

Let the River Carry You Knitting Retreat

May 20 and 21, 2015 in San Juan Bautista, California,
with Cat Bordhi and Jim Pethiewicz



We have a sibling relationship, and bring a bright heart and intuitive strength to all the work we do. We would love to have you join us.

This knitting retreat is about that which rises through knitting, and you shall leave with it alive and streaming through your hands. To illuminate this, Cat shares this story:

During my internship to become an elementary school teacher, one day a supervisor astonished me by asking what might happen if I went into the classroom without any preparation and instead simply followed whatever evolved. It was as if he was reading my innermost mind. “You’re giving me permission to do that?” I asked, and he nodded. I taught school for a decade and then moved on to teaching curious knitters around the world while the clarity and mystery of this man’s gift reverberated within me like a steady center, anchoring my teaching style. It is why I love to teach. It scarcely matters what I am teaching, because when I meet you as you are and accompany your best self in your present evolution, it is close to effortless. It is probably the reason my students return again and again.

Cat will share her collection of “Let the River Carry You” projects, each one-to-two skein design carefree to knit, liberating, and beautiful to wear. She and Jim use them as travel projects for the adventurous knitting retreats they lead within the United States, Peru, Mexico, and Guatemala (more countries coming).

The method also appears in Cat’s recent book, *Versatildes—a New Landscape for Knitters*, where along with steady instructions, she coaxes knitters to trust an instinctive dimension of knitting.

In Cat’s words: “The guiding light is to knit like a river would, allowing an ever-changing dance of rivulets and currents. It’s a funny thing to teach, because it’s actually an unteaching. I shall unteach it to the bright and innocent spirit in you.”



Retreat schedule

Wednesday, May 20

9:30 - 10:30 Register and settle in your room

10:30 We gather and begin to Let the River Carry Us. You'll be able to choose from a variety of small and soothing Let the River Carry