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JULY 2010 UPDATE



Dear Knitters & Stitches,

So far, Summer here in the Laurel Highlands has been a mix of dizzying heatwaves, hazy humidity, and pop-up thunderstorms, all punctuated by wonderfully perfect days of gentle breezes and blue skies. The greatest constant for us is yarn, glorious yarn, and plenty of ideas for what you can create with it.

No matter the season or the weather, you can find us knitting and crocheting year 'round. Warmer temps have us reaching for cooler fibers like cotton, bamboo, silk and corn (make lace while the sun shines!), although summer air conditioning finds us getting a jump start on gift giving with wool, alpaca and mohair. We love them all -- come join us for a summer fiber frenzy. Kathy and Betty Lou have just returned from the Fall TNNA Market with lots of things to tell you about (ask us about our most unusual find, CLASSIC ELITE's "Woodland" yarn, made from nettles), and our extended summer hours are now in progress. Got yarn?

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Kathy is usually away on Wednesday, but the shop is open

THINK THURSDAYS!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Summer is the perfect time to knit airy, delicate lace shawls and scarves, for yourself or for the it-will-be-here-before-you-know-it gifting season. Many knitters are intimidated by lace when first confronted with the seemingly complex patterns. But, if you think about it, lace is nothing more than a series of knits, purls, increases, decreases, and yarnovers.

If you know how to do that, then you can knit lace, so try it!

Classic looks are also back, in a big way. Reinterpret something old into something new, mix traditional techniques like entrelac, slip-stitch and intarsia with trendy fibers. Let's get started...

Kathy's latest design for KOLLAGE YARNS, "Southern Belle Sweater" (\$7.00, shown upper left) is a V-neck pullover with textural interest. The central panel features a trio of lacework chevrons, bordered by a mini-openwork rib at the sides of the body and on the 3/4 length sleeves. This sweater was knit with KOLLAGE YARNS "Luscious" (\$9.50, 55 grams, 185 yards, 63% cotton / 37% nylon elastic, CYCA classification #2 fine), a gorgeous lightweight yarn that is perfect for warmer weather or layering later on. This project is ideal for an ambitious first-time lace garment...

VOGUE KNITTING has added an extra issue! Touting the charming allure of lace, VOGUE KNITTING Early Fall 2010 (\$6.99) features a soft, dreamy mix of 30 flirty romantic knits that work in places that are warm year-round, and lightweight cozy cardi knits that transition into cooler weather. A great item to knit at this time of year is jewelry -- knitted neckwear is very popular at the moment. Be sure to check out the three lovely "purl" gray sweaters -- gray is a hot runway color for fall's monochromatic looks. And don't overlook the article "To Seam or Not To Seam" discussing the pros and cons of knitting in the round vs. in pieces (how to choose the right method for your project)...

For the second year in a row, crocheters selected *Interweave Crochet* (\$6.99) to receive the BEST CROCHET MAGAZINE Flamie Award. Crochet-lovers vote on their favorite crochet designs, designers, and media. The summer issue has arrived with lace crochet projects, designer afghan squares and hot summer garments. Learn how to do double-ended crochet -- it's twice the fun! Try this technique on the "Summer's Day Placemats". Our favorite article is the yarn spotlight on "green" yarns and the quick pattern for a reusable coffee cozy...

Long before high-speed instant connectivity and even printing, needleworkers developed their own communication networks, through "samplers" which preserved patterns, stitches, and color combinations. *Piecework Magazine July/August 2010* (\$6.99) pays homage to samplers in a variety of techniques including knit and crochet. Of special interest is the Orenburg-style sampler scarf to knit and "things that go bump on your knitting" (bobbles, popcorns, tufts and nupps). Read about samplers, or make some of your own, on the way to a creative summer...

