

KNITTING GUILD OF GREATER BUFFALO
SPRING SEMINAR - May 4-5, 2019
HYATT PLACE HOTEL, 5020 Main Street, Amherst, NY 14226

We are very excited to welcome Lorilee Beltman to Buffalo for our annual weekend seminar. Classes are \$35 each for members (\$45 for non-members).

1. Registrations postmarked or received by February 15, 2019 from Guild Members will be registered in order of receipt for as many classes as you wish.
2. All registrations postmarked or received after February 15, 2019 by Guild members or non-members will be registered in order of receipt.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONFIRMED BY EMAIL.

Class Descriptions:

Saturday, May 4th, 2019. Morning Session 9-12:

PICK YOUR KNITS & PURLS- Introduction to Continental Knitting -

When you learn Lorilee's brand of continental knitting, you will minimize your hand motions for a more comfortable, and perhaps speedier, way to knit. Each finger has a job to do. Understand exactly what motions have a bearing on stitch gauge. (It's not what you think!) Learn to create even knitting by sizing your knits and purls equally. Learn how your choice of tools affects your outcome. Practice the knit stitch then move on to purl, increases, decreases, and ribbing where efficiency really pays off.

Supplies:

__50 grams of smooth, light-colored, #4 (worsted-weight), multi-ply wool (no cotton, acrylic, or splitty yarns)

__24 - 40", smooth, circular needle, 3.75mm/US5 to 4.5mm/US7, slippery steel preferred. Note: If you have a wooden needle this size, you may use it instead. No straight needles as they will hinder the learning process.

Homework

If you do not currently know how to knit, you are exempt from the homework, but please arrive at class 15 minutes early to receive help from the instructor. All others: Cast on 24 stitches and using your current knitting style to work 2" in Garter Stitch, 2" in Stockinette Stitch, and 2 - 3" of k2, p2 ribbing. Bind off. Cast on 24 stitches again and work four rows of knit stitch. Do not bind off; bring work to class on the needles along with your completed swatch.

Saturday, May 4th, 2019. Afternoon Session 1-4:

COLORS THAT CLIMB - Stranding color vertically in your knitting offers new possibilities where many colors can be worked at once! We will learn how to introduce the new color strands to our work, how to work with them so they are user friendly, and how to adequately anchor the stitches – without overdoing it. Once you learn the tricks in class, the technique is easy to execute and repeat. Everyone can do it. The beauty happens in creative applications. We will work one simple stockinette motif to learn the rules then on a lace and purled version. Lastly knitters will work their choice of the many motifs remaining in the handout. Any of the motifs can be worked into existing plain patterns without ruining the gauge nor the elasticity of the fabric. I'll show you how and inspire you with stacks of samples. Class demonstrations are done in both in English and Continental styles.

Note: Must be comfortable working in the round at a small circumference as for a mitten or sock. You may use DPNs, two circulars, or Magic Loop but must be able to do so unassisted. Some experience with two-handed color work is a plus, but not necessary.

Supplies:

- Completed homework still on the needles
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Homework:

With any color of worsted-weight yarn from your stash (something like Cascade 220) and needles size US 5, 6, or 7, cast on 36 stitches. Join to work in the round. Knit three rounds. Break yarn. Do not bind off. Bring to class on the needles. I will provide additional yarns to continue the project (for a small fee). The needles you use for __ homework, whether DPNs, two circulars, or one long circular for magic loop can be used for the entire class. I find Magic Loop a good choice for this class, but anything will work. Choose what you already know.

***Materials fee:* \$4 wool yarn in multiple colors for a variety and to achieve consistent results.**

Sunday, May 5, 2019. Morning Session 9 - 12:

PURE MAGIC - Learn all the possibilities of Magic Loop Cast-On. Symmetrical lace scarves? You don't have to use and pick out waste yarn. Shawls that start with a garter-stitch tab? You don't have to pick up stitches on that icky cast-on edge. Toe-up socks? You don't have to tighten up loose stitches from Turkish or figure-8 cast-on, plus we will learn a common wedge-toe and a rounded-toe version. Infinity loop cowls? You don't have to pick out the waste yarn of a provisional cast-on. Hems? You don't have to sew down, and you don't have to pick up bumps of a long-tail cast-on and wonder if you're in the right column. This is general knitting knowledge you will apply to many areas of your knitting life.

Supplies:

- About 50 grams worsted-weight wool or wool blend yarn in a color that is easy to use
- Only circular needles 32 inches or 40 inches long. (24 inches is too short.) Bring a needle kit or three needles in a range appropriate for worsted-weight. Gauge is not critical for class.
- Blunt tapestry needle
- Scissors.

Homework - None

Sunday, May 5, 2019. Afternoon Session 1 - 4:

COLORFUL CABLES THREE WAYS - You don't have to choose between texture and color in your knitting. You can have both. We'll knit 3 swatches, worked flat. In one swatch, we'll work 2-handed-stranded knitting with cables. In another, we'll try our hand at 2-stitch-wide cables offset by the main color. In a third, our colorful cables will travel over a reverse stockinette background. I'll have a fourth option in our handout, if there's time. Speaking of having it both ways: we'll learn how to make these cables traditionally with a cable needle and be a little radical and learn to make them without!

Note: Students should be able to accomplish simple 2/2 right cross and left cross cables before attending this class.

Supplies:

__ 50 grams each of 2 smooth, 2 to 4-ply #4 (worsted-weight) yarn in light colors.

__ Appropriate size needles

__ Any type cable needle for worsted-weight yarn.

__ Knitting Basics: Sharp scissors, Notebook, Pen or pencil with eraser, Stitch markers, Tapestry needles (large and small), Tape measure, Small calculator, Needles and crochet hooks of various sizes.

Homework:

None.

Complete Registration Form and submit with payment by mail or at any meeting. PayPal accepted at meetings only. Registration to the general public will open after February 15, 2019 if space allows.

*LAST NAME
(please print)

*FIRST NAME

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Mail or Deliver your registration to: **Cecile Minkoff, 210 Saranac Ave., Buffalo, NY 14216**

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Checks should be made payable to Knitting Guild of Greater Buffalo

To register for classes, enclose a check for \$35.00 per class (\$45.00 per class for non-members). One check for all classes is desired.

____ Saturday, May 4, morning: **PICK YOUR KNITS & PURLS** (continental knitting)

____ Saturday, May 4 afternoon: **COLORS THAT CLIMB**** (vertical stranded knitting)

____ Sunday, May 5, morning: **PURE MAGIC** (magic cast-on)

____ Sunday, May 5, afternoon: **COLORFUL CABLES THREE WAYS**

Number of classes _____ x \$35 (\$45 for non-members) = _____ (Amount enclosed)

*Name: _____

*Email Address (Please Print Clearly!!!) _____

*Daytime Phone number (Cell is preferable) _____

**please note, there is a \$4 materials fee for this class

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*** Information Required. Note: for class registration you must have an email address to receive confirmation. If you do not have an email address of your own, please list the email address of someone who will forward this information to you.**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hyatt for seminar participants at the rate of \$139/night plus taxes and fees.