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 AUGUST 2023 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

We invite you to come experience some delicious fibery goodness during what Kathy calls “the ten best days of summer”. Kathy’s Kreations is one of nine Pittsburgh PA area yarn shops participating in the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl July 28–August 6, 2023. Tell all your friends – meet up with your “yarn buddies” and other fiber enthusiasts and take day-trippin’ to the max with this summer splurge adventure. See what makes each shop special, win prizes and interact with fiber enthusiasts from all over the country!

One of our special features for this year’s crawl is a MUUD trunk show with handcrafted, premium 100% leather tote bags and organizers. MUUD is a Danish lifestyle brand with stylish solutions designed with a focus on high functionality and timeless aesthetics. Another event activity is a RIVER RAT YARNS trunk show/meet & greet with artisan Stacey Rivera. We are premiering a special sunset colorway that she created for our “Here Comes The Sun” sunshine theme (see page 7). DREAM IN COLOR has also created a sunrise colorway as well for the premiere of Kathy’s original design, “The Golden Hour” scarf. Linda Cable will also be here with sunny-side-up stitch markers. Don’t miss out on this happening!

Knitting and crocheting have their own unique language and each piece we make tells its own individual tale. The pattern stitches may symbolize a message (as with Aran cables or fishermen gansies), or you may have wonderful memories of where you were when making it (relaxing with friends, on vacation, etc.). Whether your story is filled with color, texture or proportion, we can help you to have a happy ending – today and for seasons to come! We hope that our exciting collection of yarns, accessories, patterns and project ideas will elevate your style, make you smile and inspire a fun summertime creative journey with a memorable story to tell. Feel the sunshine!

STORE HOURS

Kathy's Kreations will have extended hours for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl:

9:00 am–4:00 pm Fridays and Saturdays 7/28, 7/29, 8/4, 8/5

10:00 am–4:00 pm Monday through Thursday 7/31, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3

11:00 am–4:00 pm Sundays 7/30, 8/6

Regular hours will resume after the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl:

10:00 am–4:00 pm Monday thru Saturday

Closed most Sundays

We accept MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Tap & Pay

Private knitting, crocheting lessons & “help” available by appointment

Finishing services & gift cards available

Mail orders available – no order too small!

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e-mail kathyknitz@gmail.com
 please visit our website <https://www.kathys-kreations.com>



*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

The “dog days” of summer are here, but the first glimpses of fall are already on the horizon. Feeling great is all about the fabrics we wear: light and breezy, relaxed and easy, in colors and textures that will have you ready for every wonderful moment as we drift towards autumn. Midweight cottons, linen blends and lightweight wools are our pick for what to knit now, and for layering to wear later...

EMMA'S YARN August 2023 is as hot as a mid-summer day (shown upper left). This shade is a sweet swirl of purples, pinks, and peaches with subtle pops of color throughout. Available here on bases “Super Silky” (\$31.00, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA#2) and “Practically Perfect Sock” (\$28.95, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon). Socks, both knit and crochet, are the perfect take-along portable project for summer, and these two bases are ideal choices...

Our theme for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl is all about sunshine, so we were thrilled to find the *Helios* shawl by Bernd Kestler through SKACEL KNITTING (\$6.64, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). This unusual wrap is worked with our SCHOEPPELWOLLE “Starke 6” (32.50, 150 grams, 459 yards, 75% wool/25% polyamide, CYCA#3)...

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS is a company that creates beautiful British yarn with care, innovation and expertise. And now, we are pleased to announce that these yarns are on our shelves! Spun in Yorkshire, England, their award-winning collections are designed to excite and inspire a worldwide community of crafters. The rustic wools and marls are particularly suited for those of you who love knitting and crocheting traditional Aran and cabled designs. Yarns include “The Croft Aran” colors & tweeds (\$17.95), “Fleece Bluefaced Leicester Aran” (\$19.50), and the Christmas collection of “Signature 4 Ply” for holiday socks including sparkles (\$16.50). You know that our resident cable queen Kathy is particularly excited about these yarns and the coordinating classic patterns!