New from BLUE MOON / RENAISSANCE BUTTONS are large square wooden toggle-style buttons (\$2.50 each), available in dusty blue, mocha and gray. Look for toggles to be a popular embellishment for shawl collar sweaters, cardies and bags this fall...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Our customers love LISA KNITS patterns (\$4.00 each). They are well-written, clever, basic, dependable designs which you can work in a variety of yarns. Three new sweater patterns are now available:



SW-047 "Honey" (shown right): a classic ladies' long-sleeved textured pattern cardigan with deep rib bands and a single button closure, knit in bulky weight yarn (model in Zitron "Loft")

SW-048 "Checkers" (shown lower left): a child's textured check pattern pullover with intarsia detailed borders and striped neckband; matching hat with mini-brim; worked in worsted weight yarn (model in BROWN SHEEP Lamb's Pride Worsted)

SW-049 "Trellis" (shown page 2, lower left): a ladies' short-sleeved pullover with openwork trellis border and trims, stockinette bodice; worked in Aran weight yarn (model in ROWAN "Natural Silk Aran")

New from KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO is "Ty-Dy Wool" (\$15.95, 100 grams, 218 yards, 100% superwash wool, machine wash / dry, CYCA classification #4). The cotton version was so popular that Ty-Dy Wool is now available in gorgeous, rich colorways. One of the most stunning sweaters at the TNNA Market Fashion Show was pattern 1718 "Winter Tee for Two", knit multi-directionally with long sleeves and a cowl neck...

BERROCO introduces "Borealis Book 300" (\$8.50) for quick knitting multi-color yarns. Norah Gaughan No. 7 Collection (\$15.50) features beautiful sweaters, clever neck treatments, dramatic wraps and embellished accessories with the dazzling signature details we've come to expect from Norah...

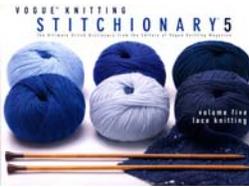
Customers frequently want to know what types of projects other knitters are making. Here is our best-sellers list for the summer of 2010:

TOP SUMMER PROJECTS: socks (on dpns, 2 circs, or loop methods; more knitters doing textured patterns with solid yarns); the little ascot from Knitter's Summer issue K-99; Lisa's Light & Lacy Wrap AC-009; openwork cardie from ROWAN "Revive" booklet and the Ligonier BPW Fashion Show; CLASSIC ELITE Openwork Cardie from "New Harbor" book; K1C2 "Yin Yang Bolero" in Ty-Dy Cotton; crochet necklaces from a variety of novelty trellis-style yarns; baby knits (everything from hats to sweaters to blankies for the well-dressed baby); and charity knitting (prayer shawls, Lisa's Reader's Wrap, chemo hats, Knit For The Cure scarves)

TOP SUMMER YARNS: "Trekking XXL" for socks (and just about everything else in our sock station is selling well); KOLLAGE "Temptation" and GEDIFRA "Samina" for the little ascots; BERROCO "Origami" and FILATURA DI CROSA "Tempo" for wraps; ROWAN "Revive" (our recycled yarn); CLASSIC ELITE "Classic Silk" (ask to see our shop model -- this yarn is yummy); K1C2 "Ty-Dy" Cotton for the Yin-Yang Bolero; PLYMOUTH "Eros" for those crocheted necklaces; "Cottontail" by Jil Eaton for kids's stuff; BERROCO "Comfort" and KERTZER "Marble" for charity knitting projects...



And last but not least, those who know us know that we can't resist gadgets and goodies. We've got "Stitch Dots" (\$7.50, open coil markers imprinted with notes like inc and dec); LEE "Highlighter Tape" (\$9.50, wider size, refillable); and KNITTERELLA gift tags for knit or crochet (\$6.50) to attach to your special handmades...



*** NOW ON OUR BOOKSHELVES ***

Wildly popular, timelessly beautiful, lace stitching has been captivating knitters since the origins of the craft itself. VOGUE KNITTING presents *Stitchionary 5* (\$29.95, hard cover, shown left), the ultimate guide to lace knitting. This indispensable reference to lace knitting presents this gorgeous technique in a wide range of openwork styles and patterns: simple mesh designs, intricate panels, graceful edgings, lovely allover designs, stunning motifs and much more. Knitters of all skill levels, from beginners to experts, will find plenty of inspiration in this beautiful collection of over 150 gorgeous lace designs, from the pages of *Vogue Knitting* magazine. This fantastic assortment will occupy your imagination, and your needles, for years to come...

