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JANUARY 2017 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Dreaming of your next project now that the holiday knitting is done? Some may call it winter, but we like to think of it as stitching season. Enhance your stash with one of our fine new yarns or start a new project with one of our kits. Come learn a new skill at one of our classes or a one-on-one private tutoring session. It's a winter wonderland out there, so get ready to celebrate the great indoors with your knitting needles and crochet hooks! But, what to make?

In harsh winter weather, warmth always wins. Snuggling up in a comfy sweater will keep you cozy on the coldest days. Handknitted and crocheted items are comfort dressing at its finest -- thick cardies, slouchy crewnecks, and ponchos with cowls. Don't forget to keep your hands, head and feet covered. Hats, gloves and scarves are essential during subzero wind chills. Warm socks will keep toes toasty, too.

Lastly, join other knitters! As we ring in the New Year, we reflect on what Hannah Baker has to say in the Spring 2017 editorial of *Knitscene*: "In 2017, we need to knit. Many non-knitters think that knitting is a solitary act, but you and I know this is not the case. Knitters are not just individuals -- we make up a strong and active community. Knitting is a means of connection, and connection is what we need most of all. I encourage you to remember that and take it with you this year". If you need a breath of fresh air as we roll out this new year, come join our Friday knit along groups or teach someone to knit or crochet. Stitching is a relaxing pastime, but it also can be a powerful tool.

It's time to take a bite out of colder temps with our latest promotion...

**"IT'S SWEATER WEATHER!"**  
10% off all purchases of in-stock,  
regularly-priced bulky weight yarns (CYCA #5)  
during January 2017  
Hours: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Monday through Saturday

We will be open 12 noon - 4:00 pm Sunday, January 22, 2017  
for Ligonier Ice Fest

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

After the rush of the holidays, we anticipate the adventures in store for the months ahead. Any New Year's resolutions? In 2017, try a "first". There is a first time for everything, and why not try a project or technique that you've been thinking about doing for some time in the first month of the new year? Maybe your first pair of socks, first sweater, first project on double-pointed needles, brioche stitch, c to c crochet? You get the drift...

Nothing brightens up a cold January day quite like the arrival of a spring knitting magazine. Enter *Knitscene Spring 2017* (\$7.99, shown upper left). This issue focuses on power knits -- hardworking garments for hardworking women. These gorgeous knits are timeless, for both work and leisure. The "Power Knits" story evolved from a librarian-inspired theme into projects for women everywhere who are working their way to the top. On the flip side, the Wild Desert story is for the wild child inside of every woman -- the free spirit that emerges when she can totally be herself, when she doesn't have to perform or impress anyone. One of our favorite features of this magazine is the how-to skill building articles. We found the information very helpful -- an explanation of the pattern term "at the same time" and what it means in knitting patterns, plus a thorough explanation of six essential increases (with clear illustrations) looking at the most common types of increases and how to plan their placement in your project. Overall, this is a good issue that has us looking forward to milder days...

Knitting and crocheting have become a constant in many of our lives, and it is a sure way to beat the post-holiday winter blahs. Tweed yarns like HiKOO "Kenzie" (\$10.50, 50 grams, 160 yards, 50% merino / 25% nylon / 10% angora / 10% alpaca / 5% silk noils, CYCA #3), TAHKI "Tara Tweed" (\$8.50, 50 grams, 122 yards, 80% wool / 20% nylon, CYCA #4) and BERROCO "Inca Tweed" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 153 yards, 50% Highland wool / 30% super fine alpaca / 14% acrylic / 6% rayon, CYCA #5) are a perfect pick for the winter stitching season. Richly textured and dimensionally hued, they support interesting stitch and color work and lend a sense of timelessness to knitwear garments. It's time for serious winter woolies -- thick cowls, generous wraps, stylish sweaters, warm hats and comfy socks.

