

## THE SETTING

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



The 2022 retreat will be the ninth at the lovely St. Dorothy's Rest, situated 1½ hours north of San Francisco, among coastal redwood trees between the Russian River and Occidental in Camp Meeker.

This year we'll be back in beautiful Lydia House, where students have the choice of a shared room or a limited number of private rooms. All rooms in this elegant building exude simple Arts and Crafts charm and share clean, tidy baths. The meals 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! Some 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 now been teaching knitting for two decades. She's known for her bountiful patience. The 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 twined knitting pattern) on Ravelry as Spinnity.



**Rita Rodriguez** has made jewelry for 30+ years and loves devising ways to combine knitting with jewelry. This year's project incorporates basic wire and jewelry-making skills.



Find the nighttime creations of **Kate Godfrey** (such as knitted animals and embroidered tapestries) at [ravelry.com/designers/kate-godfrey](https://www.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](https://www.birdwalker.com).

# KNITTING ON THE COAST

**2022 Knitting Retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest in Camp Meeker, California**



**Friday to Monday, April 1-4, 2022**

**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's theme is **Creating Creature Comforts!**

Kate will kick off the retreat by teaching us to make a wee notebook for jotting down your new knitting know-how. A pocket for stashing yarn samples is a feature we've yet to see in an e-notebook.

Next, Thea and Mary will dive into the first of two sessions on bouncy brioche, an old technique that has been wildly popular these last few years.

Between brioche sessions, Rita will transport you to a whole new world, where pounding metal and twisting wire yields another practical yet elegant knitting tool: a stitch marker necklace of gems and leather.

Finally, after our session on brioche increases and decreases, Kate will teach us how to knit the ultimate creature comfort, a little stuffed animal—a great gift for human or furry children.

**Join us this April to learn brioche and make a...**



Wee Notebook



Stitchmarker Necklace



Seamless Stuffie

As always, the retreat will be punctuated by stitch 'n bitch gatherings and opportunities to swap yarn and tips, experience solitude, and go on a birding walk, all in beautiful coastal redwoods. **What could be better?**

# THE SCHEDULE

## Friday, April 1

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** Get to know—or reconnect with—your fellow retreat attendees as we share stories and projects.

## Saturday, April 2

8:00-9:00AM **Breakfast**  
9:00-9:30AM **SEA TREASURES NOTEBOOK.** Kate guides you in making a one-page-wonder—a tiny notebook with a separate cover, hidden envelope, and a beachcomber closure.  
10:00-Noon **COZY UP TO BRIOCHE, PART I.** Ready to learn the secrets of making this lofty fabric? Thea and Mary will show you how to bark and burp your brioche in the first part of our intro to this old technique with new devotees.  
12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**  
2:00-5:00PM **BOHO STITCH RHAPSODY.** Rita will teach metal hammering and wire wrapping as we make practical tools in a cool package—a stitch marker necklace of gems and leather.  
6:00-7:00PM **Dinner**  
7:00-9:00PM **STITCH 'N BITCH: CHILL OUT SESSION** Just your basic perfect low-key knittin' social. Plus... a goodie bag!  
9:00-10:00PM **S'mores under the stars**

## Sunday, April 3

8:00-9:00AM **Breakfast**  
9:15-12:15PM **Birding walk**  
12:30-1:30PM **Lunch**  
2:00-4:30PM **COZY UP TO BRIOCHE, PART II.** Onward! Time for brioche increases and decreases.  
6:00-7:00PM **Dinner**  
7:00-9:00PM **STITCH 'N BITCH: SWAP** Bring something to swap—yarn, patterns, tools, whatever! The optional extra: a chair massage!

## Monday, April 4

8:00-9:30AM **Breakfast and group photo**  
10:00AM-NOON **HENS-A-POPPIN'!** Kate introduces you to toy knitting with this lovable quick knit. This hen is stash-busting, child-sized, and pet-friendly, with no seaming required!  
12:30-1:30PM **Lunch and goodbyes**

# SIGN UP

The **2022 Knitting on the Coast** fees include instruction for all classes, the birding hike, nine meals (from dinner Friday through lunch on Monday), and accommodations for three nights. Total fees are \$665 for a shared room and \$873 for one of the three private rooms.

An optional on-site massage can be arranged for \$30 for 15 minutes or \$35 for 20 minutes, payable to the masseur on site, by cash or Venmo.

Attendees must be fully vaccinated and have received a booster shot.

More info, including required patterns and materials, will be posted at [www.theagrays.com/knitting/retreat\\_2022.html](http://www.theagrays.com/knitting/retreat_2022.html).

**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 or email this completed form and payment via check, PayPal, or Venmo to the address provided in the reservation confirmation email.

Name		
Address		
City	State	ZIP
Phone (preferably mobile)		
Email		

Total retreat fee, based on room type preference:

Guest room with 1 other person (**\$665**)

Private room (3 available, **\$873**)

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

Initial to attest: "By the start of the retreat I will be fully COVID vaccinated and have had any available booster(s)."

## Retreat registration requests

Best efforts will be made to meet all lodging requests. Students not specifying a roommate will have one assigned.

I want to share a room with the following student:  
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Please make my meals vegetarian.

Please make my meals vegan.

Allergy/other dietary request: