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JUNE 2023 UPDATE



Dear Stitches,

Coming soon – full-blown summer with its warmer days, longer nights, flowers and getaways! When you take a day trip to the Laurel Highlands and make your way through the mountains, you're treated to spectacular views and venues worth visiting. One is our quaint little town of Ligonier with its "step back in time" artisan shops. From a morning at the Country Market, to a quaint shopping experience around the Diamond, there are some summer days that you never want to end. For knitters and crocheters, this means a stop at Kathy's Kreations for some fiber therapy!

In summer, the world seems to slow down a bit, warm breezes abound, there's sunlight in your eyes, and a promise of a long day to do all the things stitchers love: knitting and crocheting! For these incredible days, Kathy's Kreations presents a new collection for summer.

For starters, let's begin with some kits. We're on the road again with the long-awaited *Great Lakes Mystery Road Trip*, a shawl knit along with designers Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed, kicking off later this summer. This project uses colorful kits from MANOS DEL URUGUAY in luxurious fingering weight "Alegria" 100% superwash wool, and our MIYUKI beads. Other fun kits that take the guesswork out of choosing colors are DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy Cashmere" duos for CASAPINKA's *Kitation*, WONDERLAND YARNS DeStitchnation Jack in the Beanstalk and Little Mermaid projects, EMMA'S YARN "Super Silky" for CASAPINKA's *Desert Sunset Shawl*, and RIVER RAT YARNS merino/cashmere yarn for HELEN STEWART's *Pebble Beach Shawl*.

Everything you need to make the most of summer knitting and crocheting is here, because unwinding with a new project is one of the things summer is all about...

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Our latest arrivals include an array of vibrant colors and unique textures, perfect for all your warm weather projects. Not only have we added fresh yarns to our collection, but we have also expanded the color palettes for some of your all-time favorites – giving you even more creative possibilities!

June 2023 MADELINE TOSH Hue of The Moment (shown upper left) embodies the epitome of summer relaxation. It is named “Unplugged”. Think about it – what do you want to unplug this month? Social Media? Your computer? Your phone? The dog? This shade is a seasonal mélange of peach, turquoise, taupe and dots of sunshine that’s all about taking a digital respite and casting on a new project in a quiet, shady spot. This color wowed us when we unpacked it from the shipping box and we can’t wait to see what our customers will knit and crochet with it! It is available here on base “Tosh Sock” (\$32.95, 395 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #2)...

BERROCO is expert at creating yarns that are both durable and a pleasure to stitch, not to mention wear! “Pima 100” is one such gem of a yarn (\$13.95, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% pima cotton, CYCA #4). Four plies of pure, long-staple Peruvian cotton are tightly spun together in this light worsted weight yarn. “Pima 100” has a smooth, soft, matte finish and produces cool fabric with excellent stitch definition. We love this yarn for casual tanks & tees, kid’s wear and summer accessories. One of our favorite natural choices for this yarn is CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *Sideways Tee* (\$12.50 pattern). Relaxed yet sporty, it’s a handknit reference to ‘athleisure’ wear. Cleverly knit from the center out to each side, this top features a tapered shape allowing plenty of ease at the bust, while providing an easy, flattering hip length hem. The sideways approach lends a modern pivot to a familiar style...

You heard it here first – shrugs and shoulder cozies are back and trending! We are loving JACKIE ROSE’s “weekend” of shrug patterns (patterns free with purchase of yarn to make each project). *Friday Shrug* is a color celebration on your needles where the fireworks never fade. You get to invite nine colors of worsted weight (or one luxurious self-stripping colorway) with the yarns held double throughout. Perfect for stash, sharing and making more than one! Like bread fresh from the oven or a bonfire on a cool summer’s evening, there are some things that we never tire of and *Saturday Shrug* is one of them. A simple satisfying make, you’ll want to create it again and again. Let the relaxing rib be a blank page to write your color story. *Sunday Shrug* completes the trio. The dramatic big sister to the *Saturday Shrug*, this simple, bold, bulky weight design can be knit in almost a day...

