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Dear Stitchers,

Summer is in full swing! However, steamy summer days can quickly turn into cool summer nights which makes warm weather layering tricky. We've got the perfect solution for fluctuating temperatures, overly air-conditioned restaurants and cool evenings -- lightweight shawls in the yarns of summer! More than a pretty accessory, they add a bit of captivating romance to your wardrobe.

Colorful cottons, slubby linens, and drapery silks are like a breath of fresh air, and delightful to stitch. As far as garments go, it's the "Summer of the Slipover". Think cool, trendy, sporty sleeveless tanks; airy, short-sleeve cardies; stylish, breezy cropped tops and "beachy" accessories to beat the heat. One added bonus to all of these warm weather projects is that they are often smaller in size and weigh less than their winter counterparts. Knit or crochet one in your favorite color to wear with any outfit -- perfect for a day in the office or on a fun summer outing that will have you standing out from the crowd! Basic tops are also perfect for layering later when the temperatures shift into fall.

If shawls and garments are more of a commitment than you would like to undertake, sock knitting is enjoying a moment! At one of our recent knit gatherings, eight out of 14 knitters were making socks. Why? Socks are the perfect take-along for portable knitting on the go, especially in summer. There is an attraction to making a useful item with one's own hands. Magical balls of self-striping yarn are alluring -- what will the finished pair of socks look like? Sock knitting also provides a connection to knitters of the past, and each pair is a small honor to all the knitters who have had the great pleasure of creating a well-turned heel. Enjoy your summer stitching adventures!

Join us for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl
Extended hours for the crawl (see page five)
"BUY AMERICAN YARN!"
10% off all purchases of
in-stock, regularly-priced yarns with "Made In The USA" on the label
(all brands and weights)
August 7 - 31, 2017, after the Crawl
Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday through Saturday

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Are you ready for something special? While you are enjoying the last few weeks of summer by knitting by the pool, crocheting on the porch, or relaxing on the beach, Kathy's Kreations has been stocking up for fall. We are filling our shelves with new yarns in glorious colors. It's a great time to hone your stitching skills by giving a new product or technique a try, like these...

For knitters and crocheters, fall feels like a new beginning. Crisp days with cooler air will soon be here, reminding us that this is a time to create. If you need a little nudge, *Knit Simple Fall 2017* (\$6.99) is here with 33 new fall knits. Think big with cozy, chunky hats, scarves and cowls that can be stitched up quickly with super-bulky yarns. In her Editor's letter, Carla Scott says: "Cooler days are approaching, which means it's time to evaluate your life -- your *knitting* life, that is." If your sweater wardrobe needs an update, this issue offers a collection of six cozy, wearable silhouettes in neutral gray, a color that flatters everyone and goes with everything. Want to brush up your seaming skills? Try one of the "Seams So Simple" afghans to learn four different ways to join strips together. Knitters can never have too many shawls, right? This magazine showcases four on-trend easy triangular wraps, all in gorgeous autumn shades and richly textured stitches. And don't forget about the kids -- there are some darling heart-themed knits for girls.

Our favorite feature is the "guy essentials" fashion story with classic, rugged sweaters for men. We are pleased that it includes Kathy's "Zippered Cardigan" design (shown upper left). About this jacket, the editors say: "Textured farrow-rib details enrich this toasty zippered cardigan. The ribbing trims the collar waistband and sleeves, where it runs along center sleeve panels into the saddle shoulders and along the top back. Narrow garter stitch borders are knit into the fronts, creating neat edges under which the zipper is sewn". Sharp shades of cobalt and teal give classic men's knits a fresh fall update...

No update would be complete without the latest gadgets -- you know we can't resist them and neither will you! Anyone who has ever used our "cool tool" repair tool and knows how well it works will be delighted to discover the wooden "Stitch Tool" from McPORTER FARMS (\$3.95). It is a "must-have" essential for every knitter's arsenal of handy gadgets. There are also three types of new stunning stitch markers in textured metal, to fit up to size 11 needles...

