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JUNE 2017 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

Summer is heating up! It's time to kick back, head out, or simply enjoy the longest days of the year doing what you love to do (along with knitting and crocheting, of course!). Whether your summer adventures take you to the mountains, "down the shore", or just to a shady spot in the back yard, remember to take along your favorite new project. For most of us, it's the first thing we pack! So, what's in your tote?

As the weather warms up, smaller projects are a great choice. They are easier to carry around and less cumbersome to work on in public. Socks are definitely at the top of the list for a very portable project. Sock knitting is the perfect combination of mindless meditation and technically accomplished craft. Socks can be as basic or as challenging as you wish to make them. They can be worked toe up, cuff down, or even sideways, and can be modified for a perfect fit, for all body types. Knit a sock and you are instantly connected to a tradition that spans continents, cultures, and centuries.

Shawls, whether knitted or crocheted, are also ideal to take along since they are lightweight to carry and not much yarn is required. One of the most versatile fashion accessories, a stunning wrap will not only add pizzazz to a fancy outfit, but will dress up your favorite T-shirt and jeans. They are also handy to throw over your shoulders on a breezy day or when the a/c gets a bit too chilly. No wonder shawls are a perennial favorite!

Warm weather inspires us to cast on a whole new category of garments as well -- vests and shells. Two advantages to sleeveless or short-sleeved tops are that they are faster to make and require less yarn than winter styles, but can be layered later. Don't forget to accessorize with gauzey silk scarves and simple cowls in plant-based fibers like linen and cotton.

Stop by to discover our summer-ready styles, lightweight fibers, and a selection of knitting and crochet ideas that look amazing anywhere. Our collections include easy-going and casual looks for everyday to dressed-up for special occasions. From backroads to beaches, we've got knits for every warm weather adventure. Hooray for summer!

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

Summer days call for breezy, breathable fibers, in styles and colors that help you stand out and stay cool. Lightweight tees and tanks in airy knitted and crocheted fabrics are summer mainstays. We've got a painter's palette of colors in a variety of cool yarns to inspire you to stitch up one or two. Unleash your creativity! Here are some project ideas -- some are trending, some are cute, and some are just plain interesting...

As speckled yarns take the hand-dyeing world by storm, we are jumping on the "dotted beauties" bandwagon. Speckled yarns are so enticing in the skein and it's fun to see how the color splashes in an innovative, one-of-a-kind way. These yarns also pair up beautifully with coordinating solids and tonals for bright striped looks. Look on our shelves for MADELINE TOSH "Tosh Sock" (\$25.95, 100 grams, 395 yards, 100% merino wool, CYCA #2) and LORNA'S LACES "Shepherd Sock" (\$25.95, 100 grams, 430 yards, 80% superwash merino wool / 20% nylon, CYCA #2). For non-wool projects and baby items, PLYMOUTH YARN "Toybox Collection Rainbow" (\$6.50, 100 grams, 240 yards, 100% acrylic) is a great alternative to get the look...

What is it about shawls that make them so popular? In *Knitting Daily 5/10/17*, author Lisa Shroyer tells us: "Historically, shawls were functional layering garments, worn for warmth and in many cultures, modesty. But what's with modern knitters making all these lacey triangles and crescents and inventive asymmetrical shapes with short-rows and stripes and spurts of handpainted color? This knitting craze has less to do with function or modesty and more to do with creative expression ... The collision of hand-dyed indie yarns, designers self-publishing, and knitters sharing their projects online made for a Shawl Explosion ... To this day, knitters love shawls... it's not a trend anymore; it's a permanent archetype in our pantheon. There's no sizing; shawls use limited yarn, and they allow for explorations in color, pattern, and technique." (see photo Helena's Shawl from *Interweave Knits Summer 2017* on page 5, lower right)

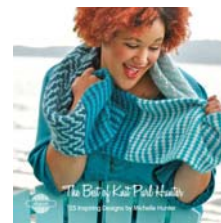
For knitters & crocheters looking to stretch their skills, shawls require little if any shaping and are usually one-size-fits-all. They are great layering pieces for fickle late spring/early summer weather and they're perfect for heavily air conditioned offices and restaurants. Today, shawls are as popular as ever, and we have styles available that are as diverse as the women who knit or crochet and wear them, like these lovelies, old and new:

- "Drachenfels" (Ravelry Pro pattern download ~\$5.99, shown upper left) Stay cozy with this lovely shawl in which Melaine Berg pays homage to dragons of lore with a slipped garter patternwork that hints of scales. It is worked in garter stitch from tip to edge, then finished with an I-cord bind off. Asymmetrical increases create an elongated triangular shape. Our friend Mary Lou tells us she saw many of these shawls in the crowd at the recent Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, as well as the extremely popular DREA RENEE KNITS "Find Your Fade" (\$7.50 pattern), one of our winter knit alongs.
- "Antarktis" (Ravelry Pro pattern download, shown upper left page 8, ~\$5.99) Alternating garter stitch and lace sections with an interesting rhythm make this an entertaining knit. We have been enchanted with this shawl ever since seeing our friend Rhonda's gorgeous wrap last fall. Some patterns are more addictive than others and this one will make you want to keep knitting.
- "Whippoorwill" (\$7.50, shown right) by Carina Spencer is "a modest, yet elegant shawl whose contrasting lines of eyelets dance along its border like the unique song of the bird." Its range of sizes, crescent shape, and wide wingspan allow for different types of styling. It showcases best in two tones of semi-solid sock yarn. The pattern is written for 3 size options, is advanced beginner-easy and is knit top down in one piece.



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

*The Best of Michelle Knit Purl Hunter* (\$24.95, book cover with the gorgeous Colormatic cowl, shown right) is an inspiring collection of 25 patterns from designer Michelle Hunter. Many of these patterns were originally featured as Knit-Alongs through her Progressive Needles series and are backed with educational videos we've come to know and love from Michelle. Featuring all new stunning photography and a variety of projects such as socks, cowls, shawls and more. This book is a must-have for any knitter! Supplies are limited, so get yours today...



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Knitters at our Friday gatherings have noticed our shoppal Marian L working on a layering piece in DREAM IN COLOR yarn to take along on her upcoming cruise to Alaska. "Appia Cowl" by THE YARNIAD (\$6.50 pattern) is a light, lacey cowl-shawl hybrid with a pretty picot bind off at the edge. Named for the famous Roman road, it is shaped like a semi-circular shawl with evenly-spaced increase rows giving it shape. It is worked partially in the round, so it can be worn as a cowl or shoulder cozy without any dangling ends. The all-over Roman Stripe stitch pattern is simple to execute and creates a knit fabric that is both lacey and highly textured, for maximum impact. "Appia" comes in two sizes, each taking less than a skein of sock yarn, and is quick enough to make one for yourself *and* for a gift!

ADDI TURBO Rockets in 20" lengths have been added to our inventory of premium needles, in US sizes 000 through 13. Pricing will be the same as the existing sizes / lengths within the Rocket family. If you haven't tried these, they are wonderful for lace knitting and cowls, like our current "Simple Yet Effective Cowl" June knit-along...

CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS are "hands on" favorites with our customers. One of their new patterns, "Polka Dot Scarf" (\$6.50), has been extremely popular. This cheerful summertime scarf/wrap adds a little fun to anything you wear. It features widely-spaced large eyelet "dots" that are easy to knit. The lace weight fabric is light and floaty, so the lavish scale seems just right. A recommended yarn choice is machine washable BERROCO "Ultra Alpaca Fine" (\$13.50, 100 grams, 433 yards, 50% Peruvian wool/30% nylon/20% superfine alpaca, CYCA #1) in melange heathers. The addition of nylon helps this beautiful yarn wear well...

