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## **Knitting Heritage Museum Symposium Registration Opens**

MADISON, WI — What began as an idea to educate the public on the historical and cultural significance of knitting and crochet is now one step closer to becoming a reality. The [Wisconsin Historical Society](#), Dr. Ellsworth Brown, Director, is co-hosting a symposium titled “Knitting Heritage Museum: A Work in Progress,” Nov. 8-10 in Madison with a group of Knitting Heritage Museum volunteers. The [Yarn Group](#) of TNNA is a sponsor. Participants will discuss issues involved with making the Museum a brick-and-mortar facility and develop action plans for next steps.

“This symposium is intended for textile curators, conservators and collectors, educators, designers, industry representatives, passionate practitioners, and anyone who has ever thought that knitting and crochet deserved a museum, but didn’t know where to start,” notes Karen Kendrick-Hands, a yarn shop owner, designer and coordinator of the Museum project.

Speakers include:

- [Susan Strawn](#), author of *Knitting America: A Glorious Heritage from Warm Socks to High Art*
- Melissa Leventon, principal of [Curatrix Group Museum Consultants and Appraisers](#), and Consultant to the new Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles in Bangkok
- Trisha Malcolm, vice president and editorial director of [Vogue Knitting](#)
- Jack Blumenthal, vice president of [Lion Brand Yarn](#)

Highlights include the opening of a "Curators' Choice" exhibit of historic knitted and crocheted objects at the Wisconsin Historical Society, created in honor of the symposium, and a closing book signing with knit and crochet authors and designers as part of the [Wisconsin Book Festival](#).

Registration is \$175. Learn more at [Regonline.com/knittingheritagemuseumaworkinprogress](http://Regonline.com/knittingheritagemuseumaworkinprogress).

### **About the Knitting Heritage Museum**

Begun in 2011, the Knitting Heritage Museum is an initiative of North American knitters and crocheters exploring the creation of an American institute to provide a place to collect, preserve, document and share our knit and crochet heritage. Learn more at <http://knittingheritagemuseum.wordpress.com> and like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/KnittingHeritageMuseum>.