



**The National NeedleArts Association
Pathways into Professional NeedleArts
Internship Opportunities
Summer 2009**

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Individual Listings

Company name	Bagsmith
Location (City, State, Country)	Shaker Heights OH
Website	www.bagsmith.com
Description	<p>BagSmith, is a wholesaler offering items that enable needle artists to individualize pieces and make bold or subtle personal statements.</p> <p>BagSmith kits are a jumping off point. We encourage customers to go beyond our basic bags by adding additional yarns, ribbons and adornments. You can knit or crochet fibers along with the cord or work back into the bag with freeform techniques.</p>
Intern Responsibilities	Tbd
Stipend or pay	Tbd
Housing	None
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern Requirements	
Special Attractions in the area	
Host Name	Becca Smith

Company name	Bliss Yarns
Location (City, State, Country)	Brentwood TN
Website	www.blissyarns.com
Description	Full service yarn shop, carrying many different lines of yarns and accessories, and offering private and group instruction
Intern responsibilities	Because we are a small business, there will be many opportunities to participate in all facets of the business. I anticipate merchandising and sales to be primary responsibilities, as well as marketing and Web site updating.
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	No housing provided
Special housing issues	Local intern preferred
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	No transportation available
Intern Requirements	No special requests.
Special Attractions in the area	Brentwood is a suburb of Nashville, TN which is Music City, USA
Host name	Dana Nelms

Company name	Cestari, Ltd. in partnership with Handpainted Knitting Yarns
Location (City, State, Country)	Churchville VA and Wentzville MO
Website	www.cestariltd.com
Description	This partnership encompasses a complete operation from the raising of the sheep, through milling, dyeing and painting, designing, marketing and sales of the end product to yarn shops across the country.
Intern responsibilities	A unique opportunity, with the possibility of earning sales commissions, and potential for a real future as a manufacturer's representative for the company. Become totally involved in all aspects of wool production; learn what it means and what it takes to become a manufacturer's rep.
Stipend or pay	None (please see above)
Housing	Room provided
Special housing issues	No smoking
Special needs or considerations	none
Transportation	Car would be necessary
Intern Requirements	No requirements stated.
Special Attractions in the area	3 hrs. from DC, national forests, horseback riding, and mountain trails
Host name	Joann Walus

Company name	City Knits
Location (City, State, Country)	Detroit MI
Web site	www.cityknits.com
Description	City Knits consists of three different retail locations — 2 in commercial districts in Detroit, one in Mt. Clemens MI, a small town county seat.
Intern responsibilities	Hands on involvement in the development of a store merchandising system; company participation in two street festivals and laying the groundwork for a Fiber Arts Festival. Observing, assisting with purchasing, receiving, stocking, customer service in busy retail shops, as well.
Stipend or pay	none
Housing	Housing provided in home with private bath
Special housing issues	No smoking
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	Car helpful. Host can provide a bus pass but suggests it may not be reliable in the city. Parking is available.
Intern Requirements	Experience with Excel.
Special Attractions in the area	Near the Detroit Institute of Art, Greenfield Village
Host name	Karen Kendricks-Hand

Company name	CNS Yarns
Location (City, State, Country)	Montreal & Grand Mere Canada
Website	www.cnsyarns.com
Description	Wholesaler, manufacturer, distributor of yarns. Exclusive distributor for The Lily Chin Signature Collection and Mission Falls
Intern responsibilities	Based on intern's interests, host can provide opportunities to participate in day-to-day wholesale business processes, yarn production and/or retail operations.
Stipend or pay	none
Housing	Housing provided
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	Bus transportation available, host may provide some transportation assistance
Intern Requirements	Must have visa and be able to travel to Canada
Special Attractions in the area	Montreal is a busy metropolitan area with a variety of things to see and do, especially for young people.
Host name	Paul Nichols

Company name	Coats & Clark
Location (City, State, Country)	Charlotte NC
Website	www.coatsandclark.com
Description	Coats & Clark is part of the world's largest textile/thread manufacturing company with products sold in over 150 countries for industrial and home use.
Intern responsibilities	Intern will be involved in a variety of product development and marketing activities
Stipend or pay	\$200/week
Housing	No housing provided but will assist in locating appropriate housing
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	Based on housing
Intern Requirements	None requested.
Special Attractions in the area	Charlotte is considered the "Gateway to the South" and offers many entertainment and cultural options.
Host name	Nancy Thomas

