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JULY 2023 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

What is it about a hank of hand-dyed yarn that has you smiling before you even cast on? Picking it up, holding it in your hands, savoring the gorgeous depth of color, wrapping it into a cake, anticipating what you will make -- every step is an irresistible treat for avid stitchers! Hand-dyed yarns add a special touch to your projects with their expressive colorways, superior quality and one-of-a-kind unique charm. From luxurious fiber blends to superwash specialties, hand-dyed yarns come in all shapes and weights. Slip into a world all your own and celebrate the ritual of knitting, crocheting, and fiber. After all, our artisan yarns have been carefully crafted in small batches by hand to make sure your stitching experience is simply extra-ordinary!

We've had fabulous news from our designer friends Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed that the much-anticipated Great Lakes Road Trip MKAL (mystery knit along) will begin with the release of Leg 1 on July 1, 2023! They have designed another lovely shawl that drapes and wraps beautifully around the shoulders. This one is similar to the PA Road Trip in that it is something of a cross between a crescent and half-circle, but the construction and design is all new. We have a selection of kits for this project in hand-dyed MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Alegria" fingering weight yarn or choose your own exciting combo from the gorgeous selections on our shelves, plus lots of MIYUKI beads...

Your next knitting and crocheting adventure with fiber awaits, in real life! It's the ten best days of summer as the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl starts Friday, July 28, 2023 and continues through Sunday, August 6, 2023. We will be open daily throughout the Crawl, with extended hours. Passports are limited, so get yours soon & get ready for a fun experience...

It's our "CRUISIN' THROUGH SUMMER" Promotion!
All regularly-priced "Made in the USA" BROWN SHEEP and KRAEMER yarns in stock
are 10% off July 1–July 27, 2023

STORE HOURS
OPEN 10:00 am–4:00 pm Monday through Saturday
closed most Sundays and July 4, 2023
special extended hours for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl starting July 28, 2023

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please visit our website <https://www.kathys-kreations.com>



*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Knitting and crocheting – it's magical! We gain patience and perseverance while learning to make the stitches. We can create pieces inspired by each season, such as a bag for spring, a tee top for summer, a scarf for fall, and a sweater for winter. Stitching also teaches us how to make goals and follow through with them. A project starts with one stitch, with the finished project being created by forming one stitch after another. After completing a piece, it is magic to see the finished creation and to know that, not long ago, it was simply a strand of yarn. Just picking up your needles or hook can help shift your mind toward magical workings like these...

Fresh from Florida – July 2023, served with a sweet summertime twist! This colorway from EMMA'S YARN has all the best citrusy shades blended and speckled throughout and truly encompasses classic Florida, when everywhere you looked were groves. It will be available here July 1 on bases "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash wool/20% nylon, CYCA #2) and "Super Silky" (\$31.00, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA #2, shown upper left)...

What to crochet in the summer? Everyone needs a summer hat, whether headed to the beach or just the backyard. The *Frankie Bucket Hat* by Toni Lipsey (\$7.50, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown page 8 upper left) is crocheted with DK weight yarn in continuous rounds, marking the stitch of the first round and moving the marker up with each round. This hat features a firm (but not stiff) brim to wear straight or folded for fun in the sun. Suggested yarn is BERROCO "Remix Light" (\$12.50, 100 grams, 432 yards, 30% nylon/27% cotton/24% acrylic/10% silk/9% linen, CYCA #3)...

Handknit socks make us happy. We love to make them when on the go in the summer! They're pretty quick, very engaging and so satisfying to make. Many of our customers start in July to make them as Christmas gifts for family and friends. The other thing about handknit socks – we love to wear them, because you can't beat a custom made sock when it comes to cozy comfort. Come on, get happy with these new sock yarn arrivals:

- OPAL YARNS *Van Gogh Collection* with self-striping colorways based on the famous paintings returns (\$20.95, 100 grams, 467 yards, 75% virgin wool/25% polyamide, CYCA #2)
- FRABJOUS FIBERS "Confetti", a new fingering weight with subtle glitter and multi-colored neps coming soon (\$28.50)
- MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Alegria" (\$30.50, 100 grams, 443 yards, 75% superwash merino/25% polyamide, CYCA #2), a blend of superwash wool and polyamide that is brilliantly colorful, soft and bouncy, sturdy and resilient
- SCHOEPPPEL "Admiral R Druck" (\$18.50, 100 grams, 460 yards, 75% virgin wool/25% nylon, CYCA #2) self-striping with a Fair Isle effect

How about a one-skein wonder summer knitting project? Garter and a one-row lace pattern make it nice and relaxing. If you have one skein of fingering weight of at least 375 yards, the *Long Story Short* summer scarf by CASAPINKA (\$7.00 Ravelry Pro download, shown lower right) is a great project to just pick up and knit. If you've been holding on to a fantastic skein of fingering waiting for the right project, this is it. Careful of using variegated yarn, as the lace pattern will likely be obscured (but speckles are great). If you have more than 400 yards, you can continue knitting until your yarn is mostly used up. Have more than a skein of fingering? Extend the border to make it way longer. There are also extra repeats for a larger, shawl-size length. This is "Netflix knitting" with some paying attention thrown in...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

With the July 21 release of the first and much-anticipated “Barbie” movie, everyone’s talking about the foot-tall doll. MADELINE TOSH couldn’t resist giving this cultural moment its own blood hue! Introducing “Ken-ergy” (shown right), a vibrant, variegated neon pink, blue, orange, yellow and teal retina-blasting color palette. Available here on base “Tosh Sock” (\$32.50, 395 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #1, shown upper right)...



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Coming attractions ahead for the coming season! We are super happy about the upcoming addition of the MALABRIGO “Rios” Zodiac Collection, with 12 new shades inspired by the zodiac signs and their interpretation. Each color is crafted using key aspects of the personality popularly attributed to every sign (Gemini shown page 7, upper right). These were taken into mood boards and translated into a color palette that was then transferred to hand-dyed skeins. What’s your sign?

You’re invited to a Summer “Tee” Party, a BERROCO YARNS tradition that keeps the rose garden and tea party mood going with a Summer MAL (make-a-long) dedicated to tees! Our new yarn arrivals that fit the occasion are BERROCO “Gaia” and “Spree”. “Gaia” (\$11.50, 50 grams, 140 yards, 70% cotton/30% polyester, CYCA #3) is a sophisticated summer tweed made entirely of recycled fiber. This DK weight yarn has a classic construction with a smooth finish, for a refined twist on eco-friendly. “Spree” (\$12.50, 50 grams, 142 yards, 56% wool/44% cotton, CYCA #3) uses an impressionistic spray-effect dye technique featuring a lot of color dappled throughout the ball. Made of wool and cotton, this is a perfect all-season yarn. Since every party needs a gift, BERROCO’s gift to you is a Ravelry pattern code that can be used for one free tee pattern of your choice with code: BerrocoTeeParty23

Some suggested knit project BERROCO tee patterns (\$8.00 per pattern) are:

Derecho (shown page 5, upper right): a seamless tee knitting pattern that begins at the neck and is worked down. Easy eyelet stitches shape the yoke and add decoration to the neckline at the same time...

Cosette (shown page 5, lower left): This is the classic tee, updated! Knit flat from sleeve to sleeve with a shaped hemline and relaxed fit. Just the kind of modern take on a traditional garment to carry you through the warm days of summer...

Villa (shown page 7, lower left): Perfect to show off color variances! The front and back are worked separately, beginning with a horizontal waistband in garter stitch, then knit vertically with the cap sleeves worked as you go...

Saja: This knitted tee features a super simple silhouette that’s flattering to all body shapes! Knit in the round from the top down, *Saja* makes the most of the flowing fabric with simple increases at the arms and basic ribbing...

My Summer Song (\$6.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy’s Kreations) is an entertaining crescent-shaped shawl from designer Lisa Hannes. It is worked in garter stripes which open up in various spots to play with different lace and multicolored wedge inserts. It’s a perfect project for using up small leftovers, partial skeins or cute little minis like our coming-soon SWEET GEORGIA Party of Five sets or EMMA’S YARN Smalls...

