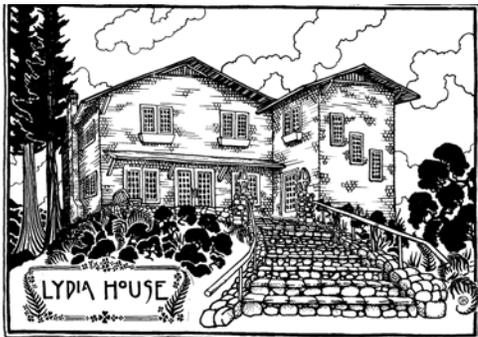


The Setting

Join us for a relaxing knitting getaway among the redwoods by the California coast!

This year's retreat will be held at St Dorothy's Rest, situated between the Russian River and Occidental in Camp Meeker, 1½ hours north of San Francisco.



As for last year's fall retreat, we will be gathering in beautiful Lydia House, where students have the choice of a shared room or a limited number of private rooms. All rooms in these beautiful buildings exude simple Arts and Crafts charm and share clean, tidy baths. The meals are delicious, seasonal, and locally sourced.

During your free time, go on the birding hike, take a stroll in the woods, pop into Occidental, or just hang out and knit! Noteworthy nearby shops to visit before or after the retreat include **Balls & Skeins** in Sebastapol, **Cast Away** in Santa Rosa, **Knitterly** in Petaluma, and **Black Mountain Artisans** in Point Reyes Station.



The Teachers



Thea Gray loves sharing the joys of knitting. Thea started knitting 34 years ago, in third grade, and has barely stopped since—even flying 6,000 miles in a weekend to polish her couture techniques. She began teaching knitting several years ago and is known for bountiful patience.

Thea creates a warm, welcoming environment, in which I feel very comfortable asking for clarification or repetition. She's a great listener, and creatively adjusts her teaching style to the needs of her students, depending on their level of experience.

— *Jenny, designer*

Not only is Thea a patient and thorough teacher, she's enthusiastic and skilled in many different knitting techniques. She's helped me go beyond merely following patterns.

— *Rachella, freelance writer and editor*



Spinnity spins, birds, and knits in the SF Bay Area. She has a bad habit of combining hobbies "in the field," which sometimes leads to muddy knitting projects and broken dpns. She blogs at <http://spinnity.blogspot.com>.



When **Bill Walker** isn't busy taking photographs, he might be found birding with Spinnity, knitting, or playing music. See his birding field notes and photographs at <http://birdwalker.com/>

Retreat Policies

Registration for the 2012 retreat is limited to 11. Places will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be confirmed once full payment is received. A waiting list will be maintained once all spots are filled. (Every year spots open up and some wait-list folks are able to attend!)

Should a student be unable to attend the retreat and the cancellation is received by September 20, 2012, a full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee will be available. No refunds will be available after that date.

Knitting on the Coast



**2012 Knitting Retreat in
Camp Meeker, Calif**

**Thursday to Sunday
October 18 to 21, 2012**



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2012 Retreat

Geared to advanced beginners and intermediate knitters,* the **Knitting on the Coast** retreats provide a variety of technique classes in a relaxed, supportive setting.

The theme of this year's retreat is new directions. We'll explore beginnings and endings with cast-ons and bind-offs, go forward and backward with entrelac, introduce you to new ways to select designs that suit your figure, and, while making a great-looking hat, revisit the topic of a past retreat, micro cables, while going and go both this way and that with short rows!

And, as always, we'll seek inspiration in nature when we head out for birding.

We hope you'll join us this October!



Stitch 'n bitch gatherings



Scalliwag micro cable and short row hat



Fashioned to advantage



Knitting back for entrelac

*At a minimum, all participants must know one cast-on, one bind-off, and how to knit and purl (and distinguish between the two by sight).

The Schedule

Thursday, October 18

- 5:30p **Orientation**
- 6:00-7:00p **Dinner**
- 7:00-9:00p **STITCH 'N BITCH—SHOW-AND-TELL!**
Bring some projects to show your fellow knitters and projects you want help with.
- 9:00-10:00p **S'mores under the stars**

Friday, October 19

- 8:00-9:00a **Breakfast**
- 9:15-11:15a **Birding hike**
- 12:30-1:30p **Lunch**
- 2:00-5:00p **SCALLIWAG HAT.** This hat pattern combines an opportunity to learn (or refresh your memory of) techniques for micro cables and short rows (including working the wraps).
- 6:00-7:00p **Dinner**
- 8:00-10:00p **KNITTING BACK FOR ENTRELAC.** Backwards knitting? No, not tinking, knitting from left to right—a handy technique for short row projects, such as a wee entrelac pouch.

Saturday, October 20

- 8:00-9:00a **Breakfast**
- 9:15a-12:15p **COUNTLESS CAST-ONS.** Maybe not *countless* cast-ons, but we'll try Jeny Staiman's Stretchy Slipknot cast-on, a couple provisional cast-ons, Judy Becker's Magic cast-on!
- 12:30-1:30p **Lunch**
- 2:00-5:00p **FASHIONED TO ADVANTAGE.** Bring a fitted top to be photographed in and fave made or purchased sweater and we'll help you to identify what sweater shapes and sizes suit you.
- 6:00-7:00p **Dinner**
- 7:30-9:30p **STITCH 'N BITCH—SWAP!** Work on your microcable hat and trade a skein or two with your fellow knitters!

Sunday, October 21

- 8:00-9:00a **Breakfast and group photo**
- 9:15a-12:15p **BUNCH O' BIND-OFFS.** We'll tackle a bunch of bind-offs, including suspended, Jeny Staiman's surprisingly stretchy, sewn, tubular, and three-needle!
- 12:30-1:30p **Lunch and goodbyes**
- Afterward **Optional fiber farm field trip**

Sign Up

The 2012 Knitting on the Coast retreat instruction and facilities fee is \$225, which includes all classes and the birding hike. The fee for accommodations ranges from \$270 to \$320, depending on type of room selected, and includes 3 nights' lodging and 9 meals, from dinner the first day through lunch the last day.

More info, including required patterns and materials, is at www.theagray.com/knitting/retreat_2012.html.

To sign up: send an email to thea@theagray.com hold a place and then, within a week, mail this completed form and a check to made out to Thea Gray to 5371 Shafter Ave, Oakland, CA 94618.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (pref. mobile) _____

Email _____

Best efforts will be made to accommodate all lodging requests; if requests cannot be met, prices will be adjusted accordingly. Individuals who not specify a roommate will have one assigned.

- Register me for the retreat:** **\$225**
- My accommodation preference is:*
- guest room with 1 other person **\$270**
- private room **\$320**
(only 3 available)
- I require a wheelchair-accessible room.
- I want to share a room with the following student:

- Please make my meals vegetarian.
- I have other dietary needs: _____
- I would like more info about the optional fiber farm fieldtrip on Sunday.

Check number _____ for **TOTAL: \$**_____