Company name	Dyed in the Wool
Location (City, State, Country)	Pittsburgh PA
Website	www.ditwpa.com
Description	A full service knitting shop offering both original designs and classes
Intern responsibilities	Working with staff, help to redesign the store into a more efficient and effective working space. Help with website updates. Learn business procedures such as scheduling of staff, classes, billing, etc.
Stipend or pay	tbd
Housing	Housing in host home possible
Special housing issues	No smokers, please
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern Requirements	Open-minded. Computer/website skills and/or merchandising experience a bonus
Special Attractions in the area	Pittsburgh has many interesting museums, galleries, etc.
Host name	Carol Briggs Dragos

Company name	Fine Points, Inc.
Location (City, State, Country)	Cleveland OH
Website	www.finepoints.com
Description	Knitwear design house and yarn store with retail clothing and jewelry boutique. Full schedule of knitting classes.
Intern responsibilities	Helping with the maintenance and organization of the store, working with customers, organizing design kits, supporting a service project
Stipend or pay	none
Housing	Housing available
Special housing issues	Must not be allergic to cats
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	May need a car but can ride to work with host
Intern Requirements	It would be helpful if the intern knows how to knit. A retail background would be helpful, especially merchandising and marketing.
Special Attractions in the area	Cleveland Heights/Cleveland is relatively quiet. Lots of culture and great libraries. Hot in the summer.
Host name	Liz Tekus

Company name	Interweave Press
Location (City, State, Country)	Loveland CO
Website	www.interweave.com
Description	Publisher of high quality, nationally and internationally distributed magazines and books focusing on fiber and other crafts. Recognized as leaders within the enthusiast communities they serve.
Intern responsibilities	Be involved in editorial planning, from submission to printed magazine. Get an overview of integrating editorial into advertising, marketing, production & design. Other duties as assigned.
Stipend or pay	\$8/hour (20+ per week)
Housing	None provided
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern Requirements	Experience or interest in loop titles (crochet, knits)
Special Attractions in the area	A vibrant, artistic community surrounded by natural beauty
Host name	Marilyn Murphy/ Joan Eddy

Company name	Knit One Needlepoint Too
Location (City, State, Country)	Monticello NY
Website	www.k1n2.com
Description	Full service yarn, needlepoint and crafts store, offering classes, finishing and design services
Intern responsibilities	Sales, stocking, merchandising, displays, ordering, general business activities in an active, successful retail shop
Stipend or pay	Hourly pay depends on experience & bonus
Housing	tbd
Special housing issues	Host has one small dog
Special needs or considerations	Internship available through the end of August
Transportation	Host can provide transportation to and from work
Intern Requirements	Pleasant, upbeat personality, energetic and willing to learn. Ability to knit and stitch a plus!
Special Attractions in the area	Catskill Mountain Resort area, fishing, boating, hiking, sailing, casino gambling
Host name	Susan Gross

Company name	Knitgrrl
Location (City, State, Country)	Cleveland OH
Website	www.knitgrrl.com
Description	Designer/writer of knitting books; operates web site and offers classes
Intern responsibilities	Working along with other interns, assist in dying fibers and yarns, producing new patterns, and all other aspects of a busy design, publishing and teaching company.
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	None
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	Local intern preferred
Transportation	TBD
Intern Requirements	Experience in pattern drafting, new product development or business a plus!
Special Attractions in the area	
Host name	Shannon Okey

Company name	Knitting on the Square
Location (City, State, Country)	Chardon OH
Website	www.knittingonthesquare.com
Description	Retail knit shop offering classes, books, patterns, quality yarns and notions. Also the home of Kate Jackson Knits patterns. (created in the shop)
Intern responsibilities	Assist with retail sales of yarn and knitting supplies and pattern help. If applicable, intern will be encouraged to assist in pattern design and teaching.
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	None
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	Local intern preferred
Transportation	TBD
Intern Requirements	A basic knowledge of knitting and/or crochet . . . You'll learn a lot more while on-site
Special Attractions in the area	Historical Chardon Square is in the center of rural Geauga County
Host name	Kate Jackson

Company name	Original Sewing & Quilting Expo
Location (City, State, Country)	Westlake OH
Website	www.SewingExpo.com
Description	The company facilitates sewing expos (9), coordinating classes, exhibitors and displays
Intern responsibilities	This is primarily marketing/management position. Activities include assisting with outreach programs, phone calls, computer database input, misc. office support services including class registrations & proofreading for retail events.
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	None
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	Local interns preferred
Transportation	Tbd
Intern Requirements	Experience in sewing, quilting, knitting helpful but not required. Computer skills including word and excel preferred.
Special Attractions in the area	Suburban area within 5 minutes of public transportation and 30 minutes from downtown Cleveland, close to shopping and restaurants.
Host name	Mark Ingraham, Monica Vay, Marlene Ingraham, Gini Baldi

