

ROCHESTER KNITTING GUILD

Traditional Knitting Workshops with Beth Brown-Reinsel

October 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2009

Beth Brown-Reinsel has been involved in many facets of the fiber arts as a spinner, basket weaver, dyer, knitter, former yarn shop and mail order business owner, author, and knitwear designer, but teaching is her passion. She has worked in production as well as in creating and teaching courses and workshops both locally and nationally. She developed and implemented the correspondence course, "Traditional Ganseys" for The Knitting Guild of America for 11 years. Beth has authored the book *Knitting Ganseys*, published by Interweave Press. Her articles have appeared in *Threads*, *Cast On*, *Interweave Knits*, *Vogue Knitting*, and *Knitter's* magazines. She continues to design for yarn companies, magazines, and for her own pattern line.

Location: The workshops will be held at the **Cornell Cooperative Extension**, (which is handicap accessible), 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, just off of South Avenue.

Lunches: Lunch breaks all 4 days will be one and a half-hour long. You may brown-bag it or go out to eat. Beverages and snacks will be provided for morning and afternoon breaks.

All workshop fees include the cost of handouts, beverages and snacks.



THE NORWEGIAN FANA CARDIGAN – 2 days

Friday, October 9, & Sunday, Oct 11, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

The classic details and traditional construction of the Norwegian Fana Cardigan will be taught in this 2-day workshop through the knitting of a small sweater.

Techniques to be learned include circularly knitted body and sleeves, 2 styles of armholes - square and drop shoulder, cut-and-sew armholes and front [sometimes called "steeking"], knitted self-facings, buttonbands, and 2-color star, band, and checkerboard patterns. Designing one's own Fana cardigan will be discussed. **Homework between sessions.** *Skill level: Intermediate. Must be comfortable working double-pointed needles or proficient with two circulars. Experience with machine sewing is helpful.*



INTRODUCTION TO TWINED KNITTING – 3 hours

Saturday, October 10, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Curious about the 400-year-old Swedish technique of Twined Knitting? In this 3-hour class, knit one of a pair of wristers while learning a traditional cast-on, twined knitting, twined purling, and patterning (the "O" stitch and the Crook stitch). No homework. **Level: Intermediate.** *Must be comfortable working with double-pointed needles or proficient with two circulars. Ability to knit English style (yarn held in the right hand) is very helpful, but not required.*

SWEDISH CAST-ONS & SCANDINAVIAN KNITTING – 3 hours

Saturday, October 10, 2 to 5 p.m.

Five cast-ons from Sweden will be taught in this hands-on class. They are all one-needle cast-on methods, and can be adapted for one- or two-color edges for sweaters, mittens, socks, and hats. In addition, the Continental method of knitting, purling, and weaving will be taught as a basis for the Scandinavian technique of working with two yarns in the left hand. A discussion about Yarn Dominance will be included. Small sample swatches will be made using all of the techniques learned in class. No homework. **Level: All.** *[Must know the basics: how to cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease and bind off, and be able to read your own knitting.]*



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TRADITIONAL GANSEY TECHNIQUES – 1 day

Monday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Students will learn how to construct a Gansey, a sweater form prevalent in the 19th century and early part of the 20th century among the fishermen of the British Isles. A small-scale sweater will be knitted using traditional construction techniques including the classic Channel Island Cast-on, split welts, seam stitches, traditional knit/purl patterns, the underarm gusset, shoulder straps with perpendicular joining, and picked-up sleeves. Alternative methods to these techniques will also be explored. No homework. **Level:** *Intermediate. Must be comfortable working with double-pointed needles or proficient with two circulars.*

Registration: Registrations will be handled on a *first come, first served* basis. Send registrations with full payment by mail to Jeanne Hoffman at the address on the form. All registrations must be accompanied by full payment. No phone or e-mail registrations or "reservations" accepted.

You may also register in person at the May 11th Guild meeting if the workshops are not filled. Do not put off signing up until the following guild meeting in September, as that may be too late. There must be sufficient registrations to cover expenses by August 20th, or unfortunately the event will have to be cancelled, in which case all registrations received will be returned.

Registration is restricted to only Guild members through June 11th, after which date registrations from non-members will be accepted at the non-member rate if the classes are not filled.

Confirmation of registration and a supply list will be emailed to you along with a map and directions to Cornell Cooperative Extension. ***If you do not receive a confirmation and supply list, then you are not registered!***

Waiting list: If a workshop is full by the time your registration is received, Jeanne will try to contact you either by phone or email to ask if you wish to be on a waiting list for that workshop, and hold your registration. If someone cancels, her/his space in the workshop will be filled by the person at the top of the waiting list for that workshop.

Cancellation: You may cancel your registration subject to a \$15 fee until *August 20th*. Due to our commitment to the teacher, no cancellations can be accepted after *August 20th*, unless there is a waiting list for the workshop; the cancellation would still be subject to the \$15 fee.

Reminder: Only registered workshop attendees are permitted in the classroom. Please make appropriate child-care arrangements.

Inquiries: Any inquiries should be made to Jeanne Hoffman by phone at (585) 396-3193 or by email to jhoffman@rpa.net.