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FEBRUARY 2016 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Winter teases and taunts us more than any other season. As snowstorm Jonas recently reminded us here in southwestern Pennsylvania, Spring may be just around the corner, but Old Man Winter plans to linger for awhile (despite what Punxy Groundhog Phil says). We need to maintain our sense of humor and cope by making lots of things to layer. Winter weather may be harsh, but there are ways to conquer the cold in style.

Knitting and crocheting are magical. You can literally make something from nothing -- taking a ball of yarn and two sticks or a hook and creating something interesting, beautiful and lasting. This act of creation is uniquely yours, and a simple transformation occurs every time. Wrapping yarn around needles or hook over and over again disconnects us from the winter doldrums, and provides a sense of accomplishment. And we can make fashionable things to wear to keep us warm, too. That's right -- it's prime-time stitching season!

Kathy's Kreations delivers plenty of project ideas to make for chilly days-- cozy caps and scarves for everyone; stunning jackets and snuggly cardigans; quick-to-make vests for days when the temperatures fluctuate; shawls and wraps suitable for anytime; and 3/4 sleeve pullovers once the weather commits to being milder. When the temperature hasn't dipped too low, a wool poncho over a T-neck or sweater will be less cumbersome and very stylish. A selection of matching mitts, cowls and hats in your winter ensemble will finish off the look.

Staying warm is a goal in winter, so choose materials that will keep you toasty like wool, alpaca, and blends. Opt for a burst of color -- it will lift your spirits. We have a large selection of yarns -- our basics, self-striping, tonals and gradient yarns can make your colorwork easy. And, our "don't-you-love-them" tweeds are the perfect choice for textured patterns or simple garments. Let us help you make managing winter more fashionable...

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

Whether you're a casual knitter or crocheter, just learning, or you're the yarn-bomb-the-bus-stop type, we've got a varied selection of the latest products to keep you happily stitching away throughout the last weeks of winter and right into Spring. Here's what new, what's now...

Spring is just around the corner ... well, that may be stretching it a bit, but INTERWEAVE KNITS Spring 2016 (\$7.99) *is* here! This magazine inspires and informs knitters with projects and articles that celebrate the handmade life. This issue features 18 homegrown knits in its rustic Spring Thaw projects from your favorite designers that bring us back to the heart of heritage knitting. There are fabulous lace shawls (perfect transitional wraps), textured sweaters and capelets, and small home decor items with interesting techniques. The Slippery Slope Socks (shown upper left) cleverly combine slip-stitch patterning with a variegated yarn to create solid lines in different colors that move over a striped ground to form a geometric design. There are several projects featuring shape, construction and color in some very innovative ways...

As stitchers, we're all eager learners and teachers. We explore, we learn, and we share our skills with each other. We recommend some new CHURCHMOUSE CLASSROOM "First Projects" patterns and instructional booklets as resources to build and improve solid fundamentals in knit and crochet. These are ideal for new knitters and crocheters, whether you are a newbie or teaching someone else. More experienced stitchers will appreciate the patterns for easy projects requiring less concentration or for "on the go".

The "Learn-to-Knit Companion" (\$14.50) is a 16-page booklet with more than 120 photographs (showing both picking and throwing!) and instructions for everything from hand-winding a ball to seaming and blocking. "First Projects" knitting patterns (\$7.50 each) include:

- Garter-Stitch Scarf & Sideways Handwarmers: This garter-stitch scarf and handwarmer set is about as simple as it gets -- just knit, knit, knit. Handsome on men and women alike, these easy pieces make great go-to gifts.
- Stockinette-Stitch Cowl & Handwarmers: Learn to work stockinette stitch in the round when you begin the cowl. The knit side is always facing you, so you get to knit every round! The mitts are worked in back and forth stockinette, with a smooth finish and slight rolling at the edges.
- Ribbed Beanie & Handwarmers: These projects will teach you to work in the round using two different methods, beginning with a short circular needle and changing to double-pointed needles when decreasing for the beanie's crown.