Company name	Pick Up Sticks
Location (City, State, Country)	Oakland CA
Website	www.pickupsticksonline.com
Description	Recently named one of nine winners of the Women's Entrepreneur of the Year 2008 by Country Living Magazine. We design knitting patterns and kits for the retail knitting industry. I design all of the knitted items and my partner, Kelly, and I design the packaging. We sell our knitting patterns and kits into retail stores throughout the United States and Canada. We manufacture and ship the kits from our warehouse in San Lorenzo, CA, and we also do lots of packing and shipping from our studio in the Montclair district of the Oakland Hills.
Intern responsibilities	Assist in day to day operations, including getting promotional packages to clients, picking up materials and making bank and post office deliveries; Assist in photo shoots and file transfers with graphic designer; Coordinate packing and shipping of internet orders; Invoice orders; Promotional mailings/email alerts; If intern knits, we will definitely use her and per her extra to work up patterns.
Stipend or pay	\$200/week
Housing	None provided
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	If intern lives in an apartment in town, everything is in walking distance. If not, a car may be parked in owner's driveway. Public transportation is excellent,

	with a bus stop right outside the office. BART (train to San Francisco) is 1.5 miles away. Intern will be allowed to use owner's car for business purposes.
Intern Requirements	We are keen on finding an intern who is able to wear many hats and who will be devoted to and excited about learning every aspect of a design firm/wholesale manufacturer. Because we are so small, this is a tremendous 'hands on' opportunity for the correct candidate. On a given day, we can be doing anything from designing a new product line, editing patterns for our latest book, negotiating with our yarn vendor in Peru, doing a photo shoot, packing orders, dealing with our warehouse, etc. That said, we need someone who is agile and entrepreneurial, who can be given a task and complete it quickly with precision, and who has common sense and is a problem solver. We also would prefer the intern have some computer experience, driver's license, interest in the needle arts, positive, friendly attitude.
Special Attractions in the area	We are a 15-minute BART or car ride to downtown San Francisco. Our Oakland Studio is located in a wonderful neighborhood in the Oakland hills. We walk to everything (my house & office are one block from each other) and public transportation abounds. There are apartments available in town, which features coffee shops, clothing stores, restaurants and 1 sports bar, Crogans. It's a fun location; with an active 'coffee culture' -- lots of people drive here to 'hang out' and have their lattes.
Host name	Maggie Pace

Company name	Royal School of Needlework, with the Crewel Work Company
Location (City, State, Country)	Hampton Court Palace, Kingston-upon-Thames (West London), United Kingdom
Website	www.royal-needlework.org.uk
Description	<p>The Royal School of Needlework was founded in 1872 to ensure that the full range of needlework was being taught to the highest standard. In 1876 we introduced the concept of art embroidery to America when we produced a whole room for the Centennial exhibition in Philadelphia including pieces designed by Walter Crane. From this exhibition Candace Wheeler began her own work in the US.</p> <p>Today the RSN is still about teaching to the highest standard and then putting it in to practice in our Studio.</p>
Intern Responsibilities	<p>The intern will have the opportunity to support all the departments of the RSN – classes, the Studio, the preparation for the Foundation Degree and our Collection. The summer is a busy time with our international Summer School and in September we will welcome our first students on to the Foundation Degree so an additional pair of hands will be very welcome. They will be doing admin, hostess support (meeting and greeting some of our day class people) and will also be helping out our volunteer librarians with setting up our new library for the Foundation Degree. If they have the skills, they may also be</p>

	<p>updating our website.</p> <p>During the time here the intern will have the opportunity to visit the Embroiderers' Guild, also based at Hampton Court Palace and, of course the Palace itself which will, in 2009 celebrate the 500th anniversary of Henry VIII becoming King.</p> <p>It is also likely that the intern will be able to take part in at least one course while here to learn/improve needlework skills.</p>
Stipend or pay	<p>We will pay for the housing, which will also cover breakfast and a contribution to evening meal. We will also pay for a travel pass between the accommodation and Hampton Court Palace.</p> <p>The intern will be responsible for additional food costs, transportation from and back to the states, as well as leisure travel etc.</p>
Housing	Yes, in an apartment (shared)
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	Walk or bus
Intern Requirements	<p>This will be a great opportunity for someone who is willing, flexible, has common sense and a can-do attitude, as well as an interest in needlework. They will need to be able to look after themselves (eg travelling about), though, after the first week (which is our Apprentices' hand in week for their final pieces) that the person will be given invitations etc.</p>

Special Attractions in the area	35 mins by train to central London, (Gatwick or Heathrow are the best airports to use, geographically).
Host Name	Dr. Susan Kay-Williams

Company name	Soho Publishing
Location (City, State, Country)	New York NY
Website	www.vogue/knitting.com
Description	Vogue Knitting/SOHO Publishing is a well-respected publisher responsible for Vogue Knitting, "Sixth & Spring Books," Knit 1 magazine, Knit Simple, Adorn, Yarn Market News, Cutting Edge, Crochet Today.
Intern Responsibilities	More information to come
Stipend or pay	To be determined
Housing	None
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern Requirements	Interest in fashion, design and marketing
Special Attractions in the area	
Host Name	

Company name	Stitch Cleveland
Location (City, State, Country)	Lakewood OH
Website	www.knitgrrl.com
Description	
Intern responsibilities	Learn about teaching sewing lessons, handling alterations/tailoring, working with customers with design ideas, etc.; ordering from manufacturers, production and custom sewing. This would be a great opportunity for someone with sewing knowledge who wants to eventually start his or her own business.
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	None
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern requirements	
Special attractions in the area	
Host name	Heidi Massengill

Company name	Stitch, Piece n' Purl
Location (City, State, Country)	Cuyahoga Falls OH
Website	www.stitchpiecenpurl
Description	Northeast Ohio's most complete shop featuring quilting fabric and notions, specialty yarn and yarn notions, cross-stitch, needlework supplies, punch needle, hand spinning, hand-dyed wool and floss, books, patterns, classes. Products/Services: Accessories, Classes Offered, Counted Thread & Embroidery, Knitting & Crochet, Spinning, Stitchery
Intern responsibilities	More information to come
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	none
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern Requirements	
Special Attractions in the area	
Host name	Ileen Rissmiller

Company name	Tanglewood Fiber Creations
Location (City, State, Country)	St. Helens OR
Website	http://spinningmom.blogspot.com
Description	Provider of hand-spun, hand-dyed yarn to upscale yarn shops. In-house dyeing and spinning yarn. All marketing and management handled in house.
Intern responsibilities	Hand-dyeing, yarn construction, business administration, wholesale and retail management, fiber animal management, color theory, label and shipping, lavender harvesting – will take two interns
Stipend or pay	\$100/week
Housing	Private room with full/queen size bed, full bath, all meals included - on small farm
Special housing issues	Cats, sheep, visiting dogs, chickens on premises. Non-smoking, light drinker, no vegans. Farm living involved, no hard drinking or drugs, meals consumed on site.
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	Free parking, can walk to work
Intern Requirements	Love if intern doesn't know anything and needs to be taught. Laughter is a must!
Special Attractions in the area	Lavender farm on premise
Host name	Trish Anderson

Company name	Thymbles
Location (City, State, Country)	Smithville OH
Website	www.thymbles.com
Description	Retailer offering fabric and needlework supplies
Intern responsibilities	More information to come
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	none
Special housing issues	
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	
Intern Requirements	
Special Attractions in the area	
Host name	Chris Marty

Company name	Wool and Willow Needlepoint in partnership with Barbara Bergsten
Location (City, State, Country)	Shaker Heights OH
Website	www.woolandwillow.com
Description	In addition to learning what it takes to run a full service needlepoint shop offering hand painted canvases, threads, classes and special community projects, this intern would also work with a needlepoint designer, helping to develop new ideas, and take the ideas to a stitch painted canvas. The intern could also help with marketing, classes and business activities.
Intern responsibilities	To be determined
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	No housing provided
Special housing issues	Local intern preferred
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	No transportation available
Intern Requirements	No special requests.
Special Attractions in the area	Near Cleveland OH
Host name	Ann Forquer

Company name	Y2Knit
Location (City, State, Country)	Funkstown MD and San Francisco CA
Website	www.y2knit.net
Description	Yarn shop, publishes full line of contemporary patterns, distributed to both retail and wholesalers
Intern responsibilities	Operation of the yarn shop, pattern order fulfillment, business development, class preparation, 2008 event planning, pattern and design development, book development
Stipend or pay	None
Housing	Housing available - with optional 1 to 2 week stay @ Y2Knit's San Francisco operations
Special housing issues	Must not be allergic to cats.
Special needs or considerations	
Transportation	Free parking. <u>Intern responsible for travel expenses to San Francisco.</u>
Intern Requirements	No special requests.
Special Attractions in the area	Outdoor sports, antique shopping, and nearby large cities offer much to do in your time off.
Host name	Susan and Jill Wolcott