



WEBS

Knitting Retreat

WEBS Fall Knitting Retreat September 29th - October 2nd 2022

WEBS Knitting Retreat is a weekend of fiber, friends, food and foliage! We'll be welcoming knitters to the beautiful Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts for a weekend of classes, late-night knitting, after-hours shopping sprees, and more. If you've been waiting to make a pilgrimage to America's biggest yarn store, now's the time to make your move!

What's Included?

All of your meals from the Thursday Night Welcome Dinner through Sunday Brunch with Keynote Speaker, Patty Lyons

Late-night knitting get-togethers with snacks, desserts, and cocktails, plenty of time to meet up with friends or make new knitting buddies, and lots of yarn to see, feel, and buy!

Two days of classes on Friday and Saturday with some of the most talented knitting instructors in the industry

Exclusive after-hours shopping spree on Saturday evening.

Plenty of fun surprises throughout the retreat!





Shopping, Sponsors, and Swag

On Saturday night, you'll enjoy a private shopping spree and the opportunity to talk with our sponsors about their yarns and garments.

The icing on the cake is that whatever you buy, you will get FREE SHIPPING!

And in case you can't make a decision on Saturday evening, the store will be open to shoppers on Sunday, and again, FREE SHIPPING!

Our sponsors will make your weekend as unique and luxurious as possible starting with giveaways and sumptuous swag bags. They will also be on hand Saturday night at WEBS with trunk shows, reps and designers ready to show you their most popular yarns and garments.

Instructors

We have some of the most sought-after instructors sharing their expertise this weekend!

Patty Lyons

Cecelia Campochoiro

Laura Nelkin

Barry Klein

Margaret Radcliffe

Safiyyah Talley

Hotel UMass

Enjoy cozy comfort and deluxe accommodations at Hotel UMass with our Worsted Package!

Regardless of package, enjoy fabulous, fresh meals and snacks, nooks for knitting and a 'late-night lounge' with desserts, drinks, and a chance to knit and talk knitting with those who understand your fiber passion.



Teacher Bios

Patty Lyons

Patty Lyons (<http://pattylions.com/>) is a nationally recognized knitting teacher and technique expert who is known for teaching the “why” not just the “how” in her pursuit of training the “mindful knitter”. She specializes in sweater design and sharing her love of the much-maligned subjects of gauge and blocking. Patty teaches nationally at guilds, shops & knitting shows around the country such as Vogue Knitting LIVE, and STITCHES. Her popular classes can also be found on DVD and online at Interweave, Annie’s and Craftsy. She also runs wildly popular video sweater classes on her Ravelry group. Patty’s designs and knitting skill articles have been published in *Vogue Knitting*, *Interweave Knits*, *Knit Purl*, *Knitter’s Magazine*, *Cast On*, *Knit Style*, *Creative Knitting*, *Twist Collective* and *Mason Dixon Knitting* where she writes a monthly knitter’s advice

column: “Ask Patty”. Patty’s designs have also been included in pattern collections from Classic Elite, Noro, Cascade, Tahki Stacy Charles, Sugar Bush and Willow Yarns.



Cecelia Campochiaro

Cecelia Campochiaro appeared on the knitting scene in 2015 with her debut book, *Sequence Knitting*. Knitting was a casual pastime until she had an ah-ha moment in 2010 and realized that interesting textured fabrics could be created by the simple repetition of a sequence of stitches. This idea evolved and led to her writing *Sequence Knitting*, which is a reference book about this mindful approach to knitting. In the years since *Sequence Knitting* debuted, she has continued to develop new ideas in knitting. *Sequence Knitting* is about texture, and her second book, *Making Marls*, is about color. She lives in Silicon Valley, where for many years she developed specialized microscopes used in computer chip manufacturing. Textiles, photography and the arts have been a lifelong passion running in parallel with her technical life. In high school and college even though her main studies were in the sciences, she studied drawing, printmaking, ceramics, and photography.



Teacher Bios

Laura Nelkin

Though she has a degree in apparel design from Cornell University, Laura took to knitting years ago and hasn't looked back. Her designs and techniques are innovative, fun and will challenge you to think in new ways about your knitting. She is currently enamored with unexpected sweater construction, lace, and with incorporating beads into lace, so most of her designs lean in this direction. She travels often to teach these techniques at workshops around the country and online at Craftsy.com, and in her spare time she leads knitting tours abroad. She runs 2 super fun clubs every year, The N Club, and Lola's Choice, and she has a line of knitting kits, self-published patterns, and runs mystery Knit-A-Longs multiple times a year. Her book, *Knockout Knits*, was released with Random House in September 2014.



Barry Klein

Barry Klein is owner and designer of yarns and patterns for Trendsetter Yarns. Barry grew up in the knitting industry by working in his mothers' knitting store. Barry learned how to custom design patterns and create knitwear for customers and the movie industry. Barry and his Mom started Trendsetter with the idea of bringing the most exciting textured, fashion and luxury yarns to the knitting customer. Over the past few years Cardiff Cashmere (Luxury Cashmere yarns from Italy), Lana Grossa (Largest and most successful yarn company in Europe) and now GGH have all been added in creating the new Trendsetter Yarn Group. Along with being a published author of 5 knitting books, T.V. knitting personality, knitting spokesperson/teacher at Stitches Events, Vogue Live, in store Trunk Shows and more. Barry has been a voted member of "Top 10 Men who Knit Throughout History." Barry continues to share his knitting motto "Have fun, enjoy creating, personalize it and when possible let the yarn do the work."



Teacher Bios

Margaret Radcliffe

Margaret is the author of the bestselling *Knitting Answer Book*, *The Essential Guide to Color Knitting Techniques*, *Circular Knitting Workshop*, and *The Knowledgeable Knitter*. She has taught knitting since 1991 and began publishing her designs in a line of knitting patterns under the name Maggie's Rags in 1997. Margaret's many teaching venues for knitting and dyeing have included the John C. Campbell Folk School, the Madrona Fiberarts Winter Retreat, the Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair (SAFF), Knitters' Day Out, Houston Fiber Fest, the Schooner J&E Riggin out of Rockland, Maine, plus numerous shops and fiber guilds across the U.S. and into Canada. As a teacher, Margaret enthusiastically teaches everything from beginning knitting to garment design, and is acclaimed for her ability to help all knitters to develop their independence and creativity. Her current fiber arts interests include preparing, spinning, and designing handknits using heritage breeds and participation in The Livestock Conservancy's Shave 'Em to Save 'Em program.



Safiyyah Talley

Safiyyah started knitting ten years ago, and simply never stopped. She is a knitwear teacher, designer, podcaster and blogger who works from her home in scenic Indiana, USA. When she is not knitting, Safiyyah spends her free time either hiking with her photographer husband and chocolate Labrador or enjoying the rural Indiana landscape with her angora rabbit and two cats. She's the host of The Drunk Knitter podcast on You Tube and her self published patterns are available from her Ravelry Pattern Store.

You can learn more about Safiyyah on her [website](#), [YouTube](#), and [Ravelry](#)!



Keynote Speech

and book signing with

Patty Lyons!



Patty Lyons

Chart it, Swatch it, Love it: Learn how to spice up any sweater with your own stitches. We'll start with an exploration of what cables and lace do to your fabric. We'll look at what can make the cast on edge undulate or the side of a stitch move in and out. Next we'll learn the simple math to insert or replace a stitch panel or detail into existing sweater pattern. Then, after looking at swatches, stitch dictionaries and finished objects for inspiration, we'll start to play with adjusting and combining to create your custom stitches. Finally, using both graph paper and some imaginative three-dimensional tools you'll start to lay out your own stitch and even start to swatch it.

Build a Better Fabric: We'll explore ways to improve your knitting technique by looking at the most important fundamentals, like the job of the left needle tip and the right needle shaft, stitch sizing, and even the correct exit path of your stitch. We will explore edge stitches, cast on and bind offs and a huge array of knitting tip. The last part of the class will be open for all knitting questions (that you have put in the "bag of why"), so come with your questions and let's explore our knitting.

