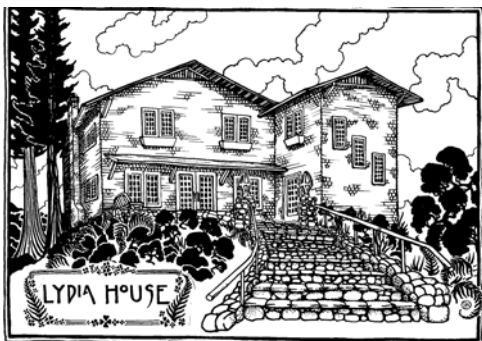


## The Setting

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

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



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



The founder of Knitting on the Coast, **Thea Gray** loves sharing the joys of knitting. Thea started knitting 35 years ago, in third grade, and has barely stopped since—even flying 6,000 miles in a weekend to polish her couture knitting techniques. She began teaching knitting several years ago and is known for her 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/>



**Jeanine Mattson** is the retreat's fun factotum and enotech extraordinaire. An amateur birder, Jeanine is the very kind soul who makes sure everyone at the retreat has what she or he needs.

## Retreat Policies

Registration for the 2014 retreat is limited to 12. 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. Should a student be unable to attend the retreat and the cancellation is received by July 25, 2014, a full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee will be available. No refunds will be available after that date.



# Knitting on the Coast

**2014 Knitting Retreat in  
Camp Meeker, California**

**Friday to Sunday,  
August 15 to 17, 2014**



**For more information, connect to:**

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# 2014 Retreat

G geared to advanced beginners and intermediate knitters, \* **Knitting on the Coast** retreats teach a variety of techniques in relaxed, supportive settings.

This year's theme is *the twin shall meet*. We'll join felt together with silk in nuno felting, merge two dimensions with three dimensions by way of short rows, and bring about the holy alliance of crochet and knitting.

As usual, classes will be punctuated with opportunities for participants to swap tips with other knitters or seek some solitude—all amidst the beauty of the redwoods.

And again, in addition to seeking inspiration with a birding hike, we will have the option of getting the blood moving with a Zumba class!

**We hope you'll join us this August for:**

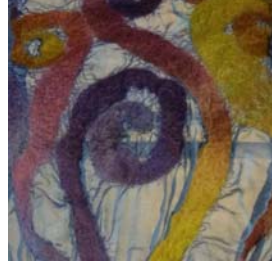
*Stitch 'n bitches*



*Short rows*



*Nuno felting*



*Crochet for knitters*



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

# The Schedule

## Friday, August 15

2:30-4:30p **Pre-retreat kayak trip** (optional extra)

5:30p

**St Dorothy's Rest orientation**

6:00-7:00p

**Dinner and introductions**

7:00-9:00p

**A SHORT PRECIS ON SHORT ROWS**

We will practice three techniques for performing short rows—German, Japanese, and the good old wrap and lift—while making a fun spherical ornament or toy.

9:00-10:00p

**Stares under the stars**

## Saturday, August 16

8:00-9:00a

**Breakfast**

9:00-11:00a

**Birding hike**

11:15a-12:15p

**Zumba.** A fun optional extra to get you moving more than just your needles.

12:30-1:30p

**Lunch**

**NUNO FELTING.** Silk and felt melded together in a beautiful union—by you!—using your brains, your sense of beauty, and your

brav'n. You'll make a super cool scarf using this relatively new technique, developed just 20 years ago by an Australian fiber artist and named after the Japanese word for cloth.

6:00-7:00p

**Dinner**

**A GOOD OL' FASHIONED STITCH 'N BITCH,** knitting clinic, and yarn swap! Bring a "doomed" project to redeem, plus something fibery (a skein, tool, or book or two) to swap.

8:00-9:30a

**Breakfast followed by group photo**

10:00a-noon

**CROCHET FOR KNITTERS.** Learn the basics of crochet so you can navigate this mysterious world. You'll learn basic stitches, how to read a crochet pattern, how to crochet a provisional cast-on, a couple crocheted borders, and some crochet applique techniques.

12:30-1:30p

**Lunch and goodbyes**

*Noteworthy nearby shops include Balls & Skeins in Sebastapol, Cast Away in Santa Rosa, Knitterly in Petaluma, and Black Mountain Artisans in Point Reyes Station.*

# Sign Up

The 2014 Knitting on the Coast retreat instruction and facilities fee is \$190, which includes all fiber

classes and the birding hike. There is a separate fee for the nuno felting materials. The fee for accommodations is \$220 or \$260, depending on room selected, and includes 2 nights' lodging and 6 meals, from dinner the first day through lunch on the last day. The optional pre-retreat kayak trip is an additional \$25 and the Zumba class is \$5; both can be paid for on-site by cash or check.

*More info, including required patterns and materials, is at [www.theagrays.com/knitting/retreat\\_2014.html](http://www.theagrays.com/knitting/retreat_2014.html).*

**To sign up:** send an email to [thea@theagrays.com](mailto:thea@theagrays.com) hold a place and then, within a week, mail this completed form and a check 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.*

**Instruction and facilities fees** \$190

**Accommodations (meals and lodging)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

guest room with 1 other person (\$220)  
 private room (4 available, \$260)

**Nuno felting materials fee** \$ 40

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

**Retreat registration requests:**

I want to share a room with the following student:

Please make my meals vegetarian.

Please make my meals vegan.

I have other dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more info about Friday's optional pre-retreat kayak trip.