Vacationing at the beach? *Wool and Waves* from designer CASAPINKA (\$7.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy’s Kreations, shown lower left) reminds us of those best days down the shore. The colors Casapinka chose reminds us of ocean sunsets over deepening waters. This shawl is boomerang-shaped, is worked from small to large, and consists of garter stitches interspersed with simple lace rows. There are also strips of color set among the garter stitches where two different colors of yarn are held double, giving an intarsia effect without the intarsia method. The simple stitches flow to make something reminiscent of such “fun in the sun” times — hope that you can also make some nice memories while knitting your own *Wool and Waves*...



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*** JULY 2023 KNIT ALONG ***

Due to so many requests, CASAPINKA and Sharon from Security have produced the *Sharon's Glamping 2 Blanket* (\$7.00 Ravelry Pro pattern download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown upper left), our pick for July's knit along. The shades shown are in stock: BERROCO "Vintage Chunky" on left & EMMA'S YARN "Bodacious Bulky" on right. The textures and colors make this a fun summer knit in cat, baby, dog and sofa sizes. Oh, my!

We have greatly anticipated the "start your engines" kickoff for the *Great Lakes Road Trip* mystery shawl from designers Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed. We are glad to report that we have "Alegria" kits in stock once again, along with beads, and we can take off on Saturday, July 1, 2023. For this year, we are armchair traveling and heading north! We'll hit every state that borders the Great Lakes, along with a nod to Canada. 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.

Get ready to cast on and knit with us every Friday throughout July 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, July 11, 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 (photo shown lower right).

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 "dumpling bag" project that Stacey has been working on (details to be announced during the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl). 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. 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-mail kathyknitz@gmail.com



*** COTTON, THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES ***

With the weather warming up, let's talk a bit about cotton and why it's so good for summer knitting. Cotton is breathable, sturdy, and machine washable. Like other plant fibers, cotton keeps you cool while you work and wear, and it doesn't hold onto odors like other fibers can. Cotton is also hypoallergenic, making it great for those with sensitive skin.

Mercerization is a chemical process that gives cotton a shiny luster that keeps even after washing, and is usually on long-stapled cottons like Pima. Other than that, mercerized cotton is just like regular cotton, just shiny and more durable!

Welcome to the warmth of summer and be sure to check out these worsted weight CYCA #4 cotton shop faves on our shelves including:

PLYMOUTH YARN "Fantasy Naturale" (\$9.50, 100 grams, 140 yards, 100% mercerized cotton)

UNIVERSAL YARNS "Cotton Supreme Speckles" (\$11.95, 100 grams, 180 yards, 100% cotton)

BERROCO "Pima 100" (\$12.50, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% pima cotton, CYCA #4)



*** KNITTER'S SELF CARE AND MINDFUL MOMENTS ***

Designer Joji Locatelli recently shared these techniques for calming, reassuring knitting to soothe when feeling stressed, which you might find helpful:

Set an Intention: Before you begin knitting, take a moment to set an intention for your knitting session. It could be focusing on the present moment, cultivating patience, or expressing creativity. Remind yourself of this intention the entire time you spend with your project.

Deep Breathing: Start your knitting session with a few deep, intentional breaths. As you inhale and exhale, allow your body and mind to relax, creating a sense of calm and presence.

Focus on Sensations: Pay attention to the physical sensations of knitting — the texture of the yarn, the movement of the needles, and the rhythm of your stitches. Immerse yourself in the moment.

Practice Mindful Stitching: Direct your attention to each stitch as you create it. Notice the gentle tension, the sound it makes, and the way it forms the fabric. Let go of distractions and bring your full awareness to the simple act of knitting.

Embrace The Imperfections: Knitting, like life, is not always perfect. Instead of becoming frustrated by mistakes or uneven stitches, embrace them as part of the process. Allow imperfections to teach you patience, resilience, and acceptance.

