## JACKIE ERICKSON-SCHWEITZER

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### **OBJECTIVES**

To advance the art of knitting through innovative designs based on tradition in updated techniques approachable by today's modern knitter.

To excel in the design and creation of hand-knitted lace. To educate and preserve for succeeding generations, the appreciation of fine lace knitting as a functional art form.

To mentor in the design and technical skills of knitting, thus encouraging artists in their own individual knitted creations.

### QUALIFICATIONS, SHOWS, AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS

Professional Knitwear Designers Guild Certification in the categories of Author/Designer, Teacher, and Editor/Publisher

The Knitting Guild of America – Certified Master Knitter, Master Knitting Program; Jury Committee Evaluator for Master Knitting Program 1989 - 1991

Craft Yarn Council of America - Certified Knitting Instructor

Handweavers Guild of America - Spinning for Lace Learning Exchange Program Evaulator

HeartStrings Knitting Patterns, designer and publisher of quality knitting instruction for garments and accessories

HeartStrings FiberArts virtual gallery – www.HeartStringsFiberArts.com

The Sock Calendar: Socks for All Seasons – editor and publisher

The Sock Journal: Knit the Year in Socks - editor and publisher

The National Needlearts Association (TNNA) – Wholesale Member; member of Yarn Group and Designers/Teachers

Knits, Summer 2006, Interweave Press, cover feature "A Lace Primer – The Hole Story"

Knitnet, Summer 2006, EOB Inc, "Silk Smoke"

<u>Handspun Treasures from Rare Wools</u>, 2000, Interweave Press, "Cotswold Lace Blanket", contest winner in Spin-Off Magazine's Save the Sheep Project

Save the Sheep Traveling Exhibit, nationwide tour 2000 - 2001

Spin-Off, Winter 1999, Interweave Press, "Spanish Moss and Southern 'Belles' "

The Bulletin of the International Old Lacers, Inc. (IOLI), "Mini Lace and Beaded Flag", Winter 2001 - 2002

Knitting Pattern-a-Day Calendar, 2004 and 2005 editions, Accord Publishing

Handweavers Guild of America – juried into the Convergence 1998 Fashion Show

White House Blue Room Christmas Tree, permanent collection – designer and project coordinator for New Orleans Knitters Guild 1998 submission "Winter Wonderland"

Southeast Fiber Forum – 1997 Southern Alternatives Fashion Show, Viewer's Choice

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Master Knitting Program, The Knitting Guild of America - Evaluator

Learning Exchange Program, Handweavers Guild of America – Mentor, Spinning for Lace

John C Campbell Folk School – Instructor; lace knitting

Needlecraft University – Faculty member, knitting instructor various topics

TNNA trade shows – Knitting instructor, various topics

Nationwide conferences, retreats and guild events – Knitting and spinning instructor; various topics

HeartStrings Knitterly News, electronic newsletter and website archive with knitting tutorials and articles

Socknitters.com — Lace Cybersocks, on-line knitting class

Half-Fast Knitters of New Orleans – Founder, president, other offices and chair on several committees, instructor for many workshops and guild programs

New Orleans Weavers Guild – President, chair on several committees, instructor for many workshops and guild programs; knitting and spinning

Demonstrations at many Greater New Orleans festivals, school functions, and community library events; knitting, spinning and weaving

St. Charles Parish Continuing Education Department of Louisiana Public School Systems – Knitting instructor

Westie's Stitches, New Orleans LA - Knitting and crochet instructor

### **EDUCATION**

Master of Mathematics, North Carolina State University

Post-graduate courses, Business Administration, Loyola University

Mastery Course of Stitch Technique, Crescent City Needlework Guild

The Knitting Guild of America – Master Knitting Program; Teacher's Session; Professional Designer's Day

Professional Knitting Instructor Program, Craft Yarn Council of America

Various seminars and workshops in knitting, spinning, weaving, needlearts, dyeing, and basketry with nationally recognized instructors offered through both local guilds and events of national organizations such as Handweavers Guild of America Convergence, Southeast Fiber Forum, The Knitting Guild of America conferences, Interweave Press SOAR, XRX Inc. Stitches

### OTHER INTERESTS

Piano, Weaving, Spinning, Dyeing, Beading and Embellishment, Painting, Contract Tournament Bridge, Computer Systems Analysis and Design