

Varian Brandon, Conference Coordinator and Instructor, started knitting at age eight. A trip to the islands of Great Britain rekindled her love of color and created an interest in the traditions of Fair Isle design and construction. She is currently designing stranded colorwork patterns for several yarn companies, as well as her own website. Additionally, her designs have been published in several national and international magazines including *Yanwise*, *PLY* and *Interweave Knits*. Currently living in Saluda, North Carolina, Varian has been teaching stranded colorwork and related knitting techniques, both virtually and in person, at national and regional fiber festivals and retreats, in local yarn shops, and for the past 15 years at the Kanuga Knitting and Quilting Retreat. Online, she can be found at www.brandonknittingdesigns.com, on Ravelry at [varianbrandon](https://www.ravelry.com/people/varianbrandon), and on her YouTube channel, [Varian Brandon](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

The Reverend Jennifer Deaton, Retreat Chaplain, serves as Rector at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Indianola, Mississippi, and Vicar at St. John's Episcopal Church in nearby Leland. She has been chaplain for a variety of guest periods and conferences at Kanuga, where she met her husband, the Reverend Charlie Deaton. She returns for her 12th year as chaplain at KKQ. Jennifer started knitting 20 years ago (and for a brief, ill-fated stint when she was six), and learned to quilt with the help of the quilters at KKQ.

Jolie Elder, Knitting Instructor, has explored a wide range of needle arts after learning to cross stitch at age four. She designs, teaches, spins, and stunt knits in the Atlanta area where she demystifies the obscure. She has served on the boards of Atlanta Knitting Guild, North Georgia Knitting Guild, Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance, and Center for Knit and Crochet. She has been published in *PLY*, *Spin-Off*, and *Cast On*. Her cleverest invention is a method for working stockinette-based laces reversibly. You may view her experiments at jolieelder.blogspot.com and YouTube channel Jolie knits. Her [most recent video post](#) is about how to work double-knitting only manipulating one color at a time, rather than both colors (how it is usually taught).

Meg Evatt, Knitting Instructor, started knitting at age 17. She checked a book out of the library and taught herself through trial and error. After retiring, she studied and honed those knitting skills. Meg began teaching knitting classes in the Upstate area to help other knitters learn new techniques and perfect their skills. Meg expanded her fiber skills to include dry needle felting and teaches needle felting for those who wish to expand their fiber skills.

Carolyn Rotola, Quilting Instructor, is from California and has arrived in Camden, SC to retire by way of Nevada, Utah and Ohio. She started quilting in 1991 as a hobby and started taking classes from nationally known quilters, as well as, making quilts together with her husband in 2001. They then started entering quilts in the local quilt shows, winning ribbons, and started CaTs Quilting to create custom quilts, long arm quilting services and teach. Carolyn has been teaching classes for 15+ years at local quilt shops and quilt guilds in Nevada, Utah, Ohio, North and South Carolina. For the last 9 years, she has been teaching classes using the Deb Tucker tools and patterns, and became a Certified Instructor with Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Design in 2016. She is published in the 100 Quilt Blocks magazine and has several of her own creations. In 2017, she was selected as part of the faculty for the Studio 180

Academy in Hamilton, NY. As a Certified Instructor with Deb Tucker, Carolyn tests new patterns and techniques for Studio 180 Design and other Certified Instructors with Deb Tucker before they are released to the public. Her goal is to inspire people to create beautiful quilts by giving them the tools and knowledge; but most importantly, to have fun making their masterpieces.

Heather Stora, Knitting Instructor, is a TKGA-certified Master Knitter, Tech Editor and Knitting Instructor. She is the VP of Education on the board of directors of TKGA, and the editor of TKGA's K2TOG newsletter. Heather has been teaching knitting for over 15 years, and teaches up and down the east coast as well as nationally (and online!) Heather resides in the Charlotte, NC area and can be found online at www.heatherstorta.com.