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FEBRUARY 2022 UPDATE

Dear Stitchers.

What are your plans for cold, long February nights? We like to put on our softest, comfiest knits, snuggle up with a cup of cocoa, and knit or crochet! Right this way for winter crafting inspiration and stand-out style...

The upcoming Winter Olympics and the Super Bowl are prime opportunities for settling in with a new project, so be prepared. If you want to mix up your knitting and crocheting patterns, try making hats, shawls or socks. Gradient hand-dyed yarns with their softer wash of color create a cozy vibe. Many of our customer select afghan or baby blanket projects at this time of year. There are little or no worries about fit, shaping or details, and your project will keep you warm as it progresses. You can choose a throw worked in panels or blocks for a more manageable, portable piece.

If you have checked out the key winter 2022 fashion trends, you already know that knitwear is the No. 1 most important one we'll be hibernating with all winter long, and cardigans are very much in vogue. The most fashionable knitwear styles currently are an extra short sweater, cardigan set with matching knitted skirt, cropped knitted sweaters, 90s style preppy knit sweater vests with buttons, polo sweaters with collars, thin rib knit sweaters, and short cropped wrap ballet-style cardigans. Not only cropped, but dropped – drop shoulders are also a hit this season. Cables are also very popular, for their dimension and eye-catching interest. Knitwear will continue to be trendy right into spring/summer, too. For now, stay cozy with our latest promotion:

**IT'S "WARM UP WITH WOOL" MONTH!**

All regularly-priced, in stock 100% wool yarns (all brands & weights)  
are 10% off during February 2022

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\*\*\* GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

Whether you're a new knitter or crocheter ready to expand your skills or you're more experienced and in the mood for a super soothing project, it's prime time! We'd love to welcome you to find a project here that is entertaining to make, features a little something new to learn, or is a stylish garment or accessory for now or later. We're settling in to 2022 with a slate of future-focused projects like these...

Hand-dyed in Florida by two sisters, EMMA'S YARN has amazing colors, is nice and soft, and a joy to work with for all kinds of projects from socks to shawls to sweaters. The February 2022 Crazy Beautiful Club is here, not your average subscription box yarn (shown upper left). The shade is a muddled, dusky teal/gray mix with undercurrents of purple. It is available here on bases "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2), "Super Silky" (\$30.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash wool/20% silk, CYCA #2) and "Bodacious Bulky" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 106 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #5). This is luxurious hand-dyed yarn at its best...

Slub yarn refers to yarn that has been purposely spun with thicker sections along the yarn. It is intentionally created to give knitted fabric more personality. EMMA'S YARN "Slubby Slub" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 438 yards, 90% superwash merino/10% nylon, CYCA #2) is a fun, easy-to-use yarn that gives you instant texture. Slub yarns look great when carried in combination with other yarns for special effects. Bear in mind that cables and intricate lacework will not show up as well. We suggest LISA KNITS pattern AC-009 *Light & Lacy Poncho* (\$5.00) for a design that looks fantastic on everyone, is a terrific layering piece heading forward to spring, and is sized for toddlers, children and adults...

The artisans at MANOS DEL URUGUAY have created a classic uber chunky winter go-to with "Franca" (\$38.50, 150 grams, 114 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #6). This single ply super bulky weight yarn yields a soft, cozy fabric with lots of warmth and squishy volume. The watercolor-inspired palette has expanded to include speckles and variegated colorways. These shades are so much fun to play with that we're always pleased to add new color to our shelves. Stitches appear crisp and tidy, an especially nice feature for deeply textured projects like the *Around The World Hat (F172)*, a close-fitting knitted cap with a simple yet striking rib detail, perfect for one skein of "Franca". Another lovely choice is the snuggly *Any Season, Any Reason Cowl (F167)*, knitted in the round in a simple slip-stitch pattern. Choose from three different options in yarn weights: DK, worsted, or super bulky. These accessories are sure to keep you cozy in the coldest of February deep freeze blasts...

