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OCTOBER 2016 UPDATE

Dear Stitchers,

With the ready promise of cooler days, we knitters and crocheters are digging through our woolly wearables and taking a wardrobe inventory. Need a little inspiration? One of the best things about fall is snuggling up in a cozy sweater or wrap. It is comfort dressing at its finest -- thick cardies, slouchy crewnecks, long vests, ruanas, tabards re-visited, and ponchos everywhere. The pieces have interesting texture. Relaxed, but not sloppy.

One of our favorite trends is seeing a return to classic traditions like cables, Fair Isle and Shetland openwork stitch techniques, but with a modern twist. As for fibers, we've harvested a bountiful crop of soft, easy-to-wear heathers and tweeds to give you a sense of endless creative possibility and to keep things interesting. Regarding accessories -- shawls, ponchos and stoles remain very fashion forward for versatile, go-everywhere layering pieces. And you can never have too many handknit socks (or stitch markers!)

Everyone wants the look of knit stitches this season, and stitch definition is part of the design. It's a sign that knitting has become part of pop culture and can be found in every corner of design, from home decor baskets & pillows, to accessories like handbags & tights. Knitting is in. Knitting is a good thing. It's not only the look of the stitches -- the biggest, boldest stitches seem to be taking center stage. The designs are attention-getting and powerful (read more about the super-scarf trend on page 5). Kathy has designed a knit scarf with super chunky yarns in mind. We have introduced an inventory of US size 17 & 19 knitting needles and crochet hooks sizes N - U to help you use the chunkiest yarns available.

Fringe is everywhere, from the obvious on ponchos and scarves to dresses, shoes, and even boots. The look is dramatic, off beat and retro, with a new twist that there is no limit to the ways you can wear fringe or the length that the fringe can be!

It's a fun season. Sharpen your pointy sticks and hooks and grab some intriguing yarn. Join us for wall-to-wall Fall at Kathy's Kreations. You can bring autumn's beauty inside to make something spectacular to wear outside -- no raking required!

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

If you love fiber and the look of hand-crafted elegance, you're going to enjoy the trends we see for fall 2016 and beyond. Yarn is the big, bold star of the season, but it's an interesting season as designs go. We love the tributes to tradition, heritage and classic stitchwork, but popular retro big needle looks are fun. We are really loving the casual, relaxed styling, too.

There are more choices than ever for what you would like to create, so pick up your needles and hooks, seek out a gorgeous shade of your favorite fiber, and get on the ball -- stitch happy, stitch often...

OK, it's barely turned fall but it's time to think about the upcoming gift-giving season. *Interweave Knits Holiday Deluxe Edition* (\$14.99) features 23 knits for hearth and home. The desire to create something special, unique, and full of love for our family and friends is an overwhelming force. Because the editors at *Knits* "get it", the Holiday issue is here in plenty of time to make your gifts and avoid the last-minute stress. In this issue, the editors have gone back to their roots (that's another trend *we* love) and brought heritage and tradition home for the holidays. They've curated a small collection of lace shawls specifically for those who cherish lace knitting and a closet full of cheerful, sophisticated knits for precious little children. There is an adorable snowman family made in four sizes with different weights of yarn. And what holiday issue would be complete without accessories for the whole family? This issue has plenty of them -- in cables, colorwork and texture. And the one gem in this entire edition is the DIY pompoms how-to, made using two cardboard tubes (yep, from toilet paper rolls!)

And while we're on the topic of the impending holidays, be sure to check out KNITTING AT KNOON's "Jolly Old Elves" pattern (\$5.50). 'Tis the season for a little elf help. These jolly guys will bring a smile to anyone's face. Make one or a whole chorus line to dance down the center of your table or across your mantle. Elves are made with worsted weight yarn like STONEHEDGE FIBER MILL "Shepherd's Wool" (\$14.50, 100% WORSTED SPUN FINE WOOL, 4 oz., 250 yards, CYCA #4), with beards by BROWN SHEEP "Lana Boucle" (\$10.95, 100 grams, 180 yards, 97% wool / 3% nylon, CYCA #4). This pattern was the hit of our booth at the recent Knitter's Day Out Market. Jingle bells optional...

