Come join us for an extended weekend in August 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.

When: Two sessions: 
August 17-20, 2016 and August 24-27, 2016.

How much: $525 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.)

The schedule for both sessions:

Thursday evening: Arrive around 5pm, wine and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30, dinner at 6:15.
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 scheduled north and one south per day. Car rental is available in Brattleboro, as is taxi service (www.brattleborotaxi.com). 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

And recommended by one of our attendees:
- **Chesterfield Inn, Chesterfield, NH** 603-256-3222  www.chesterfieldinn.com

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**Session 1: August 17-20, 2017, Designing Ganseys**

Learn how to construct and then design your own 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 on the first day of the retreat, using traditional construction techniques. On the second and third days, this class continues from the 1 day Gansey sampler class, and explores the design process: Design details (sweater attributes), the Silhouette (sweater size), and the Surface Design (sweater patterning). Each phase will be explained and students will be able to begin planning a full-sized garment.

**Level:** Intermediate (must be proficient with dp needles, Magic Loop, or working with two circulars)

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**Session 2: August 24-27, 2017, Designing Latvian Mittens**

The beautiful mittens of Latvia will be studied in this class and an adult mitten will be knitted the first day in 4 colors of worsted weight yarn to learn the following techniques: A fringed and scalloped cuff, the Latvian braid and many subtle and beautiful variations of the half-braid, the Peasant thumb, using multiple colors, as well as the pointed-tip shaping. A variety of traditional motifs (choice of two or three colors in a round) are incorporated in the main body of the mitten.

On the second and third days, swatch with your chosen yarn, create a design and chart it, using Latvian pattern books for inspiration!

**Level:** Intermediate (must be proficient with dp needles, Magic Loop, or working with two circulars)

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

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