

Dear Stitchers,

Goodbye summer, hello fall! It's a happy new year of sorts for knitters and crocheters. We welcome back old friends that have been dormant throughout the summer -- handmade sweaters, hats, mitts -- and look forward to creating new ones, projects that we can't wait to start for those cooler days ahead. And that's where Kathy's

Kreations comes in! We're here to help you find the latest in fashion-forward project ideas, home decor and accessories, with an eye on the upcoming holiday gift-giving season ahead.

One of this season's best trends is the long vest. A hot ticket on every pre-Fall catwalk, the long vest is an obvious wardrobe addition -- the perfect transitional garment. Designer Lisa Carnahan describes it as a "coat without sleeves". Cowls and scarves are popular projects for good reason -- less time commitment than a sweater, they always fit the wearer, and are so cozy and warm in cooler weather. Trending -- neutrals with pops of color!

Our diverse collection for fall includes classically elegant and contemporary designs for him and her. Choose from a palette of soft tones, brights, and tweedy neutrals -- there's something for every taste. Be adventurous and mix techniques: combine cables with intarsia, color inlay, textures or lace. Mix media as well -- blend textured yarns with solids to capture simple couture looks. As we gravitate to all things wooly, stop by to see what the season holds! It's a great time to be a knitter or crocheter...

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**OCTOBER 2015 UPDATE**

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**OCTOBER IS MOHAIR MONTH!**  
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\*\*\* GREAT NEW STUFF \*\*\*

Mix it, match it, and make it your own! This is a season of many colors, many fibers, many choices for your stitching pleasure. There are gradients, variegateds, hand-dyes, solids, prints, heathers, tweeds and swirls -- all waiting for you to unleash your creativity and turn them into something fabulous with your hands...

In *Knitter's Magazine* K120 (\$6.99), editor Rick Mondragon states:

"Everyone has preferences in food, drink, automobiles, furniture, places, actors, relatives, and even clothing. If you're a knitter, you'll add yarns, needles, colors, stitches, patterns, and techniques to your list. You pick projects to suit your tastes and comfort levels, and knitwear designers are no different. We asked designers to think about their favorite garment silhouettes, techniques, design approaches, and theories, and to present ideas to get your needles clicking".

Kathy was very pleased to have two of her "faves" included in this collection. About "Carved Kiwi" (shown upper left), *Knitter's* says: "Don't underestimate the pullover when it comes to favorites. Kathy Zimmerman creates three distinct textures in this design. If the color alone isn't enough to garner attention, the textures etched into the fabric will". The featured yarn is HiKOO "Kenzie" (\$10.50, 50 grams, 160 yards, 50% NZ merino / 25% nylon / 10% angora / 10% alpaca / 5% silk noils, CYCA #3), in bold heathers, now on our shelves.

And, "Kathy Zimmerman takes a fresh approach to cable textures with elongated stitches for an intricate composition of "Texture At Play" (shown lower right). Crossing over and back, they create fish-spine and undulating cables, then join garter ridges for brickwork-patterned sleeves and backgrounds". This one is knit with KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Apres Ski" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 197 yards, 70% wool / 30% nylon, CYCA #4), a lofty blend available on our shelves in beautiful jewel tones. Cardigans are worthy autumn layers...

HiKoo "Rylie" (\$28.50, 100 grams, 274 yards, 50% baby alpaca / 25% mulberry silk / 25% linen, CYCA #3) offers a luxurious blend of all-natural fibers baby alpaca and linen, with mulberry silk for drape and shine. Each type of fiber takes the dye a little bit differently, adding an interesting visual texture. "Rylie" is a light weight DK yarn in soft colors, selected by Michelle Hunter for her latest design and October KAL, *Wandering Moon*. New shades are here -- #003 natural, #122 aurora borealis (green), #123 ocean blue (bright blue), #124 urchin (medium purple), and #125 sailor's delight (red heather)...