For many of us, afghans are the epitome of comfort. Colorful and inviting, they are a staple of the home, making a living room or bedroom feel complete. They lie with us on picnics and at the beach, warm us on the porch when the breeze kicks up, soothe us when we're feeling under the weather and often become a cornerstone of childhood memories. Whether we're making one for ourselves, as a housewarming gift, welcoming a new baby into the world, or sending our kids off to college, the process of attaching one stitch to the next -- either with knitting needles or a crochet hook -- is a thoughtful meditation that can be as rewarding as the finished product. *Comfort Knitting and Crochet* (\$19.95, soft cover) features more than 50 gorgeous coverings created by the BERROCO design team. All are shown in our affordable, ultra-soft BERROCO "Comfort" yarn (\$6.50, 100 grams, 210 yards, 50% super fine nylon / 50% superfine acrylic, machine wash & dry, CYCA class #4), with designs ranging from traditional to modern and spare to embellished. Each pattern begins with its source of inspiration, with designs to suit every style and need, appealing to stitchers of all skill levels...

Come enter the world of Phoebe Mouse in the children's book, *Phoebe's Sweater* (\$18.95, hard cover) as she lives and grows through the changing seasons. Share this book with the special children in your life by joining Phoebe's adventures in her woodland world, as the year brings a special surprise for her family. At the end of the story, you will discover a beautiful series of knitting patterns which allow Phoebe's story to be brought into real life through the skilled hands of a knitter with BROWN SHEEP yarns...

Is there anything more inviting than the huge range of colors and fibers you find in a yarn shop like Kathy's Creations? There is always a family member or friend in need of a scarf, sweater or afghan. In *Hannah's List* (\$12.95, soft cover) the latest in the Knit Along with Debbie Macomber series, Debbie tells us, "I don't think it's a coincidence that a visit to a yarn shop always brings loved ones to mind". You'll find this a wonderful source of pattern inspiration for your gift list. Kathy and Betty Lou were pleased to meet Debbie in person at TNNA, where Debbie introduced her new yarn line for UNIVERSAL YARNS, the Blossom Street Collection, coming here soon...

What the neck's best thing to knit? Cowls are the hottest new accessory to go from the fashion runway to your knitting needles. Reserve your copy of *Cowlgirls* now (\$19.95, paperback). Get thrown for a loop with more than 40 dazzling designs for cowls, gaiters, snoods, necklaces and more...

*** OUR FALL KNITTING WORKSHOP ***

Kathy Zimmerman of Kathy's Kreations and Carol Smith, formerly of Carol's Yarn Shop in Accident, MD, invite you to join us for a knitting workshop in historic Ligonier, PA on November 12, 13, and 14, 2010. This is a two-day class to be held at the Ramada Inn taught by famous knitter and designer Kathy Zimmerman. The workshop will teach "Fair Isle Knitting" and Braided Knitting techniques with a jeans purse project, "Finishing Techniques", plus a needle-felted Christmas ornament taught by Carolyn Collen-Dubuse.

The weekend package includes an after-hours pizza party and special shopping time at Kathy's Kreations, two breakfasts, two lunches, classes Saturday and Sunday, "free time" to shop in the pretty town of Ligonier and goodie bags. The price is \$175 per person. Rooms are not included, but the Ramada Inn has set up a special rate for attendees, so please make your own reservations by calling 724-238-9545. Space is limited to only 25 people, so please e-mail us and send a check for the full amount of \$175 to Kathy's Kreations @ 141 East Main Street; Ligonier, PA 15658. For questions, please contact Carol Smith at 724-757-4858.

*** WHERE'S KATHY? ***

- "Meet And Greet" at the Kollage Booth; Friday, August 20, 2010; Stitches Midwest hosted by Knitter's Magazine / XRX; Schaumburg, Illinois; come meet Kathy & have your KOLLAGE patterns autographed; Kathy will be doing "designer demos" of her stitch patterns
- The 25th Annual Knitter's Day Out in Mechanicsburg, PA September 24 - 25, 2010; intro to combining lace & cables; ruffle, frill & scallop edgings; and slip-stitch sampler class
- South Hills Knitting Guild Thursday, October 21, 2010 in Pittsburgh, PA; lace & cables combination scarf
- Knitter's Retreat at Bedford Springs Spa and Resort November 5 - 7, 2010, Bedford, PA; Bedford Springs Spa Mitt, an original design by Kathy especially for this retreat

*** COMING EVENTS ***

- SUMMER IN LIGONIER ARTS & CRAFTS Friday and Saturday, July 23 & 24, 2010; our annual indoor / outdoor sidewalk sale
- "The Stroll" 5- 9 pm Friday August 13, 2010; join us for our annual Yarn Tasting Friday and Saturday August 13 & 14
- "Team Spirit" event mid-August to mid-September; knit or crochet an accessory in your school / team colors & receive 10% off your yarn purchase

*** LITTLE CROWNS SCARF ***

Thanks to Helen Colclaser for sharing the stitch pattern which inspired this scarf!

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 6" X 64"

MATERIALS: Worsted weight yarn 400 yards; US size 7 knitting needles

GAUGE: 5 sts / 7 rows = 1" in pattern stitch, after blocking

PATTERN STITCH (multiple of 3 + 2, stitch detail at right)

Row 1 (right side): Knit (K).

Row 2: K.

Row 3: K1, K to last stitch, wrapping yarn twice around needle for each stitch, K1.

Row 4: K1; *pass next 3 sts to the right-hand needle, dropping extra loops, pass these 3 sts back to the left needle, K1, P1, K1 through 3 sts together; repeat from * to last st, K1.

Repeat these 4 rows for pattern.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 32 sts. K 3 rows. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures approx. 63.5". K 2 rows. Bind off all sts as if to knit. Cut yarn. Weave in ends. Block lightly to desired measurements.

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***** NEEDLEARTS MARKET HIGHLIGHTS *****

In mid-June, Kathy and "shopgal" Betty Lou attended the TNNA Show in Columbus, Ohio. Imagine a huge convention hall filled with new fall yarns, accessories, books, and all things fiber -- quite an experience. And we're bringing it all back for you! We have exciting new ideas for gift giving, and fashion / color trend spotting for fall 2010, helping you making the most of trends towards natural, and knitting "green". You can anticipate a spectacular fall, a dazzling winter, and, through it all, a bevy of beautiful yarns, innovative patterns, project ideas and clever accessories for your knitting and crocheting pleasure -- all of the things you've come to expect from Kathy's Kreations.

Here's a short re-cap of who and what we saw, and a preview of what you can expect to see coming into the shop between now and early fall. Please indulge us the name-dropping, as it was such a thrill to meet with so many prominent industry people all there under one roof!

The event began Friday night with a Designer panel discussion, the Great Wall of Yarn, new product displays, and a fashion show. The Ravelry Ice Cream Social sponsored by Westminster Fibers (Nashua, Rowan, Gedifra) followed -- don't forget you can find us at the Kathy Zimmerman group and "We Love Kathy's". We were waiting in the long ice cream line chatting with Rick Mondragon of KNITTER's, the gals from KRAEMER YARNS and Mark Moraca of KOLLAGE YARNS (who is knitting his first sock; go, Mark!) -- what a dream team!

Saturday morning's shopping kicked off with the TAHKI / STACY CHARLES breakfast -- our favorite way to start the market. In addition to a slide presentation of the fall pattern booklets and features in Vogue Knitting and Interweave Press magazines, we were among the first to see the new yarns and colors. There were seaside tweeds, evening wear, basics, softly sculptured accessories, and timeless styles for today's natural yarns. Creative Director Adina Klein told us that cowls are the "new poncho", so expect to see alot of interesting neck treatments this fall. Three new shades of one of last year's best sellers, "Presto" will soon be arriving. TAHKI treated us to a journey through a world of color and texture, and we are looking forward to sharing it with you...

With BERROCO YARNS, this season marks a return to the vibrant, quick knitting fun of multi-colored yarns. Two favorites go macro with heavier versions (Blackstone Tweed Chunky and Vintage Chunky), and BERROCO introduces its first 100% recycled yarn. There is a special focus on quick-to-knit statement pieces with outstanding pattern support...

At KNITTER'S booth, Editor Rick Mondragon proudly announced that their 100th issue will be published this fall, and four of Kathy's designs will be featured on its pages. This milestone double issue will feature two design directions: **modern designs**, with a focus on classic yarns in modern designs as well as the opposite side of the spectrum where **classic designs** are updated with modern yarns. Stay tuned for K-100...

Several of Kathy's designs could be found at the KOLLAGE booth, including "Rivka's Cables" knit with Corntastic and "Kollage Kimono" knit with Fantastic. Owner Susan Moraca was excited to introduce "Feed Your Creativity" classes, in which Kathy's Kreations is a participating retailer. Two of Kathy's designs will be featured as classes ("Walking The Dog mitts" in Solace yarn and "Line 'em Up Scarf" in Milky Whey yarn). Stay tuned for details -- we will be offering a new class to enhance your knitting skills practically every month with KOLLAGE projects and patterns...

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*** MORE FROM THE NEEDLEARTS MARKET ***

From *Yarn Market News* Editor Karin Strom: "There is nothing trendy about the trends this fall. Economic recovery is stimulating a new kind of investment dressing -- a true return to the classics. Knitters will be looking to tackle more ambitious projects, items they will covet for seasons to come.

Fashion houses around the world pay homage to classic American style this fall. Favorite elements -- classic tailoring, plaid, patchwork -- are juxtaposed to create a fresh look. Loose, drapery ponchos are replaced by structured and stylish capes. Last fall's capelet evolves, adding length and volume to this dramatic silhouette, a trend that translates beautifully into knitting. Soft, drapery velvet in rich old-world shades pairs perfectly with knitwear to create both casual and dressy looks.

From casual camo to full-dress uniform looks, feminized military influences invade this fall. Recruit Army colors like olive or hunter green; add epaulettes and brass details for shipshape style.

Whip up a cowl or hood for an easy, chic accessory to get you through the cold months and give your outerwear new life. They're ideal projects for knitters of every skill level. Embellishing knits with fur adds just the right hint of luxe. No need to flaunt it head to toe: a touch of the stuff -- real or faux -- is quite enough.

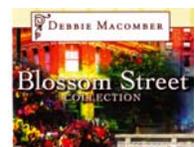
Call it claret, oxblood or brick if you must, but what's the hot color story this season? Deep brownish reds look incredibly fresh."

VOGUE KNITTING Editor Trisha Malcom gave us a Pantone color report with the top 10 colors for fall 2010: endive (pale yellow-green); golden glow (believe it or not, Steeler yellow!); living coral (a mid-tone peachy-pink); lipstick red; purple orchid; chocolate truffle (think Hershey's kisses); lagoon (a turquoise blue-green); woodbine (a kiwi green, not too acidic); purl gray (a "dove" gray); and dusty rose (a grayed pastel mauve). Trisha's fashion trends include: sheerly beloved (light knits perfect for layering); urban de-gray (the perfectly polished shade that showed up on all the runways); guilty pleasures (gold, bronze, and burnished metallics rock!); animal instincts (wild prints and textures look new); layer it on (tunics, wraps, capes, and all manner of clever cover-ups); accessorize (long socks, big cowls & lengthy wristers); cutting loose (oversized is the new shape for comfortable style); red hot (the key color of the season; Kathy is doing a happy dance); ancient influences (new Navajo shapes in updated coloring) & going to new lengths (the sleeve stops here, anywhere from cap to 3/4)...

