

The Setting

Boasting beautiful vistas and an easy walking distance to the coast, the Point Reyes Hostel is an ideal locale. We will have exclusive use of the site during the day, with its cozy living rooms and gorgeous views.

Love to cook? Make use of the professional kitchen to store and prepare your meals, or cook something up on the fancy gas barbeque on the spacious patio. Prefer to have someone else cook? Grocery stores and fine restaurants are in Point Reyes Station and Olema, just a short drive away.

The bunkhouse has two dorms; one will be all women, the other, mixed. Each dorm has ten bunk beds, two toilets, and two showers. Bring your own bedding or sleeping bag and towel.

Participants may bring an adult friend or significant other for \$20 per night, while space is available. Guests may hang out with participants during breaks, in the evenings, and during Sunday's field trip. Structured class time is a great time for guests to go bird watching, take a walk, read, or just soak up the atmosphere.

A cooperative spirit is an important component of the hostel experience. During the weekend, everyone will assist with daily cleaning chores, requiring about one half hour each day.



The San Francisco Chronicle calls the hostel "A warm country cabin style, in the heart of the Point Reyes National Seashore."

The Teacher

Thea Gray teaches knitting at BookShop West Portal. Her students claim she "came out of the womb knitting," but Thea began in third grade. She has barely stopped since and has even flown 6000 miles in a weekend to polish her couture techniques. Known for her considerable patience, Thea loves teaching the joys of knitting.

Thea is a wonderful teacher. Since I've learned knitting from her, I've become absolutely addicted—to yarn, to knitting, and to making hats. It's my new full-time hobby!

—Shelley, Nurse and former Massage Therapist

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

Thea gently showed me the tricks and how to fix the misses. I gained enough confidence during a short session with Thea to relax and enjoy the feel of the yarn and the rhythm of the stitches.

—Beverly, Editorial Consultant and Writer



Thea Gray (left) with author Karen Solomon

Knitting on the Coast



A Knitting Retreat in Point Reyes, California

June 13-15, 2008

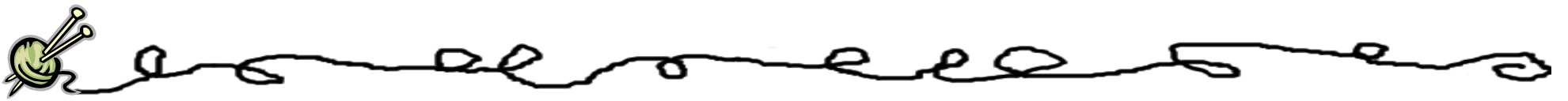


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2008 Retreat

Join us for a relaxing knitting getaway on the California coast! It will be a great way to gain new skills—and new friends.

Geared to advanced beginners and intermediate knitters, this weekend retreat provides both formal classes and an informal knitting clinic where you can get answers to your knitting bugaboos.

The only lodging available within the national park, the historic Point Reyes Hostel offers a rustic setting in a pristine coastal wilderness. If it's warm, our class may gather outside at one of the many picnic tables; if it's cool, we'll cozy up in one of the lounges overlooking the park.

During your free time, sit and knit, enjoy nature, practice your new skills, visit the Point Reyes Lighthouse or atmospheric towns nearby, check out the hiking trails, or just wander to the beach for a nap!



The Point Reyes Hostel Bunkhouse, nestled in a secluded valley close to the beach

The Schedule

Friday, June 13

7:00-9:00p **INTRODUCING COLOR.** Get comfortable with color as you learn how to do Fair Isle (stranded colorwork using two or more colors) and intarsia (blocks of color in a field, as in argyle patterns).

Saturday, June 14

9:00a-noon **KNITTING FOR TEXTURE.** Be inducted into the mysteries of making elegant lace, ropey cables, and bold entrelac designs.

Noon-1:30p **Lunch break** (on site or in town).

2:00-4:30p **KNITTING MAKES THE WORLD GO 'ROUND.** Make a pulswarmer (or two!) as you learn three ways to work in the round: on double point needles, two circular needles, and with one long circular, using the magic loop technique. If you're feeling bold, use your new color skills!

4:30-8:00p **Free time and dinner break.** Enjoy some bird watching or take a walk to the beach. Make dinner, or pop into Point Reyes or Olema for a stroll and a tasty meal.

8:00-10:00p **A GOOD OL' FASHIONED STITCH 'N BITCH,** knitting clinic, and yarn swap! We may even practice knitting without looking by watching a movie...

Sunday, June 15

10:00-11:00a **FIELD TRIP TO BLACK MOUNTAIN WEAVERS,** Point Reyes Station's local yarn store.

What to Bring

- Current projects to show and work on during the clinic
- A skein from your stash to swap
- Total of 10+ ounces of smooth, light-colored worsted weight yarn in 3 different colors to practice techniques; wool or a yarn with some elasticity is preferred
- Cable needle, size 8 (5 mm) circular needles (any length), size 8 36"+ circular needles (Addi Turbo recommended), and set of size 8 double-points (ideally wood or bamboo)
- A tapestry needle and a crochet hook, size F or G
- Food for the weekend (optional; there are restaurants nearby)
- Bedding or sleeping bag and towel

Sign Up

The retreat fee is \$190, which includes all instruction and two nights' stay in the bunkhouse, plus coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon. No meals are provided.

To sign up, call or visit BookShop West Portal, or mail this completed form with payment to 80 West Portal Ave, SF, CA 94127.

Registration for the retreat is limited to 12 participants and will close on Thursday, June 5, 2008. Places will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be confirmed once full payment of the \$190 fee is received.

A waiting list will be maintained once all spots are filled. Should a registrant be unable to attend and the cancellation is received on or before Friday, May 30, 2008, a full refund less a \$25 cancellation fee will be available. No refunds will be available after that date.

Participants should plan to be on site by 6:30 pm on Friday, June 13; driving directions will be included with the registration confirmation.

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

- Register me for the retreat: \$190
- women's dorm mixed dorm either dorm
- I'm bringing a non-knitter for __ night(s): \$20/night
- women's dorm mixed dorm either dorm

Method of payment for total of: \$ _____:

- Check # _____ * MasterCard
- Visa American Express

*Make out checks to *BookShop West Portal* and attach.

Credit Card No. Expires

Signature