

# The Vermilion Bay Light

The Monthly VBYC Newsletter

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## A word from Jason about November...

Every year around this time, my mother will make the observation, “*November: Monat der Stille.*” — November, the month of stillness. After the Halloween ghouls and goblins have returned home with their sweet spoils, and the demons are done toilet-papering the houses of eccentric neighbors, folks usually change their attention to hearth and home. There’s a chill in the air, and life slows a bit as we enter into this month of stillness. In Acadiana, many of us prepare for the first of November by whitewashing and sprucing up family tombs and placing flowers to remember loved ones. November is a month for introspection and reflection. It’s the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year celebrations. As the leaves turn, and the earth prepares for its annual winter sleep, we tend to stay indoors more frequently to visit with family and friends and to recall those who are gone and those unable to be with us. It’s a time for gathering, feasting, talking, story-telling, remembering.

A few days ago, I was chatting with a knitter who had chosen to share her day here at VBYC. We commented that we often work on individual projects with other fiber friends or at least with others around engaged in conversation. When working projects in a group, something interesting and very beautiful happens. Our conversations, observations, and reflections are knitted into our fabrics along with our yarn.



Years later, we can recall where we were while creating a piece, who else was there, and often what we had been talking about. Special times are woven into every stitch. This month be sure always to have your fiber work with you. Experience the joy of working a project with others, and the even greater joy of re-living those wonderful moments in years to come when you pull out that finished work and run your hand across the stitches.

November: month of stillness. Relax this month, knit and crochet for yourself, for friends, for family. Work on your projects with them around — if your projects are gifts for them, work them anyway! They don’t need to know whose dressers they are destined for — and weave them, their stories, their voices into your work along with your own. The Vermilion Bay Yarn Company invites you to our regularly scheduled nights for fiber friends to gather — Knit Café takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm, or stop in any time to sit and visit as you work a few rows of your current project(s). Vermilion Bay Yarn wishes you all Happy Thanksgiving! Spend it knitting, crocheting, weaving, spinning, fiber-ing, talking, laughing, eating, living, and loving!

## Knittin’ and Purlin’ all the way to Nassau!

It’s still not too late to register for the October 2010 knitting cruise from New Orleans to Key West and the Bahamas! Carnival has once again extended the preliminary deadline. It looks like we’re going to be a pretty good sized group next fall! Contact Jane Hebert at Travel Machine to reserve your cabins! The class list is still in the works.



Note to self: "check out new yarn".



### Christmas is near!

Made everything on your list yet? Let VBYC help you with suggestions, yarn selection, or even to help you as one of Santa's elves. Ask us about custom knitting and finishing! We're here to help!



### Classic Elite Moorland & Inca Marl

New this month at VBYC from Classic Elite: Moorland and Inca Marl. One, a delicious alpaca blend, the other, a 100% alpaca yarn. Both are perfect for the climate of Acadiana. Warm enough

to keep out the wet cold, but light enough that you won't smother! Sweater quantities of both yarns available! Plan to use it for your next sweater project!



### Newsletter Fans!

You can also read *The Vermilion Bay Light* online at [www.vermilionbayyarnco.com](http://www.vermilionbayyarnco.com)

## Shimmer!

Rowan Shimmer is a lovely addition to any yarn. Carry it along to give your fabric a bit of elegant shine and glitter. Our suggestion: carry it along with white La Gran Mohair for a



stunning accent scarf that you'd swear is woven from delicate ice crystals! Shimmer is in stock now! Perfect for Christmas!



### D is for Della

Cotton, Silk, Solid, Print. Whatever your preference, Della Q delivers! Eden pouches and the every-popular Priscilla! Come take a look what all's hanging on Della's clothesline this fall.



### Lana Grossa Arizona

LG *Arizona* sock yarn contains Aloe Vera and is very soft and good for the feet. Available in 100g balls! Knit a pair today!

### CLAUDIA

Claudia Handpaints in fingering weight hanks are ready for your needles and hooks! Among others, you need to see the darling colorways for your baby knits. This Claudia is the right scale for garments for little humans. Cute cute! Coming soon: Claudia 100% Linen!



Look for our fleur-de-lis ad on Ravelry! Click on it at [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com)

Knit Kits make wonderful gifts for fiber fans. Tell Santa to bring you one!