Got a thing for gradients? Then you'll adore the artisan SWEET GEORGIA YARNS Party of Five “Tough Love Sock” Mini-Skein Set, arriving soon (\$46.00/set). “Tough Love Sock” is a squishy blend of merino wool and nylon in a fingering weight. Each set contains five 105-yard mini-skeins for a total of 525 yards, richly dyed in stunning colors that are perfect for making a spectacularly colorful project, like the *Attu* shawl or *Gimli Peak* cowl (patterns \$6.75 each, Ravelry Pro downloads available through Kathy's Kreations)! Our Party of Five sets enhance the interplay of texture and hue, resulting in a cowl that is deliciously warm, bright, and playful. Unapologetic color and craft, SWEET GEORGIA is a Canadian-based artisan yarn and fiber arts company that creates luxury hand-dyed yarns to bring joy through color and craft...

Trend alert: Vests are coming in very popular for fall 2023! The sport weight *RAW* vest by Lone Kjeldsen (\$6.68, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown lower right) is a pattern that Barbara J was working on at knit along and the group loved! Plain surfaces without ribbing, but highlighted with horizontal stitches, the shape is a combination of a fitted upper part and an A-shaped body, ending with slits. A vest that is perfect for those who want a little more length and a shape that hangs around the hip without being “boxy”. The *RAW* vest is knitted top down. First the back, where the shoulders are shaped using short row technique. From the cast on edge at the shoulder, you pick up stitches for the front piece. Under the armhole, the back and front are assembled and the body is worked in the round until the edge with slits. The edges are highlighted by horizontal stitches or picking up stitches from the wrong side. This vest is the first pattern in a series by this Danish designer, and we look forward to seeing what's next...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Yume by Isabell Kraemer (\$6.00, Ravelry Pro download available at Kathy's Kreations, shown right) is a sweet DK weight tee top worked seamlessly from the top down. Our customer Mary Lou F is knitting this project, starting with short rows worked back and forth to create a higher back neck and then a round yoke worked top down to sleeve separation. More short rows finish the yoke shaping at the sleeve, then the body is worked in rounds down to the hem. Mary Lou tells us that this allowed her to try on the garment for fit and length. Sleeves are worked top down to the cuffs to desired length. The neck is left unfinished, but a few rounds of ribbing can be added. Our suggested yarn for this project is BERROCO "Gaia" (\$11.50, 50 grams, 140 yards, 70% cotton/30% polyester, CYCA #3)...



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An Italian Summer Scarf (free pattern on Ravelry, shown page 5, upper right) is a little scarf with a classic look, very easy to adjust in length, yarn weight or fiber content. The pattern is straightforward, simple to memorize and quite addicting. What's not to love? This scarf is worked flat, back and forth, from one tip to the other, and it's all garter stitch with built-in I-cord edges and beautiful eyelets throughout. Half the yarn is used for the first half of the scarf increasing from the tip to the midway point and the remaining half used for decreasing from the midway point to the other tip. This will avoid leftovers and ensure your scarf is as big as possible. Our customer Diane P chose two skeins of our BERROCO "Splash" (\$11.50, 50 grams, 131 yards, 70% viscose/30% organic cotton, CYCA #3, shown in colorway 2415 maui on page 5, lower left) for her project. This DK weight yarn features joyful dashes of bright color pop on a cool neutral background with crisp stitch definition, loads of drape and a vibrant, on-trend color palette. Beat the heat and make a "Splash" with your handmade wardrobe this summer...

Tick, tick, tick, soon we will be drifting into fall! All shades of a new BERROCO yarn, "Mistico", are here on our shelves that are perfect for trans-seasonal wear and layering (\$16.50, 50 grams, 191 yards, 48% cotton/30% alpaca/12% wool/10% nylon, CYCA #4, shown page 8 lower right). Brushed alpaca creates a muted halo while the cotton, wool and nylon core seems to illuminate flecks of color. The fabric created with this yarn is soft and light, but retains a good stitch definition with both knitting and crocheting...

Looking for a quality-conscious stylish solution to keep your accessories and projects neatly organized? UNIVERSAL YARN presents MUUD from Denmark, featuring quality hand-crafted leather bags and cases that is just what you need. All products are made in 100% genuine leather, and are designed with a focus on high functionality and timeless aesthetics (Lofoten bag shown page 8, upper left). Our trunk show will be here during the yarn crawl, and we are able to special order items with "direct drop ship" availability to you...

Each month, we debut a new WONDERLAND YARN "deStitchNation" artisanal, hand-dyed limited edition shade for your knitting and crocheting pleasure, with the theme "tales as old as time". In addition to a skein of yarn and accompanying pattern, kits include fabulous enamel pins, designed exclusively to represent this month's destination...



MADLINE TOSH continues to amaze us with their gorgeous yarns in rich colors (how do they dye that?). Our August 2023 Hue of the Moment "Twilight Skinny Dip" is here (\$30.50, 395 yards, 100% super wash merino wool, CYCA#1, shown on base "Tosh Sock" lower left). This color encapsulates the longing to stop time with just one more trip to the swimming hole. A highly stitchable variegated shade, it combines pool-bottom blue, a fruity purple, and moody black speckles...

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*** AUGUST 2023 KNIT ALONG ***

CASAPINKA and her cat Sharon are at it again, so how could we resist joining in their latest mystery knit along for August 2023? *Sharon On The Trail* (\$10.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations) is a shawl with a new shape for us and Casapinka is keeping the stitches simple for fun, relaxing summer knitting with a hiking theme. Yarn requirements are 4 colors of fingering weight yarn, approximately 400 yards each. A 3-color fade with one contrast color is recommended. We have a few combos of EMMA's YARN "Super Silky" in stock (80% superwash merino/20% silk) or we'll help you choose colorways to make your own kit. Clues arrive once a week throughout the end of August.

We still have MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Alegria" kits and beads available for the *Great Lakes Road Trip* mystery shawl from designers Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed, which will be in progress throughout the rest of summer. Please join us as we create a stunning, almost crescent-shaped shawl featuring textures and designs inspired by various locations along the way. Nan Ringler has done a magnificent job displaying previous Road Trip shawls in our front windows, just in case you need more inspiration to join us. Spoiler alert – we have a shop sample in progress with the first couple legs completed (Minnesota and Wisconsin). Wonder where we will go next?

Get ready to cast on and knit with us every Friday throughout August 2023 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm to work on these, 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 KNITTING CLASS SERIES ***

Our "Let's Knit!" class series with instructor Karen McCullough continues on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. This session is all about knitting details and features time & Karen's guidance for recent projects *Katarina Cardigan* and *Slip, Knit, Love* shawls.

Karen is also available by appointment for knitting and crocheting "help" as well as beginner instruction (including kids!).

*** FALL FLING WORKSHOP 2023 ***

Plans are underway for our 12th annual "Fall Fling" Knitting Workshop Weekend, September 29–October 1, 2023, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. It promises to be a special autumn event in Ligonier Valley. Stacey Rivera, the owner and artisan behind RIVER RAT YARN will be our featured instructor. Stacey will take us on a journey through yarn substitutions & the effects they have on our finished projects by looking at the fundamentals of yarn such as weight, plies, and fiber content. She will explain these fundamentals and how ply & twist affect the way a yarn knits up. This will help you to create fabrics and finished projects that you will love!

Have you ever used a yarn other than what the designer has chosen and your project came out other than what you expected? We have all been in this situation. There are no wrong choices when it comes to selecting yarns we love, but knowing what to expect from these choices will help us to create garments & accessories that we love. Having a better knowledge of ply and twist will make us want to wear our finished projects time and time again! You will leave with a wealth of information, resources, tools and knowledge. There will be plenty of hands-on knitting time with a special "Just A Little Dumpling Bag" project that Stacey designed for Fall Fling Saturday (shown lower right). A dumpling bag is a small to medium tote bag that is large enough to hold a cake or two of yarn plus a small work in progress. Sunday's project is a lacy cowl. RIVER RAT YARN will be provided for both projects. So come join us in all things "fibery" and have a great time!