The hottest movie of summer 2023 is Disney’s *The Little Mermaid*. Now you can get your mermaid-vibe on with an adorable crochet clamshell bag from WONDERLAND YARN DeStitchnation Club that is perfect for holding all your little trinkets and essentials. Great for a downtown adventure, this little bag uses strategic post stitches to create a clamshell design on each side. Kit includes one skein of gorgeous pastel “Summer Silk” yarn (3.5 oz., 390 yards, 100% silk bourette, CYCA #2), a beautiful enamel mermaid pin, pattern for Forever in Blue scarf and clamshell bag pattern (\$34.95/kit)...

Who doesn’t love a good one-skein project? The *Me Time Cowl* by Laura Dobratz (\$4.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy’s Kreations, shown lower right) is full of fun texture and knits up fast. It can be made as long as you’d like making it the perfect project for one coveted skein or almost full skein leftovers. You can use a mini-skein to add a pop of color. Use the pop to cast on, work the first and last few rib rows, and bind off. Pattern includes a second measurement if you’d like to modify the length...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

One of the best feelings as a knitter is to watch your work almost fly off the needles. Knit in one ball each of JUNIPER MOON FARMS “Cumulus” (\$22.50, 100 grams, 251 yards, 94% cotton/6% nylon, CYCA #4) & “Cumulus Rainbow” (\$25.50, 100 grams, 251 yards, 94% cotton/6% nylon, CYCA #4), the *Iris Shawl* by designer Danielle Comeau (free pattern on Ravelry) is worked from one end, expanding in ever-widening stripes as it grows. Our knitting friend Rhonda knit hers with a neutral solid and contrasting smoky tones (shown upper right).



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The inspiration for this shawl is Iris, the Maiden goddess of the rainbow. Iris was the messenger of the Olympian gods before Hermes, and is also known as one of the goddesses of the sea and sky. The light and airy feel of JUNIPER MOON cotton yarns works perfectly for Iris' rainbow. So grab some and knit yourself a rainbow fit for a goddess!

Our preview of coming attractions include WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS, a company that creates beautiful British yarn with care, innovation and expertise. Spun in Yorkshire, England, their award-winning collections are designed to excite and inspire a worldwide community of crafters. We will be adding rustic wools and marls for those of you who enjoy knitting and crocheting Aran and cabled designs, to include “The Croft Aran”, “Fleece Bluefaced Leicester Aran”, and the Christmas collection of “Signature 4 Ply” for holiday socks (including some sparkle!). You know that our resident cable queen Kathy is particularly excited for the arrival of these yarns and classic patterns next month!

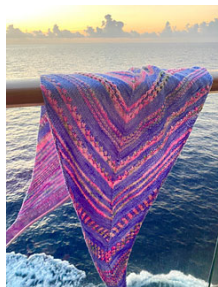
Better than a yarn bowl! The CHIAOGOO Yarn Butler (\$44.50, shown upper left page 8) is an amazing tool that will make your stitching time so much more pleasant. Simply place your yarn cake on the spindle of this wooden lazy Susan, and the ball bearings in the base allows it to spin easily as you knit or crochet. It measures 6-1/2” wide X 10” tall, so it is compact and keeps your yarn clean and close by. We love smart gadgets, don't you?

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 (\$44.95/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)! Feather & Fan stitch comes alive in the *Attu* shawl with its asymmetrical shape, especially when you explore all the ways to bring different colors together (shown page 7, lower left). Soft texture, gradual increases, and decadent lace promise an accessory that will delight every knitter. Inspired by the steep layers and ridges of Gimli Park in British Columbia, *Gimli Peak* (shown page 5, lower left) uses stripes of bold color and texture like a mini stitch sampler to pay homage to the gorgeous scenery. 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...



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While we're on the subject of mini-skeins, wait until you see our new portable wrist yarn holder Mini Minders from LEMON WOOD FIBER TOOLS (\$36.50, shown lower left). Simply place a mini-skein cake onto the base, insert the stem and attach it to the bracelet strap to wear on your wrist. This is an ingenious idea for traveling as your yarn stays put. We have ordered the “Wool Story” design to match our tote bags that were introduced at LYS Day Spring Break. These are a fun way to take your yarn to go...