According to a product review from Clara Parkes, LYKKE "Driftwood" Interchangeable Knitting Needles will enhance the color and texture of your knitting. LYKKE, pronounced "lee-kuh" means "happiness" in Norwegian. These sturdy, elegant lightweight needles will make you happy when using them. Made of polished birch wood, they feature smooth cable joins for nearly effortless knitting. They are available in two gift sets -- a large one with 5" tips (\$124.99) and a smaller one with 3.5" tips (\$99.99). The 5" Interchangeable Needle set include tips in 12 pairs in US sizes 4 through 17, cords for 24", 32" and 40" lengths, plus 2 connectors, 4 keys and 8 stoppers. The 3.5" Interchangeable Needle Set includes 9 pairs of tips in sizes US 3 through 10.5, cords for 16", 20" AND 24" lengths, plus 2 connectors, 4 keys and 8 stoppers. The sets come in a classic gray denim-look case with extra pockets for cords, stoppers, keys and connectors. We do have a limited supply of additional cords and a few fixed 16" circular needles as well. 6" double-pointed needles sets in sizes US 0 through 5 and US 6 through 13, crochet hook set US E-4 through M-13 are also available to special order, as well as 10" & 14" straight knitting needles and fixed circulars in 16", 24", 32" and 40" lengths. Try these out at our Exploration Station during the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

In July, we introduced "BFL Sock" (\$26.50, 85% Bluefaced Leister / 15% nylon, 420 yards, CYCA #2, shown right in color mild tedium) to rave reviews from our sock knitters and new tonal colorways of "Jilly With Cashmere" (\$32.50, 70% superwash merino wool / 20% cashmere / 10% nylon, 440 yards, CYCA #2) which are a hit with shawl knitters. Something new from the self-described "diabolical dye-mistress" of DREAM IN COLOR Veronica Van starts every other month beginning August 1, 2017. The "Pop-Up Skein Club" will feature a different yarn base and colorway each time. You select what project you would like to knit or crochet. DREAM IN COLOR has some exciting offerings planned for you this year and they (and us!) are thrilled to be sharing our love of yarn with you. This month's featured yarn is a Club Exclusive color, not available as a regular colorway. It has been hand-dyed on "Jilly" (\$22.50, 100% superwash merino single-ply fingering weight, 440 yards) and was inspired by Veronica's recent travels in the Rocky Mountains. Just as a reminder, Pop-Up Skein Club is separate from our DREAM IN COLOR Kit Club (aka Dream Club) which will begin every other month starting in September. The two clubs will alternate every month -- no pattern included with Pop-Up Club, but a suggested pattern for Dream Club. We will come up with pattern suggestions that we think will look smashing for Pop-Up club, if you need a creative spark. Hint: Kathy's "Just One More Row" scarf designed for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl would be perfect for our introductory colorway this month...



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LO-LO BAR isn't your average moisturizer. It's moisturizer to fit your lifestyle, free of "junk". It absorbs completely within seconds after you stop rubbing, and can be used from the top of your head to the tips of your toes. In addition to keeping skin hydrated, it can soothe skin dryness due to illness, medications, or allergic skin reactions. It can calm psoriasis, eczema, and relieve itching from bug bites, bee stings and poison ivy. LO-LO keeps hands moisturized after repeated washing and constant exposure to water, and creates a barrier to inclement weather. It can speed cleanup (when applied before) gardening, construction, and other messy jobs. We have just received a large shipment of product including LO-LO Bars (\$14.95), LO-LO TO GO minis (\$8.50), cuticle care stick (\$6.95), and lip balm (\$4.50). New scents include Tea Party, Lavender Rose Geranium, and Gourmet Stash. Join us on Thursday, August 3, 2017 for LO-LO Day at Kathy's Kreations to receive a free sample, while supplies last...

We are excited to introduce DRAGONFLY FIBERS, an indie yarn company specializing in artisan dyed yarn. They dye high quality knitting yarns in deep, rich and sometimes crazy bright colors for your crafting pleasures. The "Colors of Happiness" are created and shared with the world by Kate Chiochio and the amazing Team Dragonfly in the Washington, DC area, whom we met at the TNNA Show. Our first shipment is expected soon, and we are launching this line with the elegant "Moroccan Magique" knit along beginning August 11, 2017. This lovely fingering weight shawl design by Casapinka will be available in a kit in early August (shown lower left, \$117). Clever short row panels shape it to gently drape the wearer's shoulders. Presented in both written and charted instructions, there are enough color changes to keep the experienced knitter engaged, but the straightforward construction is not too challenging for the learning knitter. It will be available in five color options of "Dragon Sock", a 100% superwash merino fingering weight yarn. DRAGONFLY has graciously provided us with sample yarns for our Yarn Crawl Exploration Station -- you are cordially invited to come meet DRAGONFLY FIBERS during the Crawl and try knitting or crocheting with this new product line. "Djinni", "Pixie", "Traveler" and "Valkyrie" will be arriving later this summer, so stay tuned for more information in our future updates. You're gonna love it...