Registration flyers are available at Kathy's Kreations, call Kathy at 724-238-9320 or request a flyer with full details by e-mailing us at kathyknitz@gmail.com



*** MEASURING GAUGE ***

According to an article written by Karen Frisa for INTERWEAVE online 7/14/23: “We all knit differently. Some people knit more loosely, and others more tightly. Just because a yarn label or pattern specifies a particular gauge using a particular needle size, it doesn’t mean you or I will match that gauge exactly.” For more information, read Karen’s article in the Summer 2023 *Interweave Knits* magazine.



Kathy’s suggestions: Always check the pattern to make sure whether the gauge swatch is to be done in stockinette or the pattern stitch. Knit a 5” or larger square and block your swatch or clean it as you plan to care for the garment. After it dries, measure 4” in the center, both stitches and rows. It is helpful to outline the 4”X4” square with a contrasting yarn running stitch or place pins to assist in measuring. If you do not achieve the desired gauge, re-work your swatch with a smaller needle if you have more stitches than required, or a larger needle if you have less stitches than required...

*** CROCHET HACK ***

#pretty in crochet posted this crochet hack on Instagram to create a straight, even edge: In the last stitch of your work, be sure to insert your hook into both the last stitch and the top loop of the turning chain from the row below. Another suggestion from this user is to chain one less chain in the turning chain than recommended. For example, instead of chaining three when crocheting double crochets, chain only two. If you try it, let us know how this works for you...

*** STITCH MARKERS IN KNITTING ***

Stitch markers are an indispensable tool for every knitter’s tote. They are available in two basic types: ring markers and removable markers. When a knitting pattern calls for stitch markers, this usually refers to a closed-style ring marker which sits on the knitting needle between stitches. These come in a variety of shapes – circle, triangle, squares, or hexagons – and a variety of materials from rigid plastic to metal to flexible rubber. Choose one that is thin and sized to easily slip from needle to needle and slide along the needle shaft. Avoid thick markers like cabane or wooden rings that could create gaps between stitches. Ring markers can be used to mark the beginning of the round when working circularly, to separate pattern stitch repeats, to mark the place where a stitch pattern changes, or to help you count stitches when casting on a large number of stitches. Our knitting friend Linda Cable will be here during the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl with sets of assorted ring-style metal stitch markers created just for us, with a unique beginning of round marker.

Removable markers can be clipped open or closed. They can be used on the needle but also can be placed on a stitch. Unlike safety pins, they are coilless to avoid snagging or splitting yarn and are made from metal or plastic. They are useful to make the right side of your work, keep track of increases and decreases, help count rows, create measuring landmarks or highlight a split or dropped stitch that needs to be fixed...

*** HOT WEATHER KNITS ***

With a suitable choice of pattern and yarn, you can wear hand-knits all year ‘round. Stay both comfortable and comfortably covered as temperatures and humidity rise. You’ll feel cooler with some skin exposed to catch a cool breeze, but choose to wear what is comfortable for you. V-necks, scoops or oval necks are usually more comfortable in the heat. Three-quarter sleeves or short sleeves will keep the upper arms covered if that is an issue, without overheating. Panels of discreet lace or openwork are breezy and add welcome ventilation as well as design interest. Cotton, linen, and silk are excellent fibers in warm weather and can be worn next to the skin. Cool, comfortable, and covered...



*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL ***

Kathy's Kreations is among nine local yarn shops in the Greater Pittsburgh area that will be participating in the 9th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from **July 28–August 6, 2023**. Please make plans to join us for ten fun-filled days “crawling” your way through Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania, visiting our area yarn stores. This self-guided tour is not only a perfect getaway, it is a great way to see the latest products for your knitting and crocheting pleasure and to “shop local”. It is an excellent opportunity for fiber enthusiasts to discover new project ideas, classes and yarn. Meet up with your "yarn buddy" friends and other fiber enthusiasts and take day-trippin' to the max with this summer splurge adventure. See what makes each shop special, win prizes and interact with fiber enthusiasts from all over the country!