Getting to the heart of the matter often means getting to the "most important part" of something. For designer CHIC AND REGAL KNITS, offering something fun, fast, and easy to pop on gets to the heart of what knitting is all about: joy, creativity, and some instant gratification to remind us how much we love this stuff! The *Heart of the Matter* pattern (\$5.00 Ravelry Pro download, shown lower right) includes directions for a Cowl and an Ear Warmer (slightly larger than an headband) and Headband to match! Pattern is written, not charted, so great for both beginners to colorwork and knitters of all levels. If you use your yarn judiciously, you may be able to make all 3 – cowl, headband, ear warmer – by switching colors A & B, and making the headband last. Give it a try!

For this project, we recommend EMMA'S YARN "Bodacious Bulky" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 106 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #5, hand dyed in Florida). This yarn comes in semi-solid, tonal, and variegated shades. Three plies gives this yarn a gorgeous twist and it is so soft to the touch. Your favorite bulky hats, scarves, and sweaters will work up quickly and beautifully in this bodacious base...



\*\*\* MORE GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

About that cute little cropped cardigan trend we were telling you about: check out the *Felix Cardigan* by Amy Christoffers (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download, shown right), which embodies this trend perfectly! This cropped top down raglan cardigan wardrobe basic incorporates an eyelet motif into the raglan increases. This was designed to be the perfect sweater to wear layered over tunics and dresses, or with waisted pants. The designer suggests putting all the stitches on waste yarn and trying the sweater on before you begin the bottom ribbing to be sure you have a length you will like and enjoy wearing.



© Amy Christoffers

This is a very easy and very quick knit with worsted/light Aran weight yarn worked at a relaxed gauge or a light bulky. We suggest BERROCO natural fiber traditional wool “Mercado” (\$11.50, 100 grams, 164 yards, 100% Peruvian Highland wool, CYCA #5) or easy care blend BERROCO “Vintage Chunky” (\$9.50, 100 grams, 52% acrylic/40% wool/8% nylon, CYCA #5).

The cardigan version is written to be worked back and forth in rows, the neck is shaped with short rows, the body and sleeves are divided after the yoke shaping. The sleeves are then worked in the round. Please note that the body can be made a longer length, but plan to purchase extra yarn. Selecting the desired amount of ease is a very personal preference, so please choose a size based on your own preference, with a range of between 2–10” of ease...

What’s new with DREAM IN COLOR? Spring Pop-Up Club has started! The limited edition February colorway features sprinkles of cheery bright colors on a creamy “Smoochy Cashmere” base (\$34.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2, shown lower right page 8). This colorway coordinates beautifully with a variety of their existing semi-solid and tonal shades. As a Gold Level premier yarn shop, we have recently received a large shipment of “Smoochy Cashmere” in 12 “surprise me” shades, some brand new, some popular favorites. These shipments will arrive quarterly throughout the year...

Welcome back to the charmed world of LANTERN MOON HANDCRAFTED products! All LANTERN MOON needles are made of sustainably sourced ebony, one of the world’s most expensive woods with a durable, smooth, tight grain. Currently we have the following accessories available: Ebony repair hook (\$6.50), Ebony cable needles (\$10.50, sizes US 3, 6, & 8), and Finishing needles (loop style, \$10.50, set of three). Other accessories include whimsical sheep tape measure with mesh pouch in white, grey or black (\$15.50) and black sheep Meadow Drawstring Project Bag (\$10.95)...

Our knitting friend Patti B recently shared her current work in progress, *Painted Honeycombs Blanket* by WESTKNITS designer Stephen West (\$7.00 pattern, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy’s Kreations, shown lower left). She tells us that the advantage of knitting an afghan during the cold winter months is that, the more you knit, the warmer your project will keep you! This blanket is filled with color “poppportunities” as you knit the small baby blanket size or a large blanket for your couch. Patti chose our DK HiKoo “Sueno” yarn (\$16.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% viscose from bamboo, CYCA #3) in a charcoal heather to frame several lustrous color pops of our HiKoo “Sueno Tweed” (\$18.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 69% superwash merino/16% viscose from bamboo, 15% viscose flecks, CYCA #3). The baby blanket features five color pops and the large size features eight color pops. The slip stitch technique is very easy to knit, making this blanket suitable for the adventurous beginner project. Choose your colors and knit the blanket as big as you want...



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\*\*\* FEBRUARY 2022 KNIT ALONG \*\*\*

Who doesn't love the beach? Now you can bring an armchair beach journey to your own knitting with our February KAL "Andi's Beach Adventure" (\$6.99, Ravelry Pro download available at Kathy's Kreations), with designer Cynthia Spencer of REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS. Cynthia will be our featured instructor for Spring Break 2022 and we chose this cowl project because many of us are already daydreaming about a summer vacation.

