

Perkasie Celebrates Spring With a “Yarn Bloom”

Flowers and trees won't be the only things budding and blooming in Perkasie this spring! Borough staff and volunteers from across the region are working together to transform Menlo Park using a colorful and temporary fiber-art installation called the “Yarn Bloom”. The Perkasie Yarn Bloom is part of an international movement called “Yarn Bombing”, where artists use yarn crafts like knitting, crochet, weaving, embroidery, pompom making, macramé, braiding, and more to temporarily decorate and embellish trees, fence panels, signposts, benches, and other street furniture.

“We're astonished at the response to this unique project,” says Linda Reid,

Bloom organizer and Event Coordinator for Perkasie Borough. “There are upwards of a hundred people—mostly women and girls—involved in this project, designing, creating, and installing the artwork, and many more have made donations of old scarves, gloves, and unfinished yarn projects that have been repurposed for the Bloom.”

Needles have been flying all over Perkasie and surrounding areas as the Bloom captured the imagination of knitting and crafting groups: Girl Scouts and a number of local businesses have “adopted” and are decorating trees, fence panels, bike racks, and benches. Borough staff organized a number of meetups as women

came together to craft in community. One final session is free and open to the public from 6:00 to 8:30 pm on April 7th at the Perkasie Library. Readers are also invited to join the project as installation volunteers at the park between 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on April 20th.

The Bloom will be open on April 21st and will remain at the park through May 24th.

A great time to view the Bloom would be during the Borough's Earth Day celebration, which will take place in Menlo Park from 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday April 21st. Visitors will be able to help create community fiber-art projects in the park, make and take recycled craft projects, use

plastic grocery bags to help make mats for homeless sleepers, and meet a local alpaca! Experts will be on hand with demonstrations of fiber-art crafts, including spinning, felting, rope making, and rug hooking. Bring a nonperishable food item for

Pennridge FISH and help them create a fish mural on a chain-link fence panel. Music, food, electronics recycling, AND clothing and shoe recycling will all be onsite at the park. See perkasieborough.org/our-events/earth-day/ for more information.



Please direct questions about the Bloom or the Earth Day event to Perkasie Borough's Event Coordinator at events@perkasieborough.org or (215) 257-5065.