



Spring Break With Merike Saarniit!

MEET AND GREET

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 7 PM
CREVE COEUR GOV'T CENTER
300 N. New Ballas Rd.

Merike Saarniit has been teaching workshops in knitting for over 20 years, and at most Stitches events since 2000. The combination of her traditional Estonian heritage (including serious research of Estonian knitting) and her contemporary degree in Studio Art contribute to her unique designs and workshop presentations.

ALL GUILD MEMBERS ARE INVITED...

EVENT IS FREE BUT REGISTRATION IS **REQUIRED**

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- **Members Only**
 - **Postmark deadline for lottery*:
January 18, 2012**
*Workshops will be assigned on a lottery basis (names are drawn until the limit of 25 participants);
 - PLEASE SEND A SEPARATE CHECK FOR EACH WORKSHOP. THIS WAY WE CAN EASILY RETURN YOUR CHECK IF A WORKSHOP FILLS UP IN THE LOTTERY.
 - YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION – PLEASE SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE
 - LUNCH IS NOT INCLUDED. FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT INTO THE FACILITY. A LIST OF LOCAL RESTURANTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WORKSHOP.
 - OUR RIDE-A-LONG COORDINATOR WILL ASSIST WITH CAR POOLS AS THE WORKSHOP DATES GET CLOSER.

Questions? Call May Webster at
(314) 603-4748 or send an email to:
kraftmay@netscape.net

Classes at Drury Inn at Olive & I-270
Register at: www.druryhotel.com or:
call 1-800-658-0720. Use group # 2130235

SPRING BREAK WITH MERIKE SAARNIIT...

Sign me up!

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

RECEPTION/PRESENTATION:

Fri. March 23, 2012 7:00 p.m. Free _____
Meet & Greet

3 HOUR WORKSHOPS:

Sat. March 24, 2012 9am - Noon \$40 _____
Fiendishly Difficult Stitches

Sat. March 24, 2012 1:30 pm-4 pm \$40 _____
Elongated Stitches

Sun. March 25, 2012 9 pm- Noon \$40 _____
3-2-1 Round About

Sun. March 25, 2012 1:30 pm-4 pm \$40 _____
Patent Stitches

I'm interested in carpooling:

I am willing to drive _____ (how many? __)
I may need a ride _____
I will be spending a night _____
I would like a roommate _____
(names shared, not assigned)

Send:

This completed form,
A self addressed stamped envelope,
A separate check for each course with
checks payable to GSLKG:

May Webster
GSLKG Education VP
626 Clear Creek Ct.
Ballwin MO 63021

Merike Saarniit is on Facebook with pictures of her many designs and stitches. You can also find her courses with pictures at Stitches South and on Ravelry:

http://www.knittinguniverse.com/expos/57/0/class_list/?class_search=&class_times=all&teacher_id=8026&class_cat=

www.ravelry.com/designers/merike-saarniit

The courses offered are designed to extend a knitter's ability with inter-mediate (3-2-1 Round About) and advanced (Elongated, Patent stitches and Fiendishly Difficult) techniques.

More descriptions from another event with pictures:

<http://fiberandfolk.com/Classes/ViewClasses.PHP?teacher=Merike%20Saarniit>

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Drury Inn room rate is \$99.99 per night (1-4 Persons), for mentioning GSLKG when booking by 2/24. Eight additional bookings insures us a better classroom rate.

The Drury features a great hot break-fast every morning and hot "snacks" from 5 to 7 for either a meal or a starter.

There is an Applebee's in the hotel lobby and Lion's Choice across the parking lot. Within a mile east and west you will find at least 16 restaurants. Fast food to elegant dining; Pasta to Indian; Sandwiches to steaks. Something for any budget or food taste.

Overnight knitters will have access to a suite in the hotel for socializing and knitting between classes. (9am -12 mid-night).

Comments from previous students:

Please get Merike Saarniit's book published SOON!! I just finished 3 of her classes at Stitches Midwest and CAN'T WAIT until her book comes out! We are impatiently awaiting her book! (still not available)

Merike is totally sweet too, and her classes were really fun, as well as being loaded with very useable techniques.

MARK THE CLASSES YOU ASKED FOR AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Fiendishly Difficult Stitches Saturday 9-12

Yes, these are stitches for the adventurous knitter! Explore unusual stitch manipulations that create exotic fabrics. We'll look at what can designate a stitch as 'difficult' and find ways to understand and create those stitches efficiently.

Elongated Stitches Saturday 1:30-4:30

Knitters who enjoy exploring stitches and their variations will get a good start at this satisfying skill. Start this class with a basic stitch maneuver that elongates the stitching, this becomes exponentially more complex and exciting with every added element. By the end of class, you'll be enchanted with the prospect of future possibilities.

3-2-1 Round About Sunday 9-12

Three fun techniques for intriguing 2-color stitch patterns worked in the round with just one color at a time. We'll start a fingerless glove with a 2-color cast-on and explore 1 or 2 stitch patterns in each of 3 techniques suitable for socks, mittens, hats, or other items knit in the round. These are among many unusual stitch patterns found in old Estonian stitch libraries. Must be able to circular knit in some form.

Patent Stitches Sunday 1:30-4:30

Here's the fast and efficient Estonian method of creating those luscious brioche-stitch patterns that are so rich in texture. This technique is also used for unique cables and ribs that are sure to evoke "How'd you DO that?" comments. We'll swatch all-over patterns, 2-color patterns (where one color 'net' seems to float on a different color ground), and exotic-looking cables that don't require a cable needle.

Homework and supplies needs will be mailed/emailed with confirmation of the classes you will be taking.