

THE BROCHE...

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Although we may often see each other, I am always looking for new ways of keeping in touch with you, my customers. So, I thought I would send you a short update on my plans for this spring and early summer. As you know, we look for new ways to keep things interesting for you and for ways to help our community. So here are some of the things that we are planning on doing...

EASTER WEEK HOURS...

Please note our change in hours for the few days before Easter:

Wednesday, March 31,	10-6PM
Thursday, April 1,	10-6PM
Friday, April 2,	CLOSED
Saturday, April 3,	CLOSED

By the way, for those of you who would like to meet my brother Ralph and his wife, Rosemary, they will be minding the shop on Wednesday and Thursday before Easter, March 31 and April 1 while Jim and I visit with our children in California.

SPRING CLEANING YARN SALE...

I need to make room for new yarns. So, I have decided to put on a major sale on March 17th through 20th (Wednesday-Saturday)... **that is MAJOR as in 30% off** for our regular stock yarns including **CASCADE, PLYMOUTH, CLASSIC ELITE, TAHKI, NORO, DE.VI, BOLLICINE, and NASHUA**. I will try this out but cannot promise that I will do another sale with as deep a discount. So, I recommend that you do not miss this sale.... **Please remember that this sale is on our existing stock, so we will not be able to do BACK ORDERS, RETURNS OR EXCHANGES.**

CHARITY KNITTING...

For so many reasons, we are so fortunate and have so much for which to be thankful. As part of our business goals, we try to make a difference in our community by working as active partners with our local social organizations who help those around us who are less fortunate. So here are a few things that are going on and hopefully, you will jump in with us to help.

PLAINVILLE FOOD PANTRY. Talking to Susan Woerz, Director of the Plainville Food Pantry recently, she told me that they are **ALWAYS IN NEED OF KNITTED OR CROCHETED HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, SCARVES, SOCKS, BLANKETS, SWEATERS IN ALL SIZES.** Also if you have finished items that need to be put together before they are donated, Bayberry Knitting will be happy to do that. So finished items that have been sitting in your closet for a long time would certainly be useful for someone in need.

We have agreed with Plainville Food Pantry that Bayberry Knitting will serve as a "Drop Off" point for **CHARITY KNITTING**. Susan also told me that the Food Pantry also serves as a distribution point to other needy organizations in town. So donating to the **FOOD PANTRY** actually results in directly donating to many other local organizations.

BRISTOL HOSPITAL. Bristol Hospital touched base with us recently to ask that we become the "drop off" for newborn baby hats and baby blankets (20" x 24") also for newborns. We agreed to do that so if you are looking for a place to leave either of these items that would help our local Bristol Hospital, please come to our shop. We will keep it especially for the hospital. Wouldn't it be gratifying if while visiting the new-born babies at Bristol Hospital, you saw your blanket or baby hat worn by one of the babies?

ST PATRICK'S PRAYER SHAWL GROUP.

The director of the St. Patrick's Prayer Shawl Group has asked us to distribute (upon request) Prayer Shawls after Father has blessed them. People will contact us when they would like to receive a shawl for a loved one or someone in need. This Group

held their bi-monthly meeting at our Shop on Friday, March 12th and though we could have had a few more people join us, the Group was pleased with our Shop. We look forward to hosting their meeting again in the near future.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE. Jim and I are thinking about perhaps producing a **float for this year's Memorial Day Parade!** Wouldn't that be a hoot? We will be collecting your ideas for a float. So on your next visit with us, we will have a Memorial Day Parade Float box for you to drop off your idea for a theme. If you would like to join our Memorial Day Parade Team, we would welcome that as well. We will need help with volunteers who are handy with carpentry tools, creative with paint and other skills to make a large banner and other creative parts of the float and of course, we will need volunteers for the float during the parade as well. Let us know what you think... we're excited about the prospects!

GREAT NORTH AMERICAN AFGHAN...

We are making plans for the **PLAINVILLE BLOCK PARTY RAFFLE** coming up soon. So we are asking our Bayberry Knitting customers to team up with us to knit a **'GREAT NORTH AMERICAN AFGHAN'** that we together would donate to the Block Party Raffle when it comes up. So, join us for six weeks of knitting together on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8PM starting April 8, then 15, 22, 29, May 6 and ending on May 13. Each of us will make a 12" by 12" square and once they're all done, we will put them together in a beautiful afghan that we will call our "GREAT NORTH AMERICAN AFGHAN".

'KNITTING-IN-PUBLIC' DAY...

In honor of "Knitting in Public" week we will be holding a **"Knitting in Public Day"** on Saturday, June 19th with a rain date of Sunday, June 20th. Please bring your own chair and we will have tables set up outside (weather permitting). Let's be optimistic... bring your sun tan lotion.

COMING SOON: SPRING WORKSHOPS

Look for the **SPRING WORKSHOP** schedule in your e-mail or on our **BLOG**. We will roll it out within the week. **We promise many new and fun workshops!**



So, please mark your calendars as I have mine and let's plan on working together to make these important events happen. Let me know of any ideas you might have for improving these events or for creating new ones in the future.

Best regards,

Betty