THE VERMONT KNITTING RETREATS
With Beth Brown-Reinsel

Come join us for an extended weekend in September to knit, to laugh, to join in camaraderie of the very best kind!

I love teaching knitters in this beautiful setting. The small class enrollment makes these weekends a true retreat. We laugh a lot, knit a lot, and eat very well. It all adds up to a memorable time for new and returning participants!

~Beth

Who: YOU are invited to join us for a rich knitting experience!

What: A three-day retreat in southern Vermont on an historic apple farm.

Why: Get away from it all, learn traditional knitting techniques based on Beth’s research from her travels in Scandinavia and beyond, be with other like-minded knitters who are welcoming of old and new friends!

Where: Classes are held in Dummerston, VT, (near Brattleboro, VT) in the Dutton Farmhouse, a reasonable drive from Boston, Albany, Hartford and NYC.


How much: $500 includes all instruction and comprehensive handouts, Thursday welcome dinner, breakfast and lunch on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. (Dinners on those days are on your own. Often the group will go out or bring dinner in.)

The schedule for both sessions:
Thursday evening: Arrive around 5pm, wine and hors d’oeuvres at 5:30, dinner at 6:30.
Friday: Breakfast: 8:30, class: 9:30 to 12:30, lunch and break until 1:30, class until 4:00.
Saturday: Breakfast at 8:30, Farmer’s Market or time on your own until 12:30, when lunch is served at the farmhouse. Class runs from 1:30 until 4:30.
Sunday: Breakfast at 8:30, class from 9:30 to 12:30, lunch and break until 1:30, and afternoon class until 4:00 when we say our goodbyes.

Getting there: Amtrak and Greyhound both serve Brattleboro with one schedule north and one south per day. Car rental is available in Brattleboro. Greyhound stops in Brattleboro, VT, just minutes from the class site. The closest airports are Hartford, CT (BDL), Manchester, NH (MHT) Albany, NY (ALB) and Boston, MA (BOS). If you drive, enter "Dutton Farmhouse 255 Dutton Farm Road, Dummerston, VT 05301" into Google Maps for directions.
Staying there:
The following hotels are within 5 minutes and 5 miles of the workshop.

- The Hampton Inn 802.254.5700  www.hamptoninn.hilton.com/Brattleboro
- Holiday Inn Express 802.257.2400  www.brattleboroexpress.com
- The Latchis 802.254.6300  www.latchis.com
  (Locally owned and located in downtown Brattleboro, about 10 minutes away)
- Motel 6 802.254.6007  www.motel6.com/BrattleboroVT

Retreat Topics

Session 1: The Scottish Fair Isle Cardigan
The classic details and traditional construction of the Fair Isle sweaters will be taught in this two-day workshop through the circular knitting of a small cardigan. Techniques to be learned include choices of different corrugated ribbings, shaped and unshaped knitted steeks for two different armholes (shaped and drop shoulder), stranding and weaving, cutting steeks, picking up stitches for sleeves two different ways, underarm gussets, buttonbands, and finishing steeks. Discussion will include different pattern families (seeding, peerie, border, OXO, stars, and all-over patterns), and designing a Fair Isle.

Session 2: The Swedish North Halland Pullover
The lovely Swedish red and black man’s pullover sweater from the Halland region can be dated back to the late 1800s. In this class, a sampler will be knitted circularly compiling a variety of Swedish construction techniques: the traditional twisted cast-on and patterned ribbing, seam stitches, the Diamonds and Crosshatching motif, an initial box, centering shoulder motifs, working with a yarn in each hand, and purling with 2 yarns in the back of the work will also be covered.

A $100 deposit will secure your spot in either workshop, with the balance due May 1.

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