

August

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AUGUST 2019 UPDATE



Dear Stitchers,

The forecast for the remainder of summer is for knitting and crocheting fun! Vacation days, road trips and long weekends all provide opportunities to kick back and relax with some stitching. Let's stay cool in easy knits made from natural fibers. Durable, lightweight, washable, and wonderfully wearable -- as if we need reasons to love cotton and linen in the summer!

Early August at Kathy's Kreations brings with it the ten best days of summer -- the 6th annual Steel Valley Yarn Crawl! The temperatures won't stop us from thinking about yarn, yarn, and more yarn! Look for radiant new shades from URTH YARNS, DRAGONFLY FIBERS, MADELINE TOSH, SUBLIME, HAYFIELD, HiKOO, BERROCO and DREAM IN COLOR on our shelves and displays.

We offer a variety of colors, styles and project ideas to spark your creativity. BERROCO tells us: "Like socks, shawls are smaller, more portable, and don't weigh a whole lot, so they're great for warm weather crafting". Check out our round-up of eye-catching shawls -- they make great take-along projects. It's the season of fun known as summer, and we're ready to help you enjoy!

Join us for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl

We will be open extended hours for this event August 2 - 11, 2019

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday;

8:00 am - 6:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays; 11:00 am - 4:00 pm on Sundays.

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*** GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Summer is always too short, so let's savor it! Celebrate summer stitching and delight in a variety of textures and patterns. Add artful details and a pop of color to the mix for a flair that's all your own. We think you'll love the designs and yarns in our new collection -- they're as unique as you are! Imagine the possibilities for fall weather and beyond...

What's new from Kathy? *Blame It On Vina* hat (\$5.00, shown upper left and on upper right page 7) was especially designed to premiere during the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. Kathy chose DREAM IN COLOR's "Classy" worsted weight wool and collaborated with DREAM owner Veronica Van to come up with an only-found-here limited edition colorway. The hat features a textured ripple stitch pattern that flows upward to a clever crown shaping. We've just received a large shipment of McPORTER FARMS faux fur, faux fox and faux rabbit snap-on pompom puffs (price range \$6.50 - \$14.50) to add a little pizzazz...

New patterns have arrived for your knitting pleasure from distributor DEEP SOUTH FIBERS. We recommend our wonderful new ADDI "FlexiFlips XL" (\$30.50) longer length in sizes US 6 - 11 for working hats, sweater necks, sleeves and more in the round...

- *Spector* (\$8.50 hard copy, \$6.50 Ravelry Pro download) is a circular yoke pullover with a very beautiful and delicate textured pattern. The trellis-like stitches interlock and change as you make progress from the top down. This JOJI LOCATELLI design uses 4 different colors of yarn to achieve a gradient effect. Joji chose MADELINE TOSH "Tosh Merino Light" (\$26.50, 100 grams, 420 yards, 100% superwash merino, CYCA #1 fingering) for this classic sweater and we have recently received a large shipment suitable for this project. Stay tuned for a class from our instructor Kathy Erhard later this fall on top-down sweater how-to's featuring this design as the class project...
- *Walkies Sweater* (\$8.50 hard copy, \$6.12 Ravelry Pro download) by SUE STRATFORD KNITS is a cozy pullover sweater worked from the bottom up seamlessly. It features a set-in pocket and thumb holes in the sleeve cuffs, so the sleeves can be worn as handwarmers on a chilly day (it's coming!) or folded back to form a cuff. The colorwork yoke is worked using the stranded technique. Did we mention there is a matching dog coat pattern?
- We've been working on "fade" projects for some time now, so doesn't it follow that DREA RENEE KNITS would come up with "fade" socks? *Fluorite* (\$8.50 hard copy, \$7.00 Ravelry Pro download) features reverse stockinette stitch socks worked from the toe-up, both knee sock and boot sock directions, and a Fleegle heel. This is also an excellent stash buster for those left over bits of sock yarn...
- *Shiftalong* by DREA RENEE KNITS (\$9.50 hard copy, \$6.00 Ravelry Pro download) is an excellent way to learn mosaic knitting! This hat pattern is a wonderful way to play with combining colors, yet is a simple technique for even newer knitters to try out! If you can skip stitches, knit and purl, then you can do mosaic knitting!
- *Dipyramid* (\$7.50 hard copy, \$6.00 Ravelry Pro download) is a graphic, stranded colorwork hat knit in the round. This hat features a deep, folded brim in 2X2 ribbing, and a playfully geometric colorwork motif that transitions through a gradient from main to contrast color at the crown. An optional tubular cast-on and jaunty pompom provide polished finishing touches. While the finished beanie appears complex, an easy, two-color chart and relatively short floats make this modern hat accessible to a wide range of knitters. Work the ribbing in the main color and the pompom in the contrast for a dramatic punch...
- *The Throwback* (\$10.50 hard copy, \$8.00 Ravelry Pro download, shown right) will become your favorite cardigan for layering and keeping warm all autumn and winter long! This sweater is worked flat from the top down, seamlessly, except for the sleeves which are knit in the round...





*** MORE GREAT NEW STUFF ***

Classic and contemporary -- meet BERROCO "Sesame" (shown upper left page 8, \$16.95, 100 grams, 230 yards, 43% wool / 39% acrylic / 9% cotton / 9% nylon, CYCA #4). "Sesame" blends a tweedy look with colorful variegation for a fun, eye-catching yarn. It is a great choice for both knit and crochet accessories or garments. Wool, acrylic cotton and nylon all come together for a colorful worsted weight yarn flecked with color and texture. Pop your finished creation into the washing machine for easy care. Several customers are using this yarn to knit the stunning DREA RENEE KNITS *Nightshift* shawl (shown upper right, \$10.50 hard copy or \$7.00 Ravelry Pro download) and "The Shift" pullover cowl (\$7.00, Ravelry Pro download)...

We will be serving up a DRAGONFLY FIBERS trunk show during the upcoming Steel Valley Yarn Crawl August 2 - 11, 2019. Featured bases include fingering weight "Djinni" and "Pixie", DK weight "Damsel" and "Traveller", and worsted weight "Valkryie". One new-to-us yarn is "Dance Rustic Silk" (\$22.50, 4 oz., 450 yards, 100% silk noil fiber, CYCA #2). This yarn is similar to linen, in that it softens with use, and has a lovely draping quality. Perfect for that summer-into-fall top, or a shawl or wrap. Slightly textured with a matt appearance, the colors are soft and fully-saturated. The yarn is definitely rustic when compared to the usual sheen of silk, as it is made from silk noil (the shorter fibers left over after silk is processed). It is soft and has a lovely stiffness that allows it to show off stitches like nothing else you've ever used. Due to the composition of fibers, dyes may bleed, so hand wash separately. For best results, please alternate skeins, as with any hand-dyed yarn...

MANOS DEL URUGUAY "Cabrito" (\$18.50, 25 grams, 230 yards, 80% kid mohair/20% polyamide, CYCA #1) is a laceweight kid mohair blend in beautifully space-dyed colors, from soft and subtle to bright and bold. Use it by itself for a gossamer-like fabric, or pair it with other yarns to add a soft halo that adds additional warmth and is so trendy...

We were delighted to find EMMA'S YARNS at TNNA and now we are excited to be introducing it as a stockist! "Hella Hank" (\$42.50, 150 grams, 600 yards, 80% superwash merino/10% cashmere/10% nylon, CYCA #2) is one honker of a hank with terrific yardage. It drapes beautifully and feels luxurious against your skin. One hank will do a generous shawl and this stuff is truly gorgeous! "Simply Spectacular DK" (\$26.95, 100 grams, 255 yards, 75% superwash merino/25% nylon, CYCA #3) is a gorgeous 4-ply yarn that is very soft to the touch, feels wonderful when working with it, and has just the right bit of give, making it perfect for blankets, garments, and accessories...