The Yarn Crawl features a "passport" to get stamped at each of the participating shops, in no particular order. Purchase your passport (availability limited) and join in the fun. Your \$15 passport, **AVAILABLE NOW AT KATHY'S KREATIONS**, is your ticket to events. Once you've purchased your passport, you will receive a canvas tote bag with the yarn crawl logo. Visit each shop, get your passport stamped, collect a stitch marker. Customers are encouraged to bring along address labels with your phone number information for filling out tickets.

Participating shops waiting to welcome you include: ChickenKnitz, Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, Moon & Yarn Craft Room, RaggZ Fiber Art, Sewickley Yarns, Yarn Bits & Bobs, and Yarns By Design. To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win **PRIZES!** Along the way, we hope that you will discover new ways to fuel your fiber passion and meet local fiber artists up close and delight in their wares. Best of all, re-ignite your love for all the spectacular yarns that western PA has to offer.

There is no purchase required to get your passport stamped. You may visit as few or as many shops as you possibly can. As of this writing, **everyone who visits all 9 shops will be entered into a drawing for the merchandise grand prize.**

Kathy's Kreations will have extended hours for this event (see page 1). For general information, please visit the website, thesteelvalleyyarncrawl.com, Steel Valley Yarn Crawl group (Ravelry), or contact thesteelvalleyyarncrawl@gmail.com

The rules of engagement include:

- Passports must be purchased from one of the participating yarn stores
- Each participant must have their own passport. Only **ONE** passport per person.
- Each participant must fill out the contact information on the passport, Please print clearly – we need this information to be able to contact you if you win!
- Each participant must be present at each yarn shop to receive their stamp (i.e., no proxy crawling!)
- Each participant must be at least 18 years of age.
- All completed passports must be turned in by the end of business on August 6, 2023 to the last store you visit.
- All winners will be posted online on our Ravelry and Facebook pages and will be contacted within 30 days at the end of the yarn crawl.
- Winners who have not claimed their prizes within 30 days will forfeit them and alternate winners will be chosen.
- Please be respectful and comply with the Health and safety precautions at each shop.

At each shop, you will receive a free drawing ticket good at that shop only with your passport stamp and a souvenir sticker. In addition, you are eligible for bonus door prize tickets with your purchase at each shop (\$25 purchase, 4 extra tickets; \$50 purchase, 10 extra tickets; \$100 or more, 25 extra tickets). These tickets may only be deposited at the shop that gave them to you.

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL ***

Those of you who have visited us on past crawls know that we always choose a unique theme for our shop. This year's theme is "Here Comes The Sun" because our customers bring sunshine and good vibes into our shop. Check out our "fun in the sun" window displays, door prize baskets and snacks (Sun Chips, of course!) – we're featuring sunshine throughout our shop!

There are more surprises in store, including the release of a new pattern from our owner/ designer Kathy Zimmerman, "The Golden Hour" (shown upper right in RIVER RAT YARNS colorway). Sunrises tend to have a more bluish tone, whereas sunsets tend to have a yellower tone. The period of the day just before the sun sets or after it rises is called "The Golden Hour", when the sun is low in the sky and provides a soft, diffused light. The light appears redder and softer than usual so that photographs taken at that time have a pleasing, more dramatic quality. This phenomenon was the inspiration for Kathy's rectangular textured scarf knit in two pieces and joined at the center back with a 3-needle bind off technique to maintain the integrity of the faux scallops ridged slip-stitch pattern with I-cord edging. This item showcases our 2023 Steel Valley Yarn Crawl custom colorways – "Sunset On the Steel City" from RIVER RAT YARNS and "Daybreak" (sunrise) from DREAM IN COLOR. Kathy envisioned the sun, shining on roof tiles at early morning and at day's end when overlooking Ligonier Valley, and interpreted this into knitting. Receive a free copy of this pattern with your purchase of either featured colorway!



