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Dear Stitchers,

Why do we create? The latest issue of *Knitscene Handmade* posed this very question. Editor Hannah Baker writes: "Why do we choose to build and make with our hands over buying ready-made items to save our time and effort? Anything and everything we could possibly need is available for sale in large warehouse-like stores, or on the Internet. Why then do we choose to use our personal time for slow, precise projects that require so much attention? You, knitters and crocheters, already know the very simple answer to these questions. We create because it feels good. It makes us feel whole and fulfilled, from the process through the final product. Creating is a human nature, and without it, something is missing."

At Kathy's Kreations, our goal is to inspire and empower knitters and crocheters to become makers by creating beautiful handmade projects that they would be proud to wear and share. We encourage you to escape into summer stitching with classic warm-weather garments and accessories. Sportswear, or "athleisure" as the fashion world has termed it, is having a moment. The rising popularity of comfortable activewear translates easily into knitting and crocheting. Hoodies, for example, are a perfect layer for jeans and a tank top or tee, and can be dressed up with a maxi skirt and sandals, or a mini-skirt and sneakers. Garments with a relaxed fit in a breathable fabric ensure a lasting place in your wardrobe, and make an easy transition into cooler climates.

The thing we love most about summer stitching is choosing a one-or-two-skein wonder project and then working it in a fabulous hand-dyed and hand-painted yarn. Whether it is a strongly contrasting variegated or a subtle tonal shade, each yarn has a unique and artful appearance, almost as if they are painted with watercolors. It begins with a love for beautiful materials and deep respect for needlecraft traditions. Every skein tells a story. What story will you tell with color? Here is our latest promotion to keep you happily creating...

OUR YARNS ARE DYEING TO PLEASE!

All regularly-priced hand-dyed yarns are 10% off during June 2016
(all weights, all fibers -- must say "hand-dyed", "kettle-dyed" or "handpainted" on the label)

Regular shop hours are Monday through Saturday
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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Warm-weather months are the perfect time for experimenting with lightweight yarns and pretty, lacey patterns. Fill your hands with a light shawl while watching butterflies from your back deck. This summer, we have compiled a batch of project ideas, as well as classic and new lace, fingering and sport weight yarns in a variety of fiber contents. Give them all a try this summer...

In the summer 2016 issue of *INTERWEAVE KNITS* (\$7.99, shown upper left), you will find projects for the lazy days of summer and projects for those of us who knit for winter all year 'round. Hopefully, this issue will find its way into a beach bag or a hiking backpack and inspires you to try a new pattern or consider a new technique. Elegant and intricate, knitted lace can also be satisfying and easy to create. There are 20 perennial knits -- shawls, tops, tanks and wraps -- including hip, laid-back Boho lace for the beach (either to make or wear). Our favorite is the Catalina Shawl, with twisted stitches adding texture and character, perfect for the knitter looking for a simple lace project that is just complicated enough to stay interesting to the last stitch.

As a contrast to the beach scene, there are knits for every season, from cables to trendy and functional accessories to cozy sweaters for nights by the campfire in the Mountain House Retreat fashion story. These magnificent, cozy knits are sure to appeal to those who prefer to escape to the woods in the summer. We love the "Rivers Blanket" inspired by the classic Hudson Bay blanket color palette, waiting to be a cozy cover-up on a cool summer evening as you relax on the porch or stargaze from the dock...

New shades of KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Ty-Dy" cotton have arrived (\$16.50, 100 grams, 196 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #4). This is a multi-colored, rainbow-dyed, soft-to-the-touch cotton, perfect for summer tops. We invite you to take a look at the following designs (patterns \$5.50 each):

- Off Kilter (shown lower right): This garment is worked entirely on the diagonal. The stunning "Ty-Dy" coral seas colorway looks fabulous with this pattern, destined to become one of our summer "go-to" tanks...
- Faux Mitered Vest: Worked in two shades of "Ty-Dy", no two vests will be quite the same! The cleverly positioned eyelets form v-shaped wedges, creating visual interest...
- Maine Coast Tunic: This tunic-length top with flirty lace inserts is worked in two pieces beginning at the bottom edge. The front features center lace panel along the entire length, while the back has the same center panel at the upper back only.
- Birches Shawlette: The bottom leaf border with garter edge is worked first from side to side. Stitches are then picked up from the top edge of the band and worked up to the top for a unique construction. This piece is worked in drapey silk/merino "Cozette".
- Pyramid Tank: A-shaped lacey side panels are worked first, from the bottom up. Stitches are then picked up along the side edges and worked sideways toward the center of each front and back -- clever details!

Knit current quick accessories and thoughtful garments for yourself and the people in your life! *Knitscene Handmade 2016* (\$14.00) is a special issue filled with on-trend, quick and cool cowls, shawls, hats and more. Texture and color are yours to manipulate with projects especially designed for use with handpainted yarns, like the no-frills Winter Park shawl. Five adorable baby knitting patterns will leave you wanting to cast on NOW for a soon-arriving baby. The articles in this magazine are what make it a keeper, however -- beautifully illustrated how-to's for short-rows, grafting and blocking basics. Get inspired...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

What's new from CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS? Two garments, a scarf, and something for him. Plus crocheted bags -- where to begin?



- Simple Tee (\$7.50, shown upper right, in 2 lengths; bracelet-length sleeves optional): Here's the light top we've been looking for! You can knit it to a cropped hip length, or longer with side vents, in a sport- or light-DK-weight yarn or a lace weight for dressy sheerness. Vent edges and sleeveless armholes have a tidy slipped-stitch edging. You'll wear -- and knit-- this 'tee' again and again...
- His Vest (\$10.50, shown lower left, in six sizes): The vest you've been asking for. And asking for! The slightly high V-neck has a modern look, the ribbed arm bands extend to just the shoulder's edge, and the easily-adapted length is designed for hands-in-pocket ease. Equally right for business or casual, it fits perfectly over a dress shirt or T-shirt. Whether your shirts are 'trim' cut or 'traditional', you'll find a perfectly comfortable size. We think this is a great vest for sports enthusiasts as the sleeve cut allows for ease of movement -- perfect for golf outings or at the tennis courts at Seven Springs!
- Swingy Linen Skirt (\$7.50, shown page 6, lower left, in 11 sizes & 2 lengths): Elegant and easy care, this knitted linen skirt comes out softer -- and swingier -- every time you toss it in the washer and dryer. Churchmouse has adapted their original 'Flouncy Linen Skirt' to two silhouettes. A fluid mid-calf length with a longer flounce, and a breezy knee length with a flippier flounce. Why not one of each?
- Tea Leaf Lace Scarf & Shawl (\$7.50, shown page 8, upper left): Encouraging for new lace knitters and relaxing for seasoned lace knitters, this stitch pattern is fairly simple and the clues in the knitting are easy to read. This piece is worked from a provisional cast on, and both halves are worked from center to lace edging. Thus, both lace edgings are worked in the same direction and are identical. This simple rectangle can be styled so many ways. Wear the shawl around your shoulders or as a lavish scarf; wear the scarf long, Chelsea-knotted, or wrapped for cowl coziness. Our shop model worked in the scorched lime colorway of DREAM IN COLOR "Smoochy" will be available after June 6, and Kathy will be teaching this project as a lace class on Saturday, June 11 (see page 8).
- Oval Crocheted Bucket Bags & Pouches (\$7.50, shown page 7, upper right): It all started with a straw backpack Kit found years ago at a New York street market. The bag is no more, but Kit's sketch survived. Churchmouse liked the capacious 'bucket' size, but preferred an oval base for less bulky proportions. They created a handy smaller version and kept scaling down until they arrived at zippered pouches, perfect for notions, cosmetics, projects ... a bag for all reasons!