Many of our customers are familiar with HiKoo "Simplicity" yarn -- a value yarn that is an excellent choice for afghans, children's wear, the Scoreboard Cowl, and anything else that gets daily use. This machine washable wool blend feels like butter in your hands, but is a true "work horse" of a yarn. This versatile line now includes gorgeous, tonal multicolors. "Simplicity Tonal" (\$8.50, 50 grams, 117 yards, 55% merino superwash / 28% acrylic / 17% nylon, CYCA #3) incorporates Simplicity's best qualities. The tonal colorways provide beautiful depth to a finished piece, landing somewhere between a solid and a variegated yarn. Cast on for an eye-catching sweater, shawl or accessory. New shades include Raffi, a "Penn State blue"; Passionate, a "hope" color for breast cancer awareness month and Seattle, reminding us that gray shades that are the "new black"...

If you enjoy the intersection of classic and contemporary in your knitting, you will be most comfortable with the winter 2015 of *Knitscene* (\$7.99). This issue focuses on the essentials -- in the chic accessories, in the article on mastering gauge, and in the outerwear. Every winter essentials collection needs a timeless man's cabled sweater and we are itching to knit the "Red Loop Pullover"...



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

Kits, kits, kits! We've made it easier for you by packaging some new projects into kits. KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO "Three Times The Fun" (\$58.00, shown right) includes sufficient yarn and the pattern to knit 2 hats and a neck ring in "Apres Ski" yarn. The neck ring is worked from side to side and joined with Kitchener stitch to close ring. White hat is worked in rounds, from the bottom up with brim folded to right side. A 3-color hat (not shown) is worked in rounds from the top down...



BERROCO YARNS "Comfort" (\$6.95, 100 grams, 210 yards, 50% superfine nylon / 50% superfine acrylic, CYCA #4) has been a favorite choice for kids wear around Kathy's Kreations for some time. "Luca", also one of our shop models, is a miniature gansey pullover with buttons at the neck for easy opening. It can be found in pattern booklet 357, "Berroco Comfort for Baby" (\$10.50)...

To celebrate fall's impending holiday season, we have a new yarn that offers shimmer and sparkle, CRYSTAL PALACE YARNS "Gold Rush" (\$9.50, 50 grams, 85 yards, 59% cotton / 20% wool / 13% nylon / 8% metallic, CYCA #5). This yarn's bulky strands combine a cotton core and wool overlay. As you knit, the soft black or white core lets strands of gold peek through the self-stripping color. The outcome is vibrant color that catches the light. Hats, shawls, fingerless mitts and cowls will showcase the sparkle and variegated colors of "Gold Rush", but why not consider a lustrous sweater as well?

The seasons, how quickly they change! *Knit Simple Holiday 2015* (\$6.99) is here, reminding us that it is time to knit some merry must-haves for the winter holidays (the clock is ticking -- don't wait til the last minute again this year!). One color trend we are noticing for winter accessories is the combination of bright pink and lime green, so go bright when choosing colors for cowls, hats & mitts, especially for kids. This issue is packed with cozy, colorful cowls that kids and teens will love to wear plus gifts for cat lovers, sweet feet baby booties, cuddly toys, and simple geometric motif afghans to knit and crochet. There are so many wonderful chunky yarns on the market, and the editors have used a number of them for "Make It Cozy" sweaters...

Who doesn't love a substantial cocoon of woolen warmth to fend off the cold? *Knitspot* "Carlsbad" (\$6.50), designed by Anne Hanson, is the answer for toughing out that chilly morning commute. This cowl is worked in reverse stockinette with short row shaping and accented by extravagant cabled panels, the piece falls into natural curves and folds to trap warmth near the neck and head. It comes in two sizes (petite/ tall), and is knit from squishy worsted weight wool. The deeper sections can even be pulled up to perform "hood" duty while scraping the car or waiting for the bus...

New supplies of KNITTER'S PRIDE interchangeable cords and tips for Dreamz, Trendz and Cubics are once again back on the shelves, along with EUCALAN for washing sweaters and handmade socks. We were also able to get a few "Top This" hats from our supplier, and we currently have monkeys, owls and lions, but they are selling quickly...



Another kit from KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO is the stunning "Oslo Shawl" (\$35.50, shown left). Knit with four shades of "Sebago" yarn, a 100% Australian superwash Merino wool, this shawl is worked from the center neck, down and out to the bottom edge using Fair Isle and slip-stitch techniques. Carry unused colors at the side & pick up new colors from under the previous row to anchor strands...



