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MAY 2022 UPDATE



Dear Stitches,

Is there anything better than holding a new skein of yarn and imagining what you'll make? With our spring collection of patterns, yarns, tools, gadgets, and beads, you can choose to significantly re-define your style or simply refresh your wardrobe!

Yay, it's May! Considering the changeable nature of our Laurel Highlands spring weather – sometimes cloudy, sometimes sunny, sometimes both – it is smart to always keep layering pieces on hand. Let's get some fresh air and take inspiration from some familiar knitting patterns like CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *Diagonal Lace* and *Tea Leaf Wrap*, LISA KNITS Light and Lacy Poncho, or new crochet designs like CALEISHA RYANS's *Just Feel Cozy Wrap!* These basic must-have pieces are timeless and versatile; they are the ultimate staples in any wardrobe. We've learned that breathable natural fiber yarns (cotton, linen blends, light-weight merino wool) and airy layers (shawls, vests, lacy cover-ups) are the perfect choice as we drift into warmer, drier days...

Kathy's Kreations is getting refreshed with a new look! Our windows, the floor, and the paint are being upgraded. Please be careful when walking through our yarn shop as we are a WIP (work in progress). Please note that we will be closed May 9–12, 2022 for painting.

Knitting and crocheting are uncomplicated joys with many benefits, but one stands out. This month, we are celebrating makers, those who create beautiful things by hand. What better way to do so than with a MANOS DEL URUGUAY YARNS Promotion? Their name literally translates as the "Hands of Uruguay", a women's fair trade cooperative. We're spreading the love of handmade because...

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All regularly-priced, in stock MANOS DEL URUGUAY YARNS
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We will be closed May 9–12, 2022 for painting & remodeling

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Summertime approaches, and with it comes warm-weather stitching! Tee tops are very much in vogue, whether you choose stripes or solids, puffy or raglan sleeves, cropped or flared styles. Pretty much, anything goes! Cast on with color and make your own fashion statement. Here is what's new, what's now at Kathy's Kreations for the season ahead...

It's finally May! EMMA'S YARN Crazy Beautiful Club May 2022 selection is a floral-inspired upbeat shade that makes us want to sit in a peaceful garden and get lost in our stitches! Emma tells us that she was inspired by the most beautiful Bougainvillea blooming in her yard and couldn't resist. This colorway features a gorgeous blend of raspberry, violet, and springy green specks all over a lovely neutral background. Available here now on yarn base "Super Silky" (\$30.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% silk, CYCA #2, shown upper left) for a limited time. "May 2022" would look great in combination with a tonal or semi-solid shade for CASAPINKA's *Ric Rac Shawl* from LYS Day...

Pretty and delightful, BERROCO's newest spring yarn "Pima Soft" (\$7.95, 50 grams, 124 yards, 100% pima cotton, CYCA #3) is perfect for knitting or crocheting anything from dreamy sweaters and accessories to heirloom knits for baby, kids or home. This soft, two-ply cotton is cuddly, and its fiber content will be comfortable to wear as the weather heats up. "Pima Soft" has a color range covering neutrals, pastels, and jewel tones to make it easy to find just the right shade for your next project. Knitters will enjoy sampling a few textured stitch patterns with the flattering *Vincas* tee (free pattern with purchase of yarn to make this project, shown page 6, upper right). This design features a boxy shape and slight drop shoulders. For crocheters, *Trellis* (\$8.00 pattern, shown page 5, upper left) is an open front cardigan that can be dressed up or down with a stitch pattern that mimics cables and lace...

ROWAN YARNS "Creative Linen" (\$15.50, 100 grams, 219 yards, 50% linen/50% cotton, CYCA #3) is a lovely summer yarn with a balanced blend of cool, dry linen and soft cotton — a perfect partnership in a non-wool alternative. With a crisp look but a soft feel, it is a winner for a variety of spring and summer knits. Great stitch definition means that lace or texture patterns really shine when worked with this yarn. Comfortable to wear and with so many colorful shades of brights and tonals, it will wash and wear beautifully, making it an essential choice for warmer days ladies' tops. Whether it's knitted or crocheted, the resulting sturdy fabric has a slightly rustic texture, a nice heft, and gentle drape. Knitters will enjoy working LISA KNITS AC-12 *Carry-all Bags* (\$5.00). CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *Crocheted Crossbody Bags & Clutch* pattern (\$8.50) is a go-anywhere bag that be sized up or down, and is ideal to try out color blocking. Both are perfect projects for quick gifting, very thoughtful for Mother's Day, May 8, 2022! Many of us were taught to knit or crochet by our moms, grandmothers, or aunts — giving them an item made by hand is a great way to remember them and show our appreciation for the gift they have given us...