*** JUNE 2023 KNIT ALONG & MAD MAY***

CASAPINKA introduced her beautiful shawl, *Kitation* (which rhymes with Citation), at LYS Day 2023 to rave reviews (\$7.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown upper left). That's why we chose it for our June 2023 knit along. This project uses two skeins of fingering weight yarn, 400 yards each, in one variegated & one solid, or two solids. Kathy's shop sample uses a "Smoochy Cashmere" Bermuda Teal & Riot Girls duo from DREAM IN COLOR (\$35.50 per skein, 4 oz., 400 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2). The shawl is kite-shaped, hence the name *Kitation*, and features the varied textured stitches for which CASAPINKA is well known.

We have greatly anticipated the "start your engines" kickoff of the *Great Lakes Road Trip* mystery shawl from designers Cynthia Spencer and Valerie Reed. Unfortunately, it has been delayed due to the collapse of a warehouse at MANOS DEL URUGUAY. We are glad to report that we have all the "Alegria" kits in stock once again, along with beads. 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. Starting date to be announced...

Several knitters have been working on the *In The Meantime* cowl/infinity loop (\$6.99, shown lower right, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations) by Cynthia Spencer of REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS while waiting to begin the *Great Lakes Road Trip*. One should always have a spare knitting project along on vacation, in case the current project hits a roadblock, like the supply snag with *Great Lakes*. It's a little murder mystery cowl. Like every other knitting mystery, this cowl is like solving a knitting puzzle – each clue brings you closer to the finished product, and the excitement builds with every stitch. You'll need three colors of worsted weight yarn – our samples are knit with MALABRIGO "Rios" yarn, which has recently been re-stocked.

Get ready to cast on and knit with us every Friday throughout June 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, June 6, 2023, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. Last month, we began the *Slip, Knit, Love* shawl by Lisa Hannes. It combines garter stitch with some fun-to-knit colorwork elements. This pattern was originally released as a mystery knit along, with different clues as the project progresses corresponding to our class lessons. Due to the different sections, the shawl knits up quickly for a wonderful, easy-to-wear season-spanning accessory.

Summer is a great time to learn a new skill and the "Let's Knit!" series will have you creating fascinating results with your stitchwork. Slip stitch and mosaic knitting will soon be your favorite techniques! The pattern contains fully written and charted instructions so you can choose which method you prefer to follow. It's not too late to join in on the class! Please call us at 724-238-9320 or e-mail kathyknitz@gmail.com for details.

Our shop model is on display, worked in DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy Cashmere" (70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon), shades Sundance, Prince William and Tiny Blue. Pattern may be purchased through Kathy's Kreations Ravelry Pro download (\$8.50).

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. From a young age, she has spent her life as an artist & knitter. She has, over the last decade, been focusing on fiber artistry, designing, spinning and dyeing yarn.



Stacey will take us on a journey through yarn substitutions & the effects it has 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!

We will examine the structure of protein, cellulose & synthetic yarns (RIVER RAT “MCN”, shown upper right, 80% superwash merino/10% nylon/10% cashmere, colorway Neptune’s Kreation). We will also spend time learning how to tell these different types of yarn apart, to determine what weight and how many plies your mystery yarns have. We will also explore characteristics of fibers: where they come from and how they behave. We will learn to examine projects based on their content (i.e., lace, cables, texture stitches, etc.) and look at what yarns are best suited for every type of design based on the yarn’s weight, plies and fiber content. You will leave with a binder full of resources, tools and knowledge. There will plenty of hands-on knitting time with a special project to be announced that Stacey has been working on. 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

*** TIPS & TRICKS ***

Our knitting friend Eleanor Swogger shared a tip learned from a knit along with Romi Hill: When instructed to do a kf&b (knit front & back) increase, try working kb&f (knit into the back first, then the front of the stitch), which eliminates the “purl bump look”. Eleanor tells us that it results in a much neater, smoother appearance...

