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Dear Stitches,

Spring is in the air! You can transition your wardrobe into the warmer months with lightweight knitted or crocheted tees. If you are new to garment making, take up this challenge by choosing lace patterns or go vintage with a simple tank, shrug or cardigan. Now is the perfect time to cast on a new spring top or shawl. Just remember to keep things light, breathable, and a little bit whimsical!

According to *@knittingwellness* on Instagram: "By the end of the day, most of us are experiencing decision fatigue without even realizing it. Our brains make thousands of decisions every day -- what to say, what to do next, what to prioritize. It adds up! This is one reason that our favorite knitting and crocheting projects can feel so calming. Once you understand the pattern, your brain no longer has to make constant choices. Your hands know what to do in the moment and your mind finally gets to rest. This is where our needle arts become more than just a hobby, and become a way to give your brain a break. Sometimes a little peace can come from fewer decisions.

There's something deeply satisfying about making something with your hands. In a world where we consume so much -- content, products, information -- creating something physical feels way different. Stitching moves you from consuming to creating. From watching to making. Each stitch becomes visible proof that your effort creates something real. This is one of the reasons crafting has such a powerful effect on well-being. Sometimes confidence doesn't arrive all at once, but it does build over time (often quietly and before you know it). When you're knitting or crocheting today, you're part of a long tradition of people making things slowly and intentionally. One finished stitch and one project at a time". Now, go make something beautiful and lasting...

It's "Slow Down and Stitch" Month!
 10% off all regularly-priced cotton and cotton blend yarns
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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Spring and its constantly changing weather brings challenges for what to wear. Layer, layer, layer! Knits work with EVERYTHING -- jackets, coats, even dresses. Layering is instant wearability. Pick a shade that you can't stop loving -- the one you feel radiant in every time and stitch up a vest, tee or cardi. Go with a yarn that is easy to care for, one you'll reach for more often. Pair your knit with something you already own. Suddenly, your sweater becomes the hero of your wardrobe. Your knits are not museum pieces. You made them. They are meant to be worn. You will look amazing. RPD patterns (Ravelry Pro downloads) are Ravelry patterns that Kathy's Kreations can download to your Ravelry library for you, at the same price as online. Here's some new ideas for Spring 2026...

The EMMA'S YARN Crazy Beautiful Club April 2026 selection is just peachy! Juicy pink and peach swirls are so gorgeous for spring tops and tees. Available here on yarn bases "Simply Spectacular DK" (\$28.95, 100 grams, 255 yards, 75% superwash merino/25% nylon, CYCA #3) and "Simply Spectacular Smalls" (\$8.50, 20 grams, 50 yards). What to make? We're liking the *Poppy Pullover* from DREA RENEE KNITS (\$9.00 RPD, shown page 7 lower left). Designer Andrea Mowry combined sweet eyelets, delicate bobbles and a soft halo into her new favorite sweater. The sweater is knit top down beginning with the collar, so that you can try it on as you go and add length to suit your own personal style. The circular yoke is adorned with eyelets and bobbles, then the sleeves are separated while the body is finished. Then, the sleeves are returned to the needle, picking up stitches for the underarm for a totally seamless sweater...

It seems that we are having a baby boom again. If you're looking to make a cute gift for a little one, the *Beautifully Basic Baby Tee* (\$7.00 RPD, shown page 6 lower left) is sized 3 months to 10 years. The pattern includes directions for both short or long sleeves, and three different edging options: rolled, 1X1 ribbing, and 2X2 ribbing. This is a great pattern to use with that special variegated, speckled, or multi-colored fingering weight, since there are no stitch patterns to be concealed by wild and crazy colors. Of course, it also looks great in solids and semi-solids for an instant classic. Try knitting it with EMMA'S YARN "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.95, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA#2)...

Fun, fast and beginner-friendly, the crocheted *Barclay Beanie* (\$5.00 RPD, shown page 7 upper right) shows how beautifully texture comes forward in MALABRIGO "Rios" (\$18.50, 100 grams, 210 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #4). This hat is made bottom-up, starting with a snug brim, then introducing post stitches for stretch and texture. Slight shaping at the crown makes this hat fit perfectly. This hat is designed with beginners in mind...

