

Blare Of Trumpets! (Ta Da & All That)! Get Ready for Our Second Big Depot Days Event!

On August 20-22, Artisan Knitworks welcomes the fabulous **Barry Klein**, owner of and chief designer for the Trendsetter Group, founded in 1988 by Myrna and Barry Klein. That's the company from which we get Trendsetter, Lana Grossa, Cardiff, and GGH yarns.

When the subject is **Barry Klein**, it's hard not to sound hyperbolic. But let me say, simply, that he has been called one of the ten best-known male knitters in the world. He is a masterful teacher – a top-notch designer and creative force with a gift for conveying complicated ideas in terms that all of us can understand – plus, he has a wicked sense of humor. He has been our good friend for decades and will end up your friend as well because he thinks of knitters and crocheters as members of a large, international family. Here are Barry's own words:



"Trendsetter started as a dream. My mother and I wanted to bring the most exciting, creative, innovative, and trendsetting yarns to the U.S. yarn market. After 30 years, I believe we've done just that. When asked what I do for a living, I say "I'm the luckiest person in the world. My job is different every day. I get to be creative in designing yarn and knitwear always looking for a new texture, color or way to generate something wearable. I get to travel the world looking for new yarns. I get to teach knitting on television and write books on knitting. I get to teach knitting on cruise ships, riverboats and at conventions around the globe. Most of all, I get to express my love for what I do every day because my clients are my friends and the people I teach and meet all become part of my knitting family. What truly expresses luck is to see that my staff backs my company and loves what we do as much as I do."

We also will welcome his wonderful influencer and sidekick, **Heidi Berger!** Again, in her own words, which do not fully capture her value to all of us:

In 1997 I came to Trendsetter Yarns looking for a short term job, and after all these years I'm still here. When I started, there were only three of us -- - our family has grown over the years. As office manager, I oversee that the daily customer operations run smoothly from orders to trunk shows to inventory control and invoicing. During my years at Trendsetter I've worked directly with Barry at all TNNA trade shows, our knitting cruises and some of our in store events, getting the opportunity to come face to face with the people I talk to.



Barry and Heidi arrive on Thursday, August 19. On Friday and Saturday, Barry will teach three fabulous workshops at the Chelsea Depot, which is one-half block from Artisan Knitworks. In the immediate vicinity, by the way, are two very cool espresso shops – Agricole, directly across from the Depot – and Zou Zou's, a scant block away. Zou Zou's will be our caterer for this three-day event.

PERKS!

With registration, you automatically receive catered lunch and refreshments for the days you attend Depot Days workshops. You also receive a 10% storewide discount on all full-price merchandise (except gift certificates, class tuition, and tools). This includes Sandra's hats and all other ready-to-go stuff. For each registration, you will also receive a 10-dollar gift certificate that can be redeemed anytime between August 20 and January 1, 2022 – including on class materials.

If you are coming from out of town, we recommend the Comfort Inn, Chelsea, a short drive from downtown. We would also recommend the Chelsea House Victorian Inn in the downtown area, two blocks from Artisan Knitworks, but it is usually fully booked. It would be worth a call.

Masking Policy

Barry, Heidi, and I ask that all participants be vaccinated. The Depot is big and airy; but if you feel more comfortable with a mask, please wear one. We are operating on the honor system here. Don't put your friends and neighbors at risk. Better yet, if you're not yet vaccinated, use this as an excuse to act!

Learning Opportunities and Schedule

On Friday, August 20, Barry Klein will offer two workshops. On Saturday, he'll offer a longer workshop. All are project-based, and all are designed to convey new skills. All are accessible to a wide range of knitters, from advanced beginners to the most advanced among us.

Friday Morning (9:30 to noon):

The Silky Short-Row Dream

Come to Artisan Knitworks a bit early. We begin in the shop for yarn selection (average cost, less than 75.00), then migrate to the Depot. This beautiful accessory, which can be scarf or shawl width, gives you ample experience with German short rows and the use of more than one yarn at a time. As you move along, Barry will offer lots of technical and design advice.

Lunch in the Depot (for both morning and afternoon registrants)

Friday afternoon (2:00 to 4:30):

Diagonal Slip-N-Slide Magic.



We begin again in the shop for yarn selection (average cost, 75.00); come to Artisan Knitworks a bit early. Here we have a scarf or shawl that provides experience with both diagonal knitting and slip-stitch knitting, working with two yarns in several colors, all at the same time. Barry has great expertise in the use of slip stitch and multi-row patterning and will share much of it in this workshop. It's also fun to learn how to work diagonally.



Saturday morning and afternoon (9:30-noon; 2:00-4:30):

Crazy Mitered Blanket

All-day workshop. LUNCH IS SUPPLIED AT NOON IN THE DEPOT. We begin at Artisan Knitworks, a bit early for yarn selection. Bring 3-5 balls of colorful DK or worsted-weight yarn from your own stash – these can include unusual textures. Additional yarns will be chosen at the shop; we then will migrate to the Depot. The result will be an utterly drop-dead beautiful blanket or throw (for adults or babies). You'll be well on your way when the day ends. Here, as with the other workshops, Barry has particular expertise with modular knitting and will offer information that you can use for years to come. This free-wheeling workshop is a celebration of creativity, texture, and color.



COST:

- One Friday workshop, \$50 plus yarn kit (required)
- Two Friday workshops, \$90 plus yarn kits (required)
- Saturday day-long workshop, \$100 (plus yarn)
- All workshops: \$185 (plus yarns, as required)

Sunday morning, approx. 10:30 until 1:30.

FREE WRAP-UP BRUNCH, CONTEST, and CONVERSATION WITH BARRY & HEIDI – Open to all registrants and to our community of fiber people!

Come to Artisan Knitworks (not the Depot) at 10:30 to enter a raffle for a big ball of Trendsetter SCAHA, a really fun wool-blend yarn from which you can make a scarf and hat. We'll have slips to fill out and put in a basket.

Optional: You can learn how to knit diagonally simply by buying a ball of Scaha. Barry and Heidi and Sandra will get you started on the scarf. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE REGISTERED IN ANY OF THE OTHER WORKSHOPS TO HAVE FUN WITH SCAHA! It's a great beginner project. Available for everyone will be a light brunch and beverages. During this period, you can talk with Barry about knitting and crochethe loves to solve problems – or just chill out. We might have a bottle of wine or some mimosas in house – but we can't say so because we don't have a liquor license.

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