

2017 Retreat Information & Registration

It's time to register for the Fall 2017 Amazing Threads Retreat at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa, Minnesota. We will return to our luxurious accommodations, 5-Star dining and a wonderful weekend of knitting with friends new and old. Grandview has tightened up timelines and accommodations which mean we will start and close reservations earlier than in the past. We will need to assign rooms by 9/5/17 in order to secure the best configurations.

Our retreat will begin on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. and continue until 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Attendance is limited and there are a finite number of spaces available for the retreat. As always, those who attended last year are given prior notice for advance registration before registration is opened to all. Registration will open to all on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. You will receive updates and confirmations concerning the retreat via email from Mary Jane Thompson at Thompson.maryjane220@gmail.com

There are multiple components to our retreat weekend; Luxury accommodations and great food; knitting with those who share your passion; & knitting the project(s) selected for this year's retreat together. This year's retreat will be an event to remember as always. We will meet to knit daily in the ballroom of the new Conference Center at Grandview Lodge. We will enjoy great breakfasts, lunches, & dinners along with an abundance of beverages and snacks. We will share our passion with those who call themselves knitters as well.

We attempt each year to modify the event based on continued feedback from our participants. Again, this year we have projects for every skill level. **Retreat participants are required to participate in one of our retreat projects** and yarn for the project must come from AT. If that doesn't work for you this year we hope to see you at a future retreat. There are 5 options this year. These projects offer new techniques to learn and practice and yarn options for every budget.

I have been asked "why do I need to knit one of the projects?" Over the last 10 years we have tried multiple formats from simple hats to sweaters to no projects at all. The "free for all" no project format was disastrous because neither I nor the staff could help everyone that needed help. What we have found is that if everyone is working on a similar project it builds camaraderie among the participants and we have the expertise to help with the projects. Please feel free to bring other knitting with you to enjoy as well. Staff will be available to help with retreat projects. You may choose to participate in one or more than one of the projects. Do what inspires you. This is a luxurious and relaxing retreat.

The cost of the retreat project depends on the project and yarn selected. Retreat materials must be purchased at Amazing Threads. Participants will receive 10% off yarn purchased for the retreat project.

Each participant will receive an individual gift bag and other goodies to enhance your retreat experience. The past retreat bags/gifts have been FABULOUS. Join us to enjoy a weekend of knitting at Minnesota's premier resort.

Retreat Project Options: We are calling this year's projects "It's A WRAP." Options range from a simply knit poncho to luxurious wraps. Wraps are big this FALL! All 5 options this year are interesting and include different construction and opportunities to learn new skills. Each project can be knit with a variety of yarn and budget options.



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The Shetland Twist Wrap is this year's most challenging project. Perfect for those that love cables and charts. The pattern repeat is not difficult and easy to master for those that love a challenge. Brooke Nico's elegant statement-piece wrap is a cornucopia of twisted knit cables, eyelet panels, wrapped clusters and diamond cables with leaf lace centers. Our sample is knit in our own Luxury DK. Pattern is available in Vogue Knitting Fall 2017. The shop has a list of fiber options.



Diamond Textured Wrap: Don't be deceived by the intricate appearance of Gaughan's diamond motifs: This cozy wrap is made up entirely of knit and purl stitches, with slipped stitches at each side of every other row to keep the edges from curling. Our sample is knit in Blue Sky Fibers' Extra, a luscious blend of Aran-weight baby alpaca and merino, will keep you wrapped in luxury all year long.



Open Stitch Wrap: This eye-catching eyelet wrap is quick to knit, with a ten-row pattern repeat that will keep your attention from wandering. There are only 2 rows that are not knit or purl. . Four inches (10cm) of ribbed edgings bookend the rows of graphic patterning. I knit the sample in Jade Sapphire Exotic Fibres' ReLuxe is another wonder: 100% recycled yarn from Italian cashmere sweaters that is also machine-washable. I am knitting it a second time in a new fiber. Fun and mindless except for 2 rows in every repeat.

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Discover Poncho by Margaret Craig are in the Heidi & Lana Discovery Kit. It is a simple knit with great drape. This project is for those that love stockinette and a simple garment that looks great on all shapes and sizes. Kits at the shop include yarn, markers, the pattern, chibi and more. Everything but the needles.



The Passage Poncho by Margaret Craig in the Heidi & Lana Kit is a simple knit that creates drama with dropped stitches. Except for the needles, the kit contains everything you need to complete your poncho

RETREAT DETAILS The cost for accommodations (double occupancy), meals, breaks and instruction/assistance before, during and after the retreat is \$495.00. Single Occupancy is \$595.00. Registration requires a \$250 down payment which is non-refundable. The down payment of \$250 is due at the time of registration. Registration must include the completed Registration Sheet. The final payment of \$245.00 (Dbl) or 345.00 (Single) is due September 25, 2017. Retreat fees are non-refundable. We do not retain your credit card number. Please stop in or call by 9/25/17 to pay your retreat in full. Thank you. All accommodation/room assignments for retreat registrants Friday through Sunday are arranged through Amazing Threads. Any room modifications **MUST** be completed through Amazing Threads.

Want to extend your stay by a day or two? We have OPTIONS!

Option 1: The cost for Thursday night accommodations including a breakfast package with tax is \$129.24 per person for Thursday, November 10, 2016. This is a per-person rate that includes breakfast The Spa will offer a 25% discount for spa services for Thursday, November 9, 2016 **ONLY**. Spa appointments must be scheduled a minimum of 10 days prior. You **MUST** notify Spa that you are a guest with the Amazing Threads group at the time of booking to receive discount. Discount valid on regular priced packages only and does not apply to spa specials.

Option 2: The Spa has had a 2-night Spa special available to the general public in November. It has been a great deal. It is for 2 nights and you get breakfast and a \$100 gift card. I currently do not have the cost for this **OPTION**. **YOU** must book this separately and pay for it separately. When you book, you can tell them you are with our group. **HOWEVER**, there is no guarantee that you will be in the same room Friday and Saturday.

Spa Treatments are booked independently by calling 218-963-2234 or 866-801-2951.

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the shop **OR** fax your registration to 763-391-7739. Call the shop @ 763-391-7700 with credit card information.

We look forward to another exciting retreat at Grandview Lodge. *Bobbie & Staff*

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Required Registration Information

Name _____

Address _____

Email: _____

Telephone # _____



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Rooming Request: Grandview provides us 1, 2, & 3 bedroom accommodations. Pricing is based on double occupancy. Each participant will receive their own bed. However, most accommodations have 2 beds per bedroom. I will do my best to honor rooming requests. There are not enough 1 bedroom accommodations to house our group. Some housing is on the main grounds near the lake and other accommodations may be across the road.

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Additional Requests:

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the retreat project is a component of the Amazing Threads 2017 retreat.