Bitterscotch by Thea Colman (\$8.00 RPD, shown lower right) is a classic cardigan silhouette with a timeless, rustic vibe. Thea's goal was to create something that would work equally well with any outfit -- for years! She used a garter stitch honeycomb pattern, worked along with twisted cables. Another distinctive touch has the hem ribbing flowing into the body pattern. Thea added a strong curved detail at the front and side edges of each cable panel, allowing the different textures to contrast nicely (a spot for easy modifications!). More bold detail along the button band makes for a beautiful line at center front. We suggest a heavy worsted or light Aran weight yarn in a solid, heather, tweed or subtle semi-solid to show off the pattern best. Our yarn choice is BERROCO "Millstone Tweed" (\$11.50, 50 grams, 97 yards, 60% wool/20% polyamide/20% viscose, CYCA #4) for its classic appeal, perfect to wear as a spring jacket...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Cloudbreak Tee by WOOL AND PINE (\$8.75 RPD, shown upper right) is the tee you've been looking for. DK weight, seamless, cropped just right, stockinette through the body and then a flirty, lace scalloped hem that's super fun and easy to knit. The lace placement creates a flattering silhouette and gives the hem treatment its soft movement and charm. It goes with everything. You'll wear it constantly.

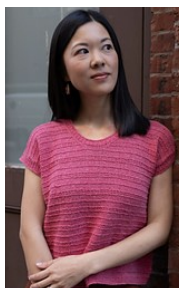


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Cloudbreak features an easy construction, and is easy to customize with short and long sleeve options included in the pattern. Lace instructions are provided in both written and charted format. It is worked top down, using a contiguous seamless construction that gives you a gorgeous set-in sleeve shaping, with no seaming and a beautiful fit through the shoulder and sleeve. The neckline is shaped front and back for a clean, flattering scoop that sits perfectly. While any DK weight yarn with good stitch definition will work, we recommend tonal or lightly variegated options to enhance the lace hem detail, like EMMA'S YARN "Simply Spectacular DK" (\$28.95, 100 grams, 255 yards, 75% superwash merino/25% nylon, CYCA #3)...

If spring were a sweater, what would it look like? *Wild Ivy* maybe! This is a seamless DK raglan with a vertical lace panel that winds up the front of the bodice for a beautifully flattering fit (\$8,75 RPD, shown page 5 lower left). The neckline is the heart of this WOOL & PINE design. You begin flat to shape the opening before joining in the round, and guidance is included for knitting it more open and relaxed, or closed and structured. Optional waist shaping, adjustable body and sleeve length, and video tutorials for every customizable step make this knit easy to make your own. Any DK weight with good stitch definition will work well here. A smooth merino blend like MADELINE TOSH "Tosh DK" (\$31.95, 112 grams, 228 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #3) will feel soft against the skin and show the lace to its best advantage. Merino wool is an excellent spring yarn choice due to its natural ability to regulate body temps, wick moisture, and resist odors. It works to keep you cool by pulling sweat away from the skin for rapid evaporation, preventing that sticky, clammy feeling, and is highly breathable, allowing air to pass through. Merino wool can absorb around 35% of its weight in moisture without feeling wet (as compared to 24% for cotton and 2% for acrylic)...

Welcome spring with a shawl that is light, breathable, and made for layering on the go. The *Lola Shawlette* by Kristel Nieves (\$5.00 RPD, shown page 6 upper right) is a refined, everyday accessory for intermediate skill level knitters, designed to be as satisfying to knit as it is to wear. It is worked from one tip, increasing along a single edge until the midpoint is reached, then mirrored decreases create a clean, balanced shape. A subtle knit-and-purl texture adds depth and movement to the center while keeping the overall look calm and elegant. The rhythmic stitch pattern makes *Lola* an engaging project without being complicated, ideal for knitters who enjoy thoughtful details and a steady, relaxing flow. The pattern requires two skeins of either MALABRIGO light bulky weight "Mecha" (\$17.95, 100 grams, 130 yards, 100% merino, CYCA #5) or "Vientos" (\$18.50, 100 grams, 130 yards, 100% merino, CYCA #5)...