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*** AUGUST KNIT ALONG ***

August finds us knitting shawls -- the perfect accessory to dress up any outfit! This month, we have two wonderful projects from which to choose. We love them both and couldn't decide! "Drachenfels" (shown upper left, Ravelry Pro download) is a cozy shawl which pays homage to the dragon of lore with a slipped garter colorwork pattern that hints of scales. It is worked in garter stitch from tip to edge, then neatly finished with I-cord bind-off. Asymmetrical increases create an elongated triangle shape. Our shop sample was shared by Mary Lou Fleming and was knit with one skein each MADELINE TOSH "Tosh Merino Light", DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly" and MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Fino" from our shelves.

Our second KAL from designer Casapinka and Dragonfly Fibers begins 8/11/17. The exotic beauty of Morocco is expertly captured in "Moroccan Magique". See details about the kit on page three. If you can't join us in person for Friday knit alongs, we invite you to join us on our August shop thread at "We Love Kathy's" with your project update...

*** HIT THE ROAD : TIPS FOR TRAVELING AND CRAFTING ***

Thanks to Amy at BERROCO KnitBits for sharing her 7/11/17 article. She wrote: "Summer is here, and that means many of us are on the go ... Here are some tips and tricks I've learned on my various travels.

1. You can almost always take knitting needles on airplanes if you're traveling within the United States. That said, it's always a good idea to call the airline or airport information to confirm. When I've gone overseas and flown back to the US, many international airlines suggest not bringing knitting needles on planes, but I have been able to work on crochet projects on flights that leave from other countries.
2. Choose your projects strategically. Smaller projects, or small pieces of projects, are good bets as they do not take up too much space in your luggage.
3. Choose your tools wisely. There are worse things than dropping a double-pointed needle while on a plane and having it roll to the back of the cabin, but why tempt fate? And obviously you want to strongly consider the yarn you're using for your projects. A yarn that has to be wound is maybe not the best choice -- the cakes can get squished in transit and fall out of shape, leading to a tangle. Yarn that comes in a center-pull ball, like the specially designed BERROCO 'Ultra Wool' is probably going to be easier to manage in tight spaces.
4. Most importantly, have fun! Whether you're on an adventure to a new place or returning to an old haunt, the important thing is to really enjoy this break from your daily routine. Why not have fun taking pictures of your in-progress scarf wrapped around a statue in a new-to-you city, or adorning a tree while on a hike with your family?"

*** FOR THE FRILL OF IT ***

This cast on method was recently gleaned online from Pinterest. The original information is credited to Eileen Casey (www.thespruce.com). This simple cast on resembles crochet and blocks quite flat on a stockinette fabric. Pair it with a picot bind-off for a delicate, decorative edging on a knitted summer top or a baby hat. Here's the how-to:

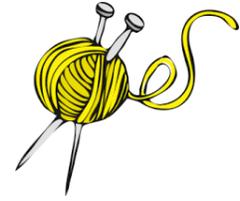
- Step One: Cast on 4 stitches using your preferred method (long tail cast on, knitted cast on and cable cast on all work nicely).
- Step Two: Pull the second, then the third, then the fourth stitch over the first stitch.
- Step 3: Cast on 1 stitch.

Repeat these three steps until you have the required number of stitches as you normally would for a garment or piece in the width you are making, and so you will need a *lot* more yarn for the cast on if you are using the long tail method. A good idea is to use two balls of yarn for casting on...



*** START NOW -- AN INVITATION TO BEGINNING KNITTERS ***

Our sincere thanks to Andrea Springer, the Knitting Savant, for graciously sharing her column from *The Pennsylvania & West Virginia Register* May-June 2017. Summer is a great time to learn knitting or crocheting -- or both!



Andrea writes: "Those of us who choose to knit in public spaces often find ourselves in random conversations with complete strangers. These exchanges usually begin with 'What are you working on?' or 'Is that knitting?' often followed by 'My mother/sister/grandmother/(insert crafter's name here) used to knit' and on occasion, 'I never learned how.'