Advanced Knitting Fixes: Delve beyond picking up a dropped stitch into more major fixes. Learn how to "tink" or un-knit increases and decreases w/o losing a stitch. Reverse a cable or add a missing cable many rows down. Fix common mistakes in lace such as a missing YO or a K2tog 3 rows down. Even learn how to shorten or lengthen your knitted piece. You have the power to fix without frogging!

Circular Bag of Tricks: Patty digs deep into her bag of tricks to show you some of her favorite circular knitting hacks (some brand new - never published or taught!). Learn how to make a completely jog free cast on and bind off, as well as some truly magical jogless joins (can we say one row stripe!). There will be tips to avoid ladders from dpns and the weird tight stitch at the magic loop turn and so much more. Finally, Patty will introduce you to Helix knitting, a spectacular circular method, AND (if time allows), even tricks to working W&T and German short rows in the round without the icky hole.

Classes

Barry Klein

Knit To Fit: In this class we will look at what we are knitting and the practices and measures that need to be taken to make sure that the pieces fit our own bodies. Patterns are sized in generic sizes so most can easily be adjusted to fit our body...but how? Most patterns tell you simple instructions but what to do to make it professional and easy to assemble? Let's figure this out together and have fun in the process.

From The Neck Down: When you just want to relax and have fun with your knitting, cast on from the top neck and work down. It's simple, easy and the best part is you get to try it on as you work to insure the perfect fit. We will start creating a small kids sweater or a mini that fits a good sized teddy bear that can be finished in time for the upcoming Holiday. We will talk about technique, shaping, stitch patterns and different ways to incorporate your personality to the design.

Flipped Over Slipped Stitches: Knitting has two basic stitches and everything is created off of them. In this class we will look at the technique of Slip Stitches and how it creates a new form of architecture. We will play with color, texture and detail in creating stitches that are Mosaic, Vertical, Horizontal, Diagonal and ones that work inside out.

Tuck It to Play: There are different ways to create texture and we are going to spend time creating tuck stitches that sit up on top of your knitting to create a new dimension. We will look at a few different ways to accomplish this and how to mark your stitches to accomplish this easily. We will use colorful yarns and have many ideas on how to add this to existing patterns in different ways. You won't believe how easy this is!

Laura Nelkin

Shetland Lace Basics: Laura will cover some history of Shetland Lace and then delve into techniques to help you knit it successfully. The class will cover basic increases and decreases, walk you through chart reading, and get you on your way to becoming a more advanced lace knitter! Skills gained in this class will translate over to many patterns that use lace stitches.

Save Your Stitches: Fixing Lace Mistakes: Laura will demystify the anatomy of your lace with you and teach you how to know when you can fix and when you have to rip (or perform surgery). You'll learn how to replace yarnovers, insert missing decreases, rebuild sections of your knitting, and most importantly how to avoid making mistakes in the first place! This class is 3/4 technique and 1/4 philosophy... This class will make you a better, more knowledgeable, and less fearful lace knitter!

Design Your Own Cowl: In this fun workshop, Laura will work with you on designing your own cowl! We'll look at construction of cowls, both flat, in the round, and moebius. After going over some basic background knowledge on cowl shaping, we'll start to play with stitches and talk about how to convert them to work with your design. Finally, we'll talk about edgings and how to incorporate them. By the end of class, you will be ready to cast on for your very own cowl!

Knitting a Novus Sweater: In this class, Laura introduces you to the "Novus" construction, her seamless yet structured modern approach to the side-to-side sweater. She'll cover how the construction works, how to modify the construction to fit your body, any necessary skills needed for the construction (i.e. provisional cast on, lifted increases, German short rows), and provide you with a mini version of the concept to play with. In class you will discuss choosing yarn to knit your sweater so you have success! By the end of class you'll be ready to independently knit your own sweater from the collection.

Cecelia Campochiaro

Beautiful Textured and Reversible Shawls with

Sequence Knitting: This class is a great introduction to sequence knitting. You will learn how to make three reversible textured shawls: Anywhere, Conversing, and Careful with small swatches. In sequence knitting, textured fabric is created through the repetition of a sequence of stitches, like k2, p2. By varying the sequence, the number of stitches, and the way they are repeated, an endless variety of rich textures are possible. It can be done with any yarns at any gauge and is an addictive way to make beautiful knitting.

An Introduction to Working with Marls (all day):

This class is a hands-on introduction to working with multiple strands held together as one, aka marling. Marling is a kind of colorwork in hand knitting and can be done with a few as two colors or many, many more. You'll learn about how colors mix in marls, the history of marling, and how to work with many colors in a project. You will also explore the microswatching technique as an aid to choosing and arranging colors. These ideas can be applied to any knitting made with multiple strands, and the Ella Improv pattern is a good introductory project that will be included as part of the class.

Magical Broken Garter, The Easiest Sequence

Knitting: This class is about the broken garter family of stitch patterns. These easy 1-row stitch patterns are perfect social knitting and make wonderful reversible scarves and blankets. By varying the stitch pattern, the yarns, and the colors, the creative possibilities are endless.



Classes

Margaret Radcliffe

Sew a Fine Seam: Seams can make the difference between “homemade” and “handcrafted” in your knitting. Learn to sew perfect seams—side seams, shoulder seams, and armholes. Perfect your technique by practicing sewn seams in mattress stitch, weaving, and combinations of the two. Learn to knit seams rather than sew them, and how to use decorative seams on the public side of your garments.

Edges and Borders: Perfect borders can be a pain to pick up. Learn to prepare for borders with neat edges on your knitting and how to pick up perfectly every time. During this workshop, you'll knit two swatches with examples of four types of edges, including a curved edge, then pick up stitches along them, learning a variety of pick-up techniques and how to determine exactly the right number of stitches for each border.

Cast On Cornucopia: Still using the same cast on you learned when you started knitting? It's time to explore some of the many different ways to start your knitting. Learn tough cast ons for kids' garments, stretchy ones for cuffs, decorative cast ons and tailored hems, multicolor cast ons for decorative edges. Even easy “provisional” cast ons that can be removed to make hems or add borders later.

Bring Out the Best in Your Variegated Yarn: Love that multicolor yarn? Hate the way it looks when you knit it? Whip those hand-painted and variegated yarns into submission! Learn to bring out the best in your variegated yarn, how to avoid striping and pooling, highlight desired colors, and emphasize texture. Review a variety of yarns and learn their properties, while knitting swatches to experiment with textured pattern stitches, multiple strands of yarn, and varying stitch counts. Also learn to recognize which garments will work best with variegated yarn.

Safiyyah Talley

The Top Down Circular Yoke Sweater Class: Circular yoke is such a wonderful way to design your own sweater because it is beginner friendly, fits well, and looks beautiful with colorwork and gansey motifs! In this class, I will provide a circular yoke pattern, but will also give you the tools to customize it to create the sweater of your dreams.

The Sweater Cheat Sheet: One of my first knitwear design classes was The Sweater Cheat Sheet, a quick and easy walkthrough for knitting drop shoulder, raglan, and circular yoke sweaters and cardigans from any direction! I will give you the tools and the easy math so that by the end of the class, you will feel confident enough to pick a sweater style to knit without a pattern.

Knit 2 Socks in 1: Join me as I demonstrate my unique Knit 2 Socks in 1 method, as seen in my book, Knit 2 Socks in 1: Discover the easy magic of turning one king sock into a pair! This sock method completely eliminates second sock syndrome and simplifies the sock knitting process without compromising fit and versatility.

The Cowlette Class: If you've never heard of a cowlette, then you are in for a treat. A cowlette is the perfect marriage between a shawllette and a cowl. It's a quick and easy, customizable neck accessory that combines the fun motifs and shapes of a shawl with the wear-ability of a cowl! In this class we will cover Cowlette anatomy, cowlette shapes, motifs, and cast on!



Class Schedule

Friday AM: 9:00am-12:00pm

Knit to Fit	Barry Klein
Circular Bag of Tricks	Patty Lyons
Shetland Lace	Laura Nelkin
Sew a Fine Seam	Margaret Radcliffe
TD Circular Yoke Sweater	Safiyyah Talley
Marls Colorwork (all day)	Cecelia Campochiaro

Friday PM: 1:30pm-4:30pm

From the Neck Down	Barry Klein
Advanced Fixes	Patty Lyons
Save Your Stitches	Laura Nelkin
Edges and Boarders	Margaret Radcliffe
Sweater Cheat Sheet	Safiyyah Talley
Marls Colorwork (cont.)	Cecelia Campochiaro

Saturday AM: 9:00am-12:00pm

Flipped Over Stitches	Barry Klein
Chart it	Patty Lyons
Design Your Own Cowl	Laura Nelkin
Cast On Cornucopia	Margaret Radcliffe
Knit 2 Socks in 1	Safiyyah Talley
Shawl Sequence Knitting	Cecelia Campochiaro

Saturday PM: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Tuck it to Play	Barry Klein
Build a Better Fabric	Patty Lyons
Novus Sweaters	Laura Nelkin
Variegated Yarn	Margaret Radcliffe
Cowlette Class	Safiyyah Talley
Magical Broken Garter	Cecelia Campochiaro

Retreat Schedule

Thursday, September 29th

Check in at UMass hotel and Retreat Registration before 5pm.
6:00pm: Welcome dinner hosted by Valley Yarns, Tahki/Stacy Charles, and Kathy and Steve Elkins
8:00pm-9:30pm: Late-night knitting and socializing with cash bar in the late night lounge.

Friday, September 30th

8:00am: Breakfast
9:00am-Noon: Morning classes
12:15pm -1:15pm: Lunch with sponsor presentation
1:30pm-4:30pm: Afternoon classes
6:00pm: Dinner with cash bar and sponsor presentation
8:00pm-9:30pm: Late-night knitting and socializing with cash bar in the late night lounge.

Saturday, October 1st

8:00am: Breakfast
9:00am - Noon: Morning Classes
12:15pm - 1:15pm: Lunch with sponsor presentation
1:30pm - 4:30pm: Afternoon classes
4:30pm - 6:00pm: Boxed Dinner Pick-up
WEBS Shopping Spree featuring trunk shows and special deals! **FREE SHIPPING** for purchases.
8:30pm:-10:00pm: Late-night knitting and socializing with cash bar in the late night lounge.

Sunday, October 2nd

9:30am: Brunch with Keynote Speaker, Patty Lyons
11:00am: Check out of hotel.
WEBS will be open from 11:00am until 1:00pm for last minute shoppers!

Make sure you leave extra time before you travel home on Sunday to explore the beautiful downtown Northampton area. Have a late lunch, browse our many clothing boutiques and local artisan galleries, and leave with wonderful memories, new friends made, and a resolve to join us for our WEBS Knitting Retreats in 2023!



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Special One-Time-Only Fall 2022 Retreat Packages!

We are pleased to announce a very special opportunity for the WEBS Fall, 2022 Knitting Retreat!

All attendees will enjoy the same fantastic classes, exciting sponsor events, excellent food and the exclusive Shopping Night at WEBS that are trademarks of our In Person Retreat Weekends. The only difference is that some of you will be able to make your own accommodations! Space is still limited for both packages, so we encourage you to be ready as soon as registration opens at 12pm EDT on Thursday, July 21st!

Worsted Package: \$1,599

Includes classes, all meals, all sponsor presentations, Late Night Lounge events, shopping night with free shipping, swag bag, and **3 nights of (single) room accommodations!**

Sport Package: \$899

Includes classes, all meals, all sponsor presentations, Late Night Lounge events, shopping night with free shipping, and a swag bag!