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The *Prospect Tee* (\$9.50 RPD, shown lower left) by TORI KNITS NYC is a drop shoulder tee featuring a landscape of textured stitches, with neat shaping and finishing details. The pattern is knitted top-down and is a true delight to make! The *Prospect Tee* is a beautiful addition to any hand-knit warm weather wardrobe. This design takes its name from Prospect Park, a serene escape in the heart of Brooklyn, NY. Nine sizes are included in this versatile pattern, 34" - 66" finished bust. Fingering weight is used for this garment --it would look amazing in MADELINE TOSH "Tosh Sock" (\$31.50, 100 grams, 462 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #2)...



*** APRIL 2026 KNIT-ALONG ***

Please join us for MALABRIGO's "Sock" yarn Knit-Along project, the *Orienta Shawl* by Cory Boberg (\$5.00 RPD, shown left or free if you register at malabrigo.com), an eye-catching design that explores the interplay of color and contrast in a way that's both engaging to knit and stunning to wear. The Knit-along officially begins April 3, 2026, and we'll be with you every step of the way.

The pattern calls for 2 skeins of MALABRIGO "Sock" in the main color plus 1 skein MALABRIGO "Sock" in a contrast color, and US size 6 circular knitting needles, 32" long. The design especially benefits from using contrasting colors, making it a wonderful opportunity to explore bold pairings, unexpected combinations, or subtle transitions (see page 6 for color tips). Kathy's Kreations has "Sock" available in several shades, including some from the new Aura Collection. This means endless ways to make your *Orienta Shawl* uniquely yours. Ask to see Kathy's combo of jasmine and misterio colorways for inspiration. The pattern features garter stripe sections alternating with lace openwork. This is an excellent opportunity for you to try a new way to ssk from INTERWEAVE (see page 5).

Throughout the Knit-Along, Jill Tamminen of KNIT SISU will host weekly online support sessions, where she'll share tips, answer questions, and help you along your knitting journey. These sessions will be recorded and shared with all registered participants, so you can watch live or catch up later.

Come knit with us on Fridays throughout April 2026, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, and work on this, or any other project purchased here at Kathy's Kreations (we're crochet friendly, too!). If you can't join us in person, please post your progress on our Ravelry page (We Love Kathy's), Instagram (#kathyknitz) or Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** UPCOMING KNIT ALONG WITH CYNTHIA SPENCER ***

Cynthia Spencer of CREATIVE PATHWAYS is introducing a new mystery poncho pattern, *Treasury Hunt*, with the first clue on April 25, 2026. It is inspired by the extraordinary Barbara Walker, whose stitch dictionaries opened up the world of texture to generations of knitters (including our own Kathy). When Barbara passed away last December, Cynthia found herself wanting to honor her lasting influence on our craft.

Treasury Hunt is a capelet-style poncho, knit top-down with no seaming. Along the way, you'll explore textured stitch patterns, thoughtful color combinations, and creative choice points that let you make the design uniquely yours. There will be guidance for sizing and for lengthening or shortening the garment as we go.

The pattern is available now on Ravelry through Kathy's Kreations to allow plenty of time to gather the yarn and supplies. The pattern is currently \$6.99 (no coupon needed) and will increase to \$12.99 on April 26, 2026. If you'd like a feel for Cynthia's mystery style, the closest companion is the Pennsylvania Road Trip (that shop model is on display here at Kathy's Kreations). Kathy's Kreations is recommending MADELINE TOSH "Vintage", MALABRIGO "Rios" or HiKOO "Sueno Worsted" for this knit-along. Please contact us with questions or for color choices and project yarn...

*** LET'S KNIT SERIES ***

March's class was impacted by bad weather, so we'll continue with the TIN CAN KNITS *Timber* project for our LET'S KNIT class series with instructor Karen McCullough on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. This fingerless mitts design is suitable for an intermediate level knitter familiar with working circularly. It features horseshoe and rope cables on the back of the hand, a broken rib pattern over the palm, gusseted stockinette thumbs and a fold-back ribbed cuff over the fingers for added warmth. Our shop sample was knit with MADELINE TOSH "Vintage" worsted weight yarn. Registration is \$20.00 plus purchase of pattern and yarn. Please call Kathy's Kreations at 724-238-9320 to register, openings available...

*** MODIFIED SLIP, SLIP, KNIT ***

Our knitting instructor Karen McCullough recently shared a modified SSK method with us. Upon further research, we found an article in INTERWEAVE online 3/16/26, where editor Kathleen Cubley shared this information:



"If you're an experienced knitter, you know that sometimes it's the little details that can make or break the look of your project. Take the slip, slip, knit decrease, better known as the SSK. It's the left-leaning partner to the classic knit two together (k2tog) decrease, and it shows up all the time in patterns for everything from lace shawls to sweater shaping. But here's the rub: the standard SSK can sometimes look a bit loose or less tidy than its k2tog counterpart. For knitters who care about the finer points of their fabric, an untidy decrease just won't do! We want our left-leaning decreases to be as sleek and subtle as the rest of our stitches, especially when we're painstakingly crafting a garment or accessory.

The good news is that knitters are a clever bunch, and we're giving the trusty SSK a little "glow-up" with three variations. By understanding and trying out these methods, you can choose the one that makes your left-leaning decreases as neat and beautiful as the rest of your knitting.

- 1) **Modified SSK:** Knitting legend Elizabeth Zimmermann introduced this "SSK improved" method -- instead of slipping both stitches knitwise, you slip one knitwise and the next purlwise, then knit them together through the back loop. This little change in stitch orientation makes the decrease lie flatter and nearly disappear into your fabric.
 - Step 1. Slip the first stitch knitwise.
 - Step 2. Slip second stitch purlwise.
 - Step 3. Insert left needle through both stitches through the BACK LOOP and knit the two together.
- 2) **One-step Slip, Slip, Knit:** This nifty one-step SSK variation (sometimes called a "no-slip SSK") lets you work the decrease in one fluid motion. By eliminating extra moves, this method reduces how much you handle the yarn, which means a lower chance of stretching stitches and a quicker, smoother decrease.
 - Step 1. Enter the front loop of the first stitch knitwise.
 - Step 2. Leaving the stitch on the needle, enter the second stitch through the back loop.
 - Step 3. Pull back on the second stitch a bit, then knit the two stitches together through the back loop (pulling on the second stitch makes it easier to bring the yarn through both stitches).
- 3) **Slip, Slip, Knit with One Slipped Stitch:** This variation includes a clever trick: slip only the first stitch knitwise, return it to the left needle, then complete the knit-through-the-back loop decrease. Why do that? Because handling the stitch less can keep it snug -- every time you manipulate a stitch, you risk loosening it, so minimizing that can make the decrease more discreet.
 - Step 1. Slip first stitch knitwise and place back on the left needle.
 - Step 2. Knit it together through the back loop with the next stitch.

We've just taken a little journey through the world of SSK improvements, and what a difference a few tweaks can make! The big takeaway is that there's no one 'right' way to work an SSK -- the best way is the one that gives you the tidiest results.

The wonderful thing about having multiple SSK techniques in your tool kit is that you get to experiment. Grab some scrap yarn and knit a little swatch, testing out each of these decreases. Cast on 20 stitches, knit 4, work the SSK variation, then knit to the end of the row.

You might discover that one method consistently gives you a cleaner line in your colorwork sweater, while another feels faster and easier when you're cruising through a pair of socks. Experienced knitters know that every yarn and project can behave a bit differently, so it's worth finding what works best for your hands and your style. In the end, improving the look of your SSK is all about polishing those small details that add up to a beautifully finished piece". Original source: *Interweave.com* 3/16/2026



*** MAKING PRETTY SHAWLS ***

Pretty shawls don't just happen -- they're a little bit of yarn, a little bit of magic, and a few good decisions along the way. @letesknit on Instagram shares these secrets to make them extra lovely:

- 1) Yarn sets the tone. Happy yarn = happy stitches. Pick something that feels lovely in your hands and that will let the stitches shine
- 2) Fiber makes the fabric. Not all yarn behaves the same way. Wool will give you crisp stitches; silk will give you drape and glow; and alpaca will give you soft haze. Choose fibers that *highlight* your pattern.
- 3) Color harmony. Colors should *talk nicely* to each other. Too loud? Too shy? Your shawl will tell the story.
- 4) Needles, tension and drape. Relax your stitches and don't fear bigger needles -- even for sock yarn! Airy fabric means flowy, swooshy goodness.
- 5) Size matters (a little!). More skeins = bigger shawl. Cozy wrap or light neck hug? You decide!
- 6) Trust the process. It might look odd halfway through. *Keep going* -- shawls bloom at the end with blocking.
- 7) Blocking is magic. This is where the transformation happens. From "hmmm" to "OH WOW!"
- 8) Enjoy the knitting! *Pretty* isn't just the result -- it's in every calm, happy stitch.