Other new DK weight yarns making their appearance on our shelves (ask for fiber details):

- HiKOO "Spray", a unique addition to the "Simplicity" line we know and love (\$34.50, 200 grams, 456 yards, CYCA #3), in a big ready-to-stitch cake
- SIRDAR "Baby Blossom DK" Fair Isle special effect easy care baby yarn (\$7.50, 100 grams, 362 yards, CYCA #3)
- SUBLIME "Baby cashmerino silk, a luxurious blend for your special baby (\$10.50, 50 grams, 127 yards, CYCA #3)



KATHY ERHARD KNITS "Lorden Shawl" (\$5.00, shown lower left) is a spectacular textured rectangular wrap featuring stunning interlocking cable panels on a reverse stockinette background with garter stitch borders. We are pleased to introduce this pattern to the knitting public during the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. Kathy expertly worked this shawl in a subtle shade of HiKOO "Sueno" yarn. The shawl pin with semi-precious stones is from MAB ELEMENTS...



*** AUGUST KNIT ALONG ***

Knit with Kyle Kunnecke this August! Featuring a brand new colorwork pattern *Knit Knit Cowl* (shown left), Kyle will guide you through knitting this literal cowl in HiKOO "Sueno" (\$16.50, 100 grams, 255 yards, 80% superwash merino wool/20% viscose from bamboo, CYCA #3). Choose your two favorite colors to show off your stranded colorwork skills!

The *Perfect Blend MKAL* (mystery knit along) by designer CASAPINKA continues, a tea-themed mystery KAL continuing through mid-month. This project features a kit of 12 gorgeous specially-customized mini-skeins from either DREAM IN COLOR or DRAGONFLY FIBERS. Limited supplies of fun color combinations are still available. You may also create your own unique combination by using 4 full skeins of fingering weight yarn. This MKAL will include recipes from the designer...

*** UPCOMING KNITTING CLASSES (call 724-238-9320 to register for all classes) ***

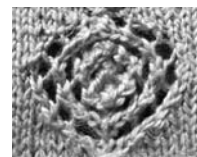
Colorwork can seem like a daunting challenge to newbies, but, luckily, instructor Karen McCullough will introduce you to a wonderful new knitting technique each month with panels from Michelle Hunter's *Building In Color* book. Join Karen as this series draws to its close on **Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 10:00 am - 12 noon** to learn how to knit "The Border" of the project. Registration fee is \$10 per class plus materials.

Karen is planning to offer new *Building Blocks* and *Building With Lace* class series on Tuesdays starting in September -- check with us regarding dates and times when class is in session!

In our on-going series of lace classes, students will master lace knitting one section at a time. Join our instructor Kathy Erhard as she demonstrates the required skills and work along to make your own gorgeous lace shawl as a wearable showcase of your skills. Our next class is scheduled for **Saturday, August 17, 2019, from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon** at Kathy's Kreations. It's not too late to join the group and take your lace skills from casual to experienced as the series continues!

This month's *Building With Lace* class adds a darling lace diamond motif with double yarn-overs framing classic wrapped stitches and a geometric circular lace design (shown lower right). The combination of circular and diamond lace patterns within a rectangular shawl is truly eye-catching. Students are using the gorgeous HiKoo by Skacel RYLIE (50% baby alpaca/25% mulberry silk/25% linen) yarn, so see Kathy for this yarn or a suitable substitute and bring size 5 and 6 24" circular needles. Students will need a cable needle for the diamond motif. Join us on **Saturday, August 17, 2019** and learn how to make these remarkable lace patterns. The class fee is \$20 per session. Please call 724-238-9320 to register.

When you find the perfect yarn at Kathy's Kreations, do you sometimes wonder what would be the best pattern for it? Ravelry, a database of thousands of knitting and crochet patterns organized by method of construction, techniques, and more has the answer to this and many other questions. With Ravelry, you can catalog your stash, needles, and patterns; follow your favorite designers, and discuss topics with other knitters and crocheters from around the world. Back by popular demand, learn how to navigate Ravelry, the popular website informally referred to as "Facebook for Knitters". Join instructor Kathy Erhard on **Saturday, August 17, 2019, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm** and learn to use the amazing possibilities that Ravelry has to offer with **Ravelry 101**. Please bring your laptop, tablet or smartphone. Class fee is \$20. Please call 724-238-9320 to reserve your place...



*** LOOKING AHEAD ***

The Steel Valley Yarn Crawl creates wonderful momentum as we think about upcoming peak knitting seasons, fall and winter. VOGUE KNITTING predicts trends in four major categories: cables, necklines, "Coatigans", and accessories.

- **COVERED IN CABLES** This look is all about capturing, on trendy silhouettes, the iconic elements of traditional cabled patterns, including those from the Aran Islands, and those made with twisted knit stitches in the Austrian tradition. The feel is elegant and feminine, with clever detailing. The cable pattern can be combined with lace or color and used either all over, or as a prominent detail. Look for cropped garment bodies with empire waistlines, deep V-necks, lace-up fronts, off-the-shoulder pullovers, socks with cable/lace/bobbles, fingerless gloves, lacy twist stitch shawls and drop stitch cables.
- **FOCUS ON THE NECKLINE** Think ladylike fitted pullovers and cardigans with clean lines and a nicely shaped neckline deep enough for a chic scarf accent, or making a statement on its own. Look for sophisticated feminine silhouettes with sweetheart, keyhole or tie necks, "cold shoulder", and fitted sleeves in fine to medium gauge soft, luxurious yarns.
- **SWEATERS AS OUTERWEAR** Coatigans (coats/cardigans, shown upper right) make transitional layering effortless. Statement-making longer lengths and lean, luxe silhouettes featuring V-necks and belts are on trend for 2019/2020, as are all over color work details, from chalet to plaid; or featured on collars and cuffs. These include oversized silhouettes in various lengths, bold patterns, unique edge and trim stitches, worsted to bulky gauge, and for interesting textured yarns.
- **WINTER ACCESSORIES** Knit accessories are a staple in winter wardrobes. Distinctive designs from head to toe are perfect for knitters of every skill level, and a great way to use luxury yarn. Items feature blanket scarves and oversized wraps, unique hat shapes, long or short cowls, leg warmers and socks with unique stitches and/or color combinations, gloves, wristers and mittens."



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*** COLOR INTELLIGENCE ***

Each season, the team at the Pantone Color Institute creates the Pantone Fashion Color Trend Report, a color overview highlighting the top colors that fashion designers will be featuring for the upcoming season.

Core shades for Autumn/Winter 2019/2020 are bold and strong enough to stand alone and reflect "an emergence of confidence, a visceral palette of colors that are relatable yet display some clever tweaks. Expressing our wide-range acceptance of color, combinations suggest a thirst for liberation and a desire to realize our own individualized unique identities. This palette of versatile hues builds a sense of empowerment and confidence, enabling the wearer to choose the colors that best reflect his or her mood and persona. They range from easy and sophisticated to strikingly different and unique"

Chili Pepper -- a spicy red, adds drama and excitement as it stimulates the senses

