The Setting

Crashing waves on a rugged coastline, a picturesque lighthouse, great hiking and charming towns to explore nearby, and a group of interesting knitters to hang out with. What more could you want on a nice fall weekend?

This year we'll have our own little house. We'll stay in the historic lighthouse keepers' home, at the Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel in Pescadero, on the coast 50 miles south of San Francisco.



Love to cook? We'll have our own kitchen and dining room in which you can make and enjoy your meals. You can also grill up something on the barbeque

and eat at a picnic table overlooking the ocean. Prefer to have others do the cooking? You'll find delis and Duarte's, a classic tavern, just five miles away.

Our house has two rooms with three bunk beds to accommodate six people each (one will be all women, the other potentially mixed). Bring your own bedding or sleeping bag and towel.



A cooperative spirit is an important component of the hostel experience. During the weekend, everyone will assist with daily cleaning chores, requiring about five to ten minutes each day.

The Teachers

Thea Gray teaches knitting at BookShop West Portal in San Francisco. She began knitting in third grade and has barely stopped since, even flying 6000 miles in a weekend to polish her couture techniques. Known for bountiful patience, Thea loves teaching the joys of knitting.



Thea (left) with author Karen Solomon

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, MLA degree candidate

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's terrific! She's not only knowledgeable but also incredibly patient with all our mistakes. Her humor and demeanor make both the classes and the drop-ins a great experience.

— Jeanne, rookie knitter



Kathy Fugitt has been a spinner for many years. She has taught spinning in a variety of venues, including Renaissance fairs and children's art classes. You can tell Kathy is a spinner by all the wheels, spindles, rovings, and other stuff associated with the 'textillian' life that she has amassed

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Spinnity—designer of Larus & Ardus—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.

Knitting on the Coast

September 25-27, 2009



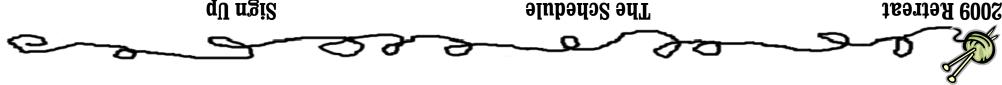
A Knitting Retreat in Pescadero, California



"The Pigeon Point Hostel tends to enchant its guests and destroy their will to leave." — The Berkeley Guides

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Friday, September 25

sampler of techniques for fixing mistakes, seaming, TECHNIQUE SAMPLER. We'll dip into a tasty q00:6-00:7

and making buttonholes.

Saturday, September 26

make a great tea cosy, too! with the attractive braided band. This project could practice in the technique. We'll start off at the brim newbie a great introduction and an old hand good pattern by Deborah Bennett will give a slip-stitch MAZE AND CHEVRON HAT. This fun mosaic

Lunch break (on site or in Pescadero) q0£:1-nooN

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them a reality. Students who can do the homework can our own designs for stranded knitting and then make blanks by Adrian Bizilia (helloyarn), we'll draw up

launch right into their new patterns.

Free time and dinner break q00:8-0£:4

A GOOD OL' FASHIONED STITCH 'N BITCH, q00:01-00:8

to swap. If you'd like help reading a pattern, bring and work on, plus a skein or two from your yarn stash knitting clinic, and yarn swap! Bring projects to show

Optional naturalist-led hike (\$5 per person)

several copies so anyone who wishes can follow along

as we work through it.

Sunday, September 27

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9:00a-noon

basics of drop-spinning—a great way to learn the basic INTRO TO DROP SPINNING. Kathy will teach the Optional additional class (separate \$50 tuition) s0£:11-0£:9

includes a high quality drop spindle and practice fiber. principles before trying a spinning wheel. Tuition

11:30-12:30p Lunch break

LARUS & ARDEA FINGERLESS MITTS. Optional additional class (separate \$45 tuition) q00:£-0£:21

needles or two circulars.

comfortable working in the round with double pointed three-strand cast-on to the thumb increases. Must be skills we'll need to knit her beautiful mitts, from the Spinnity teaches us the Swedish twined knitting

material at www.theagray.com/knitting/retreat_2009.html. Find homework, pattern links, and lists of required and recommended

The Schedule

soaking up beautiful vistas. California coast! You'll gain new skills while Join us for a relaxing knitting getaway on the

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



Maze & Chevron Chart Your Own Larus & Ardea

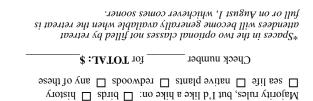
the historic fog signal building. overlooking the ocean; if it's cool, we'll cozy up in If the weather is warm, our class may move outside

wander to the beach for a nap! led hike, visit an atmospheric town nearby, or just breathtaking views of the ocean; take a naturalistsight of the lighthouse or step outside for During your free time, work on your knitting in

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on a bluff overlooking the ocean. Our house at the Pigeon Point Lighthouse,



Sign me up for the naturalist-led hike:

☐ Register me for the retreat:

I would prefer to stay in:

be available after that date.

E-mail

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Sign me up for the Larus & Ardea class:

Sign me up for the Intro to Spinning class: In the chart-your-own class I'll make \square mittens \square a hat

adult friend stay overnight for \$28/night

☐ Please notify me if space becomes available to have an

Friday, September 25; driving directions will be provided. Participants should be on site no later than 6:30 pm on

less a \$50 cancellation fee will be available. No refunds will

is received on or before Friday, July 31, 2009, a full refund

Should a registrant be unable to attend and the cancellation

confirmed once full payment of the \$225 fee is received. available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be

A waiting list will be maintained once all spots are filled.

Retreat registration is limited to 12. Places will be

completed form and a check written to Thea Gray

required for the naturalist-led hike, Intro to Spinning

No meals are provided and additional tuition fees are

plus coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon.

the main classes and two nights' stay at the hostel,

The retreat fee is \$225, which includes instruction for

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