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*** COLOR TIPS ***

Selecting knitting/crocheting color combinations effectively requires balancing color value (light/darkness), using tools like a color wheel and ensuring sufficient contrast for colorwork patterns, such as combining one light and one dark shade. Key strategies include choosing complimentary colors for high contrast (opposite each other on the color wheel), analogous colors for harmony (next to each other on the color wheel), or using tonal shades within a color family for a cohesive look. A high-contrast pairing (e.g., navy and white) ensures patterns show up clearly, while low-contrast pairs offer a muted look.

Apply the 60-30-10 rule for multi-color projects, which uses 60% of your main color, 30% of a secondary color, and 10% as a pop of color for accents or borders. Creams, grays, browns, and blacks can act as "anchors" to ground bright colors and prevent a chaotic final product. When choosing colors for garments, consider what colors already exist in your wardrobe to ensure you will wear the finished item.

When in doubt, look at nature. Nature is the best color designer (flowers, bark, leaves, sky). Check out the shades of sunset -- gold, blue, purple borrowed from the sky at that in-between hour. Kathy once attended a color class with the amazing Kristin Nicholas. Kristin brought a large basket of produce and fresh flowers from a local market to class for inspiration. Try looking (really look closely) at the color variations in a piece of fruit/vegetable or a spring bloom to spark your creativity. Ligonier Country Market will be opening soon -- that's another great space for color inspiration. What's a color combination from nature that you love?

*** FALL FLING 2026 ***

We are pleased to announce that the amazing Cynthia Spencer of CREATIVE PATHWAYS will once again be our featured instructor at our Fall Fling September 25 - 27, 2026. Plans are now underway and registrations are being accepted. Tentative workshop topics include a mini-sweater ornament, fingerless mitts and a knitted bracelet. These projects will feature an interesting pattern stitch or technique to learn. Cynthia has a unique knack for knitting instructions that are really clear and well written. For workshop details, contact Kathy at 724-238-9320. More information will be in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned...



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*** LYS DAY ***

Local Yarn Store Day (LYS Day) is an annual celebration on April 25, 2026 (always the last Saturday in April). This event was created by the National Needlework Association to support independent brick-and-mortar fiber craft shops. It features yarns, special products, and local community events like our Spring Break workshop, bringing together knitters, crocheters and weavers to support local small businesses.

Kathy's Kreations will also be featuring a trunk show from TWICE SHEARED SHEEP, plus a free SKACEL magalog (while supplies last) and BERROCO pattern code with your purchase...



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** POETRY NEIGHBORHOOD ***

Kathy's Kreations is participating with the Latrobe Art Center project, "Poetry Neighborhood" to celebrate National Poetry month. We are please to feature a poster of a poem written by student Noah F in our storefront window. Noah's poem was the inspiration for our "slow down and stitch" theme this month:

"Do you have the need for speed?
Slow down,
Notice the invitation
For the long journey,
Adapt and thrive,
Walk, then run,
Chase the long journey,
Drive for Growth"

*** SUMMER SATURDAYS (AND MORE) IN LIGONIER ***

This summer, the Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce is planning Saturday events to encourage visitors to spend the day in Ligonier -- shopping, dining, and enjoying everything our town has to offer. The first event will be MADE IN LIGONIER MARKET on Saturday, May 2, 2016. Shop our local Ligonier Valley area vendors who will be located around the Diamond...