Biking Red -- an adventurous deep red, strong and powerful

Crème de Peche -- An embracing light peach, speaks of softness and ease

Peach Pink -- warm and flattering, imparts a healthy glow

Rocky Road -- an earthy and grounded solid brown

Fruit Dove -- an extroverted pink, creates a presence that can't be ignored

Sugar Almond -- an appetizing mid-tone, a sweetened shade of brown

Dark Cheddar -- bold and daring, a sharp blend of yellow and orange

Galaxy Blue -- a thoughtful blue hue, evocative of the greater galaxy

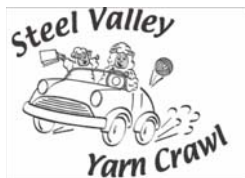
Bluestone -- a color of quiet resolve

Orange Tiger -- imparts a fearless energy

Eden -- a stately forest green that plays on tradition



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*** READY TO SHOP HOP? ***

Attention, knitters and crocheters, it's time for the ten best days of summer! This is the sixth year for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. With eleven shops participating, this is an event you won't want to miss. Please join us for ten fun-filled days, beginning **Friday, August 2, 2019** and continuing through **Sunday, August 11, 2019**. 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, collect a free pin (see tote lower right) 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 projects, along with chances to win PRIZES! Check out the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl group on Ravelry, Facebook or <http://steelvalleyyarncrawl.weebly.com/> for participating shops, store information, a map and 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 merchandise baskets valued at over \$1,000!**

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 11, 2019, 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 within 30 days.
- Winners who have not claimed their prizes in 30 days will forfeit them and alternate winners will be chosen.

The yellow tickets with a smiley face received with your passport/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 with merchandise (assembled in stunning, giant PIER ONE lanterns) and one \$50 gift card. There will be three grand prize & runner-up baskets valued at over \$500 - \$300 - \$200 retail for lucky winners completing the crawl (your name is entered for this prize once you've turned in your completed passport). A very big "THANK YOU" to our suppliers who contributed items for our baskets: Accessories Unlimited; Berroco; Dream In Color; Emma's Yarn; Madeline Tosh; Manos del Uruguay; McPorter Farms; Plymouth Yarns; and Skacel Collection. Thanks also to our shoppals, instructors, and Vina McLeod Rudolph for the wonderful social media updates, generous contributions and support.

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 - 4:00 pm on Sundays. Stay tuned for additional information on our Facebook page (Kathy's Kreations, Ligonier PA) and Instagram (#kathyknitz) about special happenings in the shop...



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

Each shop will give you a FREE shop pin to add to the front of your Yarn Crawl tote bag -- collect one at each stop! Our pin features our new shop logo. Kathy's Kreations theme for this year's event is "Fairie Garden", inspired by our garden path passport. Our knit hat (shown upper right) was designed and knit by Kathy Zimmerman with DREAM IN COLOR "Classy" in an exclusive colorway called *Blame It On Vina*. Kathy has collaborated once again with Veronica Van, owner of DREAM IN COLOR yarns, to develop a gorgeous, subtly-variegated custom colorway specifically for the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl. Kathy's textured ripple design can be knit in sizes to fit the entire family. Ask to see our hat models! The pattern is free with the purchase of the yarn to make the hat.



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Our featured crochet pattern is "Cressida" (stitch detail shown lower left), with a shop model skillfully worked by Karen Voshall with three balls of BERROCO "Ultra Wool Fine" and featuring basic crochet stitches to form a sweet triangular shawl. Pattern is free with the purchase of the yarn to make the shawl.

During the Yarn Crawl, we will have special events each day, an "Exploration Station" plus free refreshments and goodies. Try out fibers from DREAM IN COLOR, DRAGONFLY FIBERS and HiKOO with a variety of knitting needles & crochet hooks from CHIAGOO, KNITTER'S PRIDE, PRYM knitting needles & crochet hooks, and ADDI Flexi Flips. We had fun with the "Fairie Garden" theme -- window display with "Tinkerbell" (tink is knit spelled backwards, after all) and snacks to include "magic wand" cookies, glitter bites -- you get the idea! Throughout the Crawl, we'll be serving up the colors of happiness with a trunk show courtesy of DRAGONFLY FIBERS, featuring their indie-dyed yarns that will inspire the magical fun of your imagination!

