

The Vermilion Bay Light

The Monthly VBYC Newsletter

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A Word from Jason about...Returning to something new

It's been a shorter summer compared to previous ones — or at least it seemed far shorter than summers past. Hard to believe the school year begins in only a couple weeks, which means “back to the schedule” for many of us. Coming back to our fixed routines isn't all that bad, though, when there's something new and interesting to come back to. Throughout the summer, we've introduced a few new yarns and colors from companies you all know. But now the new part: you may have heard some buzz about it already. The Vermilion Bay Yarn Company is pleased to announce the arrival in Acadiana this fall of two (2 — count 'em) yarn lines! Many of you know them or at least know of them, and have had to travel long distances to find them in a shop, or have had to pay expensive online ordering prices to obtain them. There'll be no more of that! VBYC will add to its already lengthy list the yarns of **Classic Elite** and **South**

Classic Elite Yarns

West Trading Company! Just a preview of what's in store: Classic Elite *Provence*, a 100% mercerized Egyptian cotton yarn in vibrant colors. You're a lace knitter? You'll go yarn-over for the Classic Elite *Silk Alpaca Lace*. Try Sprout, a cotton machine washable perfect for infant, toddler items, adult garments as well as utilitarian projects like dishcloths and washcloths. Need a fabulous yarn for a gorgeous scarf or hat, a sumptuous shrug? Classic Elite *Ariosa* is it: softest of the soft, try *Ariosa*, a Merino-Cashmere blend. South West Trading Company (SWTC) has been known for years for its fine organic fibers: bamboo, soy, cotton. Renewable resources is what it's about these days, and VBYC is there with SWTC! *A-maiz-ing* is a yarn of 100% corn fiber, has stretchiness, softness, and is machine washable. Like Bulky yarn? It's time to *Dream Big*. A very quick knit that you can spill your coffee on! Throw it in the wash with no worries! Hard day at work? You need some *Therapi*: a soft yarn with a bit of Asian mysticism. It's the yarn that contains jade!

At a loss for words? Feeling blah? Take *Inspiration* from us: the perfect blend of alpaca and soybean fiber in a DK weight yarn you'll love. The newsletter is just too short to describe all the yarns and fibers making their ways to us this fall from these two new lines. You'll have to see them for yourselves as they begin to roll in mid-month. Oh, I forgot to mention pattern support. Wonderful designs from Classic Elite will accompany the yarns, including styles for full figured figures, splendid and practical creations by French Canadian designer Veronique Avery, and most exciting, the new anthology of designs by Jared Flood, *Made in Brooklyn*. Look further in the newsletter for two pattern photos from the book. With all

these new yarns and patterns for your autumn and winter fiber projects, it's as if you've embarked on another vacation! Watch www.vermilionbayyarn.blogspot.com for updates! We'll see you soon at Vermilion Bay!



Jared Flood
Made in Brooklyn



SWTC
South West Trading Company



Charmed, I'm Sure

It's back: the super-duper knitting book of Harry Potter, just in time for the movie! The excellent little book contains patterns for house scarves, school sweaters, wizarding robes, wand holders, and practically everything else made of fiber from both the world of magic and the world of Muggles. *Charmed Knits* is rather difficult to locate, despite its popularity. VBYC has tracked it down with the help of a rather furry, grizzled wizard who frequents the dusty shops and dank pubs of Diagon Alley. We recommend Brown Sheep Nature Spun for these projects!

The Christmas Stocking!

You've seen us working up a slew of these wondrous stockings here in the shop. They're made of Plymouth Encore Chunky and feature an easy intarsia Santa based on a vintage colorwork pattern. The stocking easily fits a Camero, BMW, or Mercedes E-class for your Christmas holiday giving. The pattern is now available for sale in the shop, or we can make the stocking for you as a custom order. Start now so that they can line your fireplace this December!



Rhythm and Melody

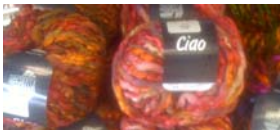
JojoLand brings us two excellent yarns in stock now: Rhythm and Melody. The amazing colorways of both yarns effortlessly create bold, vibrant fabric that your fans will swear you spent hours



on complicated color work! Patterns of the new Hidden Squares wrap/scarf as well as the Hexagon Spirals wrap are available everyday at VBYC! Good yardage on both Melody (DK) and Rhythm (worsted) are accompanied by a price you can afford. Make a pair of Melody Superwash Merino socks: just 12 bucks!



VBYC brews Community Coffee, building a local fiber community, one cup at a time. Come sit and sip!



Say Hello to Ciao!

Lana Grossa Ciao is coming in. Color by color. We have several shades on back-order. The yarn is so *grossly* popular that the company has actually called *us* to see if we have any! Come in and check out the current colorways of this delicious bulky thick-thin yarn. It's perfect for scarves all by itself to feature its striking color variations and metallic accents, but it's also the perfect base yarn for multi-yarn wraps! Select a series of yarns in the colorway of your choice: your favorite colors or something that reflects the season. Using a 40" size 9, cast on 200 or so, and work a garter stitch wrap, using Ciao to start and finish, and a few times in the middle. Knit several rows of several yarns in between. Mix textures and weights. The result is amazing! Hat tips to VBYC knitter Jill Lyons whose idea it was to juxtapose several beautiful yarns to create the Multi-Wrap!

Newsletter Fans!

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A color palate beyond belief!

There can't be a better name for this soybean and wool blend yarn from the masters at Rowan! *Tapstry*. It has a soft hand and gradual color transitions. Looking for the perfect autumn yarn in a light worsted weight? Consider Tapstry!



An Important Message from Mother:



It's true that many yarns come packaged in a modern way and don't need winding. Many, however, are still traditional and come in hanks. This means they are wound (for free!) by the friendly folks at VBYC. One note, however, once they're wound into a yarn cake, they become yours **forever**. Consider the swift and winder to be baptism for your yarn that permanently separates it from the yarn shop bin *for all eternity* and makes it *uniquely yours*. Dear ones, for practical reasons, VBYC does not accept returns on yarn hanks once they are wound.

CLASSES IN AUGUST

You name it, you've got it! August is Class Catch-Up Month!
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Classes a la Carte!

Weren't in town for Japanese Short Rows? Missed Malabrigo Loafers last fall? Couldn't make the Seaming and Finishing workshop? No worries! August is "catch-up on class" month. Any class that you've missed for whatever reason, you can schedule whenever you like, on the day and time that you like. Call or visit the shop to set up your personalized class period! Past topics have included, but have not been limited to:

Japanese Short Rows	Fairisle Knitting
Malabrigo Loafers	Entrelac
Short Row Shaping	Fixing Mistakes
Short Row Hats	Mending/Darning
Lace for Beginners	Working with DPN's
Finishing and Seaming	Top-Down Baby Jacket
Continental Knitting	Gauge and Pattern-Reading
Intarsia	The Jogless Jog



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Knit Café

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

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.