Cynthia tells us that there is a storyline to go along with the knitting, with possibly mermaids and pirates involved (oh, my!). The first seven clues have been released with two more mystery clues to come on February 3 & 7, 2022. Thus far, the stitch patterns have included textural ribbing, brioche rounds, stranded colorwork, openwork and beads.

For this project, Kathy is using DREAM IN COLOR "Classy" (\$24.50, 4 oz., 250 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #4), a hand-dyed superwash merino with superb drape. To make this cowl, you'll need about 150 yards each of three colors of worsted weight yarn, in light, medium and dark shades. You might want to make the medium color either a variegated or self-stripping yarn to add some interest. Yarns such as DREAM IN COLOR "Classy" or "City", BERROCO "Ultra Alpaca" or "Ultra Wool", and PLYMOUTH "Superwash Select" or "Galway" are all good choices. NORO "Kureyon" and BERROCO "Sesame" would make a terrific self-stripping addition! We would be glad to help with color suggestions.

The cowl measures about 40" in circumference at the bottom and about 20" - 23" at the neck. You'll have your choice of how much to decrease as the neck, as some people like to be warm, while other don't like to feel tight around their necks. It's about 13" - 15" high. Sizing changes will be explained as part of the pattern.

You'll want a longer circular needle (about 32") for the bottom part of the cowl in a larger and smaller size, and you'll want a shorter needle (16" - 24") for the top. If you want your cowl to be a bit bigger, use US 6 and 8 needles. If you want it to be a bit smaller, use US 5 and 7. Gauge and sizing are not critical.

Please join us in person every Friday during February 2022 from 10:00 am—2:00 pm to work on this or any other project purchased at Kathy's Kreations. If you can't join us in person, follow our progress and post on our Ravelry page, *We Love Kathy's*, or Instagram (#kathyknitz) or Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

\*\*\* UPCOMING KNITTING CLASSES (please call us at 724-238-9320 for registration & info) \*\*\*

Our ongoing class series "Let's Knit!" with instructor Karen McCullough continues. Join her on **Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm** to learn the basics of *Mittens, Mittens, Mittens!* (photo page 8, upper left). This session includes how-to's for basic mittens using LISA KNITS pattern AC-001, with instructions for 4 gauges, 4 sizes, worked on straight or double-pointed needles. Class supplies include the pattern (photo page 8, upper left) plus one skein bulky, Aran or worsted weight yarn, and coordinating knitting needles. Registration fee is \$20.00 plus purchase of pattern (\$5.00)...

On Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 1:00 pm—3:00 pm, the knitting fun continues as Karen will present *Ambiguous* (shown lower right), a cowl design by Michelle Hunter. Ramp up your knitting skills with a stunning two-color reversible cowl using HiKOO "Sueno". The stranded cowl (also known as Fair Isle knitting) features instructions about hand positioning, yarn dominance, managing floats and a surprising take on an old favorite. The cowl is available in two sizes to suit your style.

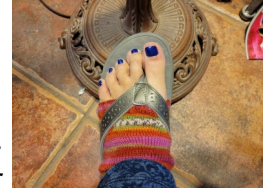
Class supplies include two skeins of HiKOO "Sueno", one skein each in two contrasting colors; two US 5 16" (small cowl) or 24" (larger version); US size F crochet hook for provisional cast on; 10 yards smooth contrasting waste yarn; tapestry needle; markers. Registration fee is \$20.00 plus purchase of the pattern (\$6.00 Ravelry pro download)...



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\*\*\* UPCOMING KNITTING CLASSES \*\*\*

Our *Building Blocks* class series with Karen McCullough continues on **Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. This series was designed by Michelle Hunter specifically to expand your skills while you navigate through learning knitting techniques and principles while making sampler squares that will eventually make an afghan. This month, we discover *LEFT TWIST*, the mirror image of the previously visited Right Twist. Both are formed from two stitches that are knit out of order and without the use of a cable needle. While a Left Twist is a bit more finicky to execute than its counterpart, the Right Twist, its use opens the door to many gorgeous patterns. It's not too late to join in on this class series. Registration fee is \$20, plus purchase of *Building Blocks* and yarn for project...



Last month, our instructor Marian Lech welcomed new sock knitters with an introductory *Yoga Socks* class (also a pedicure sock, photo upper right). Due to an overwhelming response, the initial class was broken into two groups. This sock class series continues on Thursdays in February from 10:30 am–12:30 pm. The learning session for Group One, Part 2 is on February 3; Group Two, Part 2 is on February 10, then *Heels, Feet & Toes* on Thursday, March 10, 2022, from 10:30–12:30 pm. Please call us at 724-238-9320 for availability and supplies needed. Class registration is \$20.00 per class...

\*\*\* THE SURVEY SAYS (aka the nicest yarns) \*\*\*

We asked several of our shoppies and friends of the shop: “What is your favorite yarn and why?” Here's what they said:

- Marian L: “Madeline Tosh. Beautiful colors, consistency in dyeing. Quality in the yarn itself. When you order a color, you get that color, not some variation of it. Just love Mad Tosh!”
- Donna G: “It would have to be Dream in Color Smooshy with Cashmere and Cosette. Beautiful colors and easy to work with. Also, Youghioghenny Yarns “Woolly Yak” is my absolute favorite yarn for socks. The yarn gets softer every time you wash it. Knits up beautifully”.
- Kathy E: “Smooshy Cashmere is the best!”
- Karen V: I have two faves. HiKoo Simplicity because it's so versatile. HiKoo Simplinatural because it's so soft”.
- Mary Lou F: “It's a toss-up! I like Emma's Yarns Practically Perfect Socks as it knits up really nicely. Dream In Color, all of them, but especially Cosette DK which knit up beautifully for my Laura Aylor's *Just For You #8* mystery knit along”.
- Karen McC: “HiKoo Simplicity! It has good stitch definition, works well in many patterns, and comes in many colors. For wool-sensitive folks like me, it doesn't itch!”
- Patti B: “Emma's Yarn! The colors are amazing on every base and I can always find a shade that's just right!”
- Vina R: “It's a toss-up between Dream in Color Smooshy Cashmere and Emma's Yarn. I love the colors, the way they knit up, and the way they feel in my hands.”
- Kathy Z: “I try not to play favorites, however, the last three projects that I knit for myself were made with Dream In Color Smooshy Cashmere, Emma's Yarn Super Silky and Madeline Tosh TML.”



\*\*\* YARN TIPS AND TRICKS \*\*\*

Karen McC shared the photo at right. Keep your yarn cakes neat and tidy by securing the tail with a simple hair clip. You can always find the starting point and the yarn doesn't come undone in your tote. Ingenious!

Is your yarn bowl “busy” on another project just when you need it? Invest in a small colander (yes, the kind you use in the kitchen) and weave the yarn end through one of the holes for an instant yarn bowl! Colanders usually are on a secure base and made from a non-breakable material...

\*\*\* COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT \*\*\*

Bethlen Communities is a Continuing Care Retirement Community that provides a myriad of services through a Personal Care Facility, Home Based Services, Independent Living, and Skilled Nursing Home. It is home to many individuals facing cognitive decline such as Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, etc. These illnesses can be a source of anxiety, restlessness, and unease for patients. To mitigate unrest, residents can use what is called a cannula sleeve.

Cannula sleeves were created by a Registered Nurse (and knitter) who noticed that residents with Dementia and the like were anxious and uneasy when having a cannula needle (IV) inserted into their arm. To protect the needles, and most importantly the resident, Cannula Sleeves were created by knitting bright colors and "fidget" materials together into a wearable arm covering. Since the inception in 2017, the Cannula Sleeves have evolved to become a source of comfort to residents in any stage of cognitive decline, cannula needle or not. The sensory sleeves have effectively helped many residents find solace, ease anxiety, and stimulate their minds.

The Graceful Aging Wellness Center is seeking volunteers to knit sensory sleeves for fifty Bethlen Home residents at a CARE TO SHARE event on **Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 11:00 am** at the GWAC center, 2nd floor, 135 Kalassay Drive, Ligonier, PA, 15658. Our knitting instructor and shop gal Karen McCullough will be there to instruct and assist in the creation of the sensory sleeves at no cost to volunteers. You are simply encouraged to bring yarn or "fidget" items, or two helping hands!

If you are unable to join at that time, but would like to contribute independently, please use the free directions. Donated yarn (machine washable non-irritating soft yarns or cotton preferred), fidget items, or finished sleeves can be dropped off at the GAWC center or here at Kathy's Kreations. This is a great project for leftovers. Fidgets can be knitted or crocheted items, big beads, ribbon loops, sturdy plastic rings or large buttons. Please, no sharp or pointy objects that will damage delicate skin. All items need to be machine washable and non-removable. If possible, make "knit in" fidgets like bobbles or popcorns, making sure they appear on the outside of the sleeve.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration in helping the Bethlen Home residents. Please contact Cathy Graham, Director of Graceful Aging Wellness Center, to register, or call with inquiries at 724-238-2142, or e-mail [cgraham@bethlen.com](mailto:cgraham@bethlen.com)

\*\*\* CANNULA / SENSORY SLEEVE PATTERN \*\*\*

The sleeves are made from different colored and textured yarns and go from the back of the hand to over the elbow, ranging in size from 12" to 17" in length.

Supplies: US size 10-1/2 or 11 knitting needles; beads, ribbons, anything that can be twiddled with, but not break; bent tip finishing needle for seaming

Band/cuff: Cast on 40 stitches loosely, using two strands of thin ply yarn or one strand of chunky yarn. Natural cotton is preferred for the cast on. Work in knit 3, purl 3 ribbing for 3". Change to stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) and knit the body of the sleeve for 11" more. Change yarn and stitch patterns as desired. Create bands of color and use different playful yarns to create textures and tactility. Create dips and mounds for busy fingers to follow. "Knit in" fidgets if possible, making sure they will appear on the outside of the sleeve. Please ensure that your stitches are tight enough that curious fingers cannot slip through. If you are using thin ply yarn, please use double strands or drop your needle size (may need to add stitches), so that your knitted fabric is not too loose. Finish with another 3" cuff at the end of the sleeve. Bind off loosely, using a larger needle if necessary.

Finishing: Attach fidgets, sewing or tying them very securely.

Sewing cotton is NOT strong enough to secure the fidgets. With the wrong side facing inward, sew up the long side of the sleeve.

Turn the sleeve to the outside. Double check that knots are secure.



\*\*\* SPRING BREAK 2022 (call 724-238-9320 for details/registration) \*\*\*

Kathy's Kreations invites you to join us for our 11th annual "Spring Break" Knitting Workshop Weekend, to be held **April 29–May 1, 2022**, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. We are delighted that Cynthia Spencer of Pine Grove Mills, PA will be our featured instructor for this event (Cynthia's photo, shown right). Kathy first met Cynthia at KNITTER'S DAY OUT, where her classes received rave reviews. More recently, Cynthia was our featured instructor at Spring Break 2021 and we have featured her PA Road Trip & MD Road Trip patterns as knit alongs. Our workshop attendees asked us to bring her back to Ligonier, and we are!



Cynthia has spent the past 17 years writing patterns and surrounding herself with knitting, quilting, color, and creativity. Her *Really Clear* pattern series came about as a result of working with hundreds of knitters and learning what they wanted in a pattern. She loves it when knitters understand how to make whatever they want to make!

Cynthia will be teaching the intermediate skill level nine-hour knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA with colorwork techniques, intarsia, and Fair Isle/steeking topics. The weekend package includes an after-hours grab & go boxed meal and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); an informal meet & greet on Friday evening with Cynthia to get acquainted and to hear about her latest knit along; an optional Friday evening knit-along; lunch at the Ramada both days; extended lunch break on Saturday with time to shop in the pretty little town of Ligonier, and goodie bags. Yarn for the intarsia hat, a felting kit with needles & foam board, and a felting pen will be provided along with the goodie bag items.

Saturday's class will focus on Fair Isle how-to techniques and a mug mat project. Saturday afternoon is intarsia with the *Diamond Head Hat* project (shown below, lower left). Sunday, we will learn to steek our mug mats. About the *Diamond Head* hat, Cynthia says: "Intarsia is like a jigsaw puzzle for knitters. It is knitting formed from blocks of color, each knit with separate strands of yarn. Most intarsia patterns are for kids. But sometimes, grownups want an intarsia project just for themselves – one that doesn't involve duckies or airplanes. Here it is , with detailed instructions on how to do intarsia." We can't wait!