The "Learn-to-Crochet Companion" is a 16-page booklet with more than 150 photos and easy-to-follow instructions on all basics, from foundation chains to stitches of all kinds -- single, double, half double -- and much, much more! Then, you can tackle any of the "First Projects" (\$7.50 each) designed for new crocheters, and learn more skills as well!

- Crocheted Handwarmers (1 stitch, 3 ways): One simple little stitch -- single crochet -- can look so different with just a few minor tweaks. We use a little must-have accessory to explore this phenomenon. You'll want to make all three!
- Crocheted Beanie & Cowl: These traditional projects use two traditional patterns stitches -- single and half double -- to a very contemporary effect. You'll get to practice working in the round in two ways -- in a circular spiral and in a tubular spiral. Plus, you'll learn a couple nifty beginnings.
- Crocheted Sampler Scarf & Handwarmers: This beautiful set lets you practice three basic stitches -- double crochet, half double crochet and single crochet -- in a simple repeating pattern that will have you an expert in no time. Working back and forth, you'll create a fabric with an interesting texture that looks much more complicated than it is. Bonus: it's reversible!



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

TAHKI YARNS "Zona" (\$8.50, 50 grams, 119 yards, 35% cotton/ 28% wool / 26% acrylic / 11% nylon, CYCA #5) is a bulky weight chainette-constructed yarn that knits up quickly. A blend of cotton, wool, acrylic and nylon, "Zona" is made with a netting tube that is dyed for a stripey effect, then soft, plush fiber is blown in to give this yarn an overall downy halo. New shades of rust, magenta, teal and taupe have joined the soft palette of neutrals and denim-friendly shades already on our shelves. Made in Italy, this all-season yarn is the perfect blend for any climate and wonderful for transitioning from winter to spring...



Is winter "getting" to you? Indulging in one absolutely stunning, luxurious skein of a cashmere blend can go a long way in curing the winter blahs! Our latest promotion features DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly with Cashmere" (\$32.50, 70% merino wool / 20% cashmere / 10% nylon, 440 yards, CYCA #2). In the gorgeous hand-dyed colors you've come to know and love, this fingering weight yarn can be turned into unforgettable accessories and garments. This month's selection is "Singing The Blues" and we can't wait for you to see the fabulous blue tones DREAM IN COLOR has hand-dyed for your knitting and crocheting pleasure...

Thinking Spring? New on our shelves from KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO is "Handpainted Batiste" (\$14.50, 50 grams, 50% fine merino wool / 30% linen / 20% silk, CYCA #3). This yarn combines the softness of merino wool, the drape of linen and the sheen of silk into one fantastic yarn. Indulge yourself with natural fibers that breathe for year-'round comfort. This yarn was created in 8 custom colors to coordinate with solid shades of "Batiste". Pattern support includes #2208 *Antiquity Scarf* (\$5.50) which can be knit with one hank each of a solid shade and one handpainted for unique effects. With an eye towards warmer weather, our favorite pattern is #2310 *4-Square Tee* (\$5.50), a simple color-blocked tee which is worked in one-piece construction with flattering A-line shaping.

Also new from KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO is "Cria Lace" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 552 yards, 65% fine alpaca / 35% Tencel), a new arrival made in Peru. This spectacular blend of alpaca and tencel is spun in a laceweight yarn with excellent yardage. Use it singly to create stunning lightweight shawls, or double it to knit luxurious sweaters. Pattern support includes #2028 *Sugar Plum Dreams*, a lovely openwork vine pattern rectangular scarf with fantastic drape...

If you love SCHOEPPPEL "Zauberball", get ready to do backflips for the new shades of "Gradient" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 286 yards, 100% virgin wool, CYCA #4)! It comes in the same charming ball and has the same slow color repeats, but it knits to a much larger gauge. It is a slightly felted wool single that will resist pilling. Use it for accessories, sweaters, and whatever else your imagination can conjure. Ask to see our shop model "Wingspan" asymmetrical shawl...

What's so special about KNITTER'S PRIDE Cubics interchangeable circular knitting needles? There is some truth that the ability to rest your fingertip against a flat side seems to ease tension-bound knitters. It's true! They have perfect points and are flawlessly tapered. The easy-to-connect cord (\$2.95 each) with a smooth join enables stitches to glide easily -- no snag! Price of tips vary with size (\$11.50 - \$12.50)...



Keep your WIPS cozy this winter with new bags! STAR KNITS project baskets, sock boxes & two-cake zipper bags are handmade locally in south central PA and are handy not only for projects but for home storage as well. Price range \$22.00 - \$42.00 (depending on size and fabric)...



\*\*\*\*\* FEBRUARY 2016 DREAM CLUB \*\*\*

What is the Dream Club? For those of you not aware, the Dream Club is a monthly subscription service that features exclusive yarns and fun-to-knit designs from one of our favorite yarn companies, DREAM IN COLOR. Each month from September through February, we receive exclusive yarns, pairing a unique hand-dyed colorway with a pattern that will showcase that month's yarn. This month's project is our final Dream Club for the 2015/2016 season -- it's been fun and my, how time flies!

This month, DREAM IN COLOR features "Pleasant Pheasant Slippers" by Lara Neel (shown upper left). They are made almost entirely from Eye of Partridge stitch, which is normally used just for the heel flap on top-down socks. This stitchwork provides added wearability. These are toe-up slippers knit in the round until the heel shaping. The heel is worked back-and-forth with a little shaping, then bound off with a fun, three-needle bind off that you may not have tried before -- the zig-zag bind off. Kick up your heels!

The yarn for this project is limited edition worsted weight February 2016 Dream Club "Classy with Cashmere" (\$35.50 kit). This project is worked on US 6 & 7 double-pointed needles, while working a variety of techniques.

We have designated "Dream Club" as one of our Friday knit-along projects. If you can't make it to our Friday knit alongs, please keep up to date with postings to our "We Love Kathy's" group. There is also a "Dream Club" group on Ravelry with projects, a monthly contest and special information.

\*\*\* WHAT ARE MAKERS MAKING? \*\*\*

Over Ice Fest weekend, we were pretty much snowbound here in the Laurel Highlands, finding ourselves with extra time to do what we love best -- knit! We asked our shoppals and friends of the shop: "What are you knitting for fun?" And here's what we discovered:

Vina (who does an amazing job with our Facebook page, thank you!): Is knitting the Ambiguous Cowl, which was our January Progressive Needles Knit Along. Vina's project looks amazing in teal and gray!

Natalie: Took a break from a challenging sweater project to knit small toys. Right now, she is knitting puppies for a basket that sits in the waiting room of the veterinary clinic where she also works. She enjoys watching the children play with them and loves to see their faces light up when she gives them one to adopt and take home. She also plans to make Springtime peeps to fill the basket. Isn't she the best?

Eleanor: As a reward for finishing up her latest shawl which she says was the hardest thing she has ever knit (don't even want to think about how difficult *that was!*), she is working on the *Whitman Sampler* cowl (designed by Nancy Whitman, of *Eden Prairie Shawl* fame). We like this project very much and look forward to making it during our March 2016 knit along.

Kathy: Completed the beautiful *Blue Jean Boheme* mitts from January Dream Club (yay) and is knitting CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *Easy Folded Poncho* with DREAM IN COLOR "Classy With Cashmere" *Hello Dolly* colorway (a black cherry shade with streaks of pale orange). Kathy hopes to have it finished to wear for Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival.

Karen V: Working on *The Boyfriend Hat* for her husband with two strands of KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Cria Lace"

Marian: Stitching up a storm! Working on quilted fabric triangular-shaped mini-pouches & drawstring bags for Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival

Lisa: Stash-busting Charity Knitting (Prayer Shawls and hats)

Donna G: Very cool Pedicure Socks & Reader's Wrap with JAMES BRETT "Marble Chunky"

\*\*\* HANNAH'S HONEYDEW HAT \*\*\*

Designed by Hannah Mann for Skacel Magalog Volume 7 & re-printed with permission of SKACEL COLLECTION, distributor of KiKOO YARNS

Skill Level: Easy

Sizes: Baby (child - adult in parentheses)

Finished Circumference: 12" (16" - 17.5")

To fit head size 14" (18" - 20")

MATERIALS: HiKoo "Simplicity" (55% merino superwash / 28% acrylic / 17% nylon; 117 yards; CYCA #3) one hank each MC & CC; US#4 (3.5 mm) and US #5 (3.75 mm) 16" circular needles; US#5 (3.75 mm) double-pointed needles; four stitch markers; tapestry needle

STITCH PATTERNS

Half Linen Stitch (worked on an even number of stitches in the round)

Round 1: \*Slip 1 purlwise *with yarn in front* (wyif), K1; repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 2: Knit.

Round 3: \*K1, slip 1 purlwise wyif; repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 4: Knit.

Repeat these four rounds for pattern.

GAUGE

24 stitches & 36 rounds = 4" in Half Linen stitch on larger needle

TO SAVE TIME, CHECK YOUR GAUGE AND READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Abbreviations

CC - contrasting color

MC - main color

SK2P: Slip one stitch knitwise, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over stitches just knitted together (decreases 2 stitches)

INSTRUCTIONS

Ribbed Band: With smaller circular needle and CC, cast on 72 (96, 104) stitches. Place stitch marker and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches.

Round 1: \*Knit 1, purl 1; repeat from \* to end of round.

Round 2: Cut CC yarn, join MC and work knit 1, purl 1 ribbing to end of round.

Continue in knit 1, purl 1 rib as established until piece measures 1" (1", 1.5") from cast on.

Body:

Work rounds 1-4 of Half Linen stitch until piece measures 4" (5", 6") from cast on.

Shape Crown

Note: Crown is worked in Stockinette Stitch. Change to using double-pointed needles (dpns) when needed. When using dpns, stitch markers are no longer needed, as ends of the needles define the ends of the sections.

Set-Up Round: \*Knit 18 (24, 26), place marker; repeat from \* to end of round. Cut MC yarn and begin with CC.

Decrease on Round 1: \*SK2P, knit to marker, slip marker (SM); repeat from \* to end of round -- 64 (88, 96) stitches, 8 stitches decreased.

Round 2: \*Knit to marker, SM; repeat from \* to end of round.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until there are 12 stitches remaining in each section -- 48 stitches total.

Decrease on Round 10: \*SK2P, knit to marker, SM; repeat from \* to end of round -- 40 stitches.

Repeat Decrease Round 10 until there are 4 stitches in each section (16 stitches total).

Cut yarn, draw through remaining stitches with tapestry needle, pull up tightly and secure.

Finishing: Weave in all ends. Steam or wet block, creating a square shape on top of hat.



\*\*\* IT'S A 'BURGH HAPPENING! \*\*\*

Taking place on **March 4, 5, & 6, 2016**, the 12th annual Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival is expanding to embrace other forms of fiber art as it joins forces with the Creative Arts Festival for one spectacular show. The Festival should prove to be bigger and better than ever, as it moves to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh, 3rd Floor, Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom.



Look for us on the corner near the registration desk in booths 73 & 74 at this event. Marketplace hours are Friday March 4th 12 noon - 7:00 pm; Saturday March 5th 9:00 am- 5:30 pm; and Sunday March 6th from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

We will be joined by Linda Cable, Karen Voshall and Eleanor Swogger of KRAEMER YARNS. In addition to showcasing KRAEMER YARNS, we will be bringing handpainted yarns from DREAM IN COLOR, CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS, MRS. CROSBY and others. We will also have a range of basics, CHURCHMOUSE patterns, the latest designs from our own Kathy Zimmerman, accessories, tools, ready-to-go kits like TOP THIS hats and a few new items. In addition, we will have a large selection of knitting needles. Like and follow us on Facebook and we will keep you updated about the products we will be bringing.

Are you taking classes at the Festival? If you need supplies for your classes, please contact us beforehand and we will be glad to bring any materials you need. Then, you can stop by before your class and we will have them ready for you. As always, we will be glad to bring along any items on your wish list -- just call ahead to let us know and we will bring them for you.

\*\*\* FAVORITE RECIPES FROM LINDA LASH \*\*\*

#### CROCK POT KIELBASA

Spray crock with Pam.

First layer: 3 pounds red potatoes, quartered (Linda uses white potatoes). Place in crock in a single layer.

Second layer: 1 pound of kielbasa, sliced bite size. Layer over potatoes.

Third layer: 8 ounces cream cheese -- drop from teaspoon on top of kielbasa.

Fourth layer: 1 10-3/4 can cream of celery soup (Linda uses cream of chicken and thinks any flavor of cream soup will work). Drop from teaspoon over soup layer.

Fifth layer: 1 envelope Hidden Valley Ranch dressing. Sprinkle over soup layer.

Cook in crock pot on high for 4 hours, or on low for 6 - 8 hours. Linda serves this dish with green beans, applesauce and hot rolls. Yum! Thanks for sharing your recipe, Linda!

\*\*\* ETHNIC KNITTING TRENDS \*\*\*

One big trend in the fiber industry is ethnic knitting, with significant interest in Peruvian textiles. Peruvian traditional designs and colors are being seen in contemporary knitting yarns and patterns. Our knitting friend Eleanor Swogger was fortunate to participate in a knitting-related tour of Peru in November 2015, where she was inspired by its culture, landscape, textiles and knitting. The tour was led by Cat Bordhi and Jim "Pecos" Petkiewicz. These two individuals have worked with Peruvian textile experts and SKACEL COLLECTION to develop three yarns -- Trenzado, Sueno, and Llamor. Eleanor fell in love with Llamor and encouraged us to stock this yarn (and of course, we did, and Sueno too for January's Ambiguous cowl KAL!). "Llamor" is 100% de-haired baby llama to be knit on a size 5 needle at 6 stitches per inch. The yarn is offered in a natural palette, a Peruvian palette, and a Carnival palette. This yarn, available in limited quantities, is incredibly soft and luxurious. Try it in the free Rippling River Cowl offered in our January 2016 newsletter or with Cat Bordhi's La Capa and DeClores poncho available on Ravelry. Eleanor hopes to have her poncho available on display in Kathy's booths (#73 & #74) at the Pittsburgh Knit and Crochet Festival...



\*\*\* SPRING BREAK WEEKEND WITH ANDREA WONG \*\*\*

With Peru and the ethnic knitting trend in mind, we are focusing on our Spring Break workshop topics, Peruvian and Turkish knitting. Andrea Wong, internationally-recognized instructor and an expert in the Portuguese style of knitting, was born and raised in South America. She teaches knitting at venues throughout the country (including Stitches conferences and Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival), has been published in a variety of knitting magazines, and is the lead designer for her business, Andrea Wong Knits.

We are delighted to offer this special weekend workshop hosted by Kathy Zimmerman on **April 15 - 17, 2016**.

Saturday's six-hour class will be "Peruvian Knitting". Andrea had the privilege of traveling around Peru when staying with her son when he was there for a semester in school. Always eager to learn more about knitting, she has visited many villages around the country and learned first hand about knitting Peruvian Style, comparing and contrasting with her famous expertise Portuguese Style of Knitting. In this class, you will learn about this comparison as she points out what makes Peruvian knitting different, special, efficient and traditional, how much is inspired in woven textiles, and how beautiful their patterns are. The construction details exclusive to Peruvian Style will be taught in class, including how they purl, how they work on the non-public side of the work, how they knit the "puntas or picas" as borders, and how they purl using 2 colors (or more) of yarn. As you learn all that, you are going to receive a copy of the most traditional Peruvian motifs to create your own bag to work in class (project photo upper left).

Sunday's class will be "Turkish Slippers". The presentation is a new class which Andrea will introduce at Spring Break weekend. Turkish socks and slippers are full of color and made with the most beautiful patterns. Traditionally in Turkey, knitters tensioned their yarn by passing it around their neck, with the balls of yarn held on the knitter's right side. Circular knitting is worked with the non-public side facing, and stitches are purled by flicking the yarn around the tip of the right hand needle with the left thumb. This creates a stockinette stitch fabric with the purl surface on the outside, the same techniques that are used in Portugal and Peru.

In this class, you are going to learn how to work circularly, just like the Turkish do as we explore their construction and patterns working on slippers. First, we are going to learn the Turkish cast on, learn how to purl with the yarn around the neck, move on to work with two colors and finish by making a braid stitch. Many traditional Turkish patterns are going to be given to you so you can create your own slipper (shown lower right) when you go home, or use them in other projects.

**SKILL LEVEL** Intermediate to advanced. The student should have a working knowledge of stranded knitting or Fair Isle techniques.

**REGISTRATION** The weekend package includes an after-hours Soup & Sandwich party and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations (Friday evening); an informal meet & greet on Friday evening to get acquainted; morning coffee breaks and two lunches at the Ramada; classes Saturday and Sunday in Forbes 1 & 2 rooms; extended lunch break on Saturday with time to shop in the pretty little town of Ligonier and special event goodie bags. Registration is \$300.

Overnight lodging is not included and is optional for local participants. The Ramada has set up a special rate for us, so please make your own reservations by calling 724-238-9545. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis, so please e-mail or call 724-238-9320 and send a check for the full amount to Kathy's Kreations.

**KATHY'S KREATIONS** will be open on Sunday, April 17, 2016, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Attendees will receive will receive a 10% discount on all regularly-priced knitting supplies and yarn all weekend.





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

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crochet and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings **February 1, 2016** and **March 7, 2016; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

**\*\*\* "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, February 9, 2016 and March 8, 2016; 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 there has been a weather-related scheduling change...

**\*\*\*SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT February 13, 2016 and March 12, 2016; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please) \*\*\***

Come sit 'n knit! Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels...

**\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS, February 19, 2016 and March 18, 2016; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm \*\*\***

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!

**\*\*\* FEBRUARY KNIT-ALONG (KAL) \*\*\***

Stop by on Fridays in February 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 February Dream Club "Pleasant Pheasant Slippers" and WIPs from previous Progressive Needles 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 February 2016 thread...

**\*\*\* NORTHEAST KNITTING AND CROCHETING TOUR \*\*\***

Join Elaine Smith on a journey bringing together knitters and crocheters on a tour of specialty yarn shops, woolen mills, fiber-processing farmworks, and more! Kathy's Kreations is pleased to be part of this inaugural, interactive dream tour on **Sunday, April 24, 2016**. For more information, visit [www.LifeIsBetterTraveling.com](http://www.LifeIsBetterTraveling.com) or call Mary Yohannon (919) 606-4604.

**\*\*\* KNITTING CLASSES WITH INSTRUCTOR JEANNE OSMAN \*\*\***

In response to requests, Jeanne Osman will be teaching the lovely "Architexture" scarf project (shown upper left) on **Saturday, February 27, 2016, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. Designed by Jennifer Weissman, this is a rectangular scarf with pointed ends. Fully reversible, it is a collection of textures that enhance one another -- made all the more striking as they are knit on the bias. The frequent changes in the pattern stitches keep the project engaging from beginning to end. Class supplies include 800 yards fingering weight yarn, US #5 (3.75 mm) knitting needles, and stitch markers. Registration fee is \$26 (includes project pattern). Call 724-238-9320 to register.

Jeanne Osman will also be teaching "Step Into Spring with Stranded Knitting" on **Saturday, March 19, 2016, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. Here is your opportunity to brush up on Fair Isle knitting skills in time for our Spring Break Workshop with Andrea Wong. Class project is a Fair Isle hat using DK weight yarn, 100 yards in two colors (or more, can use smaller amounts of stash yarn, if desired); US size 6 knitting needles in 16" circular and double-pointed; stitch marker; and tapestry needle. Registration fee is \$20, pattern is free with registration. Call 724-238-9320 to register

**Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. 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 35 years !**

To quote Stephanie Pearl McPhee in *The Yarn Harlot*: "Knitting is an act of creation and a simple transformation each and every time." Enjoy your creations... **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!**

Kathy