



# The Vermilion Bay Light

The Monthly VBYC Newsletter

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## A word from Jason about One Year...

Thinking back to last year around this time, I remember a team of folks hard at work in an empty shop space handling rollers, paint pans, drop cloths, tape, kraft paper, wallpaper paste, ladders, brushes, box fans, folding chairs, cleaning supplies, and daiquiris. Little by little, we were transforming a former shoe store into a yarn shop. Of course as we painted and papered, cleaned and readied, there was always a contingency of knitters keeping us company, giving moral support and important design advice. As soon as the walls were done, the knitting area took shape with the first of the trademark mismatched chairs, settees, rockers, and ottomans. The first shipments of yarn and notions had been arriving at my house and waited in the dining room until their new home was completed. Bags and boxes of fiber and fiber tools lined the walls for several days that first week, until a huge semi delivered the fabulous poplar wood VBYC yarn bins. In no time each bin was full of Cascade, Malabrigo, Lana Grossa, Rowan, Plymouth, GGH, Brown Sheep, Classic Elite, SWTC, and many others, notions, tools, and bags. As the year progressed, lines were added, selection was increased, and at the same time, a community of fiber friends took shape including folks from here in Lafayette, from all over Acadiana and Louisiana, visitors from other states, and even folks we met either online or in the shop from as far away as Ireland, Germany, and Sicily to whom we've shipped yarns, notions, patterns, and whom we've helped with projects. Fiber art continues to unite people from near and far as we make new friends and connections every day at Vermilion Bay Yarn. On October 20, VBYC will be 1 year old. To celebrate our birthday month check out the number of items on sale throughout October, and on October 20th, which falls on a Tuesday Knit Café, we'll have a special VBYC gift basket give-away drawing. I would like to thank all of you for your continued patronage and for making VBYC such a unique, special, inclusive, and friendly place for everyone!



## Let's cruise, y'all!

There's still time left to reserve your spot on the October 2010 cruise! The \$25 preliminary deposit deadline has been extended again — into October — since booking has been so good and so steady! Get your name on the list! Yarn shops all over Louisiana are participating to offer classes and knitting support on this 7-day adventure to Key West and the Bahamas! Instructors from the yarn shops are conferring now on class topics. Soon, we'll have a main list of classes to choose from. Already, there is something for everyone, from beginning knitting lessons to more advanced projects, including needlepoint! Meet knitters (and crocheters, and Needlepointers, too!) from the Hub City, Acadiana, Louisiana, other states, and yes...even other countries! Contact the shop for a registration form, or give Jane a call at Travel Machine here in in Lafayette!



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

## Hello, Ciao!

What's a Ciao knitter? Why, it's someone who enjoys the fascinating colorways and general great look of a garment knit up in Lana Grossa Ciao. It's a colorful thick/thin yarn with some metallic accents. Ciao knits up well on size 15-17 needles. The shades blend just the right way to create a classy, creative fabric just as perfect for casual wear as for formal looks. Use Ciao for accessories and garments alike.



## 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!



## Dream

# BIG!

What an inspirational name: Dream Big. It's the bulky weight Superwash yarn from South West Trading Company. Have size 15's? You'll need them for this big yarn fast knit! Good yardage per hank for a large scale yarn. And if yardage and size weren't enough, SWTC throws in a free pattern for you, printed on the back of the yarn band. Now how about that! Since it's bulky and has good yardage, you won't need many hanks to knit a large piece. And since you're knitting so fast, you won't need a lot of time to finish your project. The stuff dreams are made of: pleasing colors, great feel, good yardage, washable, time-saving...and a free pattern to boot!



### Newsletter Fans!

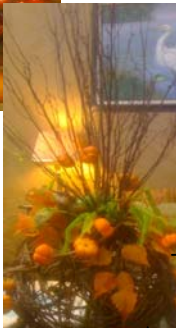
You can also read *The Vermilion Bay Light* online at [www.vermilionbayyarnco.com](http://www.vermilionbayyarnco.com)

### Tried Classic Elite *Provence?*

100% Egyptian Cotton Yarn fit for a Pharaoh!

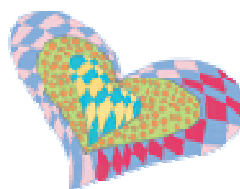
## Thanks, Jo Ann!

Many, many thanks to our friend and knitter Jo Ann Decuire who has decorated our shop's holiday tree for autumn, created a stunning autumn centerpiece for our knitting area coffee table, and set a few pumpkins hiding among the yarn displays. Not only is she a talented knitter, but she does marvelous work in floral arranging and décor!



## Claudia Handpaints

In a few weeks, VBYC will be your local source for the wonderful merino, silk/merino blend, and linen yarns from Claudia Handpaints. We are excited to offer these wonderful yarns and exquisite, unique colorways in Acadiana. Claudia Linen DK: taste and see how good the fiber is! So good, you'll ask for seconds!



Indisposed?  
We Ship!

## Curvy Knits...

is a new booklet from Classic Elite by Jillian Moreno featuring sweaters, vests, and cardigans designed for ample figures. The booklet is a must for any knitter's pattern library. Pick up your copy today!



## CLASSES IN OCTOBER

Sat. October 10, 10am Pfeiffer Falls Knit-Along (Download your pattern)  
 Sat. October 17, 10am Crocheted Cradle Purse  
 Sat. October 24, 10am Double Points: Gloves



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### KNIT-ALONG!

Many of you have heard of it, some have made one already. It's the Pfeiffer Falls hooded scarf! Starting Saturday, October 10, we'll have a Pfeiffer Falls Knit-Along (KAL). The pattern is downloadable for a modest fee from ravelry.com or interweave. Participants are asked to download the pattern themselves at home, or in the shop. This avoids any potentially messy copyright issues. The model in the shop is made from South West Trading *Inspiration* (Alpaca and Soy). Other yarn possibilities we suggest: Malabrigo Worsted, Cascade *Cloud 9*, Classic Elite *Miracle*, Lana Grossa *Bingo*, SWTC *Therapi*, Brown Sheep *Lamb's Pride*, or *Shepherd's Shades*, just to name a few. The Pfeiffer Falls hood is easily made as a first cable project, and can be worked by a beginner who has mastered both the knit and the purl. We will meet as a class on October 10, then KAL participants may come in at any time for assistance, if necessary. See you on the 10th!

### Cher Bebe!

Crocheters! Here's a little project that's perfect for a last minute shower gift or just as an anytime gift. It's a cradle purse, also known as a "church purse", a little draw-string bag, which, when the upper portion of the bag is folded down, becomes the skirt of a tiny doll's cradle. Church purse: a little sussy that keeps fussy fidgety girly girls quiet and content during the sermon. Gift givers can also use this clever creation as a gift bag. Instead of a baby doll, set a silver rattle, a silver spoon, or a sterling baby cup into the cradle. Raise the skirt, pull the draw-string and hand the neat package to the mother-to-be! The project requires an H hook and 1 ball of Jojoland Rhythm. Sign up now for Saturday, October 17, 10am.

### October Great Pumpkin Savings

Select Lana Grossa Yarns: 15% off  
 Kaffe Fassett Colorscape: 20% off  
 Rowan Nashville Denim: 10% off  
 Debbie Bliss Como: 10% off  
 Plymouth Kudo: 20% off

### Gloves:

They're a standard garment for every knitter's repertoire. Learn to make them on double points Saturday, October 24, 10am. They're easier than socks, and even a bit quicker to knit!

### Knit Café

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm-8pm: the bi-weekly pot-luck and fiber arts get-together at VBYC. We'll see you there!



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### 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.