By law, yarns sold in the USA must have care instructions on the label. However, if you’re combining yarns (ex., mohair/kid silk carry along with a superwash merino), always care for the finished project according to the instructions for the most delicate component. When in doubt, hand wash with water & Eucalan as directed, then dry flat. If your fuzzy yarn project looks like it needs fluffed after drying, simply give it a good shake...

To make sure that both pieces of your garment match in length (sleeves, cardigan fronts, etc.), don’t measure – use a row counter, count rows instead and write in on your pattern...



An extra large paper clip, or potato chip bag clip, is handy for keeping the used yarn labels from your project organized as you go. It makes it much easier to tally the amount of yarn used when your project is done. It also helps if you need to buy more yarn later – you will know exactly the shade and dye lot used. Plus, you will have information about care instructions...



*** KATHY'S FAMOUS TACO DIP ***

The recipe for this delicious taco dip is not from our Kathy, but her friend Kathy C! Our Kathy served this for a MAD MAY Cinco de Mayo knit along and had requests to share the recipe. It comes together quickly and you can easily switch up the toppings based on what you have on hand, what spice level you prefer, or what you like!

- 1 8 oz. brick cream cheese, softened
- 1 package powdered taco dip
- 1 can kernel corn, rinsed & drained
- 6 small mini bell peppers, diced & seeded
- 1 small can sliced black olives
- 1 can black beans, rinsed & drained
- 1 bunch green onions, chopped
- 1/2 package Tillamok triple cheddar blend farmstyle shreds, or cheddar cheese of choice
- Several leaves of artisan or Romaine lettuce, chopped
- San Marzano or Roma tomatoes, diced
- LAYS Tostitos Scoops or taco chips of choice

Mix together the softened cream cheese and taco seasoning. Transfer this mixture to a baking dish or large pie pan. Top with the corn, bell peppers, black olives, black beans, green onions, lettuce, tomatoes and shredded cheese. Chill several hours. Serve cold with Tostitos scoops or veggie crudites. Kathy served this in a Pampered Chef container with frozen chill sections. To keep fresh, serve lettuce and tomato separately as they will wilt. Extras: sour cream, salsa (add into base layer before toppings), chives, sliced avocado, cooked ground beef, refried beans, jalapenos, Rotel, hot sauce or whatever you like!

*** 36th ANNUAL ANTIQUES ON THE DIAMOND: VINTAGE & RETRO FAIRE ***

The Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce invites you to visit Ligonier on Saturday, June 3, 2023 for its annual antiques show with something new added this year – *Retro Redo*. Kathy's Kreations is participating as a host business by having a small tray repurposed by Artisan Made Marketplace. This item will be on display in our shop window from June 3- 10, 2023 and you will have opportunity to vote for your favorite from locations around town...

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL ***

Kathy's Kreations is one of nine local yarn shops in the Greater Pittsburgh area that will be participating in the 10th 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 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.

Participating shops include: Chicken Knitz, Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, Moon & Yarn Craft Room, Raggz Fiber Art, Sewickley Yarns, Yarn Bits & Bobs, and Yarns By Design. The crawl will feature a “passport” to get stamped at each store, in no required order. Passports will be available beginning **Thursday, June 1, 2023 (\$15.00, includes tote bag shown lower right)**. 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 yarns that western PA has to offer. Get a group of friends together NOW and plan to pile in the car to hop from shop to shop.

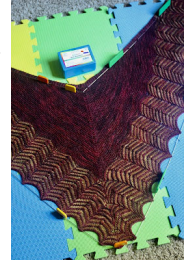
Kathy's Kreations will have extended hours for this event. Save the dates – we'll have more details and updates in our July newsletter. For general information, please visit the website, thesteelvalleyyarncrawl.com or contact thesteelvalleyyarncrawl@gmail.com



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*** BLOCKING SHAWLS ***

Shawls continue to be one of our customers' most-loved projects for summer knitting and crocheting, everything from lace to mosaic to slip stitch textures. Blocking can make a shawl come to life by bringing clarity to the shape and stitch pattern. Kathy swears by using a spray bottle as her blocking method of choice, as this is the most conservative approach. However, some shawl designers recommend that you begin by washing the piece, giving it a good soak for about 20–30 minutes, particularly for allover lace patterns. Kathy adds a bit of Eucalan, her preferred no-rinse delicate cleaner, to the wash or spray bottle. If you have a washer with a gentle or hand wash cycle, use “drain and spin” only – NO AGITATION, simply spin out the excess water. If doing this process by hand, gently roll up in a beach towel, and press firmly to remove the water – DO NOT WRING. Kathy recommends then placing the towel with the shawl inside in an empty insulated chest on top of several layers of towels until the piece is damp not drippy.



