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Dear Stitchers,

The heat is on! When the temperature climbs above 80 degrees, we find some shade or an air-conditioned spot and we start a project. It's our way of keeping our cool. We make things, especially things we can wear later when it's not so warm.

There are many reasons why summer knitting is just as enjoyable as knitting under a cozy afghan in a snowstorm. Summer provides opportunities for taking your knitting with you. Stitching and vacations are good companions. If you are travelling, watching the kids play, or visiting friends and relatives, have a portable project. Taking your knitting or crocheting along with you makes the time with others even more relaxing and productive. Most knitters we know keep a project in a tote bag, ready to go. If you aren't doing the driving or there is time spent waiting, that is a perfect opportunity to get creative with needles or hook.

Knitting in public is no longer unusual (anyone else besides Kathy knit at the beach?). The increased daylight hours seem to give us more energy, and definitely, excellent natural lighting. Summer is also the perfect time to start stitching small items for holiday gift giving or making a gift for yourself.

The Olympics start soon. Why not take advantage of one of the greatest diversions ever created to avoid the dog days of summer and stitch in front of the TV, in the a/c, cheering on team USA from the comfort of home? Fortunately, we can transform miles of yarn into fabric as we watch the contests...

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Summer can be a busy time of year, but picking up a stitching project and taking a break to work even a few rows can restore a sense of calm and relaxation. Knitting and crocheting can be a remedy for elevating mood, like a serenity trip to your own private island. Enjoy the process, as well as the project. We've got endless possibilities for you to explore like these new arrivals to our shop scene...

Knitter's Magazine K123 Summer 2016 (\$6.95, cover shown upper left) focuses on the upcoming Olympics and "summer gold": "Shawls are popular knits. Whether they are simple and straightforward or complicated, they can be as captivating as any spectator sport, but without the stress of ever-changing scores and leads". With each of this issue's five options, you start with a few stitches and build to many. You can stop short for a smaller version or continue for a fuller size. There are garter stitch projects and rhythmic repeats of knits, purls, and yarn-overs, where you can chant a mantra to keep pace. Other interesting combinations include the new twin set (coupling skirts with matching tops), lacy tops, a lace & cable afghan and mitered shapes..

Whether for work or play, a lovely hand-knit top will beat a T-shirt any day. We are pleased that one of Kathy's designs is featured in this issue. The fabric in her *Diamond-T* design (shown lower right) "shines, thanks to the content of the yarn, but the trim silhouette and the picot hems and collar make this a class act". The description says: "The T-shirt is a summer mainstay -- ours takes it to a higher level with openwork diamond lace and picot hems. We present it as a casual top over a bright skirt, but imagine this tee styled for work with a more business-like profile".

In his editorial, Rick Mondragon tells us: "You don't need to be an Olympic-quality knitter to create the pieces from this issue -- you just need the courage to get started and proceed. Nothing beats the feeling of success!" We like that advice...

Create light, breezy and comfortable projects with CLASSIC ELITE YARNS "Sandpiper" (\$8.50, 50 grams, 114 yards, 100% cotton, CYCA #4). This unique cotton yarn has a marled look, with muted multicolored plies twisted together into a worsted weight. Each strand of "Sandpiper" has five space-dyed shades, giving it highlights and shadows that occur organically as the eight plies interact. These mingling colors add depth and interest, but their similar values means "Sandpiper" still shows texture and lace beautifully! Cotton is a fantastic choice for warmer weather wear, but savvy stitchers know that...

Summer is flying by and it will soon be time to come in from the garden, and return to Kathy's Kreation's to beef up your knitting stash for crisp, cool days. *Knit Simple Fall 2016* (\$6.99) helps you plan with 30+ quick and easy knits that the family will love. For kids going back to school (or going for the first time), there are fun "Pre-K Rules" animal sweaters, delightful hats, fun bunny slippers and cute critter sweaters. Making the perfect shawl is easier than you think with the Shawls 101 feature. Bulky-knit home decor also makes a bold statement in this issue -- especially when you add a little texture...

New from MADDY LAINE is pattern ML187 "Pop On A Poncho" (\$6.50). This openwork lace rib top, easy to knit in a cotton or luxury yarn, can take you from the beach to the ballroom. It is worked in one piece with a 2-row repeat pattern stitch, beginning at the lower front edge and finishing at the lower back edge with a neck opening slit. The poncho styling can be worn with the neck opening as a crew neck or a V-neck shape. Optional buttonholes can be worked on the side openings...