\*\*\* DREAM CLUB 2015 - 2016 \*\*\*

What is the Dream Club? For those of you not aware, the Dream Club is a monthly subscription service that features exclusive yarns and fun-to-knit designs from one of our favorite yarn companies, DREAM IN COLOR. Each month from September through February, we receive exclusive yarns, pairing a unique hand-dyed colorway with a pattern that will showcase that month's yarn. The projects all use a single skein, some in special yardage put-ups exclusively for these designs. Each pattern comes with a Ravelry code for the corresponding pattern so that you may add it to your pattern library for future reference and updates. New colorways will arrive during the first week of every month through February 2016. This exclusive event is only available through participating local yarn shops like Kathy's Kreations -- please contact us if you are interested in learning more.

October's Dream Club includes two fingerless mitts patterns. The knitted version "En Plein Air" (shown upper left), designed by Jimmy Martinez, features a strap with a button embellishment and a snug fit, something Monet would have worn while painting "en plein air" (outdoors) on a chilly day. The crochet version, "Water Lillies" (shown lower right), designed by Susan Sellers, features a unique chain foundation and decorative textural stitches that evoke Monet's famous painting of the same name. The selected yarn is *Everlasting DK* (\$31.00 kit, 100% superwash merino, 100 grams, 275 yards) with a mostly turquoise component and both pattern versions are included.

We have designated "Dream Club" as one of our Friday knit-along projects. If you can't make it to our Friday knit alongs, please keep up to date with postings to our "We Love Kathy's" group. There is also a "Dream Club" group on Ravelry with projects, a monthly contest and special information. We're very enthusiastic and excited about this program -- let the knitting fun continue...

\*\*\* KNITTING TIP \*\*

When starting the garter tab for a triangular shawl (like the *Something Autumnal* September 2015 Dream Club Shawl), place small coilless pins or small locking stitch markers into the cast on stitches. This will help you locate them when it is time to pick up these stitches around the garter tab to begin your project...

\*\*\* SCOREBOARD KAL \*\*\*

Join SKACEL, KAL Commissioner Michelle Hunter and Kathy's Kreations for one of the most highly-anticipated knit-alongs of 2015! The 2015 Scoreboard KAL will allow fans to capture their favorite team's season, yielding a unique piece of hand-knitted sports history along with bragging rights for those whose teams dominate the field. Michelle Hunter will be here at our Fall Fling October 2 - 4 to personally join in the fun. We know that Michelle will be cheering on her beloved Ohio State Buckeyes, but our shop team, "Stealing Stitches" will be decked out in the black and gold of Blitzburgh.

It works like this -- a cowl is worked in your favorite team's two main colors; the primary color (MC) represents your team, while the secondary color (CC) will always represent the opponent. There is also an option to add a third color, to provide a visual break between games. When a team scores, you will knit a round in the color for each point attained.

We have just received new shipments of black and gold. If we don't have the team colors you need, we can try to get them for you! Simply purchase HiKoo "Simplicity" yarn in your team's colors -- receive a free copy of the pattern, the latest Skacel Magalog, and a scoresheet. Kathy is the official equipment manager and scoreboard keeper, if you need to catch up on the scoring. Check out our shop window to view the season' cowl-in-progress. For a full overview with KAL dates and details, visit [www.scoreboardkal.com](http://www.scoreboardkal.com)



\*\*\* UPCOMING OCTOBER KNIT ALONG \*\*\*

Beginning on **October 1, 2015**, and running throughout the month, the Skacel Progressive Needles Knit-Along with Michelle "Knit Purl" Hunter continues with "**Wandering Moon**", a beautiful crescent-shaped shawl knit with the lovely yarn *Rylie* by HiKoo. The mystery shawl will be featured in the limited edition color, Power Pink. This specially dyed yarn is a deep berry hue that complements everyone. *Rylie* is also available in 16 other beautiful colors for endless possibilities, with all new shades on our shelves now.

The shawl incorporates exciting techniques new to the KAL series. Increase your skills while creating a wearable work of art! Materials include:

- *Rylie* by HiKoo (50% baby alpaca / 25% mulberry silk / 25% linen; 274 yards / 110 grams), 2 skeins
- Size US #7 (4.5 mm) 40" circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge for shawl Body
- Size US #7 (4.5 mm) straights or 24" circular needle for Border
- Cable needle
- Two removable markers
- Additional 25 removable markers or safety pins
- Optional (but very helpful), needle to aid in finishing: 32" - 40" circular needle several sizes smaller than project needle, ranging from US #1 to #4

Gauge is approximately 18 sts = 4" in garter and size is approx. 74" along lower edge and 14" deep at center.

