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Subject: Crocheting Class in Interlochen

Grand Traverse Senior Center Network – Crocheting is centuries old. Many in our generation can remember their grandmothers sitting hunched over a crochet hook. The earliest reference to garments made of cloth produced by looping yarn with a hook is in the latter 1700s. In the 1800s, as Ireland faced the Great Irish Famine, crochet lace work was introduced as a way of making money for impoverished Irish workers. When the Irish immigrated to America, they brought their expertise with them. Although crocheting underwent a decline in popularity, we have seen a revival of interest at the beginning of this century. The improvement in the quality and varieties of yarn has also helped to advance the crocheting renaissance.

To learn new Celtic crocheting techniques, bring your enthusiasm and join Barb Macksey on Thursday, March 2, at 2 p.m. in Interlochen's Golden Fellowship Hall, 9700 Riley Road.

Macksey is self-taught, crocheting since she was a teenager. She will be teaching a number of Celtic Irish stitches, which could be made into a scarf at home. Crocheting hooks and yarn will be provided for learning purposes or, if a crochet project is going to be continued at home, the participants may wish to bring their own supplies: size 4 yarn and a size H or larger crochet hook. Having the knowledge of the crocheting technique called back posting, will be helpful.

Advanced registration is appreciated. For more information and to register, contact the Senior Center Network at 231-922-4911.

For reservations please email dmikowski@grandtraverse.org or call 231-922-4911.

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The Senior Center Network, part of the Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation Department, offers diverse programs to older adults in Grand Traverse County. Thousands each year enjoy dozens of activities on a daily basis at locations in Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Interlochen, and Kingsley. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 231-922-4911, or visit www.grandtraverse.org/scn or our Facebook page.