*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

PLYMOUTH YARNS adorable "Yarnimals" scarf kits will delight kids of all ages (\$24.50). Choose a bear, monkey, dog, cat or sheep. You knit the scarf portion, and then stitch the stuffed and pre-knit toy head and paws to one end, and the tail and back paws to the other. Voila! A warm, striped scarf with an adorable knit animal to keep you warm. The kit comes with a worsted weight 100 gram skein of self-stripping, 100% acrylic yarn and pre-knit and stuffed head/paws/tail to stitch on when you're done, plus a pattern to tell you how it's done. Although the yarn itself is machine-washable acrylic, hand washing and drying flat is recommended due to the stuffing and stitch detail.



Crochet the cute Monkey or Owl (\$10.50, shown upper right) Hat from PLYMOUTH YARNS and you're sure to be noticed! The pattern includes either knit or crochet directions from child to adult. When you purchase the yarn, 1 ball includes everything you need to make the hat -- the eyes, mouth, nose and tassels are already made -- just sew them on.

BERROCO Portfolio Volume 2 (\$18.50) is a collaboration between the Berroco Design Team and independent designers to create a stunning collection of innovative and timeless wardrobe pieces. We love the colorful "Teeter Totter Shawl", knit with our luxurious new arrival, "Ultra Alpaca Fine" (\$13.50, 100 grams, 433 yards, 50% wool / 30% super fine alpaca / 20% nylon, CYCA #1). This yarn is BERROCO's latest addition to the best-selling "Ultra Alpaca" family. It provides lovely drape and stitch definition for lightweight scarves and shawls. Machine washable and available in 17 popular melange heathers, the finer gauge "Ultra Alpaca Fine" is perfect for knitters who prefer lace weight yarns...

BERROCO's new fall yarn "Millefiori" (\$15.50, 100 grams, 186 yards, 50% wool / 50% acrylic, CYCA #4) has plenty of self-stripping WOW factor. It sparks the imagination with bold, fun variegated colors that ebb and flow in random patterns to create a happy fabric. This yarn combines wool with acrylic for softness and stability with just a hint of shimmer. Pattern support includes booklet #377 (\$10.50) featuring lovely accessories and a waterfall cardigan. Variegated yarns are shown off best in simple patterns, and the six projects in this collection are a perfect match for this new blend in bold colors. "Kveta" (shown lower left) is knit from one narrow point to the full width and back down again. This simple garter stitch shawl uses dropped stitches to easily add fringe. Kathy has designed a special project for a fall magazine using this yarn -- more details later!

KNITTER'S PRIDE Knit Blockers (\$25.50 / box) are an efficient, effective, revolutionary tool for blocking your projects. Eliminate the need for scads of T-pins with these fork-like gadgets. Each box of rust-resistant, stainless steel pins comes with 12 blockers with 8 pins and 8 blockers with 4 pins. These are Kathy-tested, customer-tested and approved...

KNITTER'S PRIDE Needle Cases are a smart storage solution to keep all your knitting needles organized in one convenient case. Made from premium quality faux leather and intelligently designed, these zippered cases will keep all bag contents secure. Available in both fixed circular (\$30.50) and straight needle (\$22.50) options...



It's no secret that we love gadgets and organizers. New from LORNA'S LACES are small tins with four bent tip yarn needles for finishing (\$4.50, two each jumbo and sock weight). The large eye makes them easy to thread. Karen McCullough will be here on Monday 8/1/16 and Wednesday 8/3/16 of the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl demonstrating mattress stitch seaming with these handy must-have tools...



*** STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL SPECIAL DISPLAY & BASKETS ***

Have you noticed the farmhouse trend in home decor? We're bringing fresh new looks from the farm home to Kathy's Creations just for you. KRAEMER YARNS is sharing a meadow of hand-knit "Naturally Nazareth" sheep to welcome you to the crawl, hand-knit by the KRAEMER staff. The collection won second prize in the new products display contest at the summer TNNA show. We are thrilled to have it here for you to enjoy, complete with a "Sheep Jeep" (just like it drove off the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl logo!). Thank you to KRAEMER YARNS for their hospitality during our recent "Kathy's Creations Day" textile mill tour, and to Donna Gottschalk, Linda Cable and Vina Rudolph for their behind-the-scenes assistance.

We think our SVYC door prize baskets are amazing (two knit, one crochet)! It's all thanks to our wonderful vendors who contributed items -- we appreciate their generosity and would like to acknowledge them for supporting this local yarn shop. These special folks helped make this a great experience: Accessories Unlimited; Bar-Maids; Berroco Yarns; Churchmouse Classics; Claudia Handpainted Yarns; Dream In Color; Fiber to Fashion Needle Keepers; Knittreat (Elaine Smith); Knit One, Crochet Too; Lorna's Laces; Plymouth Yarns; Simple Pleasures (Marian Lech); and Skacel Collection. Thank you also to our loyal band of knitters, dedicated friends of the shop, and fantastic instructors who helped with the crawl. You rock!!!

*** SCOREBOARD KAL 2.0 ***

The second season of the Scoreboard KAL kicks off on August 1st! The first season proved to be amazing, especially with the Pittsburgh Steelers scoring their way into the playoffs (after all, our shop team name is "Stealing Stitches" and we sure did plenty of that!).

For those not familiar with this KAL -- the Scoreboard KAL allows fans to capture their favorite football team's season in the form of a hand-knit cowl with two options. The Point-by-Point version from last year represents every point scored by the home team and the opponent (requires 6 skeins HiKOO "Simplicity" in each of favorite team's colors and 1 skein to mark breaks between games). The new Play-by-Play cowl is a condensed version using half the amount of yarn (3 skeins each of HiKOO "Simplicity" in two colors plus optional break color). Both versions require US size 6 or 7 16" circular knitting needles. We have plenty of black and gold inventory, plus yarn for Pitt, WVU, Penn State & other AFC North teams...

*** AUGUST KNIT ALONG ***

If you would like to try out an easy project using gradients (think tonal variegation), TRENDSETTER YARNS "Transitions Boxed Rib T Scarf" is our featured July knit along project. Knit with US size 5 needles, this beginner-easy side-to-side triangular shawl is worked in an easy combination of stockinette stitch and garter. Join us every Friday in August from 10 am - 2 pm to "knit along". This one skein of yarn in its own carrying case does all the color work for you -- all you have to do is knit and purl (doesn't get much easier!)...

*** SAVE THE DATES ***

- 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
- I Love Yarn Day Saturday October 15, 2016
- KNITTREAT at OMNI Bedford Springs November 10 - 13, 2016
- Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet / Creative Arts Festival March 24 - 26, 2017
- Spring Break with Instructor Mary Lee Clark April 15-17, 2017 (Enchantment Shawl & Colorwork Techniques)



*** IT'S ALL ABOUT GAUGE ***

Gauge is the key to successful knitting. The knitting term "gauge" refers to how tightly or loosely the knitted fabric is worked. Gauge is the number of stitches in a horizontal inch of knitted fabric and the number of rows in a vertical inch of knitted fabric. It is determined by calculating the number of stitches (horizontal) and rows (vertical) per inch or centimeter by a specific knitter with a specific yarn, specific needles and a specific pattern stitch (YARN - STITCH PATTERN - NEEDLES - HANDS). Changing any one of these variables results in a difference in gauge. Each new configuration requires a separate swatch and a separate gauge measurement.

Elements that contribute to the look and feel of the fabric you will make include:

- Color & texture of both yarn and the resulting fabric
- The size and type of yarn
- The use of stitches and patterns
- The draping or insulating properties of the fibers you choose
- The quality of the fibers you choose
- The composition and shape of your needles
- Your individual knitting "touch", as unique as your fingerprints

You're in charge! Begin with the needle size recommended by the manufacturer on the ball band, then try one size larger or smaller to decide what type of fabric looks best. If your swatch is smaller than the stated gauge, try **larger** needles. If it is larger, try **smaller** needles. Keep blocking and swatching until your blocked gauge is on target and you have a fabric that you like. As a general rule, a fine yarn will have more stitches and rows per inch than a bulky yarn. Cast on enough stitches to accommodate an even number of stitch pattern repeats. A minimum of two repeats, both horizontally and vertically, is needed. Calculate stitches and rows over the entire swatch. Do not underestimate the importance of decimals!

Handle the swatch just as you will handle the finished garment every time you clean it. Before calculating gauge, block or launder the swatch to obtain an accurate measurement. The warmth and moisture of cleaning relaxes the fibers, so the swatch will lie flat and the stitches become fully displayed. The overall dimensions may change as the surface becomes smoother. With the swatch laid flat, pin two points at 4" in the center of the swatch on the same row. Traditional gauge rulers measure 2", but a MINIMUM 6" X 6" swatch is recommended for best results.

Gauge will most likely change when you move from knitting flat (rows) to circular knitting (rounds). Your gauge may change from your swatch to the knitted piece, so check your knitting every few inches to make sure it is still accurate. Take it off the working needle, onto a blocking wire or waste yarn, and lay it flat to measure.

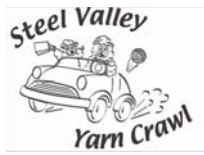
Some knitters believe row gauge is not as important as stitch gauge. Think again -- this is not necessarily true, especially when shaping pieces (such as sleeves) or when working a specific chart (intarsia). If you do not have the correct row gauge, your piece may be too long or too short. Some sweaters or shawls are worked from side to side. In this case, the rows determine the width, making the row gauge essential for proper fit.

What happens if your stitch gauge is perfect, but your row gauge is not? Or vice versa? Refer to the schematic (a line drawing showing the measurements & shape of the finished piece) and do some math to make modifications. As a general rule, stitch gauge is more dependent on the size of the needle and row gauge is affected more by the fiber choice.

Golden Rules from Maggie Righetti, author of *Knitting In Plain English*:

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

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*** READY TO SHOP HOP? ***

Attention, knitting road warriors, it's time for the ten best days of summer! This is the third year for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. With eleven shops participating, this is a happening you won't want to miss. Please join us for ten fun-filled days, beginning **July 28** and continuing through **August 7, 2016**. Meet up with your "yarn buddy" friends and other fiber lovers for this self-guided tour of the premier yarn shops in the Pittsburgh and western Pennsylvania area. Visit each shop, get your passport stamped, and be entered into the drawing for a grand prize. Take day-trippin' to the max with this summer splurge adventure!

The yarn crawl features a "passport" to get stamped at each of eleven yarn shops in the Pittsburgh and western PA area, in no particular order. To add to the fun, each shop will feature its own special yarns, new patterns, along with chances to win PRIZES! Bring family, meet up with friends, and make new friends along the way. Best of all, re-kindle your love for all the yarns and fibers that our local yarn shops have to offer. Participating merchants include: Beaver Yarn Shoppe; Darn Yarn Needles & Thread; Dyed In The Wool; Kathy's Kreations; Kid Ewe Knot; Knit One; Natural Stitches; Raggz Fiber Arts; Sewickley Yarns; Tonidale Yarn & Needles; and Yarns By Design. Check out the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl group on Ravelry or Facebook for store information and websites for travel planning.

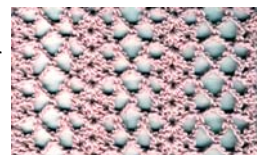
There is no purchase required to get your passport stamped. You may visit as few or as many shops as you possibly can. The more shops you visit, the more chances you have to win prizes. Everyone who visits all 11 shops will be entered into a drawing for a Grand Prize!

The rules of engagement include:

- Each participant must have their own passport.
- One passport per person.
- Each participant must fill out the contact information on the passport and prize tickets. Please print clearly -- we need this information to be able to contact you! Address labels may be helpful, if you have them.
- Each participant must be present at each yarn shop to personally receive their stamp (i.e, no proxy crawling for friends, co-workers, relatives, etc.)
- Each participant must be at least 18 years of age.
- All completed passports must be turned in by the end of business on August 7, 2016, to the last store visited.
- All winners will be posted online at the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl Ravelry and Facebook pages and will be contacted by August 17, 2016.
- Winners who have not claimed their prizes in 30 days will forfeit them and alternate winners will be chosen.

The pink tickets received with your tote bag purchase may be deposited as you wish -- all at one shop or distributed at each. In addition, you are eligible for bonus door prize tickets with your purchases at each shop (\$25 purchase, 4 extra tickets; \$50 purchase, 10 extra tickets; \$100 or more, 25 extra tickets). Bonus tickets may only be deposited at the shop that gave them to you. Kathy's Kreations will have three spectacular gift baskets -- two knit, one crochet / knit items -- assembled by Linda Honchar and Dolores Turney in stunning PIER ONE woven baskets (thank you, Linda and Dolores!).

Kathy's Kreations will be open extra hours during the Yarn Crawl for your shopping pleasure: Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; Fridays and Saturdays from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Sundays from 11:00 am - 4 pm. During the Yarn Crawl, we will have special events each day, plus free refreshments and goodies. Our theme for this year's crawl is beach party, so don't forget to wear your flip flops and join us for some summer fun. Thanks to KNIT ONE, CROCHET TOO for our super "Ty-DY" window display. Did we mention that our KRAEMER YARN round-up of wooly critters is unlike any you've seen?



*** MORE ABOUT THE STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL ***

At each shop, you will receive a free knit or crochet pattern to enjoy along the way. Our crochet pattern is "Lacey Scarf" (detail shown page 6, lower right), an original design by Betty Lou Glasso for Kathy's Kreations, created as a tribute for her mother-in law, Yolanda Glasso. It first appeared as part of our Crochet For The Cure collection. Our sincere appreciation to Betty Lou for sharing her pattern. It is crocheted with three hanks of TAHKI "Cotton Classic". We hope that crocheters visiting us on the crawl will want to make this for a special woman in their life.



