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FEBRUARY 2023 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

One of the big advantages of knowing how to knit or crochet is that you'll never feel left out in the cold! You can surround yourself in warmth with stylish, versatile pieces that you can layer on when outdoors for added winter comfort – or wear them separately when indoors for inner contentment. And, come home to another kind of creative cozy with hand-made blankets, slippers, socks and lounging gear. It's a great time to be a maker!

Have you been “yarn-ticipating” the latest skeins? Us, too! We love it when the UPS guy brings us deliveries – it's so much fun to open up the boxes to find amazing skeins of fiber wonderfulness. With classic merino beauties from MALABRIGO YARN to unexpected exciting new yarn bases from beloved hand-dyers like EMMA'S YARN and DREAM IN COLOR, there are so many yarns to love! We're rounding up our favorite ones and anticipate that you'll want some to add to your stash. We're at the time of winter when we reach for the cuddliest, woolliest, and most comforting yarns – like EMMA'S YARNS “Bodacious Bulky” and BERROCO “Ultra Alpaca Chunky”. These hard-working, cozy yarns are faithful, bulky weight go-to choices.

That being said, shawls continue to be the most popular and requested patterns on social media site Ravelry (here at Kathy's Kreations, too!). Not surprisingly, projects requiring fingering weight yarns outnumber all other yarn weights combined.

It's true – knitting and crocheting are going through a revival. People of all ages are turning to these needlearts and falling in love with them. There are science-backed benefits to your health and sense of well-being as well– reduced stress and anxiety, improved cognitive function, improved hand-eye coordination & physical dexterity, and a boost to your self-confidence with a different type of creative mindfulness. Keep calm and stitch on...

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

When the cold of winter starts to roll in, we all want projects we can do inside, in the warmth of home. Knitting and crocheting are the perfect remedies to help beat the wintertime blahs. Winter 2023 is all about comfort and oversized style. There is an appreciation for familiar favorites, and it's comforting to turn to the styles we know and trust. Here's what's new, what's now...

Are you ready for another gorgeous Crazy Beautiful Club selection from EMMA'S YARN? Check out the lovely colorway coming our way (shown upper left)! February 2023 is a gorgeous amethyst-y tonal with sweet magenta pops throughout — it's a great colorway for those of you with February birthstone lovers. And it blends well with so many other EMMA shades! A limited quantity is available here on bases "Super Silky" (\$31.00, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA #2) and "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% nylon, CYCA #2).

Did you hear? EMMA has just released a new base: "Suri Silk" (\$28.50, 50 grams, 328 yards, 74% baby Suri Alpaca/26% Silk, CYCA #1). This yarn is soft and fluffy, perfect for adding a mohair-free halo of fuzzy texture to any project. We're so impressed with this new arrival that we are using it for our current knit along...

The artisans at MALABRIGO YARNS have created a favorite go-to with "Rasta" (\$23.50, 90 yards, 100% merino wool, CYCA #6). A single-ply "slightly felted with a twist" yarn, this super bulky yarn yields a soft, cozy fabric with lots of warmth, fast results, and squishy volume. The stitches appear crisp and tidy, especially nice for projects like the extremely popular *Darn Knit Quick and Bulky Mittens* by designer Aimee Pelletier, or a variety of hats, cowls, scarves and outerwear in textured stitches.

MALABRIGO names most of its yarns in Spanish (the native language in Uruguay) and many of them with terms referring to their thickness. "Rasta" in Spanish means "Dreadlock" and also refers to a very thick cord, like this yarn. It's a lightly-fulled single-ply yarn of magnum proportions! Whip out a super-cozy accessory in just hours with this super-sized delight of a yarn. Unbelievably squishy, this is the yarn to turn to when you want the ultimate in warmth, or the ultimate in speed. This premium Uruguayan merino is very soft, and comes in a range of unique "watercolor multi" colorways as well as a rainbow of semi-solid basics that are so much fun to play with...

