

## THE SETTING

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



The 2019 retreat will be the eighth at the lovely St. Dorothy's Rest, situated 1½ hours north of San Francisco, amongst the redwood trees and between the Russian River and Occidental in Camp Meeker.

This year we'll be gathering in rustic Farmer Lodge. All rooms in Farmer Lodge exude simple charm and share clean, tidy baths (European-style, down the hall). The meals, served in Main House, are hearty, seasonal, and locally sourced.

During your free time, take a stroll in the woods, pop into Occidental, or just hang out and knit! Noteworthy nearby yarn shops to visit before or after the retreat include Cast Away in Santa Rosa, Fiber Circle Studio in Cotati, Black Squirrel in Berkeley, and ImagiKnit in San Francisco.



## THE TEACHERS

The founder of Knitting on the Coast, **Thea Gray** (right, in photo below) loves sharing the joys of knitting. She began knitting more than 40 years ago, and has been teaching knitting for almost two decades. She's known for her bountiful patience. Her retreats have been deemed "fantastic," "really informative," "a fabulous time," and "magic."



### Mary Wisnewski

(left) 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. Find her (and her awesome Larus & Ardea twined knitting pattern) on Ravelry as Spinnity.



**Rita Rodriguez** has been making jewelry for 25+ years and regularly travels long distances to pick up new skills. This year her project brings together needle felting, wet felting, and beading.



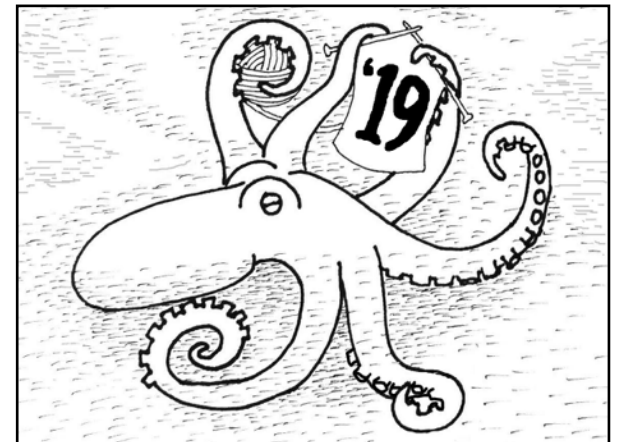
Find the nighttime creations of **Kate Godfrey** (such as knitted animals and embroidered tapestries) at [ravelry.com/designers/kate-godfrey](http://ravelry.com/designers/kate-godfrey) and @gollyokate on instagram.



When **Bill Walker** isn't busy birding with Mary, he might be found taking photographs, knitting, or playing music. See his birding field notes and photos at [birdwalker.com](http://birdwalker.com).

# KNITTING ON THE COAST

**2019 Knitting Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest in Camp Meeker, California**



**Friday to Monday, November 8-11, 2019**

**For more information, connect to:**

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# RETREAT OVERVIEW

Geared to advanced beginner and intermediate knitters, **Knitting on the Coast** retreats teach a variety of techniques in relaxed, supportive settings.



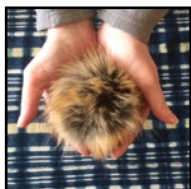
This year, we're pleased to present **Far out!**, a retreat dedicated to UFOs (unfinished objects) and the knitters who are at best, um, ambivalent about them.

We're all about enjoying the journey and not just focusing on the destination. But... do you have some unfinished projects languishing in your closet? Or hidden under your bed? Attend this year's retreat and breathe new life into these old projects, develop the resolve to frog the unredeemable, and, during a reprise of a retreat fave, the yarn whispering session, learn the inner desires and potential that linger in your oft-overlooked stash skein.

In one-on-one sessions, Thea and Mary will help figure out what your pattern's designer was trying to say or teach you the technique that stumped you. Although each session will be geared to an attendee's own particular needs, everyone is invited to listen in.



Beaded and Felted Pendant



Faux Fur Pompoms



I-Cord Necklace

Plus, as a reward for tackling whatever you've been avoiding, we've peppered the retreat with three micro classes—projects you can easily complete during the retreat to keep the fires stoked for UFO completion.

# THE SCHEDULE

## Friday, November 8

3:30-5:00PM **Arrival at St Dorothy's Rest**  
5:30-6:00PM **Orientation and introductions**  
6:00-7:00PM **Dinner**  
7:00-9:00PM **STITCH 'N BITCH: SHOW AND TELL.**  
Bring a crafted item for show and tell, a cultural recommendation (book, movie, TV show, exhibition, etc), and a brief story about something you learned this past year.

## Saturday, November 9

8:00-9:00AM **Breakfast**  
9:00-11:00AM **OPEN KNITTING + CONSULTATIONS**  
11:00-noon **Zumba.** An optional extra to get you moving.  
12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**  
1:30-4:00PM **BEADED AND FELTED PENDANT.** This class packs a ton of skills into a tiny package: wet felting, needle felting, wire weaving and wrapping, and beading. Plus, we'll make wet-felted beads you can string into jewelry.  
4:15-5:45PM **OPEN KNITTING + CONSULTATIONS**  
6:00-7:00PM **Dinner**  
7:00-9:00PM **STITCH 'N BITCH: SWAP!** Bring something to swap—yarn, patterns, tools, whatever!  
9:00-10:00PM **S'mores under the stars**

## Sunday, November 10

8:00-9:00AM **Breakfast**  
9:15-12:15PM **Birding walk**  
12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**  
1:30-6:00PM **OPEN KNITTING + CONSULTATIONS**  
6:00-7:00PM **Dinner**  
7:00-9:00PM **STITCH 'N BITCH: YARN WHISPERING.**  
Bring a skein of stash yarn that you don't know what to do with and we'll give you an idea or two. Optional extra: chair massage!

## Monday, November 11 (Veterans Day observed)

8:00-9:00AM **Breakfast**  
9:00-9:30AM **Group photo**  
9:45-10:45AM **I-CORD NECKLACE.** This necklace, inspired by one in the Musée des Arts Décoratifs gift shop, is moderne, fun, and super fast.  
11:00-12:30PM **FAUX FUR POMPOMS.** Made in all kinds of faux fur, from fluffy white cat to rainbow unicorn, pompoms can modernize your hat, calm cranky kids, and pacify coworkers.  
12:30-1:30PM **Lunch and goodbyes**

# SIGN UP

The fee for the **2019 Knitting on the Coast** \$575 or \$675, based on the type of room selected, and include 3 nights' lodging, 9 meals, all instruction, and class materials. The optional extras are the Zumba class (\$5) and the on-site massage (\$30 for 20 minutes); both can be paid on-site by cash, check, or Venmo.

More info can be found at [www.theagrays.com/knitting/retreat\\_2019.html](http://www.theagrays.com/knitting/retreat_2019.html) and FAQs will be sent to attendees upon registration.

**To sign up:** 1. Send an email to [thea@theagrays.com](mailto:thea@theagrays.com) to hold a place at the retreat. 2. Within a week, mail this form and a check to the address that will be provided in email.

Name		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone (preferably mobile)		
Email		

**Retreat fee (includes instruction, 9 meals, 3 nights' lodging, and some materials):** \$

My lodging preference is:

Guest room with 1 other person (**\$575**)

Private room (5 available, **\$675**)

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

### Retreat registration requests

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

I want to share a room with the following student:  
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Make my meals:  Vegetarian  Vegan  
 I have a food allergy:

If you already know the UFO you'll bring and it has a published pattern, please note its name and designer, or note the technique you need help with: