

2018 Retreat Information & Registration

It's time to register for the Fall 2018 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 9/5/18 in order to secure the best configurations.

Our retreat will begin on Friday, November 1, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. and continue until 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 14, 2018. 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 15, 2018. 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.** If that doesn't work for you this year we hope to see you at a future retreat. There are 4 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 13 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.

R O W A N

We will have some special guests this year! Sharon Brandt, Director at Rowan will be with us Friday evening and provide an update on fashion and knitting and the history of Rowan as a brand. **You all are getting the SCOOP FIRST in this letter: Amazing Threads is a Flagship stores in the US for Rowan.** Their brand is changing and the designs are becoming iconic for all ages. Sharon is joining us Friday and Saturday.



Yana Petrova of Artfil Yarns will be here to teach Portuguese knitting @ our retreat and in the shop either before or after our Retreat as well! She is bringing a wonderful Trunk Show of Great garments, too. Yana will do an overview for all on Saturday @ 3:00 pm. On Sunday morning Lana will share with the group: How to make the most of a knitting project by choosing the right texture & color. Yana does the creative dying for all our Artfil yarns: Belle, Solo, Mericana DK, & Aran.

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.

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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: Options range from a simply knit sweater to luxurious wraps. All of the 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. **Yarn and Kits will be available by August 15, 2018**



Simple Shapes Garter Stitch Pullover by Quail Studios:

This will become your go-to pullover. It's simple to knit (all garter) and fun to wear. It is knit in softyak DK which feels like cotton and knits like wool. A great pullover for any season or climate. Sized S to XXL. This sweater can be knit in any DK weight yarn that holds its shape in garter stitch.



Om Shawl designed by Andrea Mowry. Yana has created 2 kits for the Om Shawl OR we can help you design your own color scheme in any of our vast selection of worsted weight yarns. The Om shawl is a beautiful shawl or wrap that can also be buttoned into a poncho. It spotlights color and texture but is an easy knit.

Pucallpa Shawl designed by Lisa Richardson is knit in one of Rowan's newest yarns: Classic Alpaca and showcased in Rowan Magazine 64. It is a fabulous knit with a simple 12 row repeat. I knit mine in Fuchsia. Angel knit hers in beautiful mustard. Rowan showcases the design in snow white.



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Double Your Pleasure Cowl is a new design by Laura Bryant of Prism Double Your Pleasure can be worn multiple ways and with either side out, for a very different look. Inspired by a Stephen West design, our version is very easy to knit with short rows and stockinette/reverse stockinette. Yarns. It is knit from a Prism Merino 6 Pack of coordinated colors.



RETREAT DETAILS

The cost for accommodations (double occupancy), meals, breaks and instruction/assistance before, during and after the retreat is \$525.00. Single Occupancy is \$625.00. 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 \$275.00 (Dbl) or 375.00 (Single) is due September 25, 2018. Retreat fees are non-refundable. We do not retain your credit card number. Please stop in or call by 9/25/18 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 \$133.04 per person for Thursday, November 1, 2018. This is a per-person rate that includes breakfast. The Spa will offer a 10% discount for spa services for Thursday, November 1, 2018 **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 don't have costs per person per room for double occupancy to get the Spa package. **YOU must book this separately and pay for it separately. When you book this 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 scan and send via email to Mary Jane @ her email address. Call the shop @ 763-391-7700 with credit card information. We look forward to another

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exciting retreat at Grandview Lodge.

Bobbi, Angel, Mary Jane & 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:

Please check if you are interested in learning Portuguese knitting

I understand and acknowledge that participation in the retreat project is a component of the Amazing Threads 2018 retreat.