Whether you want to get playful with a simple, relaxing project or creative with a fun color and yarn combo, we think you'll find the *Show Off Chevron Cowl* by Aimee Pelletier inspiring and refreshing (pattern free with purchase of yarn to make this project, shown on page 8, lower right). Our customers are using slow repeat variegated yarns for this project, one favorite being SCHOPPEL "Gradient" (\$25.50, 100 grams, 286 yards, 100% merino wool, CYCA #3). This yarn features gorgeous color repeats in a single-ply pilling-resistant, slightly felted wool. Use it for accessories, shawls, sweaters and whatever else your imagination can conjure...

Remember that New Year's resolution to learn something new? We have just the project for you! *Norah's Vintage Afghan* (shown lower right), by designer Norah Gaughan, is a cabled and textured sampler afghan made up of 20 different squares. They are all made individually, then sewn together. A great take-along project! This blanket can be knit with your choice of BERROCO "Comfort" (\$7.95, 100 grams, 210 yards, 50% super fine nylon/50% super fine acrylic, CYCA #4) or "Vintage" (\$9.50, 100 grams, 218 yards, 52% acrylic/40% wool/ 8% nylon, CYCA #4) in one shade or five as shown. This piece would be a great addition to anyone's home...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Last month, we introduced WONDERLAND YARNS deSTITCHnation yarn club, with a unique colorway arriving early each month. This year's colorways are inspired by tales "as old as time". We are particularly excited about February 2023's limited edition pigments of imagination (shown upper right) featuring a gorgeous rosy red variegated shade on fingering base "Mary Ann" (\$40.00 kit, 4 oz., 475 yards, 85% fine superwash merino/30% silk, CYCA #3) inspired by the tale of Little Red Riding Hood and called "The Path to Grandma's House". Each February 2023 kit comes with yarn, a beautifully detailed collectible Little Red Riding Hood enamel pin, as well as a pattern for the featured base of the month. WONDERLAND will have quarterly crochet patterns with knit pattern alternatives for those months...



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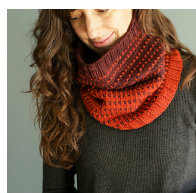
MADLINE TOSH has a rather extensive library of colors, but according to TOSH, there's no such thing as too many colors. This is where the Hue of the Moment comes in. Each month, we'll debut a new hand-dyed shade (or shades!) that will be here for a short time before it goes away. This month, it's the February Hue of the Moment from MAD TOSH, Kodama. According to Japanese folklore, the sound of trees deep in the mountainous forests of the North are animated as spirits called Kodama. They are revered as gods of the trees and protectors of the forests, and bless the lands around the forest with their vitality. These souls wander outside of their hosts, tending to their groves and maintaining the balance of nature. Kodama are rarely seen, but are often heard – particularly as echoes that take just a little longer to return. This is the inspiration for luxurious, variegated, vibrant green shades on a light background, here on base "Tosh Sock" (\$31.95, 395 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #1, photo upper left page 8)...

Providing an alternative way to knit in the round, ADDI's textured FlexiFlips Squared act as flexible, double-pointed needles (\$34.50–\$36.50 per set, price varies with size). Stitches are distributed on two needles while you knit with the third – this means only two needle changes per round. Available here in a variety of needle sizes and now, in an XL length. A brilliant idea that really works!

It may not always seem like it, but spring will soon be on the way. What's new from BERROCO YARN? They have introduced five bright and cheerful multi-color gradient shades of their popular "Isola" yarn (\$17.50, 100 grams, 284 yards, 38% cotton/ 36% linen/26% viscose, CYCA #3). This versatile yarn makes it fun to make stylish and uplifting pieces you'll feel good using and wearing for years to come. Our knitting pattern pick is *Biscotti* (\$8.00, shown page 6 lower left), a multidirectional tee that makes the most of the beautiful color changes in "Isola". For crocheters, *Brulee* (\$8.00, shown page 5, lower left) features central granny square motif panels edged by double crochet...