Here's a unique neck piece — *Pinky Swear* by Jeanne C. Abel — made from a simple circle, really! (\$7.00 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations) Well, there is a twist, but the end result is symmetrical and reversible! As a short, warm muffler (with worsted weight yarn) or a long, elegant scarf (with sport/fingering), it is a perfect project for hand paints, solids, textures and slow color changes. DREAM IN COLOR "Smooshy Cashmere" colorway Pinky seems like it was made for this project, BUT ... it doesn't have to be pink! Think guys, kids, anyone. The basic piece is worked in Stockinette and Reverse Stockinette, but there is a lace version included!



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Introduced for LYS DAY 2022, CASAPINKA's *Ric-Rac Shawl* (\$8.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown right) is a big hit! This shawl is a boomerang shape that takes two skeins of fingering (400 yards each, US size 6 knitting needle). We have compiled a large selection of duos into DREAM IN COLOR, EMMA'S YARN, WONDERLAND YARNS and BAAH YARN kits to take out the color combo guesswork for you...



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New to our line of vendors is COCOKNITS, with tools and accessories intelligently designed for Makers, by Makers. They create premium craft tools for the delight of Making. Owner Julie Weisenberger was inspired to design this tool knowing that there must be an easier way to read knitting charts! From there, the Maker's Board evolved to hold little tools, recipes, or a tablet (\$36.50, shown upper right, page 7). This is one appealing accessory that can do a lot! Made with washable kraft fabric in both Gray and Kraft shades, there are internal metal sheets that make every surface magnetic. You can stick a chart on one surface, your pattern on another, and when you prop one side up for display, the angle is completely adjustable, making it even more versatile. Use the strong magnets included to keep small tools, charts, recipes, and more at hand while you're working. Like many of COCOKNITS tools, it could help organize a variety of different projects – its uses are only limited by your imagination! Note: tools shown are sold separately.

Be sure to check out the *Flight of Stitch Markers* assortment (\$24.50), a handy sampling of styles and sizes of different stitch markers for experimenting. Each of the five types are in rainbow colors, and come in their own little Kraft paper tubes of 24 markers for easy storage and transport. Perfect for gifting, beginner knitters, or anyone curious about branching out in their marker array. Colorful small ring stitch markers are available separately (\$10.50) – super smooth, steel-based, nylon coated marker will stick to any magnet...

Sometimes, we are inspired by projects that knitters wear to our knit along gatherings. Recently, Carol H wore a uniquely constructed lace *Santa Fe Shrug/Bolero* designed by Isabell Kramer (\$5.95 pattern, Ravelry Pro download available at Kathy's Kreations, shown page 7, lower left). Worked seamlessly from the top down, the right half of the lace patterned collar/front/upper back piece is worked from the center of the back. These stitches are placed on hold to work the left half piece from initial cast on to the same length. Then the stitches are picked up to work the lower part of the back. Both pieces and lower back are then joined to work the lower body in one piece, then finished with a deep 1X1 rib. Sleeve cuffs are then picked up around the armholes to work the cuffs. Worked in sport weight yarn, this would be spectacular in HiKOO "Sueno" (\$17.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 80% superwash merino/20% viscose from bamboo), which elevates every hand-knit piece...

New accessories have arrived! From THE KNITTING ZONE – vintage and contemporary style scissors (\$6.50–\$8.50) and coiless knitter's pins, in both pink & rainbow (\$3.50). From EUCALAN – lanolin-enriched laundry concentrate minis in a variety of scents (\$1.25)...

The *Just Feel Cozy Wrap* by CALEISHA RYAN (\$1.00, Ravelry download, shown lower left) is a generously-sized crochet granny ripple piece meant to feature 24 fingering mini-skeins or any collection of fingering weight yarn totaling 480 grams (approximately 1920– 2000 yards). It features an asymmetrical granny ripple stitch that is simple enough to crochet while reconnecting with family or friends, while at the same time, requiring just a little focus. The fingering yarn is held double throughout (or use one strand of DK requiring half the yardage), creating a very snuggly fabric! This wrap can also be worked in other yarn weights – so go ahead and get creative. Happy making!



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*** MAY 2022 KNIT ALONG ***

Coterie is a celebration of all the things that Jessica Ays of DOUBLE THE STITCHES DESIGNS cherishes most about Local Yarn Shops. Defined as an intimate group with a unifying common interest or purpose, the word “coterie” conveys what knitters find at their favorite LYS. It’s why we chose it as our featured project for LYS Day, and why we’re choosing it for our May knit along.

Jessica tells us, “Yarn shops are amazing places that foster our community of fiber enthusiasts and are the life-blood of our craft. They need support from their community during these difficult times.”

Coterie is a crescent-shaped shawl, knit from the bottom up. The shawl begins with an elegant lace pattern, interspersed with soothing stockinette sections and reverse stockinette lines. The shawl shaping is created using simple short rows and easy decreases on a background of garter stitch. Kathy was impressed with the excellent way this pattern is written and Jessica’s use of stitch markers to simplify keeping track of the pattern and working short rows. Kathy chose Stacey Rivera’s hand-dyed RIVER RAT 80% superwash fine Highland Wool /20% poly yarn for this project in colorway “Magnus” (\$34.00, 100 grams, 357 yards, CYCA #2), a delicate combination of gray and plum shades. Be sure to check out the label – they are color-coordinated water colors painted by Stacy herself.

Please join us in person every Friday throughout May 2022 from 10:00 am–2:00 pm to work on this, the *Florida Road Trip Mystery Shawl*, *Ric-Rac Shawl*, 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*; Instagram(#kathyknitz) or Facebook (Kathy’s Kreations; Ligonier, PA)...

*** UPCOMING CLASSES ***

Karen McCullough’s “Let’s Knit” class series continues on **Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. The selected project is *Starshower* by Hilary Smith Callis (\$5.00, Ravelry Pro download). *Starshower* is another of the shawl-cowl hybrids that we can’t get enough of lately. It is shaped as a shawl, but mostly worked in the round – so it can be worn as a shawl, but without the ends dangling down. The simple Open Star stitch pattern looks great with fingering weight yarn, either semi-solid or variegated sock yarn is lovely. Class supplies includes 400 yards fingering weight yarn, US size 6 (4 mm) circular needle, 16”–24”. Class fee is \$20, plus purchase of the pattern from Kathy’s Kreations...

Our *Building Blocks* class series with instructor Karen McCullough continues on **Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm**. This series was designed by Michelle Hunter specifically to expand your skills while you navigate through learning techniques and principles while making sampler squares that will eventually make an afghan. The *Make 1 increase*, a method of increasing with several advantages, shows up frequently in knitting patterns. It does not leave a hole, and the new stitch created is a knit stitch, resulting in a smooth finish. Registration fee is \$20, plus purchase of yarn and pattern book...

Instructor Marian Lech’s “Sock of The Month” group continues on the following dates from 10:30 am–12:30 pm. Each month, Marian will choose a pattern that will add to your knitting skills. Socks are a great portable, take-along project for summer months. Class fee for each session is \$20.00 plus pattern (if applicable). Please call us at 724-238-9320 to register or for more details.

Thursday, May 26, 2022 *Toe-Up Baby Socks, Two At A Time*, a great introduction to knitting two socks at the same time. These tiny socks would make a great sock garland for a baby gift or holiday décor.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 *Jayme’s Sock Recipe*, a basic Toe-Up Sock that a novice knitter, or someone needing a little refresher, would be comfortable knitting (shown right, Ravelry pattern download).





*** FIVE REASONS TO LOVE YOUR LYS ***

Thank you to all of our amazing customers for their support of LYS Day (AKA Local Yarn Store Day) April 30, 2022. We hope that you will continue to visit us throughout the year. Kerry Bogert wrote a wonderful article entitled *5 Reasons to Love Your LYS*, published by *Interweave.com* on April 11, 2022.

Here's an excerpt:

“Reason 1 – Squish Yarn in Person

If squishing and sniffing yarn were an Olympic sport, your LYS would be the training center. There is no better place to get up close and personal with skeins, hanks, and balls than in person at a yarn shop. You can see for yourself how a yarn feels (and smells). And the colors! Buying online might get you a great deal on a few skeins, but some colors are so hard to photograph. So getting to see the actual colors in person is another big benefit.

Reason 2 – Experts Always on Call

Yarn store owners are passionate makers. They live and breathe yarn all day. Being completely immersed teaches them tips and tricks that the average knitter might never come across. So, if you find yourself stuck in a pattern, get yourself over to your local yarn shop. It's quite likely they offer pattern support.

Reason 3 – Instant Community Connections

Like they say in the theme song to Cheers, *Sometimes you want to be where everybody knows your name!* Your LYS is your instant connection to your local community. I can guarantee that within your first five visits, the owner will remember you! And they will be excited for you to see a particular yarn they've just got in. It's also a great place to visit with your knitting or crochet group for fiber night {at Kathy's Kreations, it's Friday knit alongs!}. There is great camaraderie when stitching together and fiber friends get each other through the toughest times.

Reason 4 __ Seeing Samples and Trends

Have you seen the samples in your LYS? Like getting to see the yarn in person, there is a major benefit to seeing finished samples in person. Often, they've taken the guesswork out of what yarns will make a good substitute, too. Plus, you get to see what others are working on. Discovering new patterns is always exciting.

Reason 5 – Turn Non-Fiber People into Yarn Lovers

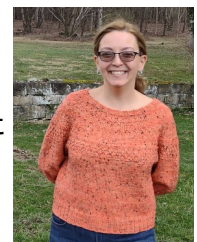
Have a non-fiber friend? Take them to the yarn store. Yarn is irresistible. Surrounded by the hundreds of colorful skeins, they won't be able to help themselves. They'll find the one that makes them wonder if they could learn to knit or crochet. You'll say, 'that would make a beautiful scarf. Want me to teach you?' And with that you'll have one more thing that binds you together as friends."

*** 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 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 (yarns shown page 8, upper left).

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, and registrations are now being accepted. Please call us at 724-238-9320 for details/reservations...



*** PROJECT SLUMP ***

If you find yourself with a pile of UFO's (unfinished objects), you may be in a knitting/crocheting slump. It may be time to change things up! If you are feeling uninspired or uninterested with a particular project, it's OK to undo your project, rip it out, and re-purpose the yarn for a project that you truly love (we give you permission!). Sometimes, the yarn and pattern stitch just don't work to give you the results you've envisioned in your head. Find something else that you will love to make and wear with the yarn instead!



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Try a new technique, or learn a new skill (even if it is just a new cast-on method) to re-ignite your interest and get back on track. Or, maybe the reverse, if you are burned out on a labor-intensive project, keep it simple for the gratification of finishing something (like the pattern below). Join a knitting group or knit-along for fun inspiration and encouragement. Above all, keep trying!

*** KEEP IT SIMPLE SCARF ***

FINISHED MEASUREMENT: approximately 8" X 64"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn, approximately 400 yards; US size 8 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

suggested yarn: Berroco Yarn "Ultra Wool" 100% superwash wool, two skeins

GAUGE: 5 stitches / 9 rows = 1" in pattern stitch, after blocking

BROKEN GARTER PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 6 + 3, stitch detail lower left)

Row 1 and all RS rows: Knit.

Rows 2 & 4 (WS): K1, p1, k1; *k4, p1, k1; repeat from * across row.

Rows 6 & 8 (WS): K3; *k1, p1, k4; repeat from * across row.

Repeat these 8 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With long tail cast on or method of choice, cast on 39 stitches. Knit 3 rows. Work in broken garter pattern until piece measures 63-1/2", ending with pattern row 8. Knit 3 rows. Bind off all stitches knitwise. With tapestry needle, weave in ends. Block lightly to measurements.

Abbreviations: K - knit; p - purl; RS - right side; WS - wrong side

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*** TIPS AND TRICKS ***

- The inside is just as important as the outside! Great finishing is key and starts before you even cast on the first stitch. If working a garment that requires a seam, leave a long tail to use to sew the seam. Kathy wraps her tail around a small bobbin to keep it out of the way until needed later.
- Let the yarn do the talking when deciding on a project. To paraphrase Maggie Righetti's Golden Rule: the simpler the yarn, the more complex the stitch pattern can be; the fancier the yarn, the simpler the stitch pattern should be. Novelty yarns require fewer design details – smoother, lighter color yarns are great for cables and textured stitches.
- Karen McC says: "Always keep a pencil with eraser handy at all times and keep notes as you knit".
- Gauge, gauge, gauge: always check gauge and continue to do so throughout your project as it may change as you relax into the rhythm of the project. Work a minimum 4" X 4" swatch before you start your project and block, wash or clean it. Use the measurement after blocking for your project. This swatch will not only be for gauge, but will check for washability and colorfastness before starting.



- When working a pattern requiring the use of double-pointed needles, a set of 5 needles is easier to work than a set of 4. Also the finished item may have a better overall appearance.

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL 2022 ***

We are pleased to announce that Kathy's Kreations will be participating in the 9th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from July 29–August 7, 2022. Please plan to join us for ten fun-filled days “crawling” your way through Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania, visiting our area yarn shops. 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 enthusiasts to discover new project ideas, classes and yarn.



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Participating shops include: Kathy's Kreations, Kid Ewe Knot, McWalker Yarns, Raggz Fiber Art, Sewickley Yarns, 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 July 1, 2022. 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 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 keep you updated in future newsletters. For general information, please visit the website, thesteelvalleyyarncrawl.com or contact thesteelvalleyyarncrawl@gmail.com

*** MORE ABOUT SOCKS ***

Sock fit is important for comfort and longevity. If you are going to the effort of knitting a pair of socks, you want them to fit properly. A pair of well-fitted socks are more comfortable than ready-to-wear and will last much longer. A common problem with hand-knitted socks is that the sock is simply too big. Socks should be worn with a bit of negative ease (smaller than the foot and leg), so that they will stretch a little while wearing yet stay in place. Ideally, according to *Interweave.com*, a sock for an adult should measure about 10%, or 1” smaller than the actual leg circumference, and about 1/2” shorter than the actual foot length. Conversely, a child's sock should also measure 10% smaller in circumference, about 1/2” for a foot with a 5” circumference and about 1/4” - 1/2” shorter in length. Now, find a fabulous shade of yarn in our Sock Station and get started on your dream socks!

*** WORDS OF WISDOM ***

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: “The reward of a thing well done, is to have done it”. We think this holds especially true for both knitting and crocheting. It's well known in knitting circles that there are two types of knitters: those who focus on the results (project knitters) and those who focus on the process. Process knitters knit for knitting's sake – the joy of creating, the soothing feel of yarn run through their fingers, repetitive yoga-like motions, and all the good vibes that come with it. Whether you are process-oriented or project-driven, we hope that you may always find the making as rewarding as the completion and wearing of your project...

*** ESSENTIALS FOR YOUR PROJECT TOTE ***

Teaching someone to knit or crochet? For anyone new to these needlearts, we recommend having the following tools in your project tote: A good pair of sharp scissors used only for stitch work, locking stitch markers that do double duty to mark boobos to re-visit, tape measure, needle sizer/gauge check, SUSAN BATES Handi-Tool (aka “cool tool”), CLOVER “Chibi” bent tip tapestry needle with large eye, pencil, Stitchy Notes (Post-Its), row counter (standard and circular), and LOVE + LECHE mini hand balm. Please remember that YOUR TIME is the most valuable part of any project. Your work takes a lot of time, effort and skill, so carry it all in a bag worthy of your project (LANTERN MOON drawstring sheep bags (\$20.50) or SIMPLE PLEASURES small totes made locally by our shopgal/maker Marian Lech (\$12.00)...



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*** 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: "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 remodeling issues...

*** MAY 2022 KNIT ALONG (KAL) ***

Although knitting is a solitary activity, knitters and crocheters enjoy gathering to share successes, laugh about mistakes, and learn from one another. Stop by on Fridays during May 2022, 10:00 am–2:00 pm for our fun knit alongs. When we're knitting and crocheting, it's always happy hour! Not working on the KAL? You are still welcome to come – it's free! **Please bring a project purchased at Kathy's Kreations** (maybe one that doesn't require much attention, so that you can engage with the people around you). Not working on the KAL? Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry group March 2022 thread, Instagram (#kathyknitz) and Facebook (Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA).

*** LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, May 3, 2022; 1:00 pm–3:00 pm ***

Instructor Karen McCullough presents *Starshower*, an easy-to-wear, textured neck wrap! Spaces available, see page 4; please call for details.

*** FUN FRIDAY, May 20, 2022, 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 CLASS SERIES Thursday May 26, 2022; 10:30 am–12:30 pm ***

Instructor Marian Lech presents *Toe-Up Baby Socks, Two At A Time*, a great introduction to knitting two socks at the same time. Open to everyone, spaces available; see page 4; please call for details.

*** NIGHT MARKET IN LIGONIER ***

First Night Market of 2022 is Thursday, June 16, 2022. We'll be open until 7 pm...

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL , July 29–August 7, 2022 ***

Kathy call this event "the ten best days of summer"! Save the date and make plans with your friends – you'll be glad you did!

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!

It's been said that knitting and crocheting are "meditation with a little bit of equipment". It is a welcome distraction, a way to get away from screens, a stressful job, a hectic life-style, or demanding life situations. Let's value the soothing, repetitive motions; enjoy the feel of the yarn running through our fingers, relish the colors, and the act of creating something lovely with your own two hands. **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!** Kathy