A cheery project can go a long way in chasing away the winter chill. We've gathered our latest collection to keep you merrily stitching away -- it's *you* time, it's yoga pants and hot cocoa time, it's comfort knitting and crocheting time! We have expanded our large knitting needle inventory to include KNITTER'S PRIDE Karbonz and Nova Platina and KA asymmetrical tips in 9.5" circls (\$11.95) in response to customer requests. And, here are the latest knitting patterns from DEEP SOUTH FIBERS (new trend -- customers are knitting sweaters again):

- TIN CAN KNITS "Bounce" (\$5.50): perfect for stash busting, one of our gradient kits, or to knit in two contrasting colors of your choice in DK or worsted weight, this charming lace ripple knit blanket is available to knit in crib size for a baby gift. It can be adjusted to a larger size for teens, or home decor. This would look great in team spirit or school colors.
- THE BROWN STITCH "Coastal Gradient" (\$6.50): a fingering-weight, buttoned wrap cowl featuring sections of gradient stripes. It is knit lengthwise, working back and forth on a circular needle. Stitches are picked up on either end to create buttonbands.
- THE BROWN STITCH "Concetta Cardigan" (\$7.50, shown lower right): a woman's seamless cardigan using worsted-weight yarn, featuring top-down construction and worked in one piece. Instructions include two sleeve shapings (bell or tapered). Think tweed!



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

DREAM IN COLOR YARNS recently introduced 12 new colors (shown right) inspired by Hamilton (the Musical) to "celebrate our Democracy at work"! These colors have been months in the planning, and DREAM IN COLOR hopes that knitters and crocheters will find these colors as



amazing and uplifting as the musical. These are available in both *Jilly with Cashmere* (\$32.50, 100 grams, 440 yards, 70% superwash merino wool / 20% cashmere / 10% nylon, CYCA #2) and *Classy with Cashmere* (\$30.50, 4 oz., 200 yards, 70% superwash merino / 20% cashmere / 10% nylon, CYCA #4). The Pantone Color Institute recently unveiled the color of the year 2017: Greenery (you can see two shades of it prominently in the photo above)...

As we start 2017, it is a good time to review our most popular patterns, projects and yarn among our customers during 2016. Please let us know your faves!

Superbulky yarns -- *Quinoa* headband / BERROCO "Brio" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 109 yards, 49% wool / 48% acrylic / 3% other, CYCA #6). What made this so wildly popular? Big knits continue to be trendy. This charming headband knits up in a jiffy with US size 13 needles, the pattern is free with the purchase of the yarn, and you can make two headbands from one ball -- a great, quick gift idea! We now have all shades in stock.

Bulky yarns -- Kathy's Kreations *Marvelous Mitts* knit with KRAEMER YARNS "Alpaca Chunky" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 100 yards, 70% alpaca / 30% merino, CYCA #5) was a big hit!

Another mittens favorite is LISA KNITS *Mittens, Mittens, Mittens* (\$5.00) worked with PLYMOUTH "Baby Alpaca Grande" (\$17.50, 100 grams, 110 yards, 100% baby alpaca, CYCA #5).

JAMES BRETT "Marble Chunky" (\$15.50, 200 grams, 100% acrylic, 341 yards, CYCA #5) is always a perennial favorite for comfort shawls and thick cowls. THE BROWN STITCH *Margo Poncho* was another popular pattern and project.

Worsted yarns -- CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS *Easy Folded Poncho* (\$6.50) knit with DREAM IN COLOR "Classy with Cashmere" or "Cosette", or HiKOO "Sueno Worsted" (\$17.50, 100 grams, 80% merino superwash / 20% bamboo, CYCA #4). "FirstProjects" CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS patterns (\$7.50) were a hit with crocheters.

DK yarns -- *Rippling River Cowl* cable knit with HiKOO "Llamar" (\$10.95, 50 grams, 109 yards, 100% baby llama, CYCA #3). Pattern is free with purchase of yarn to make this project.

Sport yarns -- HiKOO "Sueno" was our big seller (\$16.50, 100 grams, 182 yards, 80% merino superwash / 20% bamboo, CYCA #3). Many customers chose this for the *Changing Light* shawl & Michelle Hunter's Progressive Needles knit along, the *Ambiguous* cowl

Fingering yarns -- KATHY'S KREATIONS *Mary's Scarf* in our own colorway of DREAM IN COLOR *Jilly with Cashmere* developed especially for this design, with CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Tea Leaf Scarf / Shawl" a close second (\$8.50). Our shop sample was knit with DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy" (\$22.50, 4 oz., 450 yards, 100% superwash merino wool, CYCA #2).

Fingering yarns (socks) -- We have noticed a significant resurgence of interest in sock knitting. Quite a few "first timers" have picked up CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Basic Socks" pattern paired with a skein of WONDERLAND YARNS "Queen of Hearts" (\$29.95, 100 grams, 410 yards, 80% superwash merino / 10% cashmere / 10% nylon, CYCA #2)

Summer Projects -- "Four Square Tee" with KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Batiste" looked great on every body; the "Oh, Helen" scarf continues to be a favorite easy take-along

Favorite Shawl -- It's hard to pick just one, but the butterfly-inspired "Nymphalidea" was our most popular knit along. Our shop model was knit with CLAUDIA HANDPAINTED YARNS "Addiction" (\$14.95, 50 grams, 175 yards, 100% extra fine superwash merino, CYCA#2) and SCHOPPEL "Crazy Zauberball" (\$24.95, 100 grams, 460 yards, 75% superwash wool / 25% nylon, CYCA #2)

Kit (kid's) -- DMC Top This hats with the black & gold football our best seller (\$9.95-\$10.50)

Kit (ladies) -- Transitions Shawl by TRENDSETTER YARNS (\$30.95)

Gadget or accessory: FIBER TO FASHION Needle Keepers (\$8.50), a must-have

Needles: ChiaGoo, both fixed & Interchangeable sets; have you tried their 9" circular?



\*\*\* JANUARY KNIT ALONG \*\*\*

Several of us are still working on the "Changing Light" shawl designed by Jennifer Weissman (shown left) after taking a break for holiday gift knitting, so this will be one of our January knit along projects, back by popular demand!

"Changing Light" is a fully reversible scarf or wrap featuring stripes, lace and elegant pointed tips. This knit begins with a diamond-shaped center, knitted in the round from the center out. A phototutorial for an easy and beautiful cast-on is included in the pattern. Next, two sides of the diamond are worked flat to form one half of the piece, held stitches from the other two sides are then slipped back onto the needles and worked in the same way. As you knit, you will travel through playful sections of stripes, lace mesh and garter stitch and have the fun of watching your colors drift into one another. Choose three of your favorite shades and cast on for this entertaining and dramatic knit! Our sample shawl was test knitted for Jennifer in fingering merino by Shawn Sweeney (a big, warm thank you for letting us borrow this for the KAL, Shawn!). Several of our knitters will be working with HiKOO "Sueno" sport weight yarn.

Our second selection is the "Find Your Fade" shawl by Andrea Mowry of Drea Renee Knits (shown lower right). Starting at a single point and growing, shifting and fading into a piece that begs to be wrapped up in! This asymmetrical triangle shawl uses some clever increasing and decreasing, combined with relaxing garter stitch and simple lace so that you have a fun-to-knit canvas to play with mixing colors! This shawl is all about making it your own. Let your creativity shine!

Both patterns are available for purchase on Ravelry or through Kathy's Kreations (a Ravelry Pro shop). We hope that you will join us every Friday in January here at Kathy's Kreations from 10 am - 2 pm for these group projects, the continuation of previous KALs, or any other works in progress purchased here. If you can't join us in person, please follow us on the January 2017 shop thread at "We Love Kathy's" on Ravelry or on our Facebook page...

