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I just remembered that I need to get another newsletter out...so, I'm late again. Gee, I'm sure glad I started all this! Ha!

We definitely didn't have much autumn weather...went straight from a hot summer to winter. Guess I shouldn't complain, I really don't want to go outside when the temps are low and the rain is falling. Guess I have to work, hey?

Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival was good considering it was near 100 degrees the first day and only a few degrees cooler on Sunday. Sales were pretty brisk both days. We ran out of a few different colors of Opal yarn (I've restocked them), the Naturale roving and Mystery Batts! Other sales were good also, but some just blew me away! Thanks to all who braved the hot temps to get their winter fiber stash.

Speaking of OFFF, we got a lot of fiber in to process. I'm still not caught up with the washing and carding and dehairing of the fleeces we got there. If you are patiently waiting to get your fiber back, I'm really working on it...honest.

I have a sample basket in the shop for the February class if you want to stop by to see it. We can all to shopping now...and put quite a bit in this basket...or maybe you're knitting a large project...hmmm...makes me want to start an afghan or something. Actually, the baby blankets and booties are fun and I'll continue with them for a while.

I'm in the process of re-arranging the front part of the shop. Seems when I'm washing fiber (dryer going or water running) I don't hear

people walking into the shop. Sure hope I haven't missed anyone. So, we bought 5 more shelf systems today and now I'm putting the shelves perpendicular to the way they were before so I have "aisles" from the washing area to the front door area. We'll see how this works out. I'm only about half done and ready to drop for today...will continue tomorrow before Myrna and Jackie show up to work...and probably after they leave also. Want to get this done, but always underestimate just how long it will take! Ha!

I have a request to make for people sending in fiber to be washed before processing. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE skirt your fleeces. I may have to charge for skirting if it continues to be a problem. I've started a garbage service (used the house service up until now) as I'm discarding so much "STUFF". I always have to chuckle when someone calls and tells me about how dirty their fleeces are. I have to reassure them that I've seen a lot worse...I'm sure! Ha!

February 7, 14 & 21, 2004—Double Handle Shopping Basket.

I realize that this is planning ahead somewhat, but we're trying to get things scheduled in advance!!! This will be a 3 Saturday class. Class fee for all three days is \$35.00. Material fee is \$30.00. These classes will run from 10am to 1pm. Sign up soon as I'm sure this basket will go over as well as the last one did! You will need 1/4" flat head screwdriver, heavy side cutters or reed cutter, approximately 15 spring clothespins, heavy-duty utility knife, pencil (no pens), paper for notes, old towel and a plastic shoe box (to hold water).

I know I'm a little ahead of schedule on this one, but I'd like to wish everyone a most blessed Christmas season. I doubt I'll get Christmas cards out again this year (lax the last 2 years already), but still carry the spirit of it all in my heart.

Take care & God bless.... Janell