Michelle "Knit Purl" Hunter first got us hooked on the basics with *Building Blocks*, transitioned us into the exciting world of colorwork with *Building In Color*, and is now ready to take knitters to the next level, via *Building with Lace* (\$20.50, cover shown lower left)! This new and exciting book is a carefully designed sequence of patterns that introduce knitters to lace work, starting with the basics and working towards more difficult patterns -- culminating in the creation of a gorgeous stole. This work follows the same basic format as Michelle's earlier books referenced above, and has been a long-awaited addition to this educational series. All patterns are supported by Michelle's excellent, and free, online video instruction. Slated for an early June arrival, pre-orders are available. Supplies are limited, so please call us soon to order yours as this is a highly-anticipated book which we expect to be much in demand. The one-size project requires 5 hanks of luxurious, drapery HIKOO "Rylie" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 274 yards, 50% baby alpaca/25% mulberry silk/25% linen, CYCA #3).



We are pleased to announce that Michelle will be our featured instructor at Fall Fling in early October. The workshop is already filled with a waiting list. If you are interested in taking classes for the *Building Blocks* project, instructor Karen McCullough is scheduling these as a once-a-month series. Kathy Zimmerman offers one-on-one private lessons for *Building in Color*, tailored to each individual student's needs...

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### \*\*\* JUNE KNIT ALONG \*\*\*

A good gift doesn't have to take forever. Sometimes one or two beautiful skeins of yarn and an easy pattern can be a satisfying knit that makes a perfect gift (for a friend, family member, or just for yourself!). We're kicking off our summer knit alongs with TIN CAN KNITS "Simple Yet Effective Cowl", a free pattern on Ravelry (shown at left). Knit in DK yarn in your choice of two sizes, this project takes 200 or 400 yards. Easy, peasey, relaxing!

Kathy made our June knit along smaller-size sample with DREAM IN COLOR's "Cosette" DK weight cashmere blend daylily colorway and our new ADDI 20" circular Rockets needles. We will be working on this project every Friday in June 2017 from 10 am - 2 pm at Kathy's Kreations. 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 on Ravelry and Facebook page...

### \*\*\* DREAM CLUB NEWS \*\*\*

We have been receiving excellent feedback regarding this spring's cashmere blend yarns mini-Dream Club projects! Many of you have been asking when Dream Club will start up again. We will be seeing DREAM IN COLOR at the TNNA trade show in Columbus later this month, but we do have some advance information for you. It looks like Dream Club will be better than ever!

Every other month beginning September 2017, project kits will include some exciting options like a gradient set, multi-size skeins, speckle pairs and more. Pattern kits are all selected with exclusively-dyed colors chosen especially for that project, with a different yarn for each club. Prices will vary with the featured yarns.

Something new from DREAM IN COLOR starts every other month beginning August 2017. The "Pop-Up Skein Club" featuring a different yarn base and colorway each time. You select what project you would like to knit or crochet. We will come up with pattern suggestions that we think will look smashing, if you need a creative spark...

### \*\*\* KATHY'S TIPS AND TRICKS \*\*\*

Welcome summer with the crisp, pure scent of EUCALAN's Delicate Wash (\$5.50 / 3.3 oz. or \$15.50 / 16.9 oz.), the perfect laundering solution for beautiful, lightweight knits. A quick bath in EUCALAN is all it takes to keep your delicates looking clean and smelling fresh. The best part? No rinsing required...

When knitting a sweater, to make sure that the back and front are the same length, use a row counter. The seams will then match perfectly...

Work all garment pieces and afghans with circular needles. The weight of the knitted piece will rest comfortably in your lap, place less strain on your hands/wrists, plus you will avoid poking the arms of your chair (or neighbor) with knitting needles...