The luscious texture of silk and mohair combine in NORO "Silk Garden" (\$15.50, 100 grams, 110 yards, 45% silk/45% mohair/10% wool, CYCA #4). This exquisite worsted weight yarn is hand-dyed in NORO's signature glorious self-striping color combination, and knits up into a superbly draped fabric with warmth to spare. Luxurious and top quality, projects knit in this yarn are one of a kind. All new shades for spring 2023 are now in stock...

The Soundtrack Cowl by Elizabeth Smith (\$5.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown lower left) uses just 1 skein in each of two colorways for a stunning colorblock and texture design. It's a clever way to work two colors together in a fun stitch pattern, and is sure to keep you chase away the winter chill. If you are a beginner, this is a great project for learning both slip stitch patterns and working a project in the round. Our in-shop model uses MALABRIGO "Rios" worsted yarn (\$16.50, 100 grams, 210 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #4)...



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*** FEBRUARY 2023 KNIT ALONG ***

Have you tried EMMA'S YARN "Suri Silk"? We chose *Fronde of You*, a seriously soft cowl worked in "Suri Silk", pattern by Laura Dobratz for our February 2023 Knit Along (\$4.00 pattern, Ravelry Pro Design available through Kathy's Kreations, shown upper left). Designed in a luxurious blend of Suri alpaca and silk from EMMA'S YARN, it features a delicate lace detail and soft halo that adds a touch of romance to your look just in time for

Valentine's Day. The length is adjustable to your taste and, when knit as written, is long enough to pull up over your head when it gets chilly, providing extra warmth and comfort. With both new and experienced lace knitters in mind, it's the perfect addition to your cold weather wardrobe for stylish and cozy winter days. Pick your favorite color of "Suri Silk", cast on and knit with us every Friday throughout February 2023 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm to work on this, or any other project purchased here at Kathy's Kreations. 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)...

*** QUICK TECHNIQUE TIP FOR KNITTED CABLES ***

From Harry Wells, INTERWEAVE knitting instructor: To close the small holes that form along the left side of a cable (when looking at it from the public side), do this:

On the right side, as you move the last stockinette stitch of the cable stitches and are about to do the purl stitch of the reverse stockinette background, wrap the yarn CLOCKWISE rather than counterclockwise to form the purl stitch. Then, on the wrong side row, knit that stitch through the back loop to correct its orientation/mount on the needle. Wrapping the opposite direction uses a smidge less yarn, thus making the hole smaller...

*** UPCOMING CLASSES (please call 724-238-9320 to register) ***

Flex your creative muscle and hone in on some new techniques while tackling the intricacies of working a gorgeous cardigan with instructor Karen McCullough in her ongoing "Let's Knit" class series on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. The featured project is COCOKNIT'S *Katarina* (\$8.00 Ravelry download pattern). In this session, students will learn how to work a provisional cast on, and methods for working sleeves in the round (double-pointed needles vs. Magic Loop vs. two circulars). *Katarina* is a nearly seamless jacket with the fronts and back knitted together from the bottom up to the armholes, then set aside. The sleeves are also knitted up to the armholes, then everything is joined, and the set-in sleeves are worked seamless up to the English tailored shoulders. It will be finished off with a long garter stitch collar. Expand your knitting skills and create something magical!

Student supplies include 1000-1700 yards DK or worsted weight yarn depending on the sweater size, US size 8 circular knitting needle 29" - 32" length, and US size 8 double-pointed needles for the sleeves. Class fee is \$20.00 per session plus purchase of Ravelry download pattern and yarn. Karen is available for "help" with this unique garment

construction and one-on-one private knit or crochet lessons, as well as how-to's for "the things that the patterns don't always tell you" by appointment...

Back by popular demand, our "Sock Series" instructor Marian Lech will be offering a shorty, sport sock class on **Thursday, February 23, 2023, 10:30 am–12:30 pm**. *Rose City Rollers* by Mara Catherine Bryner are easy, roll-top ankle socks knit from the top down, with a traditional heel flap, heel turn and three size options. It's a great pattern for a

beginner sock knitters, and a fun quick knit for more advanced sock knitters.