One frequently-asked question here at Kathy's Kreations is: "What's everyone making?" Our two most-made knitting projects are "Mary's Scarf" (Kathy's original scarf in fingering or worsted weight versions from the Yarn Crawl) and CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Tea Leaf Scarf". And customers are choosing cashmere blends which are selling like the proverbial hotcakes: DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly with Cashmere" (fingering), "Smoochy with Cashmere" (fingering), "Cosette" (DK) and "Classy with Cashmere" (worsted). Oh, yeah, new shades just came in...

Knitscene Winter 2016 (\$7.99) is a celebration of the moments we get back to ourselves, when weather or holiday breaks mean we don't have to be somewhere. This designer collection is all about ski fashion and features what knitters would knit for hitting the slopes, or for at least sipping a hot beverage by the lodge fireplace. The "Have a Ball" story is a huge winter lace party! These projects are created with lace patterns, but with chunky yarns in bigger gauges than the typical lightweight lace of spring and summer. Lastly, the "Snow Day" story is filled with cozy knits you just want to bundle up in when you are stuck inside as the snow comes down outside. The weatherman says we can expect lots of snow in western PA this winter, so stock up now to curl up later...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

We were honored to be one of the local yarn shops invited to help CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS launch five new knitting patterns recently. As always, the classic simplicity of the designs are paired with impeccable instructions to make these our new "must-knit" projects. We find these patterns to be most knit-worthy and think you will, too:



- Fair Winds Beanie & Scarf (shown right, \$8.50): "I wish you fair winds and following seas." This nautical blessing describes that happy confluence of good fortune and the good sense to go with the flow. The simple braid pattern on the scarf has cable twists on alternate sides for complete reversibility. The cables on the cap converge neatly at the crest. Both promise smooth sailing!
- Saddle-Shoulder Men's Pullover (shown page 6, lower right, \$12.50): This timeless sweater combines the relaxed ease of a modified drop shoulder with a slightly shaped shoulder line and gently sloped sleeve cap -- the saddle tab squares it all up. The classic crew neck has a relaxed fit so it looks handsome over a collared shirt or a tee. And she'll love its slouchy weekend comfort, too...
- Spin-Stitch Scarf & Poncho (shown page 2, lower right, \$6.50): This traditional Estonian stitch is not lace, but so lace-like! Not cabled, but twisted by "spinning" a cluster of stitches 180 degrees. Delighted with the simple but dramatic results, the folks at Churchmouse couldn't wait to use this stitch in a bigger way. It's the perfect twist on our favorite pattern, the Easy Folded Poncho (\$6.50)...
- Library Vest (shown page 2, upper left, \$12.50): With your choice of two lengths and simple styling that lends itself to the classroom, workplace or weekend, this vest is so classic, so quintessential, it could become your uniform. The jumper length shown in orange has a certain school girl chic. The abridged, hip-length version is a flattering layer without the bulk of a sweater. Either way, it's a nice little primer of techniques you'll use again and again...
- Quadrangle Wrap (shown lower left, \$8.50): Inspired by easy wearability, Churchmouse has created a unique multi-directional wrap at a worsted weight gauge with a back neckline that sits nicely on the shoulders. The wrap is constructed of two identical pieces, knitted separately then joined at the center. They finessed the front edges with small I-cord. Wear it a little differently each day...

Retro style and global influence are everywhere this fall. One blast-from-the-past trend is "super-size-me" knitting and crocheting. Knitting with big needles and crocheting with big hooks is for those who enjoy quick results without sacrificing good looks. It's fun to add color, warmth and texture to your home decor and wardrobe with big-needle designs.

