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Well, we're up to #3 now and still going strong. We know many of you appreciate this newsletter and have requested us to continue sending it. This will be the last one sent if you have not requested us to do so. Postage is much too high to continue without a request. So far we only have a few that need to go out by USPS, so my postage prices will be nice after this newsletter. Thanks to all that have agreed to let me send this via email. If you are receiving this via email, please let me know. If you would like your newsletters via email, please email and let me know...I had a bunch of email addresses disappear (with me, that's not surprising). Thanks.

The design of the fiber washing process is still just that, in the process. I'm hoping that by the end of the year we will have everything in place. We're looking at being able to re-use about 75% of the water by filtering out debris and such. We'll keep you posted as things progress. I'm getting excited now and hopefully many of you will be also.

We just got our new Opal yarn colors in. Yeah. Not only did a big batch of soap arrive, but the yarn...in the same day. It was like Christmas. I'm frantically knitting (by machine and hand) socks to display with the yarns. We had the Mexiko collection in before, along with some of the Speckles collection. The new ones to arrive are the Brazil and Masterpiece collections. Beautiful combos with the dyeing that produces patterns and stripes without changing out your yarns...my kind of easy! An interesting fact about the yarns...the skeins are 100gms each...which produces a pair of socks. This is a great selling feature, but if you buy 2 skeins, you can actually make 3 pair of socks!!! I just weighed out my socks and they came out to be 32-33gms each 64-66gms per pair...which leaves 34-36gms...another sock!!! Now my mind is going...one pair for me and 2 to sell for the cost of 2 skeins of yarn. Back to reality, Janell. Along with the 8 color combinations of Mexiko, we have

4 color combos of Speckles, 8 variations in Brazil and 8 different Masterpiece combinations. Until I have my own socks done, you can see photos of these combinations on the website: www.pt yarn.com Place your order for these socks early as the skeins sell fast and there's no guarantee of getting more as they sell out of some and get new in on a regular basis. The skeins sell for \$12.00.

There are only 2 classes scheduled for August, 2002. Our schedule is so busy in the summer months and suspect that yours are, too.

August 3, 2002—We have Trish Andersen coming in again for a beginning spinning class. The charge will be \$12.00. If you do not have a wheel yet, we still have 3 available for rent at \$5.00 for the day. There are only a few openings left for this one. We will be supplying the fiber for you to work with. Please bring a sack lunch as this class will run from 10am to about 2pm.

August 24, 2002—Renee Elting will be teaching this class again. We only have about 3 openings left. You will be taking home about 1# of soap (in progress) from this class. You will need a sack lunch as the class runs from 10am to about 2pm. Class fee is \$15.00 plus a \$10.00 materials fee...this fee is for the soap you will be taking home...for a total of \$25.00 each person.

September, 2002 will be without classes as it's a busy month. Heather will need to be moved back to school (for her last term!!! Yeah!), there's Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival (OFFF) on the 21st and 22nd and, seeing how that weekend is our 28th anniversary, we may need one of the weekends to ourselves...selfish, I know, but regrouping once in a while is good, right? Classes will continue in October, 2002.

For Sale—

We still have the Myrtlewood spinning wheel with 8 bobbins& built in Lazy Kate for sale...\$1200.00 and of course, the Lil' Herbie wheels we have for \$600.00 (we have a carrying bag for them also...two on hand at this time... \$90.00 ea.). If you're interested, or at least think you are, call me or stop by to check them out.

For Sale—

Ashford traveler...single drive band, double treadle, comes with free Ashford video and all paperwork. New...purchased in June, 2002. Asking \$250.00, shipping negotiable. Contact Dani Moran (541) 995-8291. Email: sheybo@msn.com

Wanted—

Targhee wool...preferably scoured, but not necessarily. Please contact Carolyn Smith at Creature Comforts...email address: viva_@earthlink.net

We've had some spinning evenings here at the shop...one inside and one outside. I spin on Mondays (usually) with friends and we met here one evening this month. Then, as the new area rep for NwRSA, we had our July meeting here and will continue to do so every 3rd Wednesday of the month until

further notice. This meeting was very low key and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I was nervous at first, but all went well.

We want to remind people that the shop is air conditioned, so any classes or meetings will not need to be changed due to the weather.

We have some wonderful new fiber. I bought quite a few pounds of New Zealand grown Gotland wool. It's a silvery grey and beautiful. I've already sold over 30# before I advertised it!!! These fleeces were coated and skirted very well. Raw, in the grease, it's \$14.00/#, washed and carded into roving it's \$20.00/# and if you want it in

yarn, the worsted weight yarn is \$3.00/oz. This is on a first come/first serve basis.

I don't know if any of you noticed or not, but the address on the front of the newsletter is different...no, we haven't moved, the county finally started moving on this (the gravel road has only been named for 3 1/2 years). Now, I wonder how many times I'll have to call them to have a SIGN put on the road...it's only been 3 months since we got notice to change our address...guess I shouldn't expect miracles, hey? Ha. Anyway, future correspondence to us should have the 9190 S. Centennial Lane address. Thanks.

Well, it's time to close once again for this issue. Take care & God bless.

Janell