Congratulations to our friend Marilyn Murphy of INTERWEAVE PRESS for receiving the TEN award for outstanding achievement in the needlearts -- well deserved! Marilyn told Kathy that her "Knitted Cables: Classic to Creative" DVD first production for Knitting Daily TV has completely sold out and is in its second run (Kathy doing more happy dancing)...

One of the show highlights was meeting Debbie Macomber, who introduced her Blossom Street Collection line for UNIVERSAL YARNS (lower right). We are pleased to be one of the first yarn shops to carry her yarn, PLUS Kathy is one of the first designers to work with "Gerbera" wool even before it had a label (one of the designs for K-100 Knitter's Magazine, more happy dancing). And yes, Debbie is as sweet as you can imagine by reading her books. Also coming from UNIVERSAL is Fibra Natura "Shepherd's Own", a beautiful merino wool from Spain. Kathy was delighted to design a ladies' cable & rib boatneck pullover with this yarn for the upcoming fall issue of INTERWEAVE KNITS...

The hot fibers for fall are merino wool and silk blends (we will be carrying NASHUA "Isabella") and "green" yarns (we will have ROWAN "Renew"). We'll tell you more about TRENDSETTER, CLASSIC ELITE and SKACEL next time. Plus Betty Lou wants to let our crocheters know that we will have more individual patterns as you requested (and very stylish, she adds). More to come next time...



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

Join the "First Mondays" Knit Club for an evening of knitting & fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate, Greensburg, PA on the first Monday of each month (the second Monday in July because of the holiday): **Mondays, July 12, 2010, and August 2, 2010, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.** Come knit with us!



***** "KNIT KNITE" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesday evenings, July 13, 2010, and August 10, 2010; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (rsvp please) *****

Join Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild members for an evening of knitting & lots of fun conversation with experienced knitters. All skill levels are welcome to come, sit & knit! In the event of nasty weather, please call ahead to make sure we are meeting...

***** FUN FRIDAYS, July 16, 2010, and August 20, 2010; 10 am - 2 pm (rsvp please) *****

All knitters & crocheters welcome! An instructor is available for help with your questions, skill building and how-to's for projects purchased here. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. Please bring your knitting, a snack if you wish, and a sense of humor...

***** KNIT TO FIT Saturday, July 10, 2010, 1 pm - 4 pm with instructor Kathy Zimmerman; \$20.00 registration fee***

Not sure how to adapt that beautiful sweater pattern you love to fit *your* body? Kathy's shares professional designer tips for getting a custom fit worthy of all your time and effort! Please bring an item that fits you the way you like and we'll help you select and adapt a garment project to get a flattering fit!

***** KNITTING FROM STITCH PATTERN CHARTS Saturday July 24, 2010, 1 pm - 4 pm with instructor Kathy Zimmerman; \$20.00 registration fee**

Stitch pattern charts can be intimidating if you've never worked one. Our stitchmaster Kathy will demystify symbols and charts once and for all! Class project is the beautiful lace FIESTA YARNS Ballet Scarf now on display. Class supplies include 250 yards DK weight yarn and US size 6 knitting needle (available for purchase prior to class).

*Registration fee must be pre-paid at the time of registration to reserve a space in class. If you need to cancel, we will refund tuition up to 48 hours prior to the class. After that, we will refund half of the tuition in the form of a store credit. Unless noted, class fees do not include materials. Classes without a minimum of 4 students may be subject to cancellation or postponement, at the discretion of the instructor. Exceptions will be made for bad weather. Students may pre-register for classes by calling Kathy's Kreations at 724-238-9320 or sending e-mail to kathy@kathys-kreations.com

Private knitting, crochet, felting, Oxford rug punch, drop spindle, and spinning lessons available by appointment. Group classes in a variety of intermediate knitting skills, finishing techniques, socks, problem solving help and beginner spinning are now forming -- check with us for dates. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for 30 years !

Each day is a gift to be unwrapped. That's why they call it the present. Have a great summer! KEEP KNITTING!

Kathy