Do you have plenty of shawls, but are not ready to commit to a sweater project for summer? A simple vest can be just the answer. The casual elegance of LISA KNITS "Mom's Vest" (SW-034, \$5.00) is evidenced by its smart details -- eyelets ring the high V-neck, armhole openings and hem, accentuated by a border of petite diamond lace pattern on a landscape of stockinette stitch. Texture takes the center stage in this garment. Worked in your choice of worsted or DK weight yarns, the gentle drape keeps the look relaxed and the finishing minimal...



CHIAGOO's new mini-set (\$85.50) includes five pairs of 5" surgical-grade, stainless steel lace tips in sizes 000, 00, 0, 1 and 1-1/2; three TWIST red cable lengths to make 24", 32", and 40" (great for Magic Loop). The mini-set also includes a needle gauge and mini-tools kit. It comes in a compact, 2-pocket, mesh pouch...



*** JUNE KNIT ALONG ***

DREAM IN COLOR has introduced a limited edition colorway inspired by and commemorating the music of Prince, called the Prince of Purple gradient mini-skeins bundle. If you weren't already aware, many of DREAM IN COLOR's shades are named after the artist's songs (like Purple Rain, darkest on far right in photo at left). Our

June Knit-along will feature Melanie Berg's "On The Spice Market" shawl pattern and this yarn bundle is one possible choice for the project. This project is an asymmetrical triangle shawl featuring a zesty mixture of textures, slipped stitches, and short rows. Its generous size lets you style it a variety of ways -- however you style it, you'll get compliments! The garter stitch stripes and contrast slipped stitch rows are perfect for showcasing the Prince of Purple gradient bundle.

*** JULY KATERTATER KNIT ALONG ***

The July 2016 SKACEL KAL is welcoming a new host, Katie Rempe, aka KATERTATER Knits. Katie will be alternating as host with Michelle Hunter, as she takes time off to complete her *Building In Lace* book, due out in 2017.

Follow along as we knit a pair of fingerless mitts that are totally customizable for each knitter. How would you *Knit Your Life?* Katie's design is based on totem poles as a way to tell your personal story. Using colorwork, knitters can follow a design template that Katie will release once the KAL begins, or they can explore their own design ideas and share them with fellow knitters. Knitters can add the free *Totem Life Mitts* pattern to their library on Ravelry to receive automatic updates once the pattern goes live.

Totem Life Mitts are knit with HiKOO "Simplicity", a staple yarn readily available on our shelves. Gauge is 23 sts / 28 rows = 4" in stockinette colorwork, unblocked. Materials include:

- 4 (or more if desired) hanks of HiKOO Simplicity
- US 6 (4 mm) dpns or circular needles for magic loop, or size needed to obtain gauge
- stitch markers
- graph paper & colored pencils (optional)

We hope that you will join us every Friday in July here at Kathy's Kreations from 10 am - 2 pm for this group project, the continuation of previous KALs, or any other works in progress purchased here...

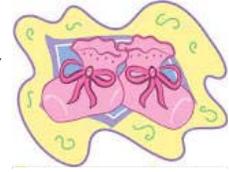
*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Our most recent treasured "find" is the FIBER TO FASHION "Needle Keepers" introduced this spring. If you haven't tried these yet, you will be amazed at how well they work! The "Needle Keeper" (\$8.50) not only protects your circular needles, but they also hold the live stitches on your needles, protect the joints of your needles (where the cable meets the shaft), protects the materials in your tote bag, and the bag itself! Now, we are among the first yarn shops to introduce a new colorway -- wine! Better hurry -- these are going fast!

FIBRA NATURA "Flax" (\$7.50, 50 grams, 137 yards, 100% linen, CYCA #3) is a 100% machine-washable linen yarn, available in a wide range of solid shades. Versatile for home decor and wearable garments, "Flax" blooms and softens beautifully with each trip through the washing machine. This shiny, natural fiber DK weight yarn softens with every wash, making Flax perfect for summery garments with lots of drape. Flax is available in a wide range of deep, bold solid colors and also works well for home decor items, whether knit or crocheted...

*** PRECIOUS GIFTS **

This article recently appeared in the May-June 2016 issue of *The Country Register*, in "The Dropped Stitch" column by the very talented Sharon Greve. Our thanks to Sharon for graciously allowing us to re-print this helpful information in our newsletter:



"The most fun projects for knitters/crocheters/quilters are those precious gifts for babies. Why, even the grumpiest person can't help but smile with every stitch while working on a baby project.

Of course, every baby needs a special blankie. A durable, washable "snuggle" yarn or fabric is recommended as blankies get a lot of hard use. They are a best friend for many years. A color scheme or interesting pattern is best; light pastels are difficult for babies to see. For a group shower gift, friends and co-workers can contribute creative fiber squares for a patchwork blankie. It is best to avoid lacey holes that trap little fingers and toes -- ouch! Here are some suggested popular uses and sizes:

Tag-along: 12" X 12" or 18" X 18"

Preemie: 20" X 25" or 20" X 30"

Stroller: 36" X 36"

Crib: 36" X 42"

Babies beyond newborn dislike items pulled over their heads, so they protest -- loudly and physically! Just ask any mom who has had to wrestle her child to get them dressed! Pullovers/sweaters with a wide head opening are easily accomplished with shoulder buttons as well as a V- or Henley neckline. Boy or girl? Make buttonholes on both bands of a cardigan. When the baby arrives, sew buttons on the appropriate side. The buttons can be moved to the other band if the next child is of a different gender. Velcro and Zippers are quick closures. Re-inforced collars and seams with grosgrain ribbon maintain garment shape. A growing baby likes and quickly responds to stimulation colors that are bright and bold. Consider making a size larger than newborn or 3 months so baby has something to wear for the next growth spurt.

Caps are quick projects with a skein or less of yarn for all knitting/crocheting skill levels with so many fun patterns available these days at your local yarn shop (Kathy's Kreations). They are needed for warmth and protection of a fragile skull. Seasonal cap designs such as flowers, pumpkins, and snowmen are adorable and fun for baby and creator. Traditional ribbed or cable knit/crocheted caps are cute and very quick to make.

Circumferences:

Newborn to 3 months: 11 inches

6 months: 12-1/2 inches

9 months: 14 inches

12 -1 8 months: 15-1/4 inches

Miniature cute booties keep baby's tiny feet warm and protected. They're quick to make, require small amounts of yarn/thread/fabric, and can be embellished with intarsia, embroidery, appliques, or even felted. Be sure to avoid buttons or other items that might entice baby to take a bite as all babies love to play with their feet. Colorful sandal, sneaker, or cowboy boot patterns are attention-getters, for sure. A pair attached to a wrapped baby gift as decoration is awesome.

Washable, stuffed teddy bears, dolls, or other animals are always a favorite with babies. They are so much fun to make and hard to part with when finished. Short on time? Consider making fiber balls and blocks sized for tiny hands to grasp. Keep in mind that buttons, glued felt, or other small pieces that can be pulled off can become choking hazards. Keep in mind that really small toys can be crammed into the mouth causing safety hazards. A mobile is fun to make as an active toy, but should have short hanging cords to be out of baby's reach when learning to stand in the crib.

Baby projects are precious gifts!

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*** DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE SHAWLETTE ***

Spring is all about color, and nothing delivers that better than hand-dyed yarns. Tumble down the rabbit hole and into our new world of color from WONDERLAND YARNS, hand-dyed in Vermont by the folks at Frabjous Fibers. The colorways are named after and inspired by Lewis Carroll's classic "Alice In Wonderland". The creativity and color sense that it takes to produce these "pigments of imagination" make knitting with them a singular experience.

FINISHED SIZE: 14" X 55" approximately, after blocking. The finished size can be adjusted to the amount of yarn you have by working more/fewer pattern repeats. If a longer shawl is desired, purchase additional yardage.

MATERIALS: FRABJOUS FIBERS Wonderland Yarns "Queen of Hearts" 1 skein (4 oz., 410 yards, 80% superwash fine merino / 10% cashmere / 10% nylon, CYCA #2 fingering); US size 6 (4.0 mm) circular knitting needles 32" length

GAUGE: Not critical for this project, choose a needle size that produces a fabric drape that you like.

DIRECTIONS: Cast on 3 stitches. Knit one row.

Row 1: Cast on 5 stitches using e-wrap method, bind off 3 stitches, knit to end.

Rows 2 - 19: Repeat row 1.

Row 20: Cast on 5 stitches using e-wrap method, cast off 3 stitches, *[yarn-over (yo) by wrapping yarn twice around needle, ssk]; repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat rows 1 - 20 six times more, dropping second yo wrap on row 1 of pattern each time. Work until approximately 25 yards of yarn remains.

Bind-Off Row (picot): Bind off 3 stitches; * slip remaining stitch back onto left hand needle, cast on 3 stitches, bind off 6 sts; repeat from * across row until all stitches have been bound off. Weave in ends. Block shawl to even out stitches and achieve a more drapery fabric.

While the piece is moist and pliable, you can adjust its size and shape slightly.

*** KNITTING TIPS AND TRICKS ***

- When binding off in ribbing or in any other pattern, keep in pattern when binding off the stitches: knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches.
- It is common for new knitters to bind off too tightly, causing unsightly puckers along the edge of a garment. One way to avoid this is to bind off with a needle one or two sizes larger than the one used to work the piece.
- To minimize the problems caused by dropped stitches, recount the number of stitches on your needle frequently to make sure that you have not lost any stitches.
- To repair a dropped stitch on a purl row when working stockinette stitch, it may be easier to turn the work to the knit side to complete the fix.

*** STRAIGHT VS. CIRCULAR ***

Newbies often ask us about the advantage of working with circular knitting needles. While straight needles are more basic and less expensive than circular needles, circular needles offer advantages that make them worth trying. The main benefit is comfort: the stitches are spread out over the connecting cable of the circular needle, reducing the stress on your wrists. You can also rest the work in your lap as the project progresses, rather than holding all the stitches on one needle. Circular needles are also more convenient when working in a small space like a chair with large arms, car or airplane seat. Before you purchase needles for your next project, think about where you will be knitting and how needle choice may affect your comfort. Straight needles may be fine for small items like dishcloths or scarves, but it might be worth spending the extra few dollars to purchase circular needles for a sweater project...





*** SAVE THE DATES & STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS ***

- Knitting In Public Day Saturday June 18, 2016
- Summer In Ligonier Sidewalk Sale July 15 & 16, 2016
- Kraemer Textiles Yarn Tour "Kathy's Kreations Day" July 21, 2016
- Steel Valley Yarn Crawl: July 29 - August 7, 2016
- Knitter's Day Out : Friday & Saturday September 16 & 17, 2016
- Fall Fling with Instructor Lisa Carnahan September 30 - October 2, 2016
- Fort Ligonier Days October 14 - 16, 2016
- KNITTREAT November 10 - 13, 2016
- Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet / Creative Arts Festival March 24 - 26, 2017

*** WORLD-WIDE KNITTING IN PUBLIC DAY PLANS ***

Join us for WWKIP "World-wide Knitting In Public Day" on **Saturday, June 18, 2016**, 10 am - 2 pm! Our neighbor Laurie McGinnis, owner of Second Chapter Books, has graciously granted us the use of her patio adjoining our shop so that we can knit outdoors, in public! In the event of inclement weather, we will move indoors to our usual classroom meeting area at Kathy's Kreations...

*** TRIP TO KRAEMER TEXTILE MILL THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016 ***

Join us for a tour of a family-owned, operating American textile mill on **Thursday, July 21, 2016** and see how yarn is made! There is no charge for the tour which starts at 10 am, but lodging and transportation are on your own. You may make purchases from KRAEMER's yarn shop, where you will find every color of every yarn they produce. It is not only made in the USA, it is made in Pennsylvania. Please let us know if you are coming, need directions or other information.

*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL SUMMER 2017 ***

July 29 - August 7, 2016 Steel Valley Yarn Crawl

We are pleased to announce that Kathy's Kreations will be participating in the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from **July 29 - August 7, 2016**. Please join us for ten fun-filled days "crawling" your way through eleven participating yarns shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area! This self-guided tour is a great way to see what our local fiber community has to offer and meet other yarncrafters. It is an excellent opportunity for fiber enthusiasts to discover new patterns, classes and yarns as they peruse the offerings at each store (in no required order). The crawl will feature a "passport" to get stamped at each store. To add to the fun, you will have lots of chances to win PRIZES! Along the way, we hope that you will discover new ways to fuel your fiber passion and meet local fiber artists up close and delight in their wares. Best of all, re-ignite your love for all the yarns and fibers that western PA has to offer. Each shop will also feature a free signature pattern to knit or crochet, varying by shop. Get a group of friends together and pile in the car to hop from shop to shop. Passports and snazzy Yarn Crawl tote bags are available NOW for \$10. Supplies are limited, so be sure to get yours early!

Kathy's Kreations will have extended hours for this event: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday; 8:00 am - 6:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays; 12 noon - 4:00 pm on Sundays. Save the dates and stay tuned for upcoming details! We have some fun ideas planned for this event...

*** KNITTREAT 2016 ***

This wonderful fall weekend retreat at the beautiful Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa is slated for November 10 - 13, 2016. Kathy Zimmerman will be teaching "Marvelous Mittens", with two skill levels of cabled fingerless mitts and traditional mittens. Registration will open on June 1, 2016. Visit the website www.knittreat.com for all schedules and registration...



***** 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 **June 6, 2016** and **July 11, 2016 (2nd Monday because of Independence Day holiday)**; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, June 14, 2016 and July 12, 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 scheduling change...

*****SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT June 11, 2016 and July 9, 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, June 17, 2016 and July 15, 2016; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm *****

Knitting can be a solitary activity, but it doesn't have to be. 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!

***** JUNE KNIT-ALONG (KAL) *****

Stop by on Fridays in June 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 two projects -- "14 Karat", Michelle Hunter's Progressive Needles KAL continuing from spring, the "On The Spice Market" shawl (see page 4) -- 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 June 2016 thread...

***** TEA LEAF SCARF & SHAWL KNITTING CLASS WITH KATHY ZIMMERMAN *****

Join Kathy Zimmerman for a lace workshop at Kathy's Kreations on **Saturday, June 11, 2016, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. Learn the how-to's for making the new CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS pattern "Tea Leaf Scarf and Shawl" (shown upper left). Skill building will include provisional cast on, yarn overs, decreases, construction techniques and information on blocking shawls. Both chart and written instructions will be given. Student class supplies needed include 458 yards fingering weight for the scarf or 1080 yards for the shawl, US size 4 knitting needles, size D crochet hook, stitch markers, plus 1 locking marker. Registration fee is \$27.50 which includes a hard copy of the pattern. Please call 724-238-9320 to register. Class size will be limited...

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 36 years !

Knowledge is a powerful thing. It is something that no one can ever take away from you. Set a knitting or crocheting goal for yourself this summer -- take classes, learn a new skill set, read a resource book, master a technique, watch a video and empower yourself for your next stitching adventure. **KEEP KNITTING & CROCHETING!** Kathy