



# Block Island Knitting Retreat

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Event  
May 19 - 21, 2017

Three Days, Three Amazing Designers, All Inclusive



Kate Gilbert



Deborah Newton



Patty Lyons

And All At A Micro Yarn Mill On Beautiful Block Island!



Sign Up Early To Ensure Your Spot As Space Is Limited

North Light Fibers – PO Box 1382, Block Island, RI 02807 – [www.northlightfibers.com](http://www.northlightfibers.com)  
401-466-2050 – [Sven@northlightfibers.com](mailto:Sven@northlightfibers.com)

# 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)  
Walks on the Beach & Nature Trails (47% of the island is protected!)

## Friday – May 19

- Arrive on morning ferry (Tentative 9am or 11am)
- Check Into Hotel
- Micro Yarn Mill Tour
- Exotic Animal Farm Tour (Ever Pat a Yak or Feed a Scottish Highland Bull?)
- Additional Workshop With Patty Lyons
  - This workshop will focus on the technical aspects of buttonbands and buttonholes – additional sign-up & fees required
- Dinner



## Saturday – May 20

- Breakfast
- Knitting Workshops (9-12)
  - Kate Gilbert
  - Patty Lyons
- Lunch
- Island Bus Tour & Island Activity
- Wine, Nibbles & Deborah Newton Presentation: Inspirations from a Designer
- Dinner



## Sunday – May 21

- Gourmet Breakfast
- Knitting Workshops (9-12)
  - Kate Gilbert
  - Patty Lyons
- Lunch
- Depart on the ferry (3pm or 5pm)



# Three Outstanding Teachers An Amazing Knitting Experience!

Please note that we have added an additional workshop on Friday afternoon for those who are interested and able to come early.

**Kate Gilbert – Seaming Sensations:** Let's take the fear out of seaming! While many prefer a seamless knit, there are some excellent reasons to use seams in garments. In this class, we'll master grafting, seaming, and explore all the great reasons to choose to seam! Kate is an exceptional teacher who is an inspiration to everyone in the workshop – this is the first time Kate has led a workshop in years and we are thrilled to have this technical yet enjoyable class.



Kate Gilbert has been designing beautiful patterns since 2004. Her work has appeared online and in a variety of books and magazines. In 2008, she started Twist Collective, an online publication where creative minds can publish patterns and articles that knitters love, while receiving the fair wages they deserve. Kate is now editor-in-chief and publisher of Twist Collective, but still finds time for her first love: design.

**Patty Lyons – Seriously Sassy Stripes:** Stripes can add so much to your project and there are more tricks to stripes than you think! In the workshop, we will work a sampler that will teach tricks such as how to knit in your ends as you go, how to make color change magically exactly where you want it with the felted join, as well as more advanced techniques such as knit and slide, a trick to add stripes to your rib and the jogless join in the round. Patty will introduce a special new striped scarf pattern designed exclusively for this workshop!



Patty is a nationally known knitting teacher and technique expert who is known for teaching the “whys” not only the “hows” of knitting. Patty leads workshops nationally at Vogue Knitting, Stitches and other well known events as well as on-line with Interweave. Patty taught a workshop on Block Island in 2015 that was a great event and we are so excited to have her back to the island.

**Deborah Newton – Design Inspirations & Swatches:** Well-known author and knitwear designer Deborah Newton has created a special presentation for Saturday night, to talk about design inspiration and where it comes from. Deb will bring some of her many wonderfully detailed swatches and knitted designs for all to see up close! Deb has developed the Maritime and Scandinavian Collections for North Light Fibers, and will talk about the exciting ways they came to be and what inspired them.



# 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.



North Light Fibers – PO Box 1382, Block Island, RI 02807 – [www.northlightfibers.com](http://www.northlightfibers.com)  
401-466-2050 – [Sven@northlightfibers.com](mailto:Sven@northlightfibers.com)

# 2017 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 there, 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 of 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 5+ non-knitters join the retreat. In fact, we already know of a few non-knitters that are coming in 2017!



**Space is limited so please sign up early** - The retreat will be capped at 39 knitters so please sign up soon. All cancellations must be made by February 1, 2017 for a partial refund and must be received in writing. No refunds will be issued after March 1, 2017. If you are suddenly unable to attend, a substitute can attend at no extra charge but requests must be received by April 15, 2017. The

retreat will close once capacity is reached. Reservations for the Friday additional class should be confirmed by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please Direct Correspondence To Sven Risom At North Light Fibers:  
401-466-2050 or E-mail [sven@northlightfibers.com](mailto:sven@northlightfibers.com)

# A Special Workshop With Patty Lyons

Friday, May 19, 1-4pm

## Technical Aspects of Buttonbands & Buttonholes

Based on feedback from our previous retreats, many knitters often want an additional technical workshop during the retreat. Given this, we have established an additional workshop and lunch on Friday for those interested. Please make reservations by February 1 so we can make sure enough people are confirmed

For 2017, Patty Lyons will lead an additional workshop on Friday regarding the perfect buttonbands & buttonhole!

Have you never been happy with your buttonholes? Does the ratio for picking up stitches for the perfect button band elude you? In this workshop we'll practice a variety of buttonholes including one row and two row and Patty's own trick for neatening up the two row buttonhole. We will learn how to make the perfect button band to ensure that the cardigan is not a disappointment in the final step. Close up those sweaters, vests and shawls with pride!

We hope you will join us for this additional workshop - it will be a fantastic kick-off to a great weekend.

Please note that this workshop is in addition to the regular retreat fees. Please sign-up early to ensure we have 10 participants, the minimum number required for the workshop. The workshop will be capped at 20 to ensure an intimate environment. Please contact Sven at North Light Fibers to discuss fees, etc. - [sven@northlightfibers.com](mailto:sven@northlightfibers.com) or 401-466-2050.