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"Mary's Scarf" (shown upper right) was designed and first knit by Kathy Zimmerman with MOUNTAIN COLORS "Weaver's Wool Quarters", as part of our "Knit For The Cure" collection in honor of her Aunt Mary, who taught her to knit. Kathy has re-visited her original double lace rib design (lace ribs are trending this season) and it now can be knit in two weights of yarn, fingering or worsted. Kathy has collaborated with Veronica Van, owner of DREAM IN COLOR yarns, to develop a gorgeous, exclusive colorway called *Kathy's Kreation* especially for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. Kathy's design can be knit with "Jilly with Cashmere" and "Classy Worsted" while supplies last. Ask to see both items and our scarf models!

Throughout the Yarn Crawl, Kathy Zimmerman's designs will be on display in the shop. She will be delighted to autograph any of her patterns for you. Kathy will be hosting special events with our excellent staff of instructors, special guests and manufacturer representatives throughout the Yarn Crawl (check with us about specific times). Here's our daily doings:

Friday 7/29/16: Kathy will launch her pattern "Mary's Scarf" and introduce her very own *Kathy's Kreation* colorway in DREAM IN COLOR "Jilly with Cashmere" and "Classy Worsted". What colorway do you think she created? No, it's not red. Look below to see what she created (lower left). Instructor Jeanne Osman will be on hand with information about tutoring, private lessons and upcoming classes planned for fall 2016.

Saturday 7/30/16: One of our test knitters, Donna Gottschalk, will demo sock knitting and "Zauberball Crazy" project ideas. Jewelry designer Linda Cable will be here with her selection of handcrafted bead stitch markers.

Sunday 7/31/16: Meet Shawn Sweeney, who loves to test knit for Ravelry designers. Whose designs will she bring?

Monday 8/1/16: Karen McCullough will demo finishing finesse techniques -- have you ever used Knitter's Pride knit blockers steel pins? Here's your chance to see how they work!

Tuesday 8/2/16: Donna Gottschalk will be back to demo sock knitting -- she's a master with dpns! Ask to see our new sock yarn arrivals -- LORNA's LACES "Splattershot"

Wednesday 8/3/16: Karen McCullough will be here with more finishing techniques and a Michelle Hunter's *Knit With Color* afghan work in progress (knit with HiKoo "Simplicity" yarn from the SKACEL COLLECTION)...

Thursday 8/4/16: Instructor Jeanne Osman will again be on hand with information about one-on-one tutoring, private lessons and upcoming classes planned for fall 2016

Friday 8/5/16: Join Eleanor Swogger, Manufacturer's Representative from KRAEMER YARNS, for a yarn preview of "Naturally Nazareth" (our sheep display yarn) and new shades of "Perfection" yarn, made here in PA! Our "Transitions Shawl" August knit along begins...

Saturday 8/6/16: Knit with Eleanor Swogger and check out the featured "Nymphalidea" butterfly shawl project. Eleanor will fill you in on the how-to's...

Sunday 8/7/16: Shawn Sweeney will be back with more test knitting projects from Ravelry. We are always excited to see her beautiful shawls and accessories, with such impeccable attention to detail...



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***** 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 **August 1, 2016** and **September 12, 2016** (2nd Monday because of Labor 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, August 9, 2016 and September 13, 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 August 13, 2016 and September 10, 2016; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please) *****

Knitting has many therapeutic benefits. 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, August 19, 2016 and September 16, 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!

***** AUGUST KNIT-ALONG (KAL) *****

Stop by on Fridays in August 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 **TRENDSETTER YARNS "Transitions"** shawl, the kit in a box -- 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 August 2016 thread...

***** KNITTING CLASSES WITH KAREN McELFISH *****

What do you do with all those half skeins of yarn left over from other projects? Mixed media is all the rage. Join Karen McElfish for two fun classes at Kathy's Kreations on **Saturday, August 20, 2016**. Karen will teach "Got Stash?" from **9:30 am - 12:30 pm** (photo upper left). 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. From **1:30 pm - 4:30 pm**, Karen will teach "Yarn Salad" (photo lower right). 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. Registration is \$20 per class. If you sign up for both, join us for a free salad bar buffet lunch. Please call 724-238-9320 for registration and supply list. Class size will be limited...

Private knitting and crocheting lessons available by appointment. Learning knitting 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!

Our friends at CHURCHMOUSE CLASSICS inspired us this month with a quote from their newsletter: "May your summer days be light, and may all your stitches fall into the right place". If you're on the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl or not, it's a great summer to be a knitter or a crocheter!

KEEP STITCHING! Kathy

