necessary)** – Meets twice: \$20

*We will start with a simple baby sock; after that you can make adult socks.*

-Fridays: March 24 & March 31; 3:30-5.

**My First Baby Sweater** - (Basic knitting knowledge necessary) –Meets 3 times: \$30

*See how easy it is to make a darling little sweater. The perfect baby gift! See schedule.*

**“Lace Knitting” – Scarf Project (Basic knitting knowledge necessary)** – Meets once: \$15

*Learn how to read from a lace pattern in written and diagram form. You may repeat the class if you need to in order to complete your scarf.*

-Thursday: March 30; 3:30-5. OR -Saturday: April 8, 12:15 – 1:45.

**“Gauntlets”: Fingerless Gloves (Basic knitting knowledge necessary)** –Meets once:\$15

*Make a cute pair of fingerless gloves by knitting in the round in a rib stitch. We recommend “Rio de La Plata” yarn! You may repeat the class if you need to in order to complete your gauntlets.*

-Friday: March 31; 5:30-7.

Classes continued...

**“Beginning Quilting” (for the absolute beginner) Meets 3 time: \$30**

*Learn to make a small wall quilt and get on your way to bigger projects! Bring your sewing machine, or just use ours! Choose your own fabrics and learn to use basic tools.*

-Saturdays: March 25, April 1, & April 8; 3:45-5:15.

**“Sew your own knitting needle case!” (Beg. Level) Meets once: \$15.**

*Make a personalized cotton case to hold your knitting tools! Bring your sewing machine, or just use ours! You may repeat the class if you need to in order to complete your case.*

-Tuesday: April 11; 3:30-5.

**“Sew a stylish handbag!” (Beg. Level) Meets 2 times: \$20. See our store sample.**

*Make a great gift or keep it for yourself! Bring your sewing machine, or just use ours!*

-Fridays: April 7 & April 21; 5:30-7.

**Classes currently available upon request:**

**“Doggie Sweaters”, “Ponchos”, “Baby Booties”, “Applique for Quilting”, “Knitting with Beads”**

*Call for more information!*

## Last Words!

**-Attention Luxury Knitters:** Our musk ox yarn and suri alpaca yarns from Windy Valley are here! You can look at the color choices available for us to special order for you by going to their beautiful website: [http://www.windyvalleymuskox.com/colors/colors\\_pure\\_qiviut.html](http://www.windyvalleymuskox.com/colors/colors_pure_qiviut.html). Be the first of your friends to knit with the softest, most rare and sought after yarn there is.

**-Gift Registry...** Let your friends know what you really want for your birthday and other holidays by registering in our “Luminous Wish List Box”. You can be as general or specific as you want to be. What could be better?

**-Block of the Month Afghan:** the club is forming and keeps on growing! It’s never too late to join and start making your own knitting stitch sampler. You get a new color of yarn and a new stitch pattern in the mail every month. If you like, you may come to one of our monthly meetings, (choose from the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month), to learn the pattern as a group. Shipping and handling fees are included in the price. See: <http://www.luminousthreads.com/afghan.html> for more information.

**-Throw A Luminous Threads Knitting Party!** Would you like to have a birthday party or other special event at Luminous Threads Boutique? Your friends who have always wanted to learn to knit can come in on a Saturday (or other chosen day) and have knitting instruction plus 10% off their supplies for the day! Kids, too! If you prefer to have us come to you at your chosen location, that can be arranged, as well. Call the store for more information.

**-Our monthly free knitting group** at the store meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of every month. Please come and share whatever it is you are working on! The group meets from 5:30 – 7:30: 3/15.

**-We are open 7 days a week.** Monday: 11-2; Tuesday - Friday: 11-7; Saturday: 11-5; Sunday: 11-4

**-If I carry a line of yarn you like, and you don’t see a color at the store that you want for your project, we may be able to order it for you. If you need ten or more skeins we pay the shipping cost for you.**

**-If you have extra fabric around that you would like to donate to a good cause, please contact Valley Quilters at 338-4259, & ask for Pat. They work hard to create beautiful quilts to give to those in need.**

**-Interested in staying young from the inside out?** Find out what age management is all about! Go to: [www.longlifesciences.com](http://www.longlifesciences.com)