

## **Classes**

All of these classes can be offered as one or two hour lecture/demo sessions or as one and two day hands-on workshops.

### **Bridging**

Probably the most liberating technique for working hand-manipulated stitches, bridging allows you to control the size and texture of each and every stitch on the bed of your machine. You'll be able to cross giant cables with no strain, work all-over popcorns with no ends to darn in later, or produce short rowed textures hat pop mid-row. Suitable for all machines, this is an indispensable technique for anyone who wants to master hand manipulations on a knitting machine.

### **Edgings**

None of us ever have enough ideas for finishing the edges of sweaters and shawls. Rib is not always the answer. Susan will demonstrate a collection of her favorite edges, including many that are joined as you knit. Suitable for all machines.

### **Hand Manipulated Potpourri**

Susan will demonstrate a collection of her favorite hand manipulated stitches, including Chinese knots, stegosaurus cables and applied surface textures. We'll do as many as time allows! Suitable for all machines

## **Three Hour Classes**

### **Managing Gauge**

All knitting is based on gauge – the number of stitches and rows that make an inch – and matching a pattern's gauge is essential in order for a sweater to knit to size. This workshop will address the times when you just can't match a gauge or you want to use a totally different weight yarn - or you want to begin designing your own sweaters. You'll learn how to convert gauges, refigure increases and decreases, substitute yarns, make alterations and ultimately, how to design your own sweaters. Beginners and advanced students will benefit equally from this workshop because understanding and being able to manipulate gauge is the key to great knitting. Ultimately, there is just no way around it. If your gauge is off, it just doesn't matter

### **Blocking and Finishing Hand Knits (homework required)**

If you are one of those hand knitters who dreads putting sweaters together, you'll leave this workshop with a whole new attitude about finishing! We'll cover basic blocking methods and a variety of seaming and finishing techniques. Knitting the pieces is only the beginning and the best knitting can be ruined by improper finishing. Get those projects out of the closet!