We believe stitchers should celebrate their crafty endeavors with the finest tools available. We have recently added a selection of US sizes 17 & 19 in CHIAGOO straight needles (price range, \$7.50 - \$9.50) and KNITTER'S PRIDE hardwood circulars (price range \$13.95 - \$15.95), inspired by Karen McElfish's upcoming "Got Stash?" and "Yarn Salad" classes. In addition, we are now stocking CHIAGOO crochet hooks in sizes N through U (price range \$4.25 - \$9.50). The CHIAGOO needles and hooks are made with premium hard Chinese Moso bamboo, one of the strongest and largest bamboo species in the world. The warmth and smoothness of this material nurtures sensitive fingers and provides natural strength and consistency for a lasting product. The points and tips are handcrafted by highly skilled craftsmen. Needle size is permanently laser marked on the needle and will not wear off. Warm to the touch, the patina of these needles and hooks provide a smooth yarn feed. We think you deserve the best quality every time you pick up your needles and hooks...





*** OCTOBER KNIT ALONG ***

Join us for the next Progressive Needles knit along with Michelle Hunter. *Cables* continues throughout the month with lots of great techniques in store for you. The toe-up sock features a seriously awesome heel new to the series along with original stitch patterns. *Cables* is knit with SCHOPPEL "Zauberball" sock yarn (shown at left) and was designed to enhance this vibrant, gradient yarn, showcasing its gorgeous colors (every shade!). The first installment of the mystery pattern will be available Thursday morning October 6, 2016 at 9 am EST at www.knitpurlhunter.com You may also follow on Ravelry group "We Love Kathy's" thread.

Materials needed include: Zauberball Socks, 1 skein (75% wool / 35% nylon, 100 grams, 459 yards); US #2 needles or size necessary to achieve desired gauge, cable needle, and stitch markers. Pattern may be knit with double points, two circulars, or Magic Loop method. Choose your favorite shade of "Zauberball" and join us as we knit cabled socks!

*** YEA FOR TEDDY BEARS ***

Thank you to Sharon Greve for graciously granting permission to re-print her "Dropped Stitch" column from the September-October edition of *The Pennsylvania and West Virginia Register*:

"Twenty miles from the nearest town in the south wood of Georgia, a young man who learned to knit as a child has been lifted from further homelessness by selling 600 handknit Teddy Bears in two years. He now has hope for a future -- thanks to Teddy Bears and knitting.

The Teddy bear name was born from a 1902 Washington Post political cartoon of 26th President Theodore Roosevelt who refused to shoot a bear tied-up on a Mississippi bear hunting trip. He considered it unsportsmanlike. After seeing the cartoon, Morris Michton created a tiny soft bear cub that he displayed in his shop window with the sign, "Teddy's Bear." He sent a bear to President Roosevelt and received permission to use his name. The toy bears were an immediate success and continued with great popularity. "The Teddy Bears' Picnic" 1907 instrumental has shared the world-wide market with books such as Winnie-the-Pooh, Paddington Bear, and Care Bears over the years. During WWII, a Royal Air Boulton Paul Defiant crew proudly posed with their Teddy Bear mascot. Since then, television and movies have further promoted them.

However, Teddy's Bears aren't just cute and cuddly. They seem to work a bit of magic for everyone. After nationwide emergency officials discovered a child during a crisis stabilized and calmed after being given a Teddy Bear, the Teddy Bear Cops Program was established in 1997 in Washington, DC by an American charity, The National Association of Police and Lay Charities (NAPLC). The charity distributes Teddy Bears to police, fire, and emergency officials nationwide for children in traumatized situations. The bears lie in wait in patrol vehicles to be given to any child in crisis. Many wear handmade clothing with love in every stitch. Agencies are very appreciative with replacements delivered as needed. Words cannot describe the children's loving acceptance of their new companion who works calming magic for them in such situations. Check with your local law enforcement agency for the needs of your community to establish a Teddy Bear program.

Teddy Bears of all colors, sizes, and species are the most popular stuffed animals. Many "Teddies" are home-made as gifts or for charity. They are knitted, crocheted, sewn, and quilted. Felt, cotton, and velour are just a few of a wide range of materials used for sewn Teddies. Various yarns, including faux fur, are used for knitting or crocheting bears of all sizes. Patterns for different bear species and needlework are easily found at your local yarn shop and on the Internet.