How do you join in? Michelle Hunter will post instructions on website [knitpurlhunter.com](http://knitpurlhunter.com) every Thursday in October at 9 am Eastern Standard time. Please download and print your instructions. Supplies will be available here for purchase. We will meet here at Kathy's Kreations **EVERY Friday in October from 10 am - 2 pm** (rsvp please) to work on our newest KAL. Can't make it? Follow the October 2015 thread on our Ravelry group, "We Love Kathy's"...

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

Recently, at her class at KDO, Kathy was asked about stitchwork; specifically, "How do you know what yarn to choose for a cable project?" Kathy replied with two golden rules, advice from her first "real" class ever with Maggie Righetti, author of *Knitting In Plain English*:

- You never know what a yarn will do, until you make a swatch
- The more complex the pattern stitch, the simpler the yarn should be. The simpler the pattern stitch, the more complex the yarn can be.

OK, so what does that mean? If you are working a cable or intricate lace work, you want your stitches to be the star of your project. Select a smooth yarn in a light to mid-tone shade to showcase the stitch (that's why Aran sweaters are often knit in a natural off-white wool). If you have a highly textured yarn, stick to basic stitches like stockinette, garter or seed...

\*\*\* I LOVE YARN DAY \*\*\*

Calling all yarnies! Did you know that the Yarn Craft Council has declared Saturday, October 17, 2015, as "I Love Yarn Day"? People embrace knitting and crocheting so they can do things for themselves, with their own hands. Working with your hands has benefits beyond those we know -- that it fights depression, improves mental health, and has a real effect on the math aptitude of children. This celebration turns five and the Council is calling on all fibers fans to share their affection for yarn and "stitch it forward" by teaching at least one newbie to knit, crochet, spin, weave, or bomb (yarn bomb, that is). Whatever craft it may be ... if it involves yarn, we know we love it, we know you love it, and we know others will too! Come into Kathy's Kreations on October 17, tell Marian: "I Love Yarn" when you are at checkout, and receive a 10% discount on your regularly-priced yarn purchase...





\*\*\* RIVERPATH SCARF \*\*\*

This scarf features a textured stitch pattern that meanders like a lazy river. The stitch pattern is created with only knits and purls. Get lost in the joy of knitting this easy pattern. Our thanks to designer Eleanor Swogger and KRAEMER YARNS for sharing this pattern with us...

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Measurements: 5" X 67-1/2", before blocking

Materials: Kraemer Yarns Perfection Worsted (30% merino wool / 70% acrylic), 2 skeins (400 yards): US size #8 knitting needles

Gauge: 27 sts / 26 rows = 4", before blocking

Note: The stitch pattern is a 16-stitch repeat. If you wish to make a wider scarf, add an additional 16 stitches. Additional yarn will be required for a longer scarf.

Abbreviations: K - knit; P- purl

Directions: Cast on 34 stitches.

Row 1: \*K10, P2, K2, P2; repeat from \* once, K2.

Row 2: P2; \*[K2, P2] twice, K6, P2; repeat from \* once.

Rows 3, 5, & 7: Repeat row 1.

Rows 4, 6, & 8: Repeat row 2.

Row 9: \*[K2, P2] twice, k8; repeat from \* once, K2.

