
Galina Khmeleva

Galina A. Khmeleva, owner of Skaska Designs and author of *Gossamer Webs*, *The History and Techniques of Orenburg Lace Shawls* and *Gossamer Webs*, *The Design Collection*, has earned the reputation as one of the most respected and knowledgeable lace knitting instructors in the country. As a former clothing and costume designer who worked with the 'aristocracy' of St. Petersburg's music and theater society, Galina was a pioneer in breaking down barriers in the "new" Russia that allowed Russian women the opportunity to achieve ownership status in private companies. As the principal student to Orenburg's lace knitting elite, Galina brings the classic style and revered traditional knitting techniques of Russian lace to her classes. Her unique, inspiring and fun-loving teaching style has made her the guru of lace enthusiasts across the US. And as an extra bonus, Galina's classes are an awesome, unforgettable cultural experience.

