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One Colorado Old Pasadena to Host “Stitch-In” for Yarn Bombing Los Angeles in Honor of International Yarn Bombing Day

June 9, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Yarn Bombing Los Angeles (YBLA) will host a “Stitch-In” party at One Colorado Old Pasadena on Sunday, June 9, better known to knitting and crocheting enthusiasts as “International Yarn Bombing Day” (24 Smith Alley, Pasadena between Il Fornaio’s bakery and Patagonia). Everyone is welcome.

The public is invited to drop by any time between 11a – 2p to One Colorado’s Smith Alley to help YBLA stitch together handmade granny squares into blankets that will be distributed among

downtown Los Angeles's itinerant population in fall of 2013.

As backdrop for the event, YBLA will "yarn bomb" the trees in Smith Alley days prior with colorful crocheted granny squares.

On May 25, 2013 YBLA launched its community-based project "CAFAM: Granny Squared," a ground breaking temporary public art installation covering the exterior of the Craft and Folk Art Museum on Museum Row, Los Angeles, with approximately 8,000 handmade granny squares created by over 500 crafters from 49 states and 25 countries. The project's aim is to question the boundaries between art and craft, using scale and color to play with artistic, architectural and institutional identities. The installation is on view through July 1, 2013.

As a second phase of the project, the remaining granny squares will be assembled into blankets at communal "Stitch-In" events to then be distributed through YBLA partners to residents of Skid Row.

Yarn Bombing Los Angeles is a group of guerrilla knitters and crocheters who have been collaborating since 2010 to stage public installations and performances to help expand the definition of public art to include self-initiated and temporal urban interventions such as yarn bombing.

One Colorado is a collection of 17 historic buildings housing a curated mix of nationally acclaimed retailers and designers, unique local merchants, inventive restaurants and a boutique cinema. A full city block located between Colorado, Union, Delacey and Fair Oaks, One Colorado is the retail centerpiece of Old Pasadena and favorite casual gathering place for the greater community, with public events hosted year-round in its central courtyard.

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