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Interlocking blocking mats like our KNITTER'S PRIDE squares which can be configured to the shape needed are invaluable. Blocking wires are extremely helpful, as are stainless steel T-pins (all items mentioned here or shown in photo upper right are available at Kathy's Kreations). The wires have polished ends so they won't snag and are also stainless steel which is important, so they won't rust. Thread the wires along the edges of your shawl, stretch to desired measurements and pin the wire into place. If you are using blocking wires, you won't need as many pins, just enough to keep the wire from bending. If you do not have blocking wires, use the T-pins every inch or so, and you will need a lot more pins!

A tip we received from Ann Hanson years ago for blocking a triangular shaped shawl with a center “spine” is to thread two wires along each side of the spine, then place wires at the top to result in a “T” formation. This makes it easier to stretch out the pattern stitch. Pin out the remaining sides while making everything look straight, even and symmetrical. Aim to make the stitch pattern look consistent throughout. Overlap the wires if extra length is needed.

If your shawl has scallops or points, insert the wires at the outermost part of the scallop or point and pin into place to enhance the detail. If you have a garter stitch edge, insert the wire into the “bump” along the edge. For I-cord edges, insert the wire either through or just inside the cord.

Once you are satisfied with how the piece looks, leave it undisturbed and away from curious pets and family members (usually overnight). A fan can speed up drying time. When dry, remove pins, wires, and enjoy your beautiful new shawl!

*** LINDA'S VEGGIE PIZZA ***

From our National Pizza Day #MadMay 2023 knitalong, here's Linda C's scrumptious recipe requested by the crowd:

2 packages refrigerated crescent rolls (find this in the dairy case)

2 8-oz. packages cream cheese, softened

1/2–2/3 cup mayonnaise, to taste

1 pkg. Hidden Valley ranch mix



Fresh veggies, 1 cup each chopped: carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, yellow/red/orange sweet bell peppers

Spread crescent rolls onto cookie sheet and bake according to package directions. Let cool. Combine softened cream cheese, mayonnaise and dressing mix and spread on top of crescent rolls. Top with veggies. Chill several hours or overnight. Cut and serve.

Options: Add whatever veggies you like to include sliced black olives, grape tomatoes, green onions, zucchini shreds, cheese shreds. Thanks, Linda, for sharing your recipe!



*** 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 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....

*** JUNE 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 June 2023, 10:00 am–2:00 pm, for our fun knit alongs, the *Kitation* shawl, the *Great Lakes Road Trip* (start date to be announced) and *In The Meantime* cowl. 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 June 2023 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** VINTAGE & RETRO FAIRE ***

Join us for the *Retro Redo!* Check out how the Artisan Made Marketplace re-purposed our item which will be on display in our shop window **June 3–10, 2023.**

*** "LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, June 6, 2023; 1:00 pm–3:00 pm ***

It's shawl season! Instructor Karen McCullough presents a slip stitch beauty, *Slip Knit Love* by designer Lisa Hannes, a clever way to master colorwork knitting techniques like slip stitch and mosaic patterns!

*** FUN FRIDAY, June 16, 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 yarns 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 will be available for sale on June 1. Participating shops include Chicken Knitz, Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, Moon & Yarn Craft Room, Raggz Fiber Art, Sewickley Yarns, Yarn Bits & Bobs and Yarns By Design. Don't miss out on this fun summer event – tell all your knitting & crocheting friends and start planning your itinerary now!

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!

When the sun shines, we love to work with cooler fibers. We hope that summer finds you ready to stitch the perfect warm weather piece. **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!**

Kathy