

Town of Ballston Community Library presents

YARN SWAP

...keeping ewe in mind!

When?

Saturday October 2nd, 2:00 – 8:00 pm

Where?

Town of Ballston Community Library
2 Lawmar Lane, Burnt Hills, NY - (518) 399-8174

What?

Here's an opportunity to go shopping in someone else's "stash" of yarn, etc. Your currency for purchases will be the yarn, books, patterns, tools and other yarn-related goodies you trade in.

How it works

You will presort your items that you want to "trade" into the categories seen on the chart below. You will hang out and talk to other swappers (or knit, spin, whatever) while the volunteers sort and put value/price stickers on your items. People can look at what is coming in, covet thy neighbor's stash, but not shop just yet. You will get your "yarn points" based on the value of the items you bring to trade.

When everything is ready, we will allow people to choose and "shop". We will do our best to maintain order. Disputes will be amicably solved with a coin toss.

All that remains will be donated to local charities that can put the items to good use.

What else to bring?

Bring a project to work on and show off, a UFO (unfinished object) to frog, a project you were proud of and want to show off, techniques to teach any beginners, nimble fingers, and a fun-loving attitude.

Please note – the library is being very gracious to host this event so we must be respectful and exhibit exemplary library behaviors (sshhhh!).

Prep your stash!

To make the process easier, we ask that you group your yarn into similar piles based on types and dye lots.

- You have 10 skeins of orange cashmere – package them together in a clear bag. Leave a tail of yarn outside the bag so people can "fondle" without opening the bag repeatedly.
- Make sure your skeins are securely twisted. Piles of tangled yarn are not as tempting to others.
- Try to provide yarn information/fiber content with as much of the skeins as possible (i.e. save the wrapper!).
- Group your yarns by types listed on the following chart. This is to help make the pricing by the volunteers go quicker.





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How much is my stash worth?

The chart below will be utilized to “value” your stash. Please DO NOT WRITE A POINT VALUE ON YOUR ITEMS. This will be done by the volunteers at the event. Please note this is a guideline.

POINTS	DESCRIPTION
0-1	Half skeins/balls
1	Skein of acrylic (more than 20% acrylic)
1-3	Fun fur/novelty (higher value for soft/microfiber)
3	Reclaimed yarn (per ball – wound and in good condition)
3-4	3 = cottons, low end wools; 4 = Lambs Pride
1-7	Pair of needles (2=wood/plastic/straights; 3=bamboo/circular; 4-7 if exotic woods/crystal palace/Addi in thick gauge)
5	Common but pricey (Berrocco, etc. \$8-12/ball)
5-9	Skein of sock yarn (5 if basic; 7 if self-striping/hand dyed)
6	Spinning Fiber (~4 oz)
7	Skein of hand painted yarn
7-10	Luxury yarns (+50% cashmere, etc.)
8-10+	Hand spun
1-2	Single pattern sheets (1=accessory; 2=bigger/complex item)
3	Back issues of knitting and crocheting magazines
3-6	Book – Soft cover (lower if vintage/worn)
5-7	Book – Hard cover (lower if vintage/worn; higher if massive)

What if I decide I want some of my stash back?

If some of your items don't get traded and you decide to make that blanket from years ago after all, you can “buy them back” after the yarn swap with your remaining “yarn points” at 75% of the item’s “point value”. Remember that there is a philanthropic edge to this swap...please be willing to part with the items you are bringing, but avoid spending all your points until the end if this is the case.

Volunteers are needed to help with the pricing/sales (arrive at 1:00 pm). Please contact Karen DeAngelo, Director - Town of Ballston Community Library with questions or to volunteer.
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