



Block Island Knitting Retreat

8th Annual Event
May 18 - 20, 2018

Three Days, Two Amazing Designers, All-Inclusive



Bristol Ivy



Thea Colman

At a Micro Yarn Mill on Beautiful Block Island!



Sign up Early to Ensure Your Spot as Space is Limited

A Weekend to Relax, Enjoy, Knit & Explore

Explore with new friends –
The Animals (pat a yak or feed an alpaca!)
The Island (tour a lighthouse or band birds)
New Knitting Techniques (outstanding designers & workshops)
A Micro Yarn Mill (handcrafted minimally processed yarns)
The Beach & Nature Trails (47% of the island is protected!)

Friday – May 18

- Arrive on the ferry (Tentative: 9am ,11am, 3pm....)
- Check Into Hotel
- Micro Yarn Mill Tour
- Exotic Animal Farm Tour
- Dinner



Saturday – May 19

- Breakfast
- Bird Banding (For those interested)
- Knitting Workshops (9-12)
 - Bristol Ivy
 - Thea Colman
- Lunch
- Island Bus Tour & Island Activities
 - Nature walks, bird banding, wind turbine tour, relax, knit, shop, enjoy
- Wine & Nibbles
- Dinner



Sunday – May 21

- Gourmet Breakfast
 - Knitting Workshops (9-12)
 - Bristol Ivy
 - Thea Colman
 - Lunch
 - Free afternoon
- Depart on the ferry (3pm or 5pm)



World Class Leaders, Workshops And An Amazing Knitting Experience!

Bristol Ivy: Shawl Shapes



Bristol Ivy is a knitting designer and teacher from Portland, Maine. Her design work focuses on the intersection between innovative technique and classic tailoring, and her classes focus on creativity, technique, and understanding the nuts and bolts of knitting.

The workshop: Shawls are one of the most popular projects in the knitting world right now. They're the perfect

way to explore new techniques or use just a few skeins of precious yarn for something lovely. In this class, we'll look at how to create a few different shawl shapes, and then discuss adding stitch patterns or playing with unconventional shaping.

Experience needed: knitting, purling, increasing.

Thea Colman – Cables, Cables & Cables:

After working in various advertising agencies, Thea took a break to be home with her young daughters and fell into knitwear design. She designs mostly women's garments and accessories, and loves using cables, lace, and little details to make designs that are classic and wearable, but just a bit unique.



The workshop: Cables are one of the most distinctive elements in knitwear design, but often we don't take the time to understand how they work and what we can do with them. In this workshop, we do exactly that! I cover the ways in which we can make cables work for us by deconstructing the yarns, the stitches, and the motifs we use and then looking bit by bit at each one of those elements as building blocks to play with. From altering an existing motif, to changing the elements within a cable, to creating your own designs, this workshop touches on a number of tricks and techniques that give students a new sense of empowerment and the ability to create and change cables on their own knits.

Block Island & North Light Fibers

Block Island is a beautiful destination with a Micro Yarn Mill, gorgeous beaches, great food, nature walks, and time to relax. Come visit the ultimate knitting destination.



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2018 Block Island Knitting Retreat Details



The weekend is all-inclusive - We take care of everything! All you need to do is to get to the ferry (Pt. Judith, RI) or the Westerly airport (10 minute flight). Once on Block Island, we take over with gourmet meals, beautiful inns, great rooms, fabulous activities, amazing teachers, outstanding knitters, exotic animals and a Micro Yarn Mill. Please let us know about any allergies or special needs. Walking shoes are recommended so you can enjoy the whole island.

Please call to discuss retreat pricing - We have three types of rooms ranging from ocean view to traditional. While each room is perfect, they vary and can be viewed on-line. Please contact Sven at North Light Fibers for more information. All rooms are based on single occupancy.

Yarn for homework is supplied by North Light Fibers! We will mail everything in advance so all you need to bring are needles and notions!

Companions are encouraged - We always have at least 5 non-knitters join the retreat.



Space is limited so please sign up early -



The retreat will be capped at 40 knitters so please sign up soon. All cancellations must be made by February 1, 2018 for a partial refund and must be received in writing. No refunds will be issued after March 1, 2018. If you are suddenly unable to attend, a substitute can attend at no extra charge but requests must be received by April 15, 2018. The retreat will close once capacity is reached. While we do not see a need, for all

our retreats we remind knitters to consider travel insurance should you encounter any issues.

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