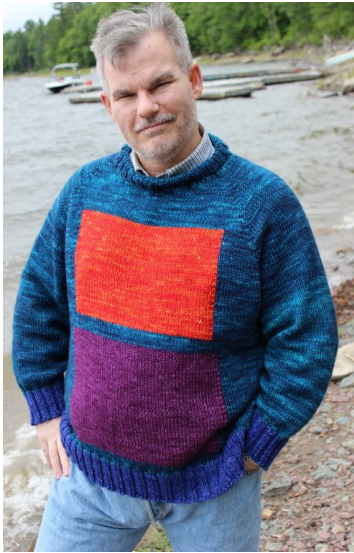


## Big Apple Knitters Guild GENERAL MEETING via Zoom *Members Only*

**Saturday, October 10, 1 PM – 4 PM**  
**Please begin check-in at 12:30 PM**

### GUEST SPEAKER: Lars Rains, Knitwear Designer, Author and Instructor



Lars is one of North America's experts on the Icelandic yoked sweater, *lopapeysa*. Twenty-seven years ago, Lars knitted one of his first sweaters made out of *Alafoss Loppi*. Today, Lars remains committed to developing and expanding his knitting techniques and improving his garment construction. His timeless circular yoke designs, with their wealth of color and detailed motifs, are unique to Shetland and Fair Isle knitting.

His design work has been featured in *Vogue Knitting*, *Interweave Knits*, *Knitty*, and other publications. In 2015, Lars published *Modern Loppi: One*, his first book of Icelandic patterns. One of the designs from that book, Hildur, won the Grand Prize at the inaugural Independent Designers contest in 2016. His latest book, *Presto: 10 Accessory Projects You Can Knit in a Weekend*, features simple designs for bulky accessories.

Lars teaches special education mathematics in Queens County, NY at a large urban high school and recently obtained his educational leadership and administration certifications. With endless opportunities to expand his teaching profession, he hopes to become a School Business Official and one day draft budgets for entire school districts.

Lars dedicates his spare time to his company, Modern Loppi, and his "new approach to Icelandic classic knitting." His patterns are available on Ravelry and his Modern Loppi website. Another goal is to complete and publish 30 new designs and a second book.

### PRESENTATION: The Anatomy of an Icelandic Sweater

Lars will present swatches and sweater designs from his collection and will demonstrate his unique method of creating an Icelandic sweater from the bottom up. Lars has provided a sample roadmap (in a separate attachment) with detailed steps on the art of knitting a circular yoke sweater. Follow along with Lars, and learn how he approaches the intricacies of color and stitch shaping. Lars will raffle off two autographed books: *Presto: 10 Accessory Projects You Can Knit in a Weekend* and *Modern Loppi: One*. He will also provide a discount coupon code for 20% off his Ravelry patterns.

### SHOW AND TELL

Be one of the 15 participants in our virtual Show and Tell. *No pre-registration required!* Here's all you need to do:

- **By October 7, 2020**, send a photo of your project, with a completed Show and Tell form (see attachment), to Kate Kosturski at [webmaster@bakg.org](mailto:webmaster@bakg.org). Photo and form must be received by October 7, 2020.
- **The first 15 responders** (*determined by email timestamps*) will be eligible to show their projects in the meeting.
- **If more than 15** people sign up, those members will be given priority for our next virtual meeting.

### VIRTUAL KNITTING PROJECT HELP SESSION

Following Lars's presentation, our luxury yarn raffle, and Show and Tell, BAKG member **Debby Scheinholtz** will host a **separate** Zoom session to help you get started if you are a beginner, or to assist you with an issue you're facing in your project. In this 45-minute virtual session, which is limited to 5 participants, Debby can help you develop a new skill, interpret a pattern, or fix an error. Participants will leave the BAKG Zoom meeting and log onto Debby's Zoom meeting. Here's what you need to do to **register** for the session:

1. Send an email **on or before October 7, 2020** to Debby Scheinholtz at [debby61@comcast.net](mailto:debby61@comcast.net) to reserve a spot. Participation will be limited to the first 5 members to sign up.
2. Also, **by October 7, 2020** you must email Debby with the following information: your issue, clear photos of your work, including close-ups of the right and wrong sides, and a clear picture of the pattern and designer name.
3. Confirmation of your participation, as well as the link to Debby's Zoom meeting, will come from Debby.

\* **Note:** *If you find the solution to your issue in advance of the meeting, please cancel your reservation to allow room for another member to participate.*

BAKG general meetings, workshops or other BAKG-sponsored events, whether in person or virtual, may be photographed and or recorded by audio and/or video. By your in-person or virtual participation at these meetings, you consent to the photography and/or recording and to the use of your image and/or recording in print and social media.

### LOOKING AHEAD: 2020 Zoom Meetings

Saturday, November 14    Norah Gaughan – Editor-in-Chief, *Vogue Knitting*  
Saturday, December 12    Paula Kucera – Owner, White Barn Farm Sheep & Wool

### FIRST QUARTER: 2021 Zoom Meetings

**Tuesday**, January 12    Shira Blumenthal – Ambassador, Lion Brand Yarns (6:00 – 8:00 PM)  
Saturday, February 13    Xandy Peters – Designer  
Saturday, March 13    Keith Leonard – Yarn Dyer and Instructor



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