In the meantime, we can share with you the exciting events that Kathy's Kreations has in store for knitters and crocheters like you all summer long. From May 1, through October 31, 2026, we will be participating with 30 yarn shops and fiber farms in our beautiful state. To join, you'll need to purchase a passport (\$5.00, available here later this month), which will include the details -- then all that's left is for you to hit the road! The prize structure is tiered -- the more locations you visit, the greater your rewards. More complete information is on the website, payarnquest.com and follow on Facebook and Instagram. Have fun along the way -- road trips with your fellow stitchers, finding new shops along the way and be reminded how alluring Pennsylvania is. Grab your project bag and tell all your friends that it's time for a new fiber adventure! For more information and a complete listing of participating businesses, visit Instagram #PAYQ2026

For over the past decade and, we've been hosting knitters, crocheters, spinners, weavers, and felters for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. Dates have been extended -- this is an annual Pittsburgh tradition, the ultimate summer event for fiber enthusiasts! This fun event is expanding to include three weekends. Save the dates July 24 through August 9, 2026 -- Kathy's Kreations will be open every day for your shopping pleasure! Passports will be available in early June (\$5.00). A sling-style tote bag with a new logo will be available as a separate pre-order -- more details to come soon! Over 17 delightful days, you'll hop between nine fabulous shops in the Pittsburgh area. There will be prizes to win and limited edition items to collect. Participating shops include: Chicken Knitz, Kathy's Kreations, Moon and Yarn Craft Room, Oakmont Yarn Collaborative, Raggz Fiber Arts, Sewickley Yarns, The Shop on Grant, Wildchild Stitches, and Yarn Bits and Bobs...



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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

An RSVP is appreciated for all in-store events (classes, knit alongs) as space is limited. Please call us at 724-238-9320 so that we can expect you. Any changes to our shop hours due to inclement weather or schedule will be posted on our Facebook page and Instagram...

*** APRIL 2026 KNIT ALONG (KAL) ***

Although stitching is a solitary activity, knitters and crocheters enjoy gathering to share their successes, laugh about mistakes, and learn from one another! Whether you've just discovered us or have been with us for years, thank you so much for your support. Stop by on **Fridays during April 2026, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**, for our much-anticipated *Oriente Shawl* knit-along (see page 4). Not working on the KAL? You're still welcome to come -- it's free! PLEASE BRING A PROJECT PURCHASED HERE AT KATHY'S KREATIONS (maybe one that doesn't require much concentration, so that you can engage with the people around you). We love the fellowship created around a table full of yarn. Join our knitting community for gathering, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. This is the place for you to learn, grow, connect, and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters. Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry page, Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA) or Instagram (#kathyknitz). You are welcome here, find your "happy place"!

Kathy will be available for consultation and guidance for the Berroco Cable Craze blanket squares and other projects purchased here at our weekly Friday knit-along sessions...

*** "LET'S KNIT!" CLASS SERIES ***

Join instructor Karen McCullough as we learn how-to's for the TIN CAN KNITS *Timber* fingerless mitts as the "Let's Knit" class series continues on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** (see page 4 for details)...

*** UPCOMING TRUNK SHOW ***

We are starting to get ready for a very special TWICE SHEARED SHEEP trunk show on April 22 - April 30, 2026, kicking off for Ladies ' Day/Night. We are so excited to partner with TWICE SHEARED SHEEP and offer their pretties to our customers over Spring Break 2026 and LYS Day 2026. If you are not familiar with their products, get ready for empowered knitting that will allow you to have more confidence in your skills...

*** SPRING BREAK 2026 ***

Kathy is pleased to announce that we will be hosting our 15th annual "Spring Break" Knitting Workshop Weekend April 24 - 26, 2026, with featured instructor the amazing Tanis Gray Chang! Tanis will be teaching a nine-hour workshop at the Ligonier Town Hall Community Room. Topics are project-driven and are loaded with interesting knitting techniques. *A Short Reprise Hat* is a wonderful way to learn Vikkle/Estonian/Lateral 2-colored braids and Roosimine/Estonian Inlay, while *Regret the Moon Cowl* features a slip-stitch colorwork pattern with a unique texture. This event is very much in demand and registration is filled (waiting list available, flyer available upon request)...

*** COME LEARN HERE ***

Looking for your next project or to learn a new technique? We're here as your hub for creativity, connection, and inspiration. Private knitting and crocheting "help" for beginners and beyond is available by appointment. Additional group classes are available for groups of 4 or more. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your creative journeys. Keep stitching, keep growing! Kathy's Kreations has been the "helpful hands" of knitters in Ligonier for over four and a half decades...

It's our anniversary month -- we're celebrating 46 years in business. Thank you for your support and making us your go-to LYS! KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy