

*WEBS 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary!*



**WEBS**  
Knitting Retreat





## WEBS Virtual Spring Knitting Retreat

April 18th to April 21st, 2024

Our WEBS Spring Knitting Retreat is virtual for April 2024! We want you to have the fun of the Retreat from your own living room or craft space, and we all hope you'll be excited to join us this spring!

### What's Included?

Sumptuous swag bags that will be mailed to attendees

Two days of online classes, as well as morning yoga

Virtual trunk shows and Q&A sessions with our sponsors

An exclusive shopping coupon code just for retreat attendees

WEBS 50th Anniversary surprises along the way!

### Instructors

We have some of the most talented instructors sharing their expertise this weekend!

Nina Machlin Dayton

Edie Eckman

Kim McBrien Evans

Keith Leonard

Toni Lipsy

Patty Lyons

Gale Zucker





# Teacher Bios

## Nina Machlin Dayton

Nina Machlin Dayton has been knitting and designing, and teaching knitting and design, for over 45 years. Her first professional knitting job was back in the 1980's when she did hand knitting for couturier designer Joan Vass, and she has never looked back. She is a season 6 Knit Star and leads the team that created and runs the annual Indie Design Gift-A-Long on Ravelry. A native New Yorker, she now lives in the beautiful Pioneer Valley in western Massachusetts, with her family and cats, in an old Victorian house stuffed to the rafters with books, yarn, and all things vintage knitting, crochet, dressmaking, and millinery. You can learn more about Nina's designs at: <https://www.ravelry.com/designers/nina-machlin-dayton> or follow her on Instagram @ninamachlindayton



## Toni Lipsey

Toni Lipsey, the designer and instructor behind TL Yarn Crafts, strives to spark others' creativity through online tutorials and modern, approachable crochet patterns. Toni learned to crochet from her mother as a teenager and has been exploring the possibilities of yarn ever since. She offers hundreds of crochet patterns on her website and thousands of hours of crochet instruction and inspiration on her YouTube channel. When she's not crocheting, you can find Toni cuddled with her 2 kittens and husband in her Michigan home, binge-watching the latest true-crime thriller. Follow her daily crochet journey on Instagram and pick up her book, *The Tunisian Crochet Handbook*, and patterns on [tlyarncrafts.com](http://tlyarncrafts.com).





## Teacher Bios

### Patty Lyons

Patty Lyons (<http://pattylyons.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.



### Kim McBrien Evans

Curiosity and exploration are the name of the game for knitwear designer and indie hand dyer, Kim McBrien Evans. A lifelong love of colour, texture, and pattern prompted Kim to transition from working artist to textile maven. Her knitwear designs are known for their ability to turn an abstract idea into a textile reality while simultaneously fitting and flattering every body. Her yarn company, Indigodragonfly, is renowned for its vibrant colours, offbeat names, and ever expanding plan for world domination. She lives and works in the woods of Central Ontario.

Explore Kim's many designs in her design gallery at <https://kimmcbrienevans.ca/home/design-gallery/>



Keynote Speaker  
Patty Lyons





# Teacher Bios

## Keith Leonard

Keith Leonard began his knitting journey when he joined a lunch time knitting program in elementary school. Once the knitting bug bit, the itch never went away. After graduating from college, he started a knitwear finishing business called Knits All Done, completing hundreds of finishing projects for clients all over the United States. His finishing expertise organically transitioned into teaching knitting classes, and he has taught his skills to thousands of knitters throughout the country. In 2019 Keith started his own yarn line, yarnsnobyarns.com, and he currently spends his days producing astonishingly vibrant skeins to put in the hands of knitters.



## Edie Eckman

Edie serves as a technical editor for yarn companies and independent publishers. Her designs have appeared in *Knitters*, *Interweave Crochet*, *Creative Knitting*, *Knit N Style*, and many other publications. She has taught at Stitches events, Vogue Knitting Live, The National Needlearts Association, The Knit & Crochet Show, Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair, New York State Sheep & Wool Festival (Rhinebeck), Fall Fiber Festival (Montpelier), and other national venues. Her articles and designs have appeared in many yarn company publications and magazines. Edie is the author of *Every Which Way Crochet Borders*, *Christmas Crochet for the Hearth, Home & Tree*, *Connect the Shapes Crochet Motifs*, *Socks to Knit for Those You Love*, *Around the Corner Crochet Borders*, *The Crochet Answer Book*, *Beyond the Square Crochet Motifs*, and *Pincushions to Sew*. Together with Judith Durant, she edited *Crochet One-Skein Wonders* and *Crochet One-Skein Wonders for Babies*.





## Toni Lipsey

**Tunisian Crochet for Absolute Beginners:** Join guest instructor Toni Lipsey for a beginner-level introduction to Tunisian crochet. Resting at the intersection of knitting and crochet, Tunisian crochet brings the best of these crafts into a new dimension. Discover the excitement of this addictive technique and walk out of class with your first project - the Geo Potholder, an exclusive pattern from Toni's book The Tunisian Crochet Handbook.

**Decoding Tunisian Crochet Patterns:** Learning to read Tunisian crochet patterns opens a whole new world of creativity! In this workshop, crochet designer and author Toni Lipsey will guide you through how to read Tunisian crochet patterns with ease, with an emphasis on basic stitches, abbreviations, and reading charts.

**Tunisian Crochet Stitch Exploration:** Dive deeper into the world of Tunisian crochet as you learn 4 unique and beautiful stitches. Master close textures, lacy patterns, and beginner colorwork. Combine those stitches with joining and finishing techniques for a beautiful and unique sampler blanket.

### **Beginner Tunisian Crochet -Lamia Wrap:**

Sophistication meets skill-building in the Lamia Wrap, a beginner-friendly triangle shawl pattern. Start with just three stitches and watch your shawl grow alongside your Tunisian crochet confidence.



### **Gale Zucker**

Professional photographer, lifelong knitter & maker, Gale tries to combine the two as often as possible. Check out her website [here](#) and follow her on [Instagram!](#)

# Classes

## Nina Machlin Dayton

**Mastering Short Rows (all-day):** We will learn and practice the 4 most popular short row techniques, understand the purpose and uses of short rows, and learn the formulas needed to substitute one type of short row for another, if the pattern you are making doesn't use your favorite one.you made in class!

**Bead Your Knitting:** We will knit a beautiful beaded swatch that will allow us to go over several methods for adding beads to your knitting - a beaded cast on with pre-strung beads, 2 methods of adding beads to your knitting as you go, and a beaded bind off. As a bonus you will get the Brillare Cowl pattern which will allow you to create a beaded cowl using the techniques used in the swatch you made in class!

**Swatching for Success:** A gauge swatch will tell you everything you need to know about the final outcome of the hours you'll spend with some beautiful yarn and your favorite needles. In this class students will dissect the elements of a properly knit gauge swatch including stitch count, row count, fabric characteristics, swatching for even patterned fabrics and uneven patterned ones lace, swatching for patterns knit in the round, and the best way(s) to block your swatches for best results. Your knitting wants you to take this class!

### **Fabulous Photos for Knitters:**

#### **Creating and Editing Images in Your Phone:**

In this two hour virtual zoom workshop, professional knitwear photographer Gale Z gorgeous photos with your phone, images that will tell the story of your knitting beautifully! Gale will live demo photo editing using a powerful and friendly app, available for both IOS and Android.





# Classes

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## Kim McBrien Evans

### **Bums and Bellies: Sweater Shaping for Your Body:**

Using your measurements and worksheets, we'll look at how to master the fit of sweater patterns to YOUR body, and what those modifications look like in a simplified form.

**Boob Camp: Bust Darts for Every Body:** Learn life changing techniques for those of us with larger chests. Sweaters look best when they fit us in our shoulders and properly accommodate our chest. Bring your yarn, your needles and learn how to choose a size and to construct 2 types of bust darts for your chest, giving you endless choice for modifying any sweater pattern.

### **I Hate Seaming: a Seaming Class for the Rest of Us:**

Do you hate seaming? Me too. Or do I? Garments with seams have more structure, more stability, last longer and withstand the wear and tear of everyday life. But seaming often feels like that onerous task that we loathe to do and avoid at all costs. Not anymore! Let me show you how to set yourself for seaming success.

### **Breaking the Rules: Building Unique Shawl Shapes:**

Contemporary shawls build on tradition, yet defy it openly. Shawls are for all genders and all sizes and are limited only by your imagination. Take what you know about traditional shapes and learn to bend, twist and break those shawl recipes. Learn how to manipulate shape for depth, for length and for colour and stitch play to start creating unique shawls just for you.

## Patty Lyons

**Knitting ER:** We'll learn how to read your knitting and master the basics that every knitter needs to know, how to unknit, how to pick up a dropped stitch in stockinette, how to fix garter, how to fix a mistake in a stitch pattern such as rib or seed, and how to fix your stitch mounts to avoid twisted stitches. We'll also learn a few fancy tricks like picking up a dropped stitch at the end of your row or using a small needle to safely rip down to. Everyone makes mistakes; now learn that it doesn't have to ruin your knitting!

**Knitting Bag of Tricks:** 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, I'll set you on your path to start to play with adjusting and combining to create your custom stitches. After the class you'll be set for using both graph paper and some imaginative three-dimensional tools to start to lay out your own stitch and even start to swatch it.

**Combination Knitting:** Have you tried learning continental, but the purl messes you up? Do you feel like you often have uneven tension? Do you have rowing out (your purl row is taller than your knit row). Or perhaps you are already a combination knitter and you've ever been told you knit "wrong", or been asked "what are you doing", take heart . . . there are no wrong ways to knit as long as we control our stitches. A combination knitter works through the back loop to knit, and the front loop to purl. It can be a fast and easy way to knit, but simple adjustments must be made to follow Western patterns, like how to knit in the round, and understand left and right slanting increases and decreases, and how to work twisted pattern stitches. If you are a Western knitter, then learn the amazing advantages to this knitting methods and how and when you would combine it with your own. If you are a Combination Knitter, learn how to make stitches better and easier for your style.



# Classes

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## Eddie Eckman

**25 Tips for Better Knitting (all-day):** Enjoy your knitting more and improve your finished projects! In this fun, fast-paced class Eddie will show you tricks to better understand your knitting, avoid frustration, prevent mistakes, and save both time and money. Sometimes we don't know what we don't know, especially as beginning and intermediate knitters. This class features techniques to help grow your skills and provides resources for you to continue that exploration after class.

**Unlearn to Knit:** You learned the rules: Put your needle in this way, wrap your yarn that way. Now unlearn those rules to gain control of your knitting. No matter how long you've been knitting or what your knitting style, understanding the structure of the knitted fabric and how the stitches are related to one another is the key to becoming an expert knitter. We'll have fun exploring what it really means to take a length of string and turn it into a fabric. If time allows, we'll even "knit back backwards"! You'll leave class with the confidence and ability to fix mistakes, take shortcuts, and be the master of your stitches.

**Easy Stitches for Impatient Knitters:** Bored with stockinette and garter stitch, but too busy for something difficult? Learn these quick-and-easy stitch patterns to keep your interest and allow you to watch the ball game at the same time!

## Keith Leonard

**No Fear Brioche Stitch :** Brioche stitch is all the rage! Gazing upon a brioche pattern may be intimidating, but this class will break down its components as you begin to master this unique and oddly constructed stitch pattern. Brioche stitch makes for a lofty and squishy fabric that is perfect for sweaters, scarves hats and blankets. Come join the fun and learn some new knitting abbreviations such as "Bark" and "Burp"!

**Flawless Finishing:** Learn to professionally assemble your knitwear from the finishing master, Keith Leonard, owner of Knits All Done. In this class, you will use your prepared swatches to learn Keith's tricks behind five different seams. You will also learn the correct way to pick up stitches across both the top and sides of our knitting. Be amazed as the magic unfolds and walk away with the proficient skills to finish your knitwear professionally for years to come.

**Short Rows Revamped:** In this class Keith will teach you how to properly work short rows using two different colors or yarn to create 1 of 24 squares that combined turn into a beautiful afghan called "The Lizard Ridge." Learn how short rows build your knitting and where to use them in different projects. Disclaimer: Once started, this project will be hard to put down. Be prepared for addiction, laughter and bursts of color!

**Keith's Mind Blowing Tips & Tricks:** Is the first stitch of your knitting loose? Do you cast on a new project in both knit and purl? Do you hem the bottom of your knitting? Is your bind off uneven when knitting in the round? Is there a magical loose bind off? How much yarn do you need for the long tail cast on? Why aren't my stitches even? What is the proper way to measure? Should I slip the first stitch of every row? Find the answer to these questions and many more!



## Virtual Class Schedule

### Friday, 11:00am-1:00pm

Basic Photography Skills For Knitters	Gale Zucker
25 Tips for Better Knitting (all day)	Edie Eckman
No Fear Brioche Stitch	Keith Leonard
Beginning Tunisian Crochet	Toni Lipsey
Sweater Shaping for Your Body	Kim McBrien Evans
Mastering Short Rows (all-day)	Nina Machlin Dayton

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Knitting Bag of Tricks	Patty Lyons
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Shorts Rows Revamped	Keith Leonard
Tunisian Crochet Stitch Exploration	Toni Lipsey
Seaming for the Rest of Us	Kim McBrien Evans
Bead Your Knitting	Nina Machlin Dayton

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Combination Knitting	Patty Lyons
Easy Stitches for Impatient Knitters	Edie Eckman
Mindblowing Tips and Tricks	Keith Leonard
Tunisian Crochet - Lamia Wrap	Toni Lipsey
Building Unique Shawl Shapes	Kim McBrien Evans
Swatching for Success	Nina Machlin Dayton

## Virtual Retreat Schedule

### Thursday, April 18th

6:00pm: Welcome Zoom meeting  
7:30pm-8:30pm: Late-Night Sponsor Presentation

### Friday, April 19th

8:00am-9:00am: Morning Yoga  
9:00am-10:00am: Morning Tea Time  
11:00am-1:00pm: Early afternoon classes  
1:30pm-2:30pm: Afternoon Sponsor presentation  
3:00pm-5:00pm: Late afternoon classes  
5:30pm-6:30pm: Evening Presentation/Event  
7:30pm-8:30pm: Late-Night Sponsor presentation

### Saturday, April 20th

8:00am-9:00am: Morning Yoga  
9:00am-10:00am: Morning Tea Time  
11:00am-1:00pm: Early afternoon classes  
1:30pm-2:30pm: Afternoon Sponsor presentation  
3:00pm-5:00pm: Late afternoon classes  
5:30pm-6:30pm: Evening Presentation/Event  
7:30pm-8:30pm: Late-Night Sponsor presentation

### Sunday, April 21st

9:30am-10:30am: Morning Tea Time  
11:00am-12:00pm: Keynote speech by Patty Lyons



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### Merino Package - \$375

4 class hours; access to lounge and all presentations and activities;  
free shipping code and swag bag

### Alpaca Package - \$450

6 class hours; access to lounge and all presentations and activities;  
free shipping code and swag bag

### Cashmere Package - \$525

8 class hours; access to lounge and all presentations and activities;  
free shipping code and swag bag