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**SAVE THE DATE! INTERNATIONAL KNITTERS
GATHER IN SEATTLE FOR
THE 2010 *NORDIC KNITTING CONFERENCE***

**Three-Day Conference features Top Knitting Instructors
and Designers from the U.S. and Scandinavia**

Seattle—Expert knitters and designers from across the country and Scandinavia will gather in Seattle October 15 – 17, 2010, when the Nordic Heritage Museum hosts its third annual ***Nordic Knitting Conference***. Internationally acclaimed knitting experts from around Scandinavia and the US will lead the three-day conference that is expected to draw hundreds of knitters from around the world.

The conference will feature intensive, hands-on classes in various Nordic techniques representing Scandinavia's rich knitting traditions and contemporary interpretations of this legacy. The conference also includes a Friday night happy hour, a festive Saturday evening banquet with a keynote address on Estonian lace by Nancy Bush, and educational and social interactions with other knitters.

"Knitting is not only a celebrated tradition in the Nordic countries," said Eric Nelson, CEO of the Nordic Heritage Museum, "but has also become popular with contemporary textile artists and DIY enthusiasts of all ages. We are proud to bring these internationally acclaimed craftspeople, artists, and designers together for this popular program."

The *Nordic Knitting Conference* became an international event when it was first launched in 2007, and in 2009 the conference was expanded. For the 2010 conference, internationally acclaimed instructors include: Beth Brown-Reinsel (U.S.), Nancy Bush (U.S.), Britt-Marie Christoffersson (Sweden), Evelyn Clark (U.S.), Carol Rhoades (U.S.), and Ruth Sørensen (Denmark).

Conference registration is \$35 for members of the Nordic Heritage Museum, and \$40 for non-members. Classes are \$110 for full day (6 hours) or \$60 for half day (3 hours). The special Saturday night banquet and lecture is \$35, and the banquet may be attended without being enrolled in the conference.

Given the great enthusiasm for hand knitting in the US, classes were sold out in the 2009 and 2007 conferences. Class descriptions and detailed information about the 2010 *Nordic Knitting Conference* are posted online at www.nordicmuseum.org. Interested knitting enthusiasts are advised to register asap.

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For more information, visit www.nordicmuseum.org or phone (206) 789-5707

Museum hours: Tues-Sat 10 am to 4 pm; Sun 12 noon to 4 pm; Mon closed

Admission: \$6 general; \$5 seniors & college students; \$4 children over 5 years;

FREE for children under 5 and Museum members

The Museum is located at 3014 NW 67th Street, Seattle, WA 9811

About the Nordic Heritage Museum

With over 55,000 visitors annually, the Nordic Heritage Museum is a cultural treasure in the Pacific Northwest. It is the only museum in the United States that represents the cultural heritage of all five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The Museum's mission is to share Nordic culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and objects, preserving collections, providing educational and cultural experiences and serving as a community gathering place. The Nordic Heritage Museum presents a wide range of vibrant programs including contemporary art exhibitions, outstanding concerts, lectures and films and a variety of special events throughout the year.