Slow Down: Knitting can be a form of active meditation. Slow down your movements, savor each stitch, and fully engage in the rhythm of your knitting. This slower pace can help you cultivate mindfulness and create a deeper connection with your craft.

Practice Gratitude: As you knit, express gratitude for the materials, the pattern, and the time you have to dedicate to your craft. Appreciate the joy and fulfillment that knitting brings to your life.

Remember, mindfulness is a personal practice, and what works for one person may not resonate with another. Feel free to explore these suggestions and modify them to suit your own preferences and needs. The key is to approach your knitting with a sense of awareness, presence, and appreciation." Joji Locatelli



*** REMEMBERING MADE EASIER ***

When working on a slip-stitch colorwork or a two-color brioche project, have you ever had trouble figuring out with which color you ended? If you always stop at the end of a row/round when you pause your knitting (as many of us were taught), it can sometimes be confusing. Bobbi Pendell of INTERWEAVE KNITS tells her students to *never* stop at the end of a row/round, but always stop mid-round instead. That way, there is no question!

*** 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-kindle 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. 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!
- 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 ***

A very big "THANK YOU" to our vendor suppliers who have generously contributed to our door prize baskets – BERROCO, DREAM IN COLOR, EMMA'S YARN, FAIRMOUNT FIBERS, MALABRIGO, PLYMOUTH, RIVER RAT YARNS, SKACEL KNITTING, UNIVERSAL YARNS and WONDERLAND YARNS as of this writing.

Thanks also to our shopgals, shop friends, instructors and Facebook techy Vina McLeod Rudolph for the wonderful social media updates, generous contributions and support.



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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

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. There are more surprises in store, including the release of a new pattern, "The Golden Hour", from designer Kathy Zimmerman in two exciting custom colorways, one from DREAM IN COLOR YARN and one from RIVER RAT YARNS.

Any ideas what our store theme will be this year? "The Golden Hour" is a clue, but you'll need to stop in for the sunny reveal!

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. We are also featuring a MUUD leather bags trunk show from UNIVERSAL YARNS (a Danish brand)...

Friday, July 28: SOCIAL MEDIA DAY— meet & greet with our social media guru
Vina McLeod Rudolph and instructor Karen McCullough

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

Monday, July 31: CASAPINKA DAY

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 —
meet & greet with instructor Karen McCullough

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

*** QUICK TIPS AND TRICKS ***

Here's a wonderful decorative border treatment for crochet blankets and pillows: *Insert the crochet hook into your work along the edge as if to do a single crochet and pull up a loop, rotate your hook 360 degrees counterclockwise, yarn over and pull through the loop. Repeat from * and continue around your work, working 3 stitches at each corner turn.

{Original source alisfiberarts,

Instagram}



Karen McC's tip: Adding an extra twist to your e-loop cast on makes those stitches much easier to address in the next round. They will stay in place and not steal yarn from their neighbors. {Original source Lorilee Beltman}

Here's a fabulous technique to achieve neat, slightly elevated edges when knitting scarves or shawls: Make sure to cast on 2 extra stitches (1 at beginning of row and one at end of row). Slip the first stitch purlwise with yarn in front and work to the last stitch and knit it. Repeat and enjoy! {van_de_kamp designs}

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*** 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...

*** JULY 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 July 2023, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, for our fun knit alongs, the *Sharon's Glamping 2 Blanket* shawl, 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 group July 2023 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** "LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, July 11, 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, July 21, 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...

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL, July 28–August 6, 2023 ***

Join nine Pittsburgh area local yarn shops for the ten best days of summer! Save the dates Friday, July 28–Sunday, August 6, 2023 for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. This year's passports come with a must-have yarn crawl logo tote bag, which are for sale now but selling out quickly. Participating shops 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.

*** 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!

In addition to sunscreen, sunglasses, water bottle and snacks, be sure to complete your summer travel checklist with one (or more) knit and crochet projects. Part of packing is knowing what to take, and the rest is knowing where to get it. While we can't always help with the former, when it comes to the latter, we have you covered!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy