



# The 2026 Vermont Knitting Retreats with Beth Brown-Reinsel

🌸 May 14-17, 2026  
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The intricately patterned gloves from the Sanquhar district of 19th century Scotland are a joy and a challenge to knit. Worn by the common folk and elite as well, these hand garments required skill and an understanding of the geometry of the design. In this class, learn how to design this type of glove to fit your hand and explore the many pattern options of both the ribbing and glove body. You will have several motifs to choose from, depending on

your chosen size and gauge. Over the length of the workshop, most of a full-sized glove will be knitted. In addition, learn about yarn dominance and how to manage two yarns at a time, in three different knitting styles (two yarns in the right hand, two yarns in the left hand, or a yarn in each hand) as well as reading your knitting, rather than following a pattern, to create these marvelous gloves.

## Scottish Sanquhar Glove



### Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Student must be experienced and comfortable working with double pointed needles. If you prefer and are proficient in Magic Loop, or working with 2 circular needles, bring the appropriate needles.

## Oct. 29–Nov. 1

Students will learn how to construct a 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 using traditional construction techniques including the classic Channel Island Cast-on, split welts, seam stitches, traditional knit/purl patterns, the under-arm gusset, shoulder straps with perpendicular joining, picked-up sleeves, and triangular neck gussets. Once the sweater is completed, students will then

explore alternative construction methods and apply all the techniques by planning, designing, and charting their own sized garment.

## Designing Ganseys



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# Come to Vermont to knit and learn!

Nestled in the foothills of the Green Mountains of southern Vermont, knitting retreats are held by Beth Brown-Reinsel every year. A variety of traditional workshops, based on Beth's research in many European museums, is offered to deepen the skill level of intermediate knitters. Attended by warm and friendly knitters from all over North America, the extended weekend is full of camaraderie, good food, interesting classes, and a lovely setting. All the sessions will be held in the Dutton Farmhouse, which is situated on an historic apple farm.

*There are four available bedrooms on-site—they book up quickly—with hotels nearby.*



## The Schedule:

**Thursday Evening:** Arrive by 4, Wine & Schmooze at 5:00, dinner at 5:30

**Friday:** Breakfast- 8:30, Class- 9:30 -12:30, Lunch until 1:30, Class 1:30 -4:30

**Saturday:** Breakfast- 8:30, Free time- until 12:30, Lunch until 1:30, Class from 1:30-4:30.

**Sunday:** Breakfast- 8:30, Class- 9:30 -12:30, Lunch at 12:30, Photos and Goodbye.

## The Cost:

\$645 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. Sometimes the group will go out or bring dinner in.)

## Getting There:

- ❖ AmTrak and Greyhound both serve Brattleboro with one trip north and south each day.
- ❖ The closest airports are Hartford, CT (BDL), Manchester, NH (MHT), Albany, NY (ALB) and Boston, MA (BOS).
- ❖ For driving directions, enter "Dutton Farmhouse 255 Dutton Farm Road, Dummerston, VT 05301" into Google Maps
- ❖ Brattleboro Car Rental (Enterprise) 801 Putney Rd Unit 1, Brattleboro: 802-257-4700
- ❖ Taxi service is not always available--email Beth to confirm: bethknits@mac.com
- ❖ Uber will come here if reserved ahead of time.

## Staying There:

The following hotels are within 5-10 minutes and 5-10 miles of the workshop.

❖ The Hampton Inn	802.254.5700	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/The-Hampton-Inn">https://tinyurl.com/The-Hampton-Inn</a>
❖ Comfort Inn & Suites	802.579.1344	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/The-Comfort-Inn">https://tinyurl.com/The-Comfort-Inn</a>
❖ Holiday Inn Express	802.257.2400	<a href="https://www.holidayinnexpress.com/hotels/us/en/reservation">https://www.holidayinnexpress.com/hotels/us/en/reservation</a>
❖ The Latchis	802-254-6300	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/The-Latchis-Hotel">https://tinyurl.com/The-Latchis-Hotel</a>
❖ Chesterfield Inn, NH	603.256.3222	<a href="http://www.chesterfieldinn.com">www.chesterfieldinn.com</a>

**You can find more class details at:** <https://knittingtraditions.com/workshops/beths-vermont-retreats/>

**To Reserve Your Place in the Retreat:** Please email John Crane at [knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com) to indicate your interest in attending a particular workshop and/or reserving a bedroom at Dutton Farmhouse, for which there is an additional charge. He will email you information about sending a \$150 deposit to secure your spot.

If you have any questions, or for more information, email John: [knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com](mailto:knitting.traditions.retreats@gmail.com)

*We hope to see you at the next retreat!*