\*\*\* MINI DREAM CLUB BY DREAM IN COLOR \*\*\*

We have a soft spot for DREAM IN COLOR yarns -- how can any knitter or crocheter resist fibers so beautiful and amazing to stitch? Many of you who have participated in our previous Dream Club events have asked about upcoming ones. Back by popular demand, we will be among the yarn shops featuring a late winter, 3-month Dream Club featuring DREAM IN COLOR yarns paired with JOJI LOCATELLI shawl patterns. The Club will take place in February, March and April 2017. February will be the first month with two skeins of *Cosette* for the fun and sassy shawl, "The Way From Brighton". In March, a four partial skeins kit of *Jilly with Cashmere* in exclusive colorways will arrive for the "Peeping Cowl", a wonderful combination of stripes and stitch patterns. April brings "Amazing Day" and a custom gradient kit in *Smooshy with Cashmere*, which promises to be an eye-popping combination. These projects will be our upcoming knit alongs. Hope you will join in the fun...

\*\*\* FANTASTIC FINISHES \*\*\*

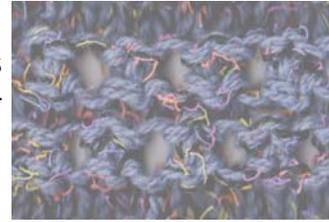
--- When weaving in ends, Kathy uses a "Chibi" bent tip needle without the yarn in the eye to weave through several stitches along a seam or discreet path as if to work duplicate stitch. Then, thread the yarn through the needle's eye and pull it through. Much easier and less bulky!

--- Kathy recommends joining a new yarn at the beginning of a row when working a piece that will be seamed, so that this extra piece of yarn can be concealed directly along the seam. She usually weaves in the ends after the sweater is blocked and seamed.



\*\*\* QUICK & COZY INFINITY LOOP \*\*\*

Marian Lech created her own super bulky yarn using three strands of worsted weight yarn with simple construction to create this quick-knit wardrobe enhancing eyelet cowl. Marian used two solid strands plus one novelty to carry along throughout.



MATERIALS: approx. 400 yards worsted weight yarn in a solid color plus 200 yards novelty or marl worsted weight yarn; US size 15 knitting needle in 24" length; stitch marker; tapestry needle

MEASUREMENTS: 7-1/2" X 60"

GAUGE: 8 stitches / 16 rounds = 4" over pattern stitch

EYELET PATTERN (worked over an even number of stitches, stitch detail shown upper right)

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Round 3: \*yarn over, k2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from \* around.

Round 4: Purl.

Round 5: Knit.

Repeat these 5 rounds for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular needles, long tail cast on method, and holding three strands of yarn together (two solid and one novelty), cast on 124 stitches. Join, place marker, being careful not to twist stitches. Work 5 rounds of eyelet pattern six times or to desired length. Knit one round. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Cut yarn. Weave in ends.

PATTERN OPTIONS: Substitute one strand of a super bulky yarn, approx. 200 yards for the triple worsted strands.

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\*\*\* WINTER WONDERLAND COWL \*\*\*

Marian Lech selected BERROCO super bulky yarn "Brio" for this stunning, stylish, warm cowl to keep you toasty with some sparkle. The thick & thin spin of this yarn works well with the textured pattern stitch. "Brio" is brilliantly dyed and infused with glittering metallic strands that are completely soft to the touch. Thank you for sharing your pattern with us, Marian!

MATERIALS: approx. 180 yards super bulky weight yarn; US size 15 knitting needle in 16" length; stitch marker; tapestry needle (suggested yarn BERROCO "Brio" 2 balls in shade 9429 dash)

MEASUREMENTS: 7-1/2" X 43"

GAUGE: 8 stitches / 16 rounds = 4" over pattern stitch

DIAGONAL PATTERN (worked over a multiple of 4 stitches, stitch detail shown upper right)

Round 1: \*Knit 2, purl 2; repeat from \* around.

Round 2: \*Knit 1, purl 2; repeat from \* to last stitch, knit 1.

Round 3: \*Purl 2, knit 2; repeat from \* around.

Round 4: \*Purl 1, knit 2; repeat from \* around to last stitch, purl 1.

Repeat these 4 rounds for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: With circular needles and long tail cast on method, cast on 124 stitches. Join, place marker, being careful not to twist stitches. Knit 1 round. Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round. Work in diagonal pattern until piece measures 6-1/2" or to desired length. Knit one round. Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round. Bind off all stitches as if to knit. Cut yarn. Weave in ends.