SVYC TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Stacey Rivera of RIVER RAT YARNS will be here throughout the Yarn Crawl for a Meet & Greet, with a selection of trunk show yarns which she has custom hand-dyed for this event (see lower left). We are also featuring a MUUD leather bags "cash or card & carry" trunk show from UNIVERSAL YARNS. Enjoy exploring the beautiful and functional handcrafted leather accessories of MUUD from Denmark – timeless designs with knitting, crochet, and embroidery in mind!

Friday, July 28: SOCIAL MEDIA DAY – meet & greet with our social media guru
Vina McLeod Rudolph

Saturday, July 29: FAIRMOUNT FIBERS / ROAD TRIP DAY – artisan Marian Lech is in the shop

Sunday, July 30: BERROCO DAY – jewelry maker Linda Cable is in the shop
IT'S FRIENDSHIP DAY – bring a friend along on the crawl!

Monday, July 31: CASAPINKA DAY; meet & greet with instructor Karen McCullough
Tuesday, August 1: MALABRIGO DAY

Wednesday, August 2: SKACEL KNITTING DAY

Thursday, August 3: EMMA'S YARN DAY – Nan Ringler is in the shop

Friday, August 4: SOCIAL MEDIA DAY – meet & greet Vina McLeod Rudolph;
instructor Karen McCullough is in the shop

Saturday, August 5: DREAM IN COLOR DAY – artisan Marian Lech is in the shop

Sunday, August 6: MADELINE TOSH DAY – jewelry maker Linda Cable is in the shop

A very big "THANK YOU" to our vendor suppliers who have generously contributed to our door prize baskets – ACCESSORIES UNLIMITED, BERROCO, BRYSON DISTRIBUTING, DREAM IN COLOR, EMMA'S YARN, EURO YARNS, FAIRMOUNT FIBERS, MADELINE TOSH, PLYMOUTH, RIVER RAT YARNS, and SKACEL KNITTING as of this writing. Thanks for the generous support & contributions from our shoppals, shop friends, instructors as well as Facebook techy Vina McLeod Rudolph for the wonderful social media updates, and Karen Voshall for the African basket.

Stay in touch for additional information on our Facebook page (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA) and Instagram (#kathyknitz) about special happenings in the shop and new product arrivals.





*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

An RSVP is appreciated for all in-store events (classes, knit alongs) as space is limited. Any changes to our hours or schedule will be posted on our Facebook page and Instagram...

*** AUGUST 2023 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. Stop by on Fridays during August 2023, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, for our fun knit alongs, the *Sharon On The Trail*, and the *Great Lakes Road Trip*. When we're knitting or crocheting, it's always happy hour! 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). An RSVP is appreciated as space is limited. Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry page or Facebook Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** "LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, August 8, 2023; 1:00 pm–3:00 pm ***

We're finishing up all the details on previous projects and looking forward to what classes are next (requests welcome)...

*** FUN FRIDAY, August 18, 2023; 10:00 am–2:00 pm ***

Come in for the fun and leave with friendships! **Join our knitting community for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here.** Whether this is your first project or your hundredth, this is the place for you to learn, grow, connect, and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters. RSVP please, as occupancy is limited...

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*** FORT LIGONIER DAYS ***

This premier fall festival is scheduled for **October 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2023**. Commemorating a key battle of the French & Indian War, Fort Ligonier Days draws many visitors each year to our quaint, picturesque town. With a backdrop of spectacular fall foliage as its setting, a variety of activities are found around the beautiful Ligonier Diamond Park, throughout the historic town, and at the authentic reconstructed Fort Ligonier. Early Bird Merchant sales are Thursday, October 12, with the full schedule of activities Friday through Sunday. Kathy's Kreations will be running both indoor and outdoor sales all weekend!

Private knitting and crocheting "help" is available by appointment. Additional group classes are available for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the "helpful hands" of experienced knitting for over 43 years!

Whatever knit or crochet project you have underway, whether it is something airy and cool to enjoy now, or something woolly to wear this fall, have a wonderful time stitching your way through the rest of the summer. Hope to see you during the Yarn Crawl – it's the ten best days of summer! **KEEP KNITTING & CROCHETING!** Kathy