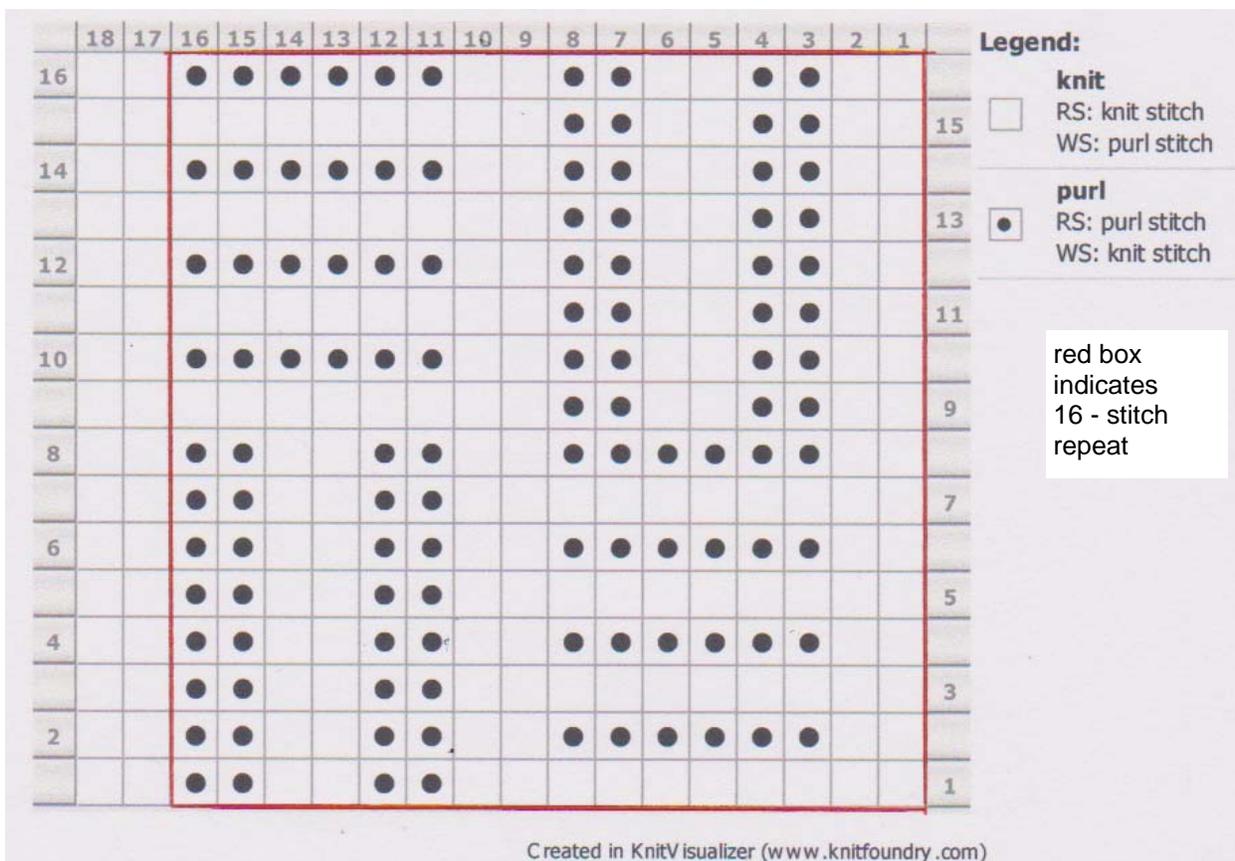
Row 10: P2; \*K6, [P2, K2] twice, P2; repeat from \* once.

Rows 11, 13, & 15: Repeat row 9.

Rows 12, 14, & 16: Repeat row 10.

Repeat rows 1 - 16 until almost out of yarn (or desired length if making a longer scarf), ending with row 9 or 16.

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WHERE'S KATHY?

**November 12 - 15, 2015 Knittreat at Bedford Springs Omni Resort & Spa**

Kathy will be a Featured Teacher (Cabled Hats), as well as a vendor at this special event

**March 4, 5, & 6, 2016 Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival**

Look for us in booths 74 & 75 at this event, moving to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh

\*\*\* HATS ARE BACK! \*\*\*

This article is re-printed from *The Dropped Stitch* column appearing in the September / October 2015 "Country Register". Our thanks to Sharon Greve for granting permission to share her column with our customers! We hope that you will stop by to see our hats at the Fort Ligonier Days sidewalk sales October 9 - 11 (Cables & Textures Hat lower right)...

*"Where did you get that hat?*

*It's just the right style.*

*I want one just like that.*

*It makes people smile.* © Sharon Greve"

"Hats have come and gone as status symbols, uniforms and fashion statements. They come in all sizes, shapes, colors -- just like people. With today's wide selection of threads and fiber for changing seasons, fiber artists are able to create hats for various occasions. Whether it's called a fedora, a beret, or any other name, it is still a hat... What a great time of year to make a warm, wooly hat to keep away Jack Frost . Whether you are a beginning knitter or a long-time knitter, the following hat guide will make the process easier for a successful project.