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\*\*\* PONYTAIL HAT \*\*\*

Also called a messy bun hat, this hat style is the rage on social media websites like Facebook and Ravelry this winter season. We were inspired by the Holey Hat, a ponytail-friendly hat pattern by Split Stitch Designs, found on Ravelry. We modified the gauge, finished measurements and added a suggested cast on method. Enjoy!

SIZE: Ladies' small to medium (large size in parentheses)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: To fit head circumference approx. 20.5" (22").

Choose a size that will be a snug fit.

MATERIALS: Dream in Color "Canyon" one skein (light bulky, approx. 130 yards), shown in colorway tidal #713; small amount smooth Aran weight waste yarn for tubular cast on; US size 9 & US size 10 circular 16" length and US size 10 double-pointed needles (dpns); circular row counter / marker; "Chibi" tapestry needle

GAUGE: 3.5 stitches / 5 rounds = 1" in stockinette stitch with US size 10 needles

TAKE TIME TO SAVE TIME AND GET A CORRECT FIT, CHECK YOUR GAUGE

Pattern Stitches

1X1 Ribbing (all rounds): \*knit 1, purl 1; repeat from \* around.

Stockinette (all rounds): knit.

DIRECTIONS: With smaller circular needle, cast on 72 (76) stitches, using tubular cast on or preferred method (see below). Join; place marker, being careful not to twist stitches. Work 2" in 1X1 ribbing. Change to larger circular needle. Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 7.5" (8"). Change to dpns.

Decrease Round: \*K2tog (knit 2 together); repeat from \* around: 36 (38) stitches.

Knit one round.

Decrease Round: \*K2tog; repeat from \* around: 18 (19) stitches.

Knit one round. Purl 1 round. Bind off all stitches. Weave in ends and block lightly, if desired.

Enjoy!

NOTE: If the recipient's hair is very thick or you wish to use for a "messy bun", you may adjust how many stitches are decreased on the the last round OR bind off with a larger size needle.

Tubular cast on for 1X1 ribbing:

This beautiful edge for 1X1 ribbing is very elastic and appears as if the edge is folded over. The original source is from the vintage book *You Knit Unique* by Lee Anderson. Use knitting needles one to two sizes larger than those used for the ribbing and some contrasting colored waste yarn. With waste yarn and large size needles, cast on HALF the number of stitches required: 36 (38) stitches. You may use any cast on method, since the waste yarn will be removed later. Work back & forth.

Rows 1 & 3: Knit.

Rows 2 & 4: Purl.

Change to the project yarn that you will use for the ribbing.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Change to the required needles for ribbing and knit the first stitch. With the left hand needle, pick up the main color loop from the back of the work between the two stitches where it joins the contrasting yarn and purl that stitch. Knit the next stitch from the left hand needle, pick up the next main color loop from the back of the work and purl it. Continue in this manner to the end of the row. Gently pull out the contrasting waste yarn.. If an odd number of stitches are required, an extra stitch must be cast on as the last stitch in the row does not have a loop below it. Continue in ribbing as established.

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\*\*\* WHERE'S KATHY? \*\*\*

- 26th ANNUAL LIGONIER ICE FEST Friday & Saturday, January 21-22, 2017. Ligonier continues to be a magical "step back in time" kind of place after the winter holidays. Join us for Ice Fest, featuring over 50 ice sculptures. Stop by to see us, find your next project, and admire the ice masterpieces and artists in action around the Diamond.
- PITTSBURGH KNIT & CROCHET FESTIVAL March 24-26, 2017; save the date NOW. Kathy will be in Market booths 401 & 402 in Hall C, 2nd floor, David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh. Our new spot on the 2nd floor features plenty of natural lighting and space. Michelle Hunter will be joining us for a book signing on Saturday March 26, 2017, at lunch break. Hope to see you there!
- 6TH ANNUAL SPRING BREAK April 21 - 23, 2017. Accomplished knitter and instructor, Merrily Clark, will teach a two-day colorwork and technique knitting workshop at the Ramada Inn in historic Ligonier, PA hosted by Kathy Zimmerman and Kathy's Kreations. Merrily learned to knit when she was in high school. She quickly found that she needed to adjust the neck of any sweater pattern, which quickly led to designing her own sweaters, using simple rectangles, and sketching the neck decreases on graph paper. Although she likes to use cables, sometimes combined with lace, her all-time favorite form of knitting is using many, many colors, finding shades that blend beautifully, or bright colors that work well together.



Our weekend project is the "Enchantment Shawl" (shown upper right and lower left). The colorway shown combines elements of water, earth and trees as in "once upon a time in an enchanted forest". You may select high or low contrasting colorways. The lace border is knit first, sideways following a very simple chart. The main body of the shawl is then picked up along the long edge and filled in with bands or motifs and short rows.

The weekend package includes an after-hours Soup & Sliders 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; extended lunch break on Saturday with time to shop in the pretty little town of Ligonier and goodie bags including project yarn and pattern.

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 Kathy's Kreations ([kathy@kathys-kreations.com](mailto:kathy@kathys-kreations.com)) to request a flyer or call 724-238-9320 for more information. Attendees will receive a 10% discount on all regularly-priced knitting supplies and yarn all weekend.

\*\*\* INQUIRING KNITTERS WANT TO KNOW \*\*\*

Gloria M asks: "What are short rows?" Short-rowing is a technique in which you knit only over some of the stitches in any given row to expand an area of knitting (such as in the heel of a sock), then resume knitting over the entire row again. Other uses for short rows are to build up the back of a collar (called a stand), to add length within a piece for someone who may have an extra broad back, to form horizontal bust darts, to make ruffles, or to create shaping in shawls and accessories. This technique works best with simple stitch patterning like stockinette or garter, so that the overall appearance is not interrupted. To avoid a hole between the short row and its neighboring stitches, work a "wrap and turn". This involves wrapping an unworked stitch and then working the strand together with the base stitch on the return row...





**\*\*\* 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 dates are Monday evenings **January 2, 2017** and **February 6, 2017; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

**\*\*\* "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, January 10, 2017 and February 14, 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 there has been a weather scheduling change...

**\*\*\* SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT January 14, 2017 and February 11, 2017; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please) \*\*\***

Come sit 'n knit! We do much more than just knit -- we share conversations, ideas, favorite patterns, and knitting tricks. Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels...

**\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS, January 20, 2017 and February 17, 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!

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

Stop by on Fridays in January 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 your choice of "Changing Light Shawl" (continuing from November after a holiday hiatus) or "Find Your Fave 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 January 2017 thread...

**\*\*\* HOT BRIOCHE KNITTING CLASS \*\*\***

Brioche stitch is one of those knitting stitches that seem so complicated that knitters are often intimidated. Join instructor Kathy Zimmerman on **Saturday, January 14, 2017, from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm** for the how-to's for this family of deeply textured stitches (shown upper left). These patterns form deep, well-defined ribbing with a lot of stretch, making them ideal for knitted articles subject to pulling and twisting. Students will be introduced to techniques used to make six variations: Brioche Stitch, Pearl Stitch, Shaker Stitch, Rose Fabric, Horizontal Brioche and Beaded Shaker. The "hands on" class project is a cowl worked in the Beaded Shaker pattern. Take the hottest accessory from the runway to your knitting needles!

Class supplies for students to bring to class: chunky weight yarn approximately 180 yards; US 10 knitting needles (20" - 24" circular); row counter; stitch marker; scissors. The design is suitable for advanced beginner skill level and beyond. Registration is \$20.

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 36 years !

As our friends at CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS say: "May you find a relaxing time, and may creating things relax you." Wherever you find yourself as you begin 2017, here's hoping that you also find peace, kindness, contentment, beauty and joy. We thank you all for your continued support . Here's to an amazing Happy New Year!