Life is short. If you want to learn to knit, start now. Here's how.

Find an instructor. Call me 'old school' but I think the best way to learn to knit is from another knitter. This craft has been passed from one person to another for hundreds of years. A practiced knitter can teach you the basics -- how to cast stitches on the needle, the knit and purl stitch, and binding stitches off the needles -- and having an encouraging presence help you adapt knitting to your natural style will help you be successful. Your Local Yarn Shop* is a terrific resource for classes, as are public libraries and fiber guilds.

Find needles and a skein of yarn. Start with a basic yarn -- worsted weight or heavier -- and straight needles in an appropriate size for the weight of the yarn -- 10" long in wood or bamboo. It's important to be able to easily see how the process works and the stitches you're making. Be sure to choose yarn that feels good in your hands in a color that inspires you, because this new skill is fun and should bring you joy. Yarn that makes you smile is an important part of the process! Your Local Yarn Shop* and /or your instructor can help you find the right tools to learn with.

Knit something basic. The cable sweater you saw that makes you want to learn to knit is a great project goal, but not necessarily the first thing you try to make. Think dishcloths, scarves, very simple hats and bean bags for beginning projects. There are thousands of beginning patterns available at your public library and online*. Ask your instructor or knitting friends for recommendations.

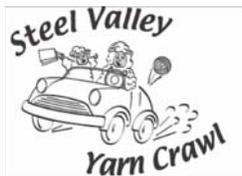
Practice. As with anything in life, we learn by doing. Knit a little every day -- even if it's just for 15 or 20 minutes. Ask any veteran knitter, and they'll tell you every knitted project is created one stitch at a time, over and over and over again. We make mistakes, we tear out, we rework, and we finish (most of the time). Each project builds our skills -- with practice.

Join a knitting group. This isn't a requirement to learn to knit, but it definitely adds to the experience. Knitting can be a solitary social activity and having a tribe of crafty friends to help and inspire you while you're learning makes a difference. Again, your Local Yarn Shop*, library, or local pub may host a group or two you can join.

If you've always wanted to knit, the best time to learn is now. Here's your open invitation!

--- *Andrea Springer blogs at www.knittingsavant.com where she helps folks remember that they have everything they need to be successful in knitting and in life. You can share comments or ideas with her at andrea@knittingsavant.com or follow Knitting Savant on Facebook and Twitter.*

*Your Local Yarn Shop, Kathy's Kreations, has a large selection of knitting patterns suitable for newbies and advanced beginners. Our favorites include *Churchmouse Classics First Projects* (for both knitting and crochet), *Lisa Knits* and some by our own Kathy Zimmerman. In addition to a large selection of tools, needles, hooks and notions, we have a team of expert instructors to help you get started. Ask us for details! A beginner crochet class begins with Karen Voshall on August 19, 2017 (see page 8 for information)...



*** READY TO SHOP HOP? ***

Attention, knitters and crocheters, it's time for the ten best days of summer! This is the fourth year for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. With eleven shops participating, this is an event you won't want to miss. Please join us for ten fun-filled days, beginning **Friday, July 28, 2017** and continuing through **August 6, 2017**. Meet up with your "yarn buddy"

friends and other fiber lovers for this self-guided tour of the premier yarn shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area. Visit each shop, get your passport stamped, and be entered into the drawing for a grand prize. Take day-trippin' to the max with this summer splurge adventure!

The yarn crawl features a "passport" to get stamped at each of eleven yarn shops in the Pittsburgh and western PA area, in no particular order. To add to the fun, each shop will feature its own special yarns, new patterns, along with chances to win PRIZES! Participating merchants include: Beaver Yarn Shoppe; Darn Yarn Needles & Thread; Dyed In The Wool; Kathy's Kreations; Kid Ewe Knot; Knit One; Knitsburgh; Raggz Fiber Arts; Sewickley Yarns; Tonidale Yarn & Needles; and Yarns By Design. Check out the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl group on Ravelry, Facebook or <http://steelvalleyyarncrawl.weebly.com/> for store information, a map and travel planning.

