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OCTOBER 2023 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

You deserve something new! Fall is here, a time to relish cooler temperatures with all things cozy. Whether you reach for a toasty vest on a cold evening, snuggle up in a warm neck wrap, or savor the season with an oversized cardigan -- whenever you choose a knit or crochet project that you make with your own hands, you can embrace autumn's chill with snug layers.

There's something about fall weather and cables. Maybe it's just that cabled fabric is warmer than stockinette, but there's something special about the clever cable crossings that reminds us of leaves blowing in the wind down a path in the woods, and of cozy gatherings with friends and loved ones. We think that a woolly cabled hat and matching mitts are the perfect companions for a chilly morning commute.

Autumn is a time to celebrate the natural beauty of the Laurel Highlands. We're conjuring up quite a bit of activity this month, beginning with our Fall Fling weekend to kick off October. That will be followed by our One-of-a-Kind MADELINE TOSH TRUNK show mid-month, Fort Ligonier Days, "I Love Yarn" Day, Scarecrows on the Diamond, and the inaugural Pumpkin & Spice Festival. Whew! Hope you'll stop by this month to join in on the fun.

What's new in knitting and crocheting? Marls, zebra-print, and subtle sparkle yarns are making big news. Sweater designs for fall 2023 effortlessly combine warmth, comfort and panache. From classic colorwork to contemporary cables, layer on timeless style and personalized handmade accessories you'll reach for season after season. Overall, the chromatic color trend for Autumn/Winter 2023/2024 presents great comebacks with a palette that features fiery red, magenta, orange, red-orange, yellow, intense blue, hydrangea (light blue), olive oil green, lava smoke gray, fired brick brown, beige, powder pink, sparkling grape and rose violet. What's on our needles? We're jumping onto the trending beanie bandwagon with REALLY CLEAR DESIGNS *Cabling 101 Hat* by designer Cynthia Spencer!

It's "KEEP IT SIMPLE!" month  
HiKOO "Simplicity" and "Simpliworsted" yarns in stock  
are 10% off throughout October 2023

STORE HOURS  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday through Saturday  
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Open extended hours for Fort Ligonier Days October 13, 14, & 15, 2023  
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### \*\*\* GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

Most knitters and crocheters will agree that fall is their favorite stitching time of year. It's when the a/c is turned off and the windows can be open during the day. Evenings are filled with hot cocoa by the fireplace and an afghan on the couch. But, best of all, it's the season of all things knitting and crocheting, and getting to wear woolly things!

Yarn companies know that this is your season, and a good time to release new yarns, introduce shades to existing lines, and inspire you with new patterns. Make your needles and hooks happy with these exciting new products...

EMMA Crazy Beautiful Club selections never disappoint. We think that they've outdone themselves with this month's selection. Crunchy autumn gold with swirls of cinnamon spice shades are perfect for curling up with a cup of chai tea or pumpkin latte and stitching the day away (shown upper left). Available here now on bases "Super Silky" (\$31.00, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino wool/20% silk, CYCA #2), "Practically Perfect Sock" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 400 yards, 80% superwash merino wool/20% nylon, CYCA #2) and "Simply Spectacular DK"...

In their round-up of favorite yarns hitting the market this fall, INTERWEAVE KNITS named some choices already on our shelves as must-stash yarns that are destined to make your needles and hooks happy all season long. BERROCO "Mistico" (\$16.50, 50 grams, 191 yards, 48% cotton/30% alpaca/12% wool/10% nylon, CYCA #4) is a fun, colorful twist on an alpaca blend that is the perfect dreamy and light yarn to kick off your fall making. Brushed alpaca creates a lofty, soft halo while the cotton, wool and nylon core seem to illuminate flecks of speckled color. The fabric created with this yarn is soft and light, and you can knit or crochet textured patterns with good stitch definition.

BERROCO "Talara" (\$12.95, 50 grams, 132 yards, 100% llama, CYCA #4) is a luscious chainette that is made from soft baby llama fiber, in fact, maybe our softest new arrival! This yarn is perfect for warm wraps or shawl designs and cozy accessories such as hats or cowls. The unique construction of "Talara" allows for lofty and lightweight knits that will keep you warm when the temperature drops...

Another must-stitch is our highly-anticipated MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Marla" (\$38.50, 100 grams, 273 yards, CYCA #3). This gorgeous marled yarn is a fun DK weight yarn with lots of color changes throughout the skein. What makes it so exciting is that the different color strands come together to create a 2-ply hank of colorful happiness. You won't want to put this yarn down, because each new color to hit your needles or hook is a surprise!

Every day should be filled with color and a bit of sparkle! WONDERLAND YARNS "Confetti" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 437 yards, 92% superwash wool/5% nepps/3% lurex, CYCA #2, shown page 6, lower left) is a fingering weight tweed yarn that is full of rainbow-colored nepps and shimmery lurex for added fun. The color spectrum is inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*, as well as the beautiful Vermont landscape where it is hand-dyed. This luxury tweed yarn is silky soft with a high twist and excellent drape. Just delightful!

This color screamed from the MADELINE TOSH dye pot like a poltergeist, reminding us that magic is real. A spooky melange of purples with cauldron black thrown in, October 2023 Hue of the Moment, "Goosebumps", honors scary stories. Purchase two skeins of "Tosh Sock" (\$31.50, 100 grams, 395 yards, 100% superwash wool, CYCA #2, shown lower right) to knit a new and very witchy pattern of *Midnight Aura* shawl by Lena Skvagerson, and receive a coupon code to download this pattern for free. Cast on a little magic of your own with "Goosebumps", if you dare...



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

*Cool Arcade* by Thea Colman (\$8.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown right) is easy to wear and flattering. Bold diagonals are placed on a background of ribbing on this bottom up cardigan. The stitchwork is a real standout in chunky yarn, and the mix of delicate lines and thicker cushy cables is unexpected and easy to work. A V-neck, a short length, and the direction of the cables all combine to make *Cool Arcade* captivating. The pattern is graded thoughtfully, and larger sizes have more repeats of the motif across front and back.



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The cardigan is worked from the bottom up and separated into three pieces at the armholes, which are worked flat to shoulders. Once the shoulders are seamed, sleeve stitches are picked up around armholes and worked in the round to the cuff. The button band is picked up and worked last. Ribbed sections at front and sides make for easy modification. Cables are both charted and written. This flattering cardigan is made with BERROCO "Ultra Alpaca Chunky" (\$13.50, 100 grams, 131 yards, 50% super fine alpaca/50% Peruvian wool, CYCA #5)...

Please join us in welcoming a brand new design to our collection of CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS! The *Striped Ribbed Beanie* (\$6.00, available at Kathy's Kreations as a Ravelry Pro download, shown page 5 upper right) blends the sportiness of stripes with the snug squish of ribbing. There's also a clever little trick -- an all-knit row as you change color smooths up the stripes in the ribbing texture. And the stripes are jogless, too! The new pattern is knit from worsted weight yarn and includes instructions for three sizes -- child size, small/medium adult, and large/extra large adult -- so you can make beanies for the entire family. A bit of striping, a bit of ribbing -- a bunch of cozy!

Welcome to the DREAM IN COLOR September 2023 Color of the Month/Pop Up Club selection! This month's color (shown page 8, upper left) was inspired by an amazing trip to Venice in Autumn trip taken by hand-dyer Veronica Van. Each month, we receive a new colorway on base "Smoochy Cashmere" (\$36.50, 4 oz., 400 yards, 70% superwash merino/20% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2). Suggested pattern support is *Terra Hues*, an elongated rectangular textured slip-stitch scarf with tapered ends. This was last month's featured knit along pattern -- ask to see Kathy's finished scarf that is a great complimentary piece to layer over anything from a jeans jacket to a dressy blazer. In addition to Pop Up Club, we have received our quarterly assortment of "Smoochy Cashmere" to re-stock our shelves, ideal for a variety of projects from shawls to mitts to socks...

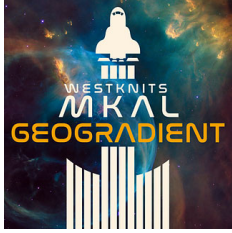
We are debuting the latest WONDERLAND YARNS "deSTITCHnation" Yarn Club artisanal, hand-dyed limited edition shade with destination being the story of Rapunzel. The kit includes a deluxe enamel pin, a skein of hand-dyed green tonal "Walrus" chunky yarn (4 oz. 130 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #5) and a pattern, project to be announced...

It's fall and we have a need for tweed! New to us is JODY LONG's "Alba Aran" (\$20.50, 100 grams, 382 yards, 50% merino wool/25% alpaca/ 25% viscose, CYCA #4). This lovely yarn bears the original Gaelic name for the kingdom of Scotland as its subtle and stunning tweed effect and colors inspired by the Scottish Highlands.

Four new shades of HiKOO "Sueno Tweed" are here (\$19.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 69% superwash merino wool/16% viscose/15% viscose flecks, CYCA #3). This tweedy version of all-time favorite companion yarn "Sueno DK" is soft to the touch and keeps wearability in mind, ideal for high use items due to its strength and washability. This yarn is smooth with flecks of tweed and features peppy colorways with coordinating flecks that provided balanced interest and depth...



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\*\*\* OCTOBER 2023 KNIT ALONG \*\*\*

We are going to have so much fun knitting the WESTKNITS Mystery Shawl Knit Along (MKAL), *Geogradient* (~\$7.50 USD pattern, Ravelry download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown upper left). This year's shawl will be a geometric explosion of four colors using a gradient of fingering weight colors. Designer Stephen West will guide us through the mesmerizing stitches of the shawl. Although Stephen tells us that

this will be a large shawl, the overall shape and dimensions are part of the mystery. However, there will be an option at the end to customize the size as well.

Get ready to blast off with the first clue on **Thursday, October 5, 2023**. Come knit with us every Friday throughout October 2023 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm to work on this, 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 \*\*\*

Happy Socktober! Our "Let's Knit!" class series with instructor Karen McCullough continues on **Tuesday, October 10, 2023, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**. The topic for this month's class is "Basic Socks: Turning The Heel", with an emphasis on the vertical heel flap and picked-up gusset of CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS pattern *Basic Socks in Two Gauges*. Karen is also available by appointment for knitting and crocheting "help" as well as beginner instruction (including kids!)...

\*\*\* I LOVE YARN DAY OCTOBER 14 \*\*\*

Let's make new makers on "I Love Yarn Day" **Saturday, October 14, 2023**. The Craft Yarn Council is mounting a global effort, encouraging knitters and crocheters to teach one other person to knit or crochet. The goal: 1 million new stitchers!

What better way to spread the joy of crafting than teaching? And we've got the MADELINE TOSH goods to make that happen, with the Make One, Teach One kit. Using the "I Love Yarn Day" logo for inspiration, TOSH created a vibrant new variegated speckle to celebrate our mutual love of yarn -- like a party popper in a skein. "I Love Yarn Day" kits (shown lower right) allow knitters to make one *Honey Cowl* for themselves and teach another person to knit the same project. Each kit makes two projects and contains two skeins of "Tosh DK" in the special colorway, 2 pattern postcards for Antonia Shankland's *Honey Cowl*, and "I Love Yarn Day" stickers.

This event is timed to occur smack dab in the middle of Fort Ligonier Days! In addition to the "I Love Yarn Day" fun, we are also featuring a MADELINE TOSH Trunk Show...

\*\*\* OOAK MADELINE TOSH TRUNK SHOW \*\*\*

A trunk show is an event in which vendors present merchandise directly to customers at a retail location. Kathy's Kreations is pleased to host an OOAK (one of a kind) MADELINE TOSH trunk show **October 9 - 23, 2023**.

Hand-dyed yarns are, by definition, hand-dyed in pots (just like the one you use to cook your spaghetti sauce) which are much smaller than industrial tanks. The dye can also be applied with a brushed or "sprinkled" directly on the yarn before being fixed with heat. Technically, all hand-dyed skeins are one of a kind since the colors produced with this method are unique since the dye baths are smaller. Hand-dyed yarns have a very special character that can hardly be imitated in a factory.

MADELINE TOSH is gathering together gorgeous hand-dyed skeins of "Tosh Sock" fingering, "Tosh DK" and "Vintage" worsted weight for this exciting trunk show. All sales are first-come, first-served, cash/card and carry. Quantities are limited...





### \*\*\* FALL 2023 KNITWEAR TRENDS \*\*\*

According to INTERWEAVE's Gabby Axner in her 9/3/23 article: "Trends are ever changing, whether that be in decor, hair, or knitwear. Tracking trends that you may actually enjoy can be a challenge, especially these days. These knitwear trends are truly classic and will outlast the hype of current trends. Knit them in your favorite colors or neutrals so they stay in your wardrobe for years to come." Here are Gabby's fall and winter 2023 season trends, gleaned from reviewing popular retail websites, Pinterest, runway shows and TikTok:



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**BEANIES:** While berets were popular last year, and still are to some extent, the classic beanie is always a good choice. You can easily make this trend your own by using fun pom-poms, knit cables, or keep it simple with a classic ribbed beanie (see upper right for our pick from CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS, a fresh twist on a classic style). Current beanies have a little less slouch than in years past, so perhaps select a pattern with a brim to roll back to get the right look. For added flair, top off a beanie with one of our new snap-on detachable faux fur ON LINE "Pompom Polly Pompoms" (\$20.50), with its very natural feel.

**NECK SCARVES:** Last year's most popular pattern on Ravelry was the simple stitches *Sophie Scarf* (~\$4.27 USD, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). Small scarves like DREAM IN COLOR's *Terra Hue*, last month's knit along with its slip stitch textures, will give an uplift to everyday outfits. This trend is not only cute, but easy to knit up a bunch to keep your neck warm on crisp fall mornings.

**OVERSIZED GARMENTS:** It's the time of year when you not only want to be stylish, but comfortable. Relaxed fit garments with long sleeves are a cool weather trend that makes sense and will be around for a while. Pair these garments with your favorite pair of jeans for a casual look, or layer them for extra warmth.

**COLORWORK AND COLOR BLOCKING:** Always in style, with mosaic colorwork in particular being a trending technique. Today's color block sweaters are not simply a 60s throwback, but feature contrasting color combinations for a fresh look (i.e., magenta and red orange).

**TURTLENECKS:** The more relaxed fit trends and chunky yarns give this trend a more modern feel, in chic fall styles from dresses to casual pullovers.

### \*\*\* IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR \*\*\*

Is there a new addition to your family that will need a Christmas stocking this holiday season? Pattern requests for "something new" pick up at this time of year. We highly recommend the *Christmas Stocking Collection* designed by Michelle "Knit Purl" Hunter (\$14.99 Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations). Classic stockings get a modern update with a toe-up construction. Six charted designs allow for endless combinations for every member of the family. Name personalization chart is included. Sure to be a treasured heirloom, this is a great idea for a baby or wedding shower gift! Kathy recommends BERROCO "Lanas" (\$11.50, 100 grams, 219 yards, 100% wool, CYCA #4) as the yarn of choice for a classic heirloom stocking...

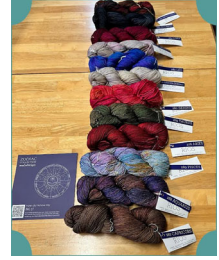
The *Spooky Ear Warmer Collection* by ROSIE POSIE KNIT CO (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download available through Kathy's Kreations, shown lower left) features 5 different colorwork motifs:



cauldron, black cat, pumpkin, ghosts and spiders. Each motif is both written and charted, so the knitter can use whichever he or she prefers. Knitted in worsted weight yarn (Kathy used MALABRIGO "Rios" and MADELINE TOSH "TML Triple Twist" for our shop sample), these knit up quickly and are great practice for those just venturing into the world of colorwork. They can be made in 4 different sizes: baby, toddler, child, and adult. The adult size ear warmer takes approximately 55 - 80 yards of yarn, so these are great stash busters and fast-knit spooky season hostess gifts...

\*\*\* ZODIAC COLLECTION \*\*\*

What's your sign? MALABRIGO has introduced 12 new "Rios" colorways with a Zodiac constellation theme, each corresponding to one of the twelve signs of the zodiac (\$17.50, 100 grams, 210 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #4). With this in mind, designer Flor from the MALABRIGO design team created a mood board for each sign, using key aspects of the personalities popularly attributed to people born under the sign. A color palette was selected based on those concepts and transferred into skeins. For example, Pisceans are known for having a fanciful personality so she decided to add some colors typically associated with fantasies and mythical creatures like such as light blue, purple, and pink. Next, Flor added a deep green hue, relating these fantasies within the seas as well, since Pisces is a water sign. She used the same process with all twelve colors. Kathy has already snagged a skein of her sign, Capricorn -- ask to see her "Anne's Seed Hat" shop model here in the shop.



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Strong, soft, and washable, this 4-ply hand-dyed yarn is truly a workhorse! The plies resist pilling and washability makes it an excellent choice for frequently-worn garments, home decor, and kids' clothes. It's also great for next-to-the-skin wear. Spun from premium superwash merino wool, it comes in an array of watercolor-multi, semi-solid, and variegated colorways. We think you'll agree -- the "Rios" Zodiac collection is out-of-this-world fabulous!

\*\*\* LIGONIER WHOLIDAYS ARE ON THE WAY! \*\*\*

Mark your calendars for the inaugural Ligonier Wholidays Town Wide Open House Sunday, December 3, 2023. Ligonier merchants are filled with cheer, so do your Wholiday shopping here this year. Festivities include kids' activities like Breakfast with the "Green Mean One", a craft area, painted green rock scavenger hunt; selfie stations; sleigh rides; roast beast dinner specials, and All the Who's in Ligonier gathering on the Diamond at 4 pm to sing "Welcome Christmas". Kathy's Kreations shop windows will be dedicated to a "Love Thy Grinch!" grincerama display. We'll even have a shop sample scarf featuring the Grinch himself, knit with our HiKOO "Simpliworsted" yarn (but more about that later)...

\*\*\* DID YOU KNOW? \*\*\*

Every time you make something, you are putting something positive out into the world! A pair of handknit socks contains about 35,000 stitches. That's 35,000 times someone did something while thinking of you. So, if you get handknit socks this Christmas, remember someone loves you a great deal!

The case for ponchos: No sleeves. No shoulder shaping. No shoulder slippage. Knit properly, they stand with the chicest layering pieces!

Applique knitting is a versatile technique in which motifs are knitted or crocheted separately, then arranged and sewn onto a background, either singly or in groups. The result can be quite an impressive artistic statement. If you'd like to try this technique, we've included a free pattern for knit autumn leaves on page 7...

Shoulders are the most critical area of garment fit. Garment shoulders that are too wide for the wearer produce sleeve caps below the shoulder line, an excess of fabric around the armholes, and sleeves that are too long. If you require a larger body circumference, remove extra stitches at armhole decreases to get the shoulder line to where it should be.

Always leave a long tail when casting on a garment for use in seaming -- it results in fewer ends to bury!



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### \*\*\* SWATCHING IN THE ROUND \*\*\*

We recently had a customer come in with a knit hat in progress for her favorite guy that was way too big. After struggling on her own to re-start it several times (would you believe 8?) and adjusting stitch count and needle size unsuccessfully, she asked if it could be her gauge, which she originally worked flat back and forth. Unfortunately, many knitters learn this lesson the hard way. YES, it is important to swatch in the round for any knitting project that will be worked in the round! Swatching is an important part of the process when the finished size matters, no matter if you are knitting a hat, cowl or sweater.

Knitting in the round complicates gauge because of, instead of alternating right and wrong side knit and purl, all the stitches are knit only. It's very common for knit stitches and purl stitches to be slightly different, meaning that there can be a noticeable difference in gauge between stockinette worked flat (with purls) and stockinette worked in the round (knits only).

One option when working a garment with sleeves in the round is to work the sleeve first, as there are less stitches to deal with than on the body. A better way is to begin a swatch by casting on at least 1-1/2 times your desired 4" gauge number of stitches. This method results in loose stitches at the sides which you won't want to measure which is why you need more stitches. Knit one row without turning, then slide all the stitches to the opposite end of the needle, as if making an I-cord. Bring the yarn around the back of the work and knit across with right side facing. At the end of the row, slide the stitches once again. Continue in this manner, carrying a yarn "trail" loosely across the back of the work. You may cut the strands at the end, so that the swatch will lie flat and be easier to measure, but make sure you have enough yarn to complete your project before cutting the swatch as you may need it later!

This method also works for stranded colorwork, which is quite often worked in the round. *Sunshine Hat*, a TIN CAN KNITS pattern (\$6.00, available as a Ravelry Pro download through Kathy's Kreations), is a bright, sunny geometric hat that is a joy to knit if colorwork is more to your taste. It provides a perfect opportunity to try out this swatching method and discover a color palette that shines at the same time...

### \*\*\* AUTUMN LEAF KNIT PATTERN \*\*\*

**MATERIALS:** Small amount of worsted weight yarn in autumn color of choice; US size 7 (4.5 mm) knitting needles; scissors; tapestry needle to weave in ends.

**GAUGE:** not critical.

**NOTE:** Slip all stitches as if to purl.

**DIRECTIONS:** Cast on 6 stitches (sts).

Row 1: Knit 4, bring yarn to front (yf), slip 1, bring yarn to back (yb), turn.

Row 2: Slip first stitch to right needle, yb, knit 3, knit 1 front & back (K1f&b), turn: 7 sts.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 15 sts. Repeat row 1.

Decrease as follows:

Row 1: Slip first stitch to right needle, yb, knit 4, turn.

Row 2: Knit 2 together, knit 3, yf, slip 1, yb, turn.

Repeat decrease rows 1 & 2 until 6 sts remain. Repeat row 1. Bind off 5 sts: 1 st.

Stem: Using cable cast on method, cast on 5 sts. Bind off 5 sts. Fasten off & weave in ends.

Experiment with various weights of yarn and corresponding needles, if desired. Any leaf made from 100% non-superwash wool can be felted. Use a knitting needle 4 sizes larger than recommended on the ball band. For consistency, felt all the pieces for a project at the same time. Note that felting will typically shrink the pieces by about a third.

To felt: Place the pieces to be felted into a container or sink filled with hot water and soap. We recommend EUCALAN wool wash. Use your hands to agitate them. Transfer the pieces to a basin of icy cold water and agitate again. Repeat the process until the wool has matted. Squeeze out any excess water and allow the pieces to air dry.





### \*\*\*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...

### \*\*\* OCTOBER 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 October 2023, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, for our fun knit along, *Geogradient*. 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 page or Facebook Kathy's Kreations; Ligonier, PA...

### \*\*\* LET'S KNIT!" Tuesday, October 10, 2023; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm \*\*\*

Mass-manufactured socks rely on stretchiness and standardization to achieve fit. That means there will always be people for whom these socks aren't a great fit, especially at the larger and smaller ends of each size range. All feet deserve to be cozy, so you can customize hand-knit socks for length, heel type, instep height and more. Hand-knit socks not only are a wonderful take-along project, but a skill builder for techniques as well. Join us and get started knitting a basic sock...

### \*\*\* FUN FRIDAY, October 20, 2023 \*\*\*

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...

### \*\*\* OOAK MADELINE TOSH TRUNK SHOW \*\*\*

Join us for a good old-fashioned MADELINE TOSH OOAK TRUNK SHOW October 9 - 23, 2023! Pick up a uniquely hand-dyed colorway and imagine the possibilities. Special kits will also be available for "I Love Yarn Day" Saturday, October 14, 2023...

### \*\*\* FORT LIGONIER DAYS \*\*\*

This premier fall festival is scheduled for **October 13, 14 & 15, 2023**. 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 with extended hours, including a sample sale of shop model garments that are being retired...

### \*\*\* PUMPKIN AND SPICE FESTIVAL \*\*\*

Join the Ligonier Valley merchants on **Saturday, October 28, 2023, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm**, for the 2023 Pumpkin and Spice Festival, a feast for the senses! This delicious celebration of fall in Ligonier features decorated storefront window displays, your favorite scarecrows around the Diamond (vote for your favorite) and the "Hey, Pumpkin!" decorated pumpkin and silent auction benefitting Westmoreland Walks (breast cancer awareness/support). Kathy's Kreations is participating in the auction with an entry entitled "The Pick of the Patch", created by artisan Linda Cable. It's not too early to begin your holiday shopping (and stitching, for sure!)...

Let the vibrant colors of fall, the spirit of the season, and the joy of stitching create a truly magical autumn! **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!** Kathy