When picking up stitches for necks, front bands and arms, here are the ribbing rules: Pick up and knit one stitch for each bound-off stitch along horizontal edges, 3 stitches for every 4 rows along vertical edges, and 5 stitches for every 6 rows on slanted edges (like V-necks). After working a few rows of the edging, see how it looks -- if it flares, you have too many stitches; if the body puckers, you have too few stitches. Adjust the ratio to achieve a smooth look. You can pick up a few inches along the edge as a "swatch", if you are working a neckline worked in one piece around the entire neckline, as in a coat or V-neck cardigan...

Alter the length of your garment by adjusting how many rows are knit BEFORE beginning the armhole shaping. Remember to take into account that you may need more yarn if lengthening the piece...

\*\*\* WARM WEATHER KNITS \*\*\*

Ready to plan your summer knitting? We are! Taken from an article by Emma Welford originally published in *Knitscene Spring 2015* and re-printed with Emma's permission, we are grateful to Emma for sharing her thoughtful strategies on warm weather knits. If you would like to contact Emma, her website is [www.emmawelford.com](http://www.emmawelford.com)

"What's a knitter to do when the temperature starts to rise? We could put our knitting aside and dream wistfully of woolies for a few months, maybe invest some quality time in our other hobbies. What other hobbies, you say? Let's face it: when you're addicted to knitting, it's hard to let go of that love for even a few days, let alone weeks or months, due to silly, practical constraints like sweatiness. How can we reconcile a love of wool with the rising mercury and the call to reveal one's beach body? Is it possible to revel in our knitterliness under the summer sun, or are we doomed to packing those sweaters away until after Labor Day? Consider this instead: a guide to rocking those handknits year round, regardless of the weather!

**Step 1: Fiber Content!** For summer-only tanks, tees, and loose cardigans, you'll need to become acquainted with the wide and wonderful world of plant fibers. Cotton, linen, and bamboo are perfect for steamy summer days, since they lack the insulating properties of animal fibers and often look best in flowing, drapey designs. But for the in-between days of spring, why not try a blend of plant and animal fibers? A cotton-wool blend will cover multiple bases, from crisp fall days to late spring nights, since the cotton tones down the wool's coziness. The wool lends a hand by adding memory, making it ideal for new wardrobe staples such as cabled pullovers and fitted cardigans. On the other side of the spectrum, I find wool and silk (an animal-animal blend) to be scrumptiously decadent and surprisingly versatile, thanks to the silk, which remains cool in warm weather but holds warmth on chillier days. Whip up a dressy wrap or open-front cardigan for a warm-weather wedding with this combination, and let it insulate you during the holiday season while dazzling your relatives.

**Step 2: Gauge, Gauge, Gauge -- and Pattern Choice!** Loose and open fabric provides comfortable amounts of ventilation -- no surprise there! Even 100% wool knit at a generously mesh-like gauge will be warm-weather wearable in a way that tightly knitted cable numbers are not, so look for patterns that call for larger-than-usual needles when compared to the yarn's suggested needle size. Speaking of cables, you'll want to avoid those heavily cabled fisherman sweaters or traditional stranded Fair Isle-yoked sweaters for your spring-to-summer wardrobe. Lace is a summer staple for a reason: it works. Sometimes it's best not to reinvent the wheel but if you must, keep yarn-intensive (and thus heat-intensive) details to a minimum as trims or small panels.

**Step 3: Creativity!** Think outside the box about how to work your existing pieces into as many situations as possible rather than dividing your precious knitting time into creating two separate wardrobes. One of my favorite ways to get extra wear out of lighter-weight tops is to layer them over long-sleeved pieces. When layered, a tank top instantly becomes a chic vest, and a knit tee paired with long sleeves can be the centerpiece of a grunge throwback look. If you're daring, wear a lacy fall pullover with just a bandeau, bikini top, or pretty crop top underneath to keep the focus of your knitted handiwork and prevent overheating. Beach cover-ups can breathe new life into your cold-weather wardrobe -- let a winter thermal peek through lacy tunic tops, or throw a crocheted tank dress over a floral dress for textures galore. Of course, don't underestimate accessories! Shawlettes and wraps can be thrown on over any outfit while battling overzealous air conditioning and doubles as potential scarf options in the fall and winter. Add a slouchy cotton hat for a chic, trendy vibe without inducing heatstroke, and win extra points for your DIY prowess.