## VBYC Thanksgiving Day Schedule

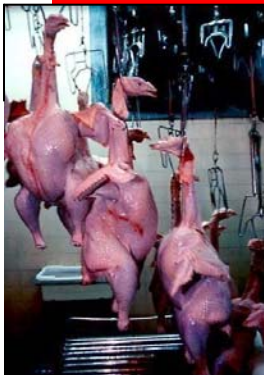
*We will be closed on Thursday, November 26. VBYC will re-open the next day, Friday November 27th, 10am!*

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Have you tried Rowan Summer Tweed? Despite its name, it's great year 'round in Acadiana! Silk + Cotton = Summer Tweed

## Swifts!

We have Swifts and Winders, folks. Of course you may have us wind your windables, but with a swift, you can discover that joy at home! Husbands, Significant Others, Friends, and Interested Parties: these items make excellent gifts for the fiber fan close to you!



Indisposed? We Ship!

**CLASSES IN NOVEMBER**

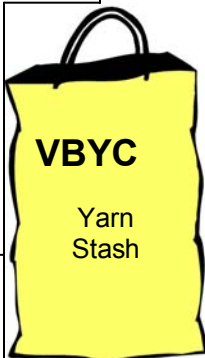
Sat. November 21, 10am Fixing Mistakes  
 Sat. November 28, 10am Fair Isle Booties

**Are you being held hostage by your project?**

Does your project keep you tied to the help desk whenever it decides a dropped stitch might make your life more interesting? When the cable pattern torments you by mystically twisting right when it should be left? Or when it conceals a mistake that doesn't scream out at you until you've knitted about 6 inches above it? Does your cat conspire with your project to pull the needles out of your stitches overnight to start her own knitting? Do you start zillions of additional projects for when the one you're battling misbehaves? You need the VBYC "Fixing Mistakes" Class. It's proven useful to many knitters already, and has remained popular. This class will save you loads of time, will empower you with more confidence as a knitter, and will help you to become the master of your project. Sign up the next time you're in or give us a call! **Class time/date: November 21, 10am.**

**Amigurumi!**

Talking cupcakes, peapods with faces, smiling insects, singing egg crates, happy hamburgers. Amigurumi. Knit them and crochet them! We have the patterns!



while your own piece stares up at you from your project bag with a sad face.

**Like Felting?**

We have plenty of interesting and creative Noni purse patterns!

*So easy,  
So Noni!*



**Knit Café**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm: the bi-weekly potluck and fiber arts get-together at VBYC. We'll see you there! *Please Note that there will be no Knit Café on Thanksgiving Day! Stop in during the day the following Friday!*

**Booties:** /Bōō-tēēz/. *n*, sock-like shoes for baby feet.

Thanksgiving weekend, come and knit a delightful pair of Booties with a Twist! Baby will be all ready for Santa! We'll be using Rowan *Milk Cotton Fine!*



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 Meet Other Knitters!  
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 The Vermilion Bay Yarn Company

**Did you realize?**

VBYC stocks many of your favorite knitting magazines, including Vogue, Knitters, and Burda Verena!

**The Vermilion Bay Yarn Company**  
*Your one-stop fiber arts shop!  
 Experienced knitters/crocheters on hand to serve you every day, all day!*



**Yarn Shopping Tips**

When you make a trip to procure that special yarn, it's a better idea to determine exactly how much yarn you will need for a project using a **yardage/length figure** instead of a weight figure. 5 ounces of yarn A might be heavier than 5 ounces of yarn B, depending on the fiber. 5 oz of Bamboo, for example, is heavier than 5 oz of mohair, which means there is more mohair per 5 ounces than there is of bamboo. An important consideration! Weight varies by material, but length is length. Also, when you've determined how much you need, buy your supply all at once. When you return, those extra 5 hanks you've been knowing you'll need may be making another knitter very happy,

**Thanksgiving Savings**

Lana Grossa Pashmina 10% off  
 Cascade Kid Seta 25% off  
 Plymouth Royal Bamboo 45% off  
 SWTC Inspiration (alpaca/soy): 20% off

**When are Y'all open?**

The Vermilion Bay Yarn Company is open Mon. Noon-6pm, Tues. 10am-8pm, Wed. 10am-6pm, Thurs. 10am-8pm, Fri. 10am-6pm, and Sat. 10am-4pm. Knit Café Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm.