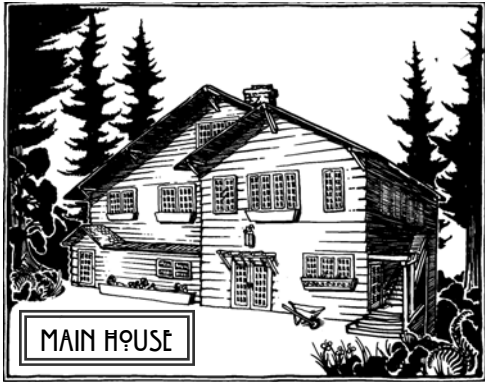
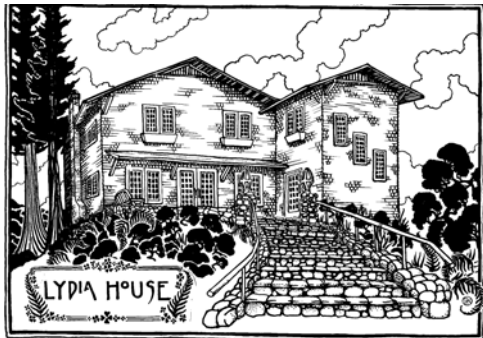


The Setting

Join us for a relaxing knitting getaway among the redwoods by the California coast! This year's retreats—your choice of summer weekend or a fall midweek retreat—will be held at St Dorothy's Rest, situated between the Russian River and Occidental in Camp Meeker, 1½ hours north of San Francisco.



Attend the summer retreat, held in the Main House, and you'll have the choice of a shared room or dorm room. Attend the fall retreat, held in Lydia House, and you'll have the choice of a private or shared room. All rooms in these beautiful buildings exude simple Arts and Crafts charm and share clean, tidy baths. No matter which retreat you attend, you'll be treated to delicious, seasonal, locally sourced meals.



During your free time, go on the birding hike, take a stroll in the woods, pop into Occidental, or, if you're attending the August retreat, enjoy a dip in the pool.

Lots of cool knitters and a beautiful setting.
What more could you want?

The Teachers



Thea (L) with author
Karen Solomon

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 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, product 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/>

Retreat Policies

Registration for the August retreat is limited to 16; the October retreat is limited to 11. 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 August retreat and the cancellation is received by July 20, 2011, a full refund less a \$50 cancellation fee will be available; cancellations for the October retreat must be received by September 10. No refunds will be available after those dates.

Knitting on the Coast



**2011 Knitting Retreats in
Camp Meeker, Calif**

**Weekend: August 19-21, 2011
Weekday: October 12-14, 2011**



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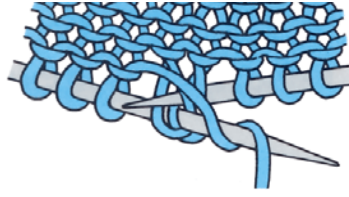
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2011 Retreat

Geared to advanced beginners and intermediate knitters, *these retreats provide a variety of technique classes in a relaxed, supportive setting.

The changing venues of our yearly knitting retreat often help inspire the classes offered. The mottoes of this year's venue, St Dorothy's Rest, are *Go in Peace* and *A Place to Get a Way*. At this year's Knitting on the Coast retreat we'll aim to help you find peace in your knitting while providing a fun way to learn new techniques and meet cool knitters!



Tricky
Increases & decreases



Choice of stranded colorwork patterns



*At a minimum, all participants must be able to cast on, knit and purl (and distinguish between the two by sight), and bind off.

The Schedule

Day 1
5:30p
Orientation

6:00-7:00p
Dinner

7:00-9:00p
TRICKY INCREASES AND DECREASES. Ever run across a pattern with an increase or decrease you hadn't a clue how to execute? We'll review a bunch of them; submit your choice of challenging stitch before the retreat!

9:00-10:00p

St'mores under the stars

8:00-9:00a

Breakfast

9:15a-12:15p
STRANDED COLORWORK. While making your choice of worsted-weight pulswearners or finer-gauge fingerless mitts, you'll practice simultaneously knitting English and Continental and making smooth, quick traps of the unused strands. We'll also discuss yarn dominance and ways to make color choices.

12:30-1:30p

Lunch

1:30-3:00p
PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR KNITTING Learn to photograph knitting projects perfectly!

3:30-5:30p

Birding hike

6:00-7:00p
A GOOD OL' FASHIONED STITCH 'N DINNER projects to show and work on, plus a skein or two to swap.

8:00-9:00a

Day 3

8:00-9:00a
Breakfast and group photo

9:15a-12:15p
TWINED KNITTING. While learning this Swedish technique, you'll knit one of a pair of pulswearners, starting with a traditional cast-on and working through twined knitting, purling, and patterning with the "O" and Crook stitches. Learn how to untwist yarns easily and read twined knitting charts, too.

12:30-1:30p

Lunch and goodbyes

Optional fiber farm field trip

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

Sign Up

The 2011 Knitting on the Coast retreat instruction and facilities fee is \$190, and includes all classes and the birding hike. The fee for accommodations ranges from \$200 to \$250, and includes 2 nights' lodging and 5 meals, from dinner the first day through lunch the last day.

More info, including required patterns and materials, is at www.theagray.com/knitting/retreat_2011.html.

To sign up: visit www.theagray.com/knitting to pay using a credit card through PayPal, or mail this completed form and a check to *Thea Gray* to 371 Wawona St, SF, CA 94127.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
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.

Register me for the August weekend retreat: \$190
My accommodation preference is:
 guest room with 1 other person \$210
 bunk bed in a dorm room \$200

Register me for the October weekday retreat: \$190
My accommodation preference is:

single room (only two available) \$250
 guest room with 1 other person \$210

I require a wheelchair-accessible room.
 I want to share a room with the following student:

Please make my meals vegetarian.

I have other dietary needs: _____

I would like more info about the optional fiber farm fieldtrip.

Check number _____ for TOTAL: \$ _____