Registration is \$275 per person. Overnight lodging is not included and is optional for local participants. The Ramada has set up a special rate for us, so please make your own reservations by calling 724-238-9545. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis, and the workshop is almost filled, just a few spaces remaining...

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE (call 724-238-9320 for details/reservations) \*\*\*

Kathy's Kreations invites you to join us for our 12th annual "Fall Fling" Knitting Workshop Weekend, to be held **September 30, 2022–October 2, 2022**, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. We are delighted to announce that Keri Fosbrink of Connellsville, PA will be our featured instructor. Kathy first met Keri at the Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival when Keri was still a new stitcher. More recently, Kathy has hosted several YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS trunk shows.

Keri Fosbrink is the owner and dyer behind YOUGHIOGHENY YARNS and has been creating small batch hand dyed yarns since 2015. Playing with color combinations is what she enjoys the most. Each colorway she creates is crafted by hand in her home dye studio. She loves seeing what her yarns grow up to be. Keri's a self-taught knitter and crocheter who also enjoys designing, quilting, cooking, and baking.



Keri will be teaching a nine-hour workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier that will help you decode using hand-dyed yarns in your projects. You'll spend the weekend learning how different dye styles work up; exploring how different stitch patterns change when worked with different dye styles, and learning how to match those dye styles to your patterns. The workshop series is open to all skill levels...





### \*\*\* CALENDAR OF EVENTS \*\*\*

Your safety and well-being are of our utmost concern. All in-shop events have returned, but please call ahead for space availability. In accordance with the CDC's recommendation, we ask that you kindly wear a mask while shopping here, and maintain social distancing.

Hand sanitizer is available throughout the store and you are encouraged to use it before shopping. Please check in with our Facebook page (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA) and Instagram (#kathyknitz) for any updated information or changes to our hours in the event of inclement weather...

\*\*\* LET'S KNIT! CLASS SERIES Tuesday, February 1, 2022 (basic mittens) and March 1, 2022 (Fair Isle cowl, reversible) 1:00 pm–3:00 pm with instructor Karen McCullough \*\*\*

### \*\*\* FEBRUARY KNIT ALONG (KAL) \*\*\*

Stop by on Fridays in February 2022 10:00 am–2:00 pm for our fun knit along! We'll be casting on to knit *Andi's Beach Adventure*, a technique-packed cowl designed by Cynthia Spencer of REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS. Not working on the KAL? **You are still welcome to come – simply bring any knit or crochet project purchased at Kathy's Kreations and join the group (free!).** Follow us on “We Love Kathy's” Ravelry group February 2022 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA).

\*\*\* BEGINNER YOGA SOCK KNITTING CLASS Thursday, February 3, 2022 (Group 1, part 2) and February 10, 2022 (Group 2, part 2) 10:30 am–12:30 pm with instructor Marian Lech \*\*\*

\*\*\* SOCK CLASS SERIES Thursday March 10, 2022; 10:30 am–12:30 pm with instructor Marian Lech \*\*\* Open to everyone, spaces available; Date subject to change, please call for details

\*\*\* BUILDING BLOCKS CLASS SERIES Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm with instructor Karen McCullough \*\*\*

### \*\*\* FUN FRIDAY, February 18, 2022 \*\*\*

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...

### \*\*\* SPRING BREAK, April 29–May 1, 2022 \*\*\*

Kathy's Kreations invites you to join us for our 11th annual Spring Break with featured instructor Cynthia Spencer, who will be teaching colorwork and steeking knitting topics. It is also LYS (Local Yarn Store) Weekend so there will be plenty of action here in the shop. We understand that Cynthia's latest Mystery Road Trip knit along will be kicking off that weekend, so stay tuned for more information...

Private knitting and crocheting help is available by appointment. Additional group classes are forming for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the “helpful hands” of experienced knitting for over 41 years!

Have you broken your New Year's resolutions yet? Our sales rep Priscilla Leed tells us that BROWN SHEEP YARN COMPANY'S blog suggests choosing a word as the focus for the year instead of making resolutions. Try choosing Organize, Believe, Plan or Light (seeing the positive, being the positive, and being lighter in body and clutter). We like it!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! Kathy