We will be hosting special events with our excellent staff of instructors (come meet our teachers!) and special guests throughout the Yarn Crawl -- check with us about specific times. Here's our daily doings:

Friday 8/2/19: Kathy Z will launch her hat pattern *Blame It On Vina* and introduce her custom colorway and original design in DREAM IN COLOR "Classy". Our August KAL, "Knit, Knit" cowl kicks off. Exploration Station opens for the duration of the crawl, and artisan Michelle Barrat of MAB ELEMENTS will be on hand, selling her lovely hand-forged shawl pins with matching earrings and stitch markers made with semi-precious stones.

Saturday 8/3/19: The multi-talented Josie Baxter will be here with Flower Pop-Up bouquets for sale, as well as Zen Yarn Garden and Dream In Color trunk shows. Yarn and flowers -- what a great combination!

Sunday 8/4/19: Professional Oil Slinger Kimberly Green will offer tips about using essential oils for storing knitwear and for personal use.

Monday 8/5/19: Donna Gottschalk will be here to celebrate Casapinka Day -- learn more about our *Perfect Blend MKAL* and gorgeous shop models designed by Casapinka

Tuesday 8/6/19: Karen McCullough will be here with information about upcoming BUILDING BLOCKS and BUILDING WITH LACE class series based on Michelle Hunter's book

Wednesday 8/8/19: Kathy Erhard will be on hand with her latest pattern designs, new pattern *Lorden* and projects from knitting classes offered here.

Thursday 8/8/19: Hang out and knit / crochet at our Exploration Station!

Friday 8/9/18: Our knit alongs continue. Meet instructor Marian Lech and learn about brioche & other knitting classes she teaches.

Saturday 8/10/19: It's Sit & Knit Saturday! Come meet our social media "Garden Fairie", Vina!

Sunday 8/11/19: Shawn Sweeney will be back once again with more gorgeous test knitting projects from Ravelry. See what's trending! Kimberly Green is also back with essential oils...



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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS ***

Join the "First Mondays" group for an evening of knitting, crocheting and fellowship, at Panera Bread Greengate in Greensburg, PA. Meeting dates are Monday evenings August 5, 2019 and September 9, 2019 (second Monday due to Labor Day holiday); 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

*** "KNITTING IN THE AFTERNOON" AT KATHY'S KREATIONS Tuesdays, August 13, 2019; and September 10, 2019; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (rsvp please, all skill levels welcome) ***

Join us for stitching, lots of fun conversation and maybe ice cream!

*** SATURDAY SIT-N-KNIT August 10, 2019 and September 14, 2019; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm; (rsvp please, all skill levels welcome) ***

Join us at Kathy's Kreations for fellowship and stitching for projects purchased here.

*** FUN FRIDAYS, August 16, 2019 and September 20, 2019; 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...

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

Stop by on Fridays in August from 10 am - 2 pm (rsvp please) to work on our newest KAL with your stitching friends to cheer you on. Our featured projects are *Knit, Knit Cowl* and *Perfect Blend MKAL*. 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 2019 thread and the Kathy Zimmerman Group KAL...

*** "BUILDING IN COLOR" Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon (knit) ***

*** "BUILDING WITH LACE" Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9:00 am - 12 noon (knit) ***

*** "RAVELRY 101" Saturday, August 17, 2019, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (knit) ***

*** 6TH STEEL VALLEY YARN CRAWL Friday, August 2 - Sunday August 11, 2019 ***

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 39 years!

Knitting folklore says that if you knit a strand of your hair into your work, you will be forever bound to the person who receives that work. In my life, this means that a lot of people are forever bound to my cat, Maci! Hope to see you on the Steel Valley Yarn Crawl, during Steeler Training Camp, after Idlewild Park/Soak Zone outings, Country Market or other road trips. Enjoy the rest of this glorious summer!

KEEP KNITTING AND CROCHETING!

Kathy