Teddy's Bears will continue to be popular. After all, who can resist a cute stuffed bear, especially handmade. Most babies and toddlers welcome a companion bear that is often kept into adulthood. Do you remember your Teddy's Bear?"

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*** COCONUT CREAM ICE CREAM DESSERT ***

Mary Lou Fleming's luscious dessert was the hit of the Laurel Highlands Knitting Guild picnic buffet. By popular demand, here's the recipe. Thanks, Mary Lou!

Ingredients

- Ritz crackers, approx. 60+ crushed (Mary Lou crushes more to garnish the top)
- 1/2 stick melted butter (Mary Lou uses a bit more)
- 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream (3 quart containers plus 1/3 of another one)
- 2 pkgs. coconut cream instant pudding
- 1 cup milk
- 8 oz. container Cool Whip, thawed

Directions: Crush 60 Ritz crackers. Add melted butter and mix well. Pat into bottom of 13" X 9" pan, covering also part way up the side. In large mixing bowl, blend softened ice cream, instant pudding and 1 cup milk until smooth and creamy. Pour into pan and refrigerate 1 hour. Spread Cool Whip on top with (optional) crushed Ritz crackers on top of Cool Whip. KEEP REFRIGERATED!

*** SUPER SCARVES ARE TRENDING ***

Throw a super chunky scarf over a blazer and what do you get? The easiest outfit ever -- and a warm neck! According to Tahki/Stacy Charles, long, ankle-gracing scarves are having a moment this fall. Wear them long and trendy, or bundle it once or twice for optimal warmth. The Craft Yarn Council has dubbed them "Super Scarves", and cites them as the season's hottest trend.



What is a Super Scarf? It's anything bigger than your typical knitted or crocheted scarf. It makes a bold fashion statement, is fun to wear and keeps you extra warm, to name only a few of the reasons why this trend is hot! We think of them as scarves on steroids -- wider, longer, bulkier, sometimes with tassel embellishment. Kathy designed this textured scarf with plenty of thermal coziness...

*** RICH TEXTURES SCARF (an original design by Kathy Zimmerman, shown lower right) ***

Finished Measurements: approximately 10" wide by 80" long

Materials: Super bulky yarn 450 yards*; US size 17 knitting needles; tapestry needle for finishing

*NOTE: Additional yarn will be required if you choose to make a longer length or add tassels

Suggested Yarn: 5 skeins KRAEMER YARNS "Perfection Super Bulky"; 5.25 oz.; 150 grams; 90 yards; 30% domestic merino / 70% acrylic fiber; CYCA #6; shown in turquoise

Gauge: 2 sts / 2.5 rows = 1" in pattern stitch using size 17 needles

Open Check Stitch (multiple of 2 sts + 2)

Row 1 (right side): Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Knit 2; *slip 1 purlwise with yarn in back, knit 1; repeat from * to end.

Row 4: *Knit 1, slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.

Row 5: Knit 1; *yarn over, knit 2 together; repeat from * to last stitch, knit 1.

Row 6: Purl.

Repeat these 6 rows for pattern.

Directions: Cast on 20 stitches with cable cast on method. Work in pattern stitch until piece measures 80" or desired length, ending with row 2 of pattern. Add fringe, tassels, or desired embellishment to cast on & bound off edges.

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*** CHARTING OUR SUCCESS ***

Our thanks to Andrea Springer, aka The Knitting Savant, for graciously granting permission to re-print this article from the September-October edition of *The Pennsylvania and West Virginia Register*:

"Our beginnings as knitters are humble. We learn to make the knit and purl stitches, cast stitches on the needle and bind them off. It's the variations of these basic skills that build every knitted object we aspire to create. These skills -- and a good pattern.

Patterns are the roadmap between inspiration and finished object. Our ability to interpret the writer's design can mean the difference between a handmade item that serves its purpose or an unfinished object in a bag at the back of the closet. Every pattern is different and each knitter brings a preferred learning style to a pattern. Part of the process of becoming a better knitter is understanding how you connect with written directions. Are you someone who prefers reading the instructions in each row or working with a visual schematic like a chart? Do you need a lot of detail in the pattern, or do your eyes glaze over and you pass up a pattern that has page after page of writing? Do you need measurements and photos or not?

Knowing your preferred learning style and then finding tools to help manage the information presented in a pattern will go a long way towards making the knitting experience enjoyable and successful. Here are a few things to consider:

Take the time to look the pattern up online. Search by the pattern name and add the word "errata" to the search. The results may reveal corrections to the pattern that were made since it was published. A little time invested in the beginning may save you hours of frustration down the road.

Learn how to read charts. Many knitters avoid them because they look foreign and complicated but again, with a little investment of time, understanding how these pattern "pictures" work can save time and frustration.

Develop tools to help you navigate a pattern. Pencil in notes as you go about changes and adjustments. Sticky notes and highlighters work to mark specific rows and sizes. Charts can be enlarged on a photocopier (for personal use only) and their individual stitch motifs identified with colored pencils so they're easier to read and follow. Experiment and learn what makes the process easier for you.

And -- as always -- swatch. Making sure you're getting the same gauge as the pattern is the first building block in the success of your finished garment.

Our handmade projects are built on a foundation of basic skills and a good roadmap. Chart your success with a little preparation and the right tools."

Andrea Springer blogs at www.knittingsavant.com where she helps folks remember that they have everything they need to be successful in knitting and in life. You can share comments or ideas with her at andrea@knittingsavant.com or follow Knitting Savant on Facebook and Twitter.

*** INQUIRING KNITTERS WANT TO KNOW ***

Sandy M recently e-mailed: "I need to cast on 523 sts with a circular needle and then join to work in the round. How do I keep the project from curling to be able to count stitches? I have tried twice and my circular needle keeps flipping and my stitches twist."

Kathy suggests beginning with a provisional cast on in a contrasting shade of yarn, then working several rows back & forth. At that point, you have a small amount of the knitted fabric started that you can actually grab onto. You can smooth out the work, pin together & then join. Check to make certain the piece is not twisted before joining, and then re-check after joining and on the next round. The provisional cast on will be easier to see that you are not twisted, and can be removed later to join the work.



*** FALL CLASS SCHEDULE ***

We have an exciting line-up of skill-building knitting classes scheduled for fall. Please call 724-238-9320 or stop by Kathy's Kreations to register. Class size will be limited.

What do you do with all those half skeins of yarn left over from other projects? Mixed media is all the rage, as is working with super-size needles. Join Karen McElfish for two fun classes at Kathy's Kreations on **Saturday, October 8, 2016**. Karen will teach "Got Stash?" from **9:30 am - 12:30 pm**. Bring all your leftovers, any and all types of yarns (from sock weight to bulky, shiny to matte, novelties, hand-dyes, everything works!). Check out the bargain table -- you'll never look at it quite the same. Come explore several fun and fashionable options for combining all those yarns. Student supplies include leftover yarns in any weight or color, sorted by color family; 200 yards solid worsted weight yarn; US size 17 or 19 circular needle in 16" - 24" length; US size 8 or 9 straight or circular needles. From **1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**, Karen will teach "Yarn Salad". Can't bring yourself to throw out even those tiny pieces of leftover yarn? Got lots of half-used skeins from prior projects? What can you do with them? Come join us for some fun with "yarn salad", using those mixed yarns to create a festive art scarf or cowl, or fabulous trim for a shrug or sweater. Student supplies include yarn of all sorts (longer pieces and leftovers); 200 yards DK or worsted weight yarn to carry along; US 17 or 19 circular in 16" - 24" length. Registration for each class is \$25 (includes handout).