**Head/Hand Height Rule.** It's almost unbelievable, but the distance from the base of one's palm to the tip of the longest finger is equal to the height of a hat for that person's head from the cast-on edge (when placed just above the eyes) to the point to begin decreasing to shape the hat's crown. If at all possible, lay the recipient's hand on the knitting as the knitting progresses to make a hat the right height. It's time to decrease when the knitting matches the hand height. This works great for preparing for gift giving -- winter, holiday or spring/summer. What a surprise for them when they receive a war, wooly hat or a cool, cotton hat.

If the recipient isn't available for hand measurement, don't give up the project. The following guide will assist in determining the distance to knit from cast-on to crown (bottom to top).

Baby: 5 inches / 13 cm

Toddler: 5-1/2 inches / 14 cm

Child: 6 inches / 15 cm

Small adult: 6-1/2 to 7 inches / 16-19 cm

Adult: 7-1/2 to 8-1/2 inches / 19 -22 cm

**A Quick Knit No-Pattern Hat:** The beauty of a rolled-brim hat is the easy knit every row (known as stockinette stitch) that creates the roll. To begin, subtract one to two inches worth of stitches from the required starting stitch number. After knitting one or two inches, add the subtracted stitches back and continue as for a standard hat. The hat will not only look better, but will stay on better. Of course, any child who hates hats will test that statement. Always measure the hat with the brim rolled / curled. Otherwise, the hat will be too short and won't fit properly.

Hats are fun for everyone (except for the parent whose child won't keep one on) as well as being functional. They can even complement our personalities through color, fiber texture and embellishments. A special pin or flower can add bling. High school and college students love to wear hats in their school colors. Baby hats make wonderful gifts any time of year. Many charities have winter hat drives during the winter holidays. The gift-giving season isn't that far away. Who on your list needs a hat?

**HATS ON!**

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

Join the "First Mondays" Club for an evening of knitting, crochet and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate; Greensburg, PA. Next meeting dates are Monday evenings **October 5, 2015 & November 2, 2015; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

**\*\*\* "KNITTING" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, October 13, 2015 & November 10, 2015; 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp) \*\*\***

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 October 17, 2015 & November 14, 2015; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm \*\*\***

Come sit 'n knit! Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here. Open to all skill levels. Please note that the October date is changed (one week later than usual due to Fort Ligonier Days)...

**\*\*\* FUN FRIDAYS, October 16, 2015 & November 20, 2015; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm \*\*\***

Join our "knitting community" for fellowship, stitching, and how-to's for projects purchased here. Whether this is your first project or your hundredth, this is the place for you to learn, grow and enjoy being with other knitters and crocheters just like you. Please call ahead to let us know you will be coming, as space is limited. All skill levels welcome!

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

Stop by **EVERY Friday in October** 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 FOUR choices -- Dream Club "En Plein Air" Fingerless Knit Mitts or "Waterlillies" Crochet Mitts, Wandering Moon mystery shawl with Michelle Hunter and Scoreboard KAL. 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 October 2015 and Scoreboard KAL threads...

**\*\*\* SAVE THE DATES \*\*\***

**October 9 - 11, 2015 Fort Ligonier Days** Early Bird merchant sidewalk sales on Thursday October 8, 2015; Diamond festivities & craft / food booths open Friday through Sunday

**March 4, 5, & 6, 2016 Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival**

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**April 15 - 17, 2016 Spring Break with Andrea Wong**

Registration now open! Andrea will be teaching ethnic knitting techniques Peruvian Knitting and Turkish Slippers. Classes will be held at the Ramada Inn of Ligonier.

**April 24, 2016 Northeast Knitting Tour**

**Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. Fall group classes are forming -- ask us for details. We would be glad to do a specific class topic for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for more than 35 years !**

It's time to marvel at the magnificent beauty of the changing leaves and Nature's landscape. Color rules the season, so let's all be inspired to create something beautiful with our hands. Fall into knitting and crocheting this month -- the warmth of sweaters comes from more than just wool. Joy is what we do. **KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!** Kathy