Pattern is included with registration. Class supplies include one skein of sock yarn from Kathy's Kreations large selection, two US 2.5 mm or 2.75 mm

circular 24" knitting needles, and stitch markers. Class fee is \$20.00 for this session. These socks are perfect for super bright, variegated yarns, and they add a pop of color to any casual outfit. A ribbed top option will also be available...



*** SPRING BREAK 2023 ***

Community is a vital part of knitting, and we look forward to seeing our long-time friends and meeting new ones at our 11th annual Spring Break workshop April 28–30, 2023, hosted by Kathy Zimmerman. There is nothing quite as fun as being with like-minded makers who are just as excited as you are to learn more about their craft in a fellowship setting. Our featured guest instructor is Cynthia Spencer of REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS, who loves to help other knitters explore new techniques and expand the way they think about their knitting. Her designs focus on color, contrast and texture. It promises to be a special springtime event in beautiful Ligonier Valley, and it is also LYS DAY weekend.



Brioche knitting techniques are trending on Ravelry and in Spring 2023 magazines like *Interweave Knits*. Have you wanted to learn brioche or improve your skills but don't know where to start? Designer Cynthia Spencer of Pine Grove Mills, PA will be teaching an informative knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA that covers brioche and “knit to fit” modifications topics. Skill level is intermediate. Cynthia breaks down techniques into simple relatable ideas and actions that takes the guesswork out of the sometimes tricky brioche concepts. Gain the confidence to work basic and beyond brioche patterns with Cynthia's *Really Clear* explanations, valuable insights, and guidance (class project shown upper right). Students are invited to bring along handknit garments or planned projects for styling, modifications, and advice on how to obtain a better fit. Whether you've been knitting for several weeks or several decades, you'll discover tips to improve your process – learn from the best!

In addition to the weekend package and nine hours of instruction, students will join Cynthia for an after-hours pizza party at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); an informal meet and greet Friday evening; goodie bags; yarn for your class projects; morning coffee breaks and two lunches at the Ramada, in addition to Saturday and Sunday classes. Request an information flyer NOW by calling 724-238-9320 as spaces are filling up fast...

*** VIVA MAGENTA! ***

Viva Magenta, Pantone's 2023 Color of the Year is bright and assertive! What a gorgeous color to celebrate in 2023. Its rich depth and universal appeal make it a color that looks fabulous on everyone. This color is described as a “shade rooted in nature descending from the red family and expressive of a new signal of strength.” It is an unconventional shade for an unconventional time. Now appearing on our shelves as “Coquette Deux” from MADELINE TOSH, “Fucsia” from MALABRIGO, and “Cactus Flower” from MANOS DEL URUGUAY, just to name a few...

*** GRANNY SQUARE REVIVAL ***

Crochet is enjoying a revival of sorts, particularly the humble granny square. A granny square is a piece of square fabric produced in crochet by working in rounds from the center outward, resembling coarse lace. These squares are beginner-friendly, and they look fantastic when worked in a self-stripping yarn like BERROCO “Isola” (see *Brulee*, shown lower left).

The beloved granny is the perfect excuse to play with color for a variety of skill levels. A perennial favorite at Kathy's Kreations is CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *One Big Granny Square Throw & Afghan* (\$6.00, available through Kathy's Kreations Ravelry Pro download). When worked in a luxurious yarn like NORO “Silk Garden”, it can be gloriously nostalgic and modern, kitschy yet sophisticated. Use a self-stripping easy care synthetic like SIRDAR “Jewelspan” and just let the color happen. Explore your own bold contrasts or soft shadings in an Aran acrylic/wool blend weight like PLYMOUTH YARN “Encore” or “Colorspan”, or have a random mix-and-match romp through our collection of colorful choices. If you are new to color-play, try experimenting by working a pillow top...