There is no purchase required to get your passport stamped. You may visit as few or as many shops as you possibly can. The more shops you visit, the more chances you have to win prizes. **Everyone who visits all 11 shops will receive a 10% discount off their entire purchase at the last shop visited when you turn in your completed passport and be entered into a drawing for a Grand Prize merchandise basket valued at over \$1000!**

The rules of engagement include:

- Each participant must have their own passport.
- One passport per person.
- Each participant must fill out the contact information on the passport and prize tickets. Please print clearly -- we need this information to be able to contact you! Address labels may be helpful, if you have them.
- Each participant must be present at each yarn shop to personally receive their stamp (i.e, no proxy crawling for friends, co-workers, relatives, etc.)
- Each participant must be at least 18 years of age.
- All completed passports must be turned in by the end of business on August 8, 2017, to the last store visited.
- All winners will be posted online at the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl Ravelry and Facebook pages and will be contacted by August 16, 2017.
- Winners who have not claimed their prizes in 30 days will forfeit them and alternate winners will be chosen.

The white tickets with lucky clover received with your tote bag purchase may be deposited as you wish -- all at one shop or distributed at each. In addition, you are eligible for bonus door prize tickets with your purchases at each shop (\$25 purchase, 4 extra tickets; \$50 purchase, 10 extra tickets; \$100 or more, 25 extra tickets). Bonus tickets may only be deposited at the shop that gave them to you. Kathy's Kreations will have three spectacular gift baskets -- two with merchandise, one with a gift certificate -- assembled by Linda Honchar and Dolores Turney in stunning, giant PIER ONE woven baskets (thank you, Linda and Dolores!). A very big "THANK YOU" to our suppliers who contributed items for our baskets: Accessories Unlimited; Bar-Maids; Berroco; Dragonfly Fibers; Dream In Color; Knit One, Crochet Too; Kraemer Yarns; and Skacel Collection. Thanks also to Vina McCleod Rudolph for the wonderful social media updates, her generous contributions and support.

Kathy's Kreations will be open extended hours during the Yarn Crawl for your shopping pleasure: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm, Sunday 7/30/17 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday 8/6/17 from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.



2017 yarn crawl tote --
goodies not included,
but will hold plenty!

*** MORE ABOUT THE STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL ***

Each shop will feature a special knit or crochet pattern available to crawlers. These patterns are free with purchase of the yarn to make them. In addition, the yarn for the featured projects is 10% off to Yarn Crawlers.



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Our theme for this year's event is "Just One More Row". Our knit scarf (shown upper right) was designed and knit by Kathy Zimmerman with DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly with Cashmere". Kathy has collaborated once again with Veronica Van, owner of DREAM IN COLOR yarns, to develop a gorgeous, exclusive, subtly-speckled jewel tone custom colorway specifically for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl, inspired by Monet's Water Lilies paintings. Kathy's design can be knit with "Jilly with Cashmere" or "Smoochy with Cashmere" while supplies last. Ask to see our scarf model!

Our crochet pattern is "Easy as 1-2-3" (shown lower left), originally worked as our April Crochet Along. We are grateful to designer Amanda Mannas and SKACEL COLLECTION for granting permission for us to feature this pattern. This tri-color cowl uses three of the most commonly used crochet stitches, each worked with a different color. Carla Lowers skillfully crocheted our shop model with black, gold and white HiKOO "Simplicity" yarn, with Pittsburgh Steeler Training Camp in nearby Latrobe in mind.

During the Yarn Crawl, we will have special events each day, a stitch marker giveaway on qualifying purchases, an "Exploration Station" plus free refreshments and goodies. We had a lot of fun with the "Just One More Row" theme (we will be serving 'smore cookies, as in just one 'smore row). Beth Aidala's clever TNNA display featuring Kathy's crocheted doll receiving KRAEMER YARN'S "Knitty" award will be on display throughout the event. Kathy's designs will be on display in the shop as well. She will be delighted to autograph any of her patterns.

We will be hosting special events with our excellent staff of instructors and special guests throughout the Yarn Crawl (check with us about specific times). Here's our daily doings:

Friday 7/28/17: Kathy will launch her pattern "Just One More Row" and introduce her custom colorway and original design in DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly with Cashmere" and "Smoochy with Cashmere". Exploration Station opens for the duration of the crawl-- try out fibers from DRAGONFLY, DREAM IN COLOR, KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO and KRAEMER YARNS with a variety of knitting needles & crochet hooks from CHIAGOO, KNITTER'S PRIDE, and introducing LYKKE "Driftwood" Interchangeable Needles...

Saturday 7/29/17: Marian Lech will demo brioche knitting with a mini-lesson at 1:00 pm. Donna Gottschalk will be on hand to demo traditional sock knitting -- she's a whiz with dpns!

Sunday 7/30/17: Jewelry designer Linda Cable (who designed our custom stitch markers) will be here with her selection of cool handcrafted bead stitch markers and jewelry.

Monday 7/31/17: Charlene Feeny of CHAR'S CARDS will be here with her hand-crafted floral, knit, crochet and fiber-themed greeting cards -- these were a hit at Fun Friday!

Tuesday 8/1/17: Pop-Up Club from DREAM IN COLOR is unveiled!

Wednesday 8/2/17: Our nurse friend Darlene Nagrosky will be here with information about the "Knitted Knockers" knit prosthetics for breast cancer survivors

Thursday 8/3/17: It's Lo-Lo day -- try out our vitamin-rich BAR-MAIDS "Lo-Lo" hand cream!

Friday 8/4/16: Our "Drachenfels Shawl" August knit along begins. Marian Lech will be here with her lovely hand-crafted SIMPLE PLEASURES totes and a demo of the "Just One More Row" scarf stitch pattern

Saturday 8/5/17: Jewelry designer Linda Cable will be here with her amazing selection of handcrafted bead stitch markers and jewelry.

Sunday 8/6/17: Shawn Sweeney will be back once again with more test knitting projects from Ravelry. We are always excited to see her beautiful shawls and accessories, crafted with attention to detail...



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***** CALENDAR OF EVENTS *****

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Next meeting date is Monday evenings **August 7, 2017 and September 11, 2017 (second Monday)**; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday, August 8, 2017 and September 12, 2017; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please) *****

Join us for stitching & lots of fun conversation. All skill levels of knitters & crocheters are welcome! Please call ahead to rsvp in case of a scheduling change...

***** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT August 12, 2017 and September 9, 2017; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please) *****

Come unwind with fellow knitters! Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels...

***** FUN FRIDAYS, August 18, 2017 and September 15, 2017; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm *****

Come in for the yarn 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 and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters just like you. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. All skill levels welcome!

***** AUGUST KNIT-ALONG (KAL) *****

Stop by on Fridays in August from 10 am - 2 pm (rsvp please) to work on our newest KALs with your stitching friends to cheer you on. This month, we feature Melanie Berg's "Drachenfels" shawl -- as well as WIPs from previous KALs. Not working on the KALs? You are still welcome to come -- simply bring any knit or crochet project purchased at Kathy's Kreations and join the group (free!). Follow us on "We Love Kathy's" Ravelry group August 2017 thread...

***** "BUILDING BLOCKS" TUESDAY AUGUST 8, 2017, and September 5, 2017, 10 am - 12 noon, with instructor Karen McCullough *****

Add to your knitting knowledge and learn some new techniques! Each month, Karen introduces you to a new skill with a new block from Michelle Hunter's *Building Blocks* book. By the end of the series, you'll have a gorgeous lap throw. Registration fee \$10 plus materials, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

***** "LEARN TO CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS" SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017, 10 am - 12 noon, with instructor Karen Voshall *****

Crochet is versatile -- a few simple stitches can be combined to make an endless variety of textures and patterns. Here's a class where you can learn the basics you need to become a confident crocheter. Registration fee \$20, call 724-238-9320 for more details...

***** "EDEN PRAIRIE SHAWL" SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. with instructor Jeanne Osman *****

Inspired by a piece of stained glass, Eden Prairie is designer Nancy Whitman's stunning knitted interpretation of that artform in a top-down shawl (shown upper left). You will learn the how-to's to work this unique construction that starts with two separate garter stitch triangles that are joined by a diamond, and how to "grow" stripes on one side, then the other. A simple modified intarsia border heightens the stained glass effect. Registration fee \$20, plus \$7 Ravelry Pro pattern download.

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. Learning to knit or correcting mistakes are not the only reasons to have a one-on-one tutoring lesson. Learn new techniques like lace or short rows, or get help with a pattern before starting -- our instructors can do it all! Additional group classes are forming -- ask us for details. We would be glad to do a specific class topic for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for more than 37 years!

We hope that you may always be refreshed, renewed, and energized by your stitching projects and a summer well-spent. Enjoy exploring new colors, ideas, and fibers!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING! Kathy