Join instructor Kathy Zimmerman on **Saturday, October 22, 2016** from **1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** for "Finishing Finesse". Finishing is not a difficult skill to master, but it is one that you will rarely find in a knitting pattern! Join Kathy for professional knitting tips on making your work look handmade not home-made, how to work seams neatly, picking up stitches, plus designer tricks. Student supplies include two stockinette swatches; extra yarn used for making swatches; tapestry needle; scissors. Registration fee is \$25 (includes handout).

Don't be intimidated by placing beads in your knitting! Join knitting instructor Jeanne Osman to learn the how-to's for the CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS "Racing Raindrops" scarf class on **Saturday, October 29, 2016**, from **1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. This favorite scarf can be made with different weights of yarn, but we like ours to be oh-so-soft. Class supplies needed include either 437 yards of lace weight (small scarf) or 775 yards fingering weight (larger scarf); US 4 knitting needles, approx. 130 size 6 glass beads; US 12 steel crochet hook for placing beads; 1 locking stitch marker. Both lace weight and fingering weight yarns are knit to the same gauge. Registration is \$25.50 (for instruction & mandatory pattern).

Need to sharpen your lace knitting skills? Join instructor Marian Lech on **Saturday, November 5, 2016**, from **1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** for the how-to's for the beautiful and drapery openwork lace scarf, "Sugar Plum Dreams" (shown lower left). The design is suitable for advanced beginner skill level and beyond. The pattern directions include both written text and matching charts. Perfect for those who want to venture in the world of charts, yet have the word back-up to help along! Student materials include 552 yards lace or fingering weight yarn, US size 4 knitting needles, and stitch markers. Registration is \$25.50 (for instruction & mandatory pattern).

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. Learning to knit or correcting mistakes are not the only reasons to have a one-on-one tutoring lesson. Learn new techniques like lace or short rows, or get help with a pattern before starting -- our instructors can do it all! Additional group classes are forming -- ask us for details. We would be glad to do a specific class topic for groups of 4 or more. Kathy's Kreations has been the helpful hands of experienced knitting for more than 36 years !



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*** NOTABLE QUOTE ***

"Count that day lost whose low descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done"
--- Standiford's *Art of Reading*, p. 27
(third edition, Boston, 1803)



***** 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 **October 3, 2016** and **November 7, 2016**; **6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**. All skill levels of knitters and crocheters welcome!

***** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, October 11, 2016 and November 8, 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 October 8, 2016 and November 12, 2016; 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, October 21, 2016 and November 21, 2016; 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!

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

Stop by on Fridays 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 the latest in Michelle Hunter's Progressive Knitting series colorful mystery socks "Cablesip"-- 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 October 2016 thread...

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

- Fall Fling with instructor Lisa Carnahan September 30 - October 2, 2016 "Walk This Way: Socks in New Directions" (one space remaining -- call for details)
- Got Stash? knitting class with instructor Karen McElfish Saturday morning October 8, 2016
- Yarn Salad knitting class with instructor Karen McElfish Saturday afternoon October 8, 2016
- Fort Ligonier Days October 14 - 16, 2016
- I Love Yarn Day Saturday October 15, 2016
- Racing Raindrops Scarf knitting class with instructor Jeanne Osman Saturday afternoon October 29, 2016
- Sugar Plum Dreams knitting class with instructor Marian Lech Saturday afternoon November 5, 2016
- KNITTREAT at OMNI Bedford Springs November 10 - 13, 2017 (Kathy teaching)
- PITTSBURGH KNIT & CROCHET FESTIVAL March 24-26, 2017 (Kathy at Market); save the date NOW Kathy will be in booths 401 & 402 in Hall C, 2nd floor, David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh
- Spring Break with instructor Mary Lee Clark April 21-23, 2017 (Enchantment Shawl & Colorwork Techniques) -- registration now open!

Fall is here and with it comes the joy of being wrapped in knits from head to toe. Fashion is moving in a more easy-going direction, with welcoming hues, softer profiles and a comfortable mix of fibers. Stop in soon for some fab Fall finds! **KEEP STITCHING- Kathy**