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*** ICE FEST HAT ***

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the shop during Ice Fest. Kathy was so inspired by the beautiful handknit accessories that our customers were wearing that she designed this chunky hat, because there is still plenty of winter weather ahead in the Laurel Highlands!

FINISHED SIZE: Child to adult small (Adult medium to large in parentheses)
hat will stretch to fit head circumference 18" - 20" (22" - 24")

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner to Intermediate & beyond, must be familiar with working in the round

GAUGE: 3 stitches/5 rounds = 1" in pattern, before blocking

MATERIALS: Bulky weight yarn, approximately 90 yards (shown in MALABRIGO "Noventa" color 121 marte); tapestry needle, stitch marker; US sizes 10.5 (6.5 mm) and 11 (8.0 mm) 16" circular knitting needles and double-pointed needles method of choice for working crown in the round (double pointed needles, circs, FlexiFlips, Magic Loop)

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not achieve the gauge stated, you may need to purchase an additional skein of yarn. Test knitter used 89 yards of bulky yarn on larger size hat.

TEXTURED PATTERN STITCH (worked in rounds over an even number of stitches):

Round 1: Purl.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: *Knit1, purl 1; repeat from * around.

Round 4 : Knit.

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS: K- knit; P-purl; P2tog (purl 2 together decrease); st (sts) - stitch(es)

INSTRUCTIONS:

With smaller circular needle, cast on 54 (60) sts; join in the round, being careful not to twist stitches, and place marker. Slip marker every round.

CUFF: Rounds 1–8: *K1, P1; repeat from * around. Change to larger needles.

BODY OF HAT: Work in Textured Pattern stitch until piece measures approximately 6.5" (7.5") from cast on edge, ending with round 4 of pattern. Change to double-pointed needles for crown shaping.

CROWN SHAPING:

Round 1 (decrease round): *P1, P2tog; repeat from * around: 36 (40) sts.

Round 2 (decrease round): * K2tog; repeat from * around: 18 (20) sts.

Round 3 : *K1, P1; repeat from * around: 18 (20) sts.

Round 4 (decrease round): K2tog around: 9 (10) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Thread yarn through tapestry needle and draw tail through remaining sts. Pull up tightly to close opening and secure. Weave in ends with tapestry needle. Embellish with one of our McPORTER pompoms, if desired.

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*** NEEDLE STORAGE TIPS ***

If there's one thing knitters and crocheters know all too well, it's a challenge to find a reliable way to store those oh-so-vital knitting needles and crochet hooks. Whether you have an overflowing basket of double-points and singles, or a carefully curated

collection of interchangeable tips and cords, keeping them safe and organized can be quite a task. Here are some solutions from our shopgals:

-- from Linda C: Use those long skinny Ziploc "popsicle" bags found at the kitchen shop to store your double pointed needles.

--from Kathy Z: Use a long cylindrical clamping clear storage container or cardboard wine bottle gift cylinder for short straights and a variety of stitch holders.

--Clear photo boxes in a box work well for storing circular needles.

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*** WHAT'S NEW IN LIGONIER? ***

Ligonier is one of those small town Americana places that is always different, but somehow, always the same. Occasionally, we receive inquiries from visitors to our town intrigued by our tin ceiling and

asking about what types of businesses were previously located in our building.

What's new is actually something old. A self-guided walking tour of the district is starting this winter around the Diamond, presented by the Ligonier Chamber of Commerce, The Ligonier Valley Historical Society, Fort Ligonier, and the Pennsylvania Room of the Ligonier Valley Library. Coming soon, you may use your smartphone to scan the QR codes located in the shop windows around town to learn more about each building's history.

We are pleased to occupy the space designated as Historical Point of Interest #8, originally the Wonderland Nickelodeon circa 1907. In its earlier years, this was built as a new nickelodeon for Ligonier, featuring entertainment and moving picture shows on this site. J.W. Dietz was the first manager. It was sold to Charles Steine in 1908, to Harry Clark in 1910, and it again changed hands in 1911 to Arthur Wintamute. It was closed by 1913 and converted for undertaking rooms. It was expanded over the years for retail and apartments. In the late 1940s, Tim's father, Sam Zimmerman, returned from post-WWII action to open a radio and TV sales/service around the late 1940s. He remained in business until 2004, when Kathy and Tim took over the space for Kathy's Kreations yarn shop, established in 1980, until the present day...



*** WORKING PROJECTS IN THE ROUND ***

There's a frequently asked question here at Kathy's Kreations: what technique is best for working small circumferences in the round? Whether it's the top of a hat, sleeve cuffs, or mittens, there are some common tools to help you decide which one is best for you and your project. The number of available choices can be overwhelming. No two knitters are alike; it's not only the projects and yarn choice that differs, but also the knitting style, the experience, and the overall knitting speed. The perfect needles for one person may be the worst for another. You will need to consider what works best for you.

DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES (dpns): Double-pointed knitting needles, as the name suggests, have points on both ends of the needle (rather than one, as for straight needles). They come in sets of 4 or 5. One needle is always empty as your right-hand needle, and the remaining needles hold the worked stitches. This is the traditional method, available in a variety of materials from carbon to wood to bamboo to plastic.

MAGIC LOOP: The magic loop technique is a method which allows you to knit small diameter tubes using a long 32" or 40" circular needle to work a small circumference. It's called "magic loop" because you pull your circular needle cable through half of your stitches, creating loops on the side of your work. The technique divides the stitches, then the back needle is pulled through to knit the stitches on the front needle.

TWO CIRCULAR NEEDLES: For learning purposes, it is best if the circulars do not match so that you can tell which needle tip to use as well as know when you are done with a round. The needles could be different colors, made from different materials, or be different lengths. The trick to working with two circular needles is that you work in half-rounds. You are basically going to distribute one half of the stitches across one needle and the second half across another.

FLEXI FLIPS: Each set of the ADDI FlexiFlips acts as a double-pointed needle, consisting of two needles and a short cord in between. Stitches are simply distributed over two needles, and then knit with the third, resulting in only two needle changes per row making your next pair of socks, hats or other accessories a breeze! FlexiFlips Squared ergonomic square-shaped textured needles are shown at right. These also can double as a cable needle.



*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

It's cold, flu and COVID season. 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 current recommendations: "People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with Covid-19 should wear a mask". 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 CDC information or changes to our hours in the event of inclement weather....

*** FEBRUARY 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 February 2023, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, for our fun knit along "Frond of You". 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). Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry group February 2023 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** "LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, February 7, 2023; 1:00 pm–3:00 pm ***

Ready to try making a sweater? Instructor Karen McCullough presents a gorgeous cardie, *Katarina* by COCOKNITS, a clever way to learn garment knitting techniques! From planning to finishing, Karen will help you take your garment knitting to the next level.

*** FUN FRIDAY, February 17, 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...

*** SOCK KNITTING CLASS SERIES, Thursday, February 23, 2023; 10:30 am–12:30 pm ***

Join instructor Marian Lech to learn how-to's for a cute, casual shorty sock, *Rose City Rollers*. These are a perfect pair for year-'round wear. Spaces are still available, see page 4 for info; please call 724-238-9320 for details & registration...

*** SAVE THE DATES ***

The Steel Valley Yarn Crawl will soon be in the planning stages. This year's event is tentatively set for 10 days beginning Friday, July 28, through Sunday, August 6, 2023...

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 42 years!

No matter how chilly the weather, we hope that you always find a bit of coziness – whether it's with yummy yarns, knit or crochet garments and accessories or just the quiet contentment of settling in with a project on a cold winter's night. We're in the mood for some quiet stitching time. Gentle colors, soothing yarns in our hands, a relaxing project, a comfy couch – as if we need an excuse to stay in, stay warm, and enjoy a new project!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy

