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Back From Travels, Ready To Work!

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States That Begin With a Vowel

TNNA (*The National Needlwork Association*) is the trade group to which most yarn shops, designers, magazine and book publishers (*and almost anyone else who earns their mortgage through yarn related industry*) belong. I'm a member as a designer/teacher AND as a wholesaler of my books and patterns, and every year I go to at least one TNNA convention to touch base with other folks in the business.

It's great to see the new yarns, meet up with old and new friends, and refresh my sense of belonging to this huge fibre community. I had lovely sit-down meals with Ragga from Knitting Iceland, Ben Levisay from XRX, Shannon Okey from Stitch Coop and Eunny Jang from Interweave among other good friends, new and old. My only two regrets were that my energy wasn't as easily available as I would have liked, and there weren't enough hours in any day.

Upcoming Teaching Workshops

Check my [Upcoming Gigs Page](#) where you can find out what I have brewing as far as new teaching engagements go.

Just added are two brand new classes for [StevenB's](#) here in Minneapolis. They're salon style (*small*) classes in Lace for the Absolute Lace Neophyte (*knit & purl knowledge necessary*) and Create Your Own Lace. [Here's a link to a pdf file of ALL of Steven's 2011 Fiber Fest Classes.](#)

However, there are two very *special* teaching trips I'll be doing in the next few months and space is limited in both! Click on the images/links below for more information on each of these great adventures!



[Minnesota Knitting Retreat](#)
[September 22-25, 2011](#)
[\(2 spaces remain!\)](#)



[Annie in Iceland](#)
[August 18-22](#)
[Space is limited!](#)

In-Person Teaching

On the way to TNNA and on the way home I did a few weeks of classes in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, visited with some REALLY lovely folks along the way, and met so many exceptional students.

What a great trip! I was hesitant - downright scared - because it was the first long driving/teaching trip I'd done since my fibromyalgia diagnosis in Oct 2009, and I wasn't sure how I would hold up.

I have to admit that it was tiring, and I was slower than usual at times, but overall I was gratified to be able to keep up the pace I'd set for myself. I think I owe that to my good ol' bike, which gave me energy when I was able to ride, and to learning how to pace my available resources (*spoons*).

Thank you to everyone who came out to my classes and worked so hard! I appreciate your work, your passion and your mad skills! In Canton I was surprised by a student wearing my plaid yoked cardigan from Interweave Knits (*lovely job!*), discovered that Fort Wayne has some wonderful biking paths, and was gratified to meet some great knitting friends of my cousin Mary Ann along the way.



Canton, OH student in my plaid cardigan from Interweave Knits



My backyard 'studio' where I've been filming more online class material

Online Teaching, etc.

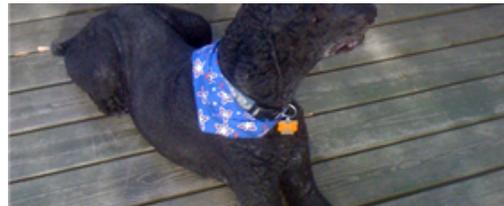
I'm putting together some new online classes while the outdoor filming season is here in MN, and I continue to finish up projects for History On Two Needles and work up garments for magazines and yarn companies.

I've been feeling as if I'm not producing much - but it's one of those situations where sometimes I work in the shadows for months and months, THEN dozens of designs pop out of nowhere all over the place.

Look for new designs by me in the next few months in Interweave, IK Crochet, IK Weekend, The Knitter (UK), Jane Austen Knits and Knitting Today. I'm also very excited to be working up my first design for an Australian publication, [Yarn Magazine](#), in one of my favorite yarns (Hand Maiden)



My Bike & Local Knitting 'Hangout'



Atticus the Wonder Dog

Simply Living & Knitting

May was insanely busy (*9 projects due in one month plus a few classes*), June was busier (*TNNA and tons of classes*) and I'm not ashamed to say that I'm taking a week or two to regroup and recharge my batteries. And I'm spending some very necessary time with my family, on my bike, and with Atticus

the wonder doggie. *If you follow [my blog](#), you can see how many miles I've ridden around the Twin Cities - my goal is an average of 6 per day.*

July is turning into a huge catch-up month whereby I hope to get all my duckies in a nice row for the start of what promises to be a VERY busy Autumn of teaching and designing. In the mean time, please enjoy your fourth - and your 40% discount! - and enjoy your family & friends during our American Anniversary!

Enjoy every moment with your hook & needles - you're in control of your fiber joy!

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