



## Crochet Guild of America

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### **Crochet Guild of America offers “Crash Course in Crochet”**

Soon (July 24-27, 2003) crocheters from all over the nation and from as far away as Australia will converge on Chicago for a weekend of inspiration and learning, as they attend the annual *Chain Link* Crochet Conference sponsored by the Crochet Guild of America. Teachers, each with their own specialty, come from many states and countries, as well. This year, three “homegrown” teachers will be offering tips and expertise: Diana Evenson of Aurora, Elizabeth Kurr of Berwyn and Susan Lutz Kenyon of Libertyville.

Having taught “Crash Course in Crochet” many times, Elizabeth, who is certified by the craft Yarn Council as a crochet teacher, looks forward to offering it at Chain Link 2003. Depending on one’s experience, this class is a great refresher course or introduction to the basics of crochet. Typically, her *Crash Course* is a 4- hour session and students leave with the satisfaction that, yes, they learned how to crochet in just one afternoon. At *Chain Link*, she will have an extra two hours to cover the concepts in greater detail. Learning in the conference setting offers a bonus: a marketplace of fabulous fibers to feel and “Rhythm of Crochet,” a juried and invitational exhibition of crochet art.

Righties, lefties, adults and children are all encouraged to register. A starter kit containing 4 colors of high quality wool, 3 crochet hooks, and extensive handouts will be provided. Exposure to all of the diverse aspects of crochet should be very inspiring to those who will be picking up the hook for the first time. Learning about how they can “hook up” with a local chapter will provide support and further instruction when they return home.

Diana is a veteran of the Carol Duvall Show. Represented by the Illinois Artisan shops, Diana will teach “Pate Protectors,” a fun hat class that will help students explore designing brims, earflaps, ties and embellishments. Susan has been crocheting since

1969 and in 1990 added beads to her “chain” of events. Also a Certified crochet instructor, Susan will teach a crochet rope bracelet that incorporates that large bead you just didn’t know how to use!