



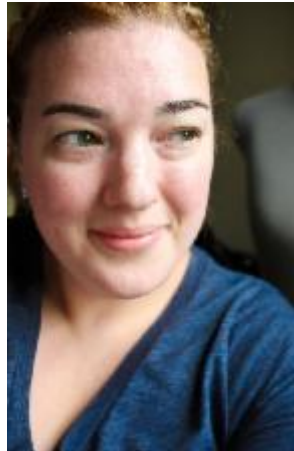
Charles Gandy, a TKGGA Master Knitter, learned to knit at the young age of four from his mother, a designer and shop owner. He designed his first sweater three years later and continues to create today. A two-time winner in the recent Knitter's Magazine "Think Outside the Sox" contest, three of his designs are featured in the new book of the same name: "Dread Sox", "Snake in the Grass" and "Pedicure Polk Socks". His own book, *The Embellished Sock: Knitted Art for the Foot* features eighteen creative sock patterns and numerous techniques and is available in yarn shops nationwide. His latest collection "Crazy Socks" for REGIA Yarns was recently introduced. His other designs are widely published in leading magazines and he is a popular teacher at workshops and conferences.



Kim Garnett was introduced to the fiber arts as a young girl by her grandmother, Lettie, who taught her to crochet and sew before the age of 10. She decided to teach herself to knit while in college, and she picked it up again about 10 years ago and hasn't put it down since. Knitting lace is her first love, but she has expanded into other areas. Socks and fair isle now run a close second. Kim began teaching a few years ago at Downtown Knits, and she really enjoys sharing her love of the craft with others. She is an engineer by day, and says "knitting keeps me from killing people."



Leslie Grabowski has been knitting and crocheting since five, when her mom taught her. Being a lifelong crafter, her creative journey has included beading, embroidery, sewing and painting. She's also an avid gardener and loves to redo furniture. Leslie has taught knitting, crochet and sewing in yarn shops and privately. She particularly enjoys working with mother/daughter groups. She is also a part-time French teacher for Fairfax County (VA) public schools and for Adult Ed classes. Leslie says: "Knitting is like an old friend to me; always there to celebrate a creative whim and comforting in times of stress. When admiring a fo, I'm always amazed that it started with a string of yarn!"



Tanis Gray is a two-time National winner of the DAR American Heritage Committee's Women in the Arts Awards for fiber arts. Author of *Capitol Knits*, *Knit Local* - winner of a gold IPPY Award, *Cozy Knits*, *Knitting Architecture & 3 Skeins or Less*. Host of "Tools of the Trade" on PBS' *Knitting Daily TV*.

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Debra M. Lee is a certified Craft Yarn Council of America teacher and an avid designer. She enjoys combining color, texture and structure into silhouette-flattering styles. Her designs can be found in Knitter's, Knit 'n Style, Jackets for Work and Play, A Gathering of Lace and on Ravelry. As an accomplished teacher, Debra encourages her students to knit with confidence and adventure. Her website is www.debramlee.com



Nancy Shroyer knits, spins, weaves, dyes, designs, teaches, and invents in Cary, NC. Nancy's philosophy is to make working with fiber easier for everyone. She has found many shortcuts, techniques and formulas that can save time and anxiety. This has led to her to develop Nancy's Knit Knacks, whose products are sold worldwide.