It's time to ignore the calendar and start following your needles to year-round happiness! Start with these three steps -- consider them a guide to experimenting with your wardrobe and your definition of warm-weather knits, whether you recycle and restyle current favorites or add new pieces. Tradition may dictate that we wear wool sweaters in winter and abandon our knitting in the summer, but I've never been afraid to break with tradition, and I don't think you are either."



\*\*\* STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL \*\*\*

We are pleased to announce that Kathy's Kreations will be participating in the 4th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl from **July 28 - August 6, 2017**. Please join us for ten fun-filled days "crawling" your way through eleven participating yarns shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area! The shops include: Beaver Yarns Shoppe; Darn Yarn Needles & Thread; Dyed in the Wool; Kathy's Kreations; Kid Ewe Knot; Knit One; Knitsburgh Yarn Shop; Raggz Fiber Art; Sewickley Yarns; Tonidale Yarn & Needlecraft, and Yarns By Design.

This self-guided tour is a great way to see what our local fiber arts 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-kindle your love for all the yarns and fibers that western PA has to offer. Get a group of friends together and pile in the car to hop from shop to shop. Stylish tote bags and passports should be available at the end of June. Supplies will be limited, so be sure to get yours early!

The rules:

- Passports must be purchased from one of the participating yarn stores.
- Each participant must have their own passport. Only ONE passport per person.
- Each participant must fill out the contact information on the passport. Please print clearly as we need this information to be able to contact you!
- Each participant must be present at each yarn shop to receive their stamp (i.e., no proxy crawling!)
- Each participant must be at least 18 years of age.
- All completed passports must be turned in by the end of business on August 8, 2017 to the last store you visit.
- When you make a purchase at a shop, you will be given raffle tickets to be entered to win baskets at that shop only.

All winners will be posted online at the SVYC Ravelry and Facebook pages and will be contacted within 30 days of the end of the yarn crawl. Winners who have not claimed their prizes in 30 days will forfeit them and alternate winners will be chosen. There will be three prize baskets at each shop that you can enter to win with your tickets, one of them being a gift card. There will be a large basket as the grand prize (your name is entered for this prize once you've turned in your passport).

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; 11:00 am - 5:00 pm on Sunday 7/30 and 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sunday 8/6. Save the dates and stay tuned for additional information in our July newsletter. We have some new fun activities planned for this event, to be revealed closer to the date.

New this year is the official website, which includes a map of the shops, updates and rules: <http://steelvalleyyarncrawl.weebly.com/>

\*\*\* KNITTREAT 2017 \*\*\*

Join us from November 9 - 12, 2017 for KNITTREAT, a wonderful fall weekend retreat and knitting getaway coordinated by Elaine Smith of Embroidered 4 Ewe. This year, the event moves to beautiful WISP Resort in McHenry, MD (Deep Creek). Kathy will be teaching two knitted slipper designs sized for the entire family -- Ribbed Slipper Socks and Checkerboard Slippers, with fibers provided by KRAEMER YARNS. To request further information and updates, please visit [www.knittreat.com](http://www.knittreat.com)

\*\*\* SUMMER IN LIGONIER \*\*\*

Join us on July 21 - 22, 2017 for our annual town-wide merchant's sidewalk sales (indoor or outdoor, depending on the weather). In addition to our clearance items, we will have a large selection of handknit and crocheted items available to purchase..

\*\*\* IT'S TNNA TIME \*\*\*

Kathy and Vina will be traveling to Columbus, OH this month for the annual National Needlework Association trade show. She will be doing a Meet & Greet at Kraemer Yarns booth, where they have crocheted a "Kathy Zimmerman doll" in her honor (photo upper right). One of Kathy's designs will be used to launch KRAEMER's new yarns, "21st Century Ragg Perfection Chunky" at their show booth...



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\*\*\* HIS AND HERS SLOUCHY-OR-NOT HAT \*\*\*

This hat is designed to be work either as a traditional watch cap with the deep cuff turned back for added warmth, or as a trendy slouchy style (cuff not turned back). Worked in a lightweight yarn, it can be worn year-'round. It begins with a reversible knit 2, purl 2 ribbed cuff.

FINISHED HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE: adult small 20" (adult medium/large in parentheses 23")

YARN: 250 (300) yards DK weight. Exact amount will depend on hat size and desired length.

NEEDLES: US sizes 4 & 5 circular needles 16" length; US 5 double-pointed needles (dpns) or size needed to obtain gauge

GAUGE: approx. 6 stitches / 8 rounds = 1" in stockinette stitch, after blocking

DIRECTIONS: With smaller needles, cast on 120 (138) stitches. Join & place marker, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing until piece measures 4" from cast-on edge. Change to larger circular needle. Work in stockinette stitch (knit every round) for 5" (6") or desired length [piece will measure about 9" (10") total from cast-on].

Decrease round 1: Knit one round, decreasing 8 (10) stitches evenly spaced -- 112 (128) stitches. Knit 2 rounds.

Shape top (change to dpns when needed):

Decrease Round 2: \*knit 2, knit 2 together; repeat from \* around -- 84 (96) stitches.

Knit 2 rounds.

Decrease Round 3: \*knit 1, knit 2 together; repeat from \* around -- 56 (64) stitches.

Knit 1 round.

Decrease Rounds 4, 5 & 6: \*knit 2 together; repeat from \* around -- 7 (8) stitches.

Cut tail, thread through remaining stitches, pull up tightly and weave in ends on the inside.

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DESIGN NOTES: For a more rounded top shaping, knit 1 round between the earlier decrease rounds For a more pointed top, knit 3 rounds between the earlier decrease rounds. To make the hat more wind and water-resistant for cold weather, knit with a worsted weight yarn on a needle size that gets the same gauge of 6 stitches and 8 rounds per inch.

\*\*\* LET'S STITCH! \*\*\*

According to the May 2017 issue of *Yarn Market News*, TNNA President Dave Van Stralen states: "The needlearts are an opportunity to be creative, get together, bond and enjoy each other's company. That's ultimately the reason why people are attracted. It's the camaraderie of knit nights, of simply hanging out at your local yarn shop." Come join us and spend time together at our gatherings (see page 8 for dates & details) and become part of our fiber community!



**\*\*\* 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 5, 2017 and July 3, 2017; 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

**\*\*\* "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, June 13, 2017 and July 11, 2017; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please) \*\*\***

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

**\*\*\* SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT June 10, 2017 and July 8, 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, June 16, 2017 and July 21, 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!

**\*\*\* 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 the "Simple Yet Effective" cowl from Tin Can Knits -- 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 2017 thread...

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

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

Pittsburgh Penguins fan Michelle Miller drew national attention for knitting at the Pens Stanley Cup playoff games, even snagging headlines in the Wall Street Journal 5/10/17. But, other knitters "get it." Join us in Ligonier as we observe and celebrate **Worldwide Knitting In Public Day on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10 am - 3 pm**. WWKIP Day is unique in that it is the largest knitter-run event in the world. Once again, Laurie McGinnis, owner of Second Chapter Books, has granted permission for us to use the courtyard between our shops to gather and knit. Please bring a snack, lunch or refreshments and your knitting (of course!) and join us for a fun time...

Knitting and crocheting have the power to transcend language, culture, race and politics. When a diverse group of knitters and crocheters gather, everyone will talk about their projects, pet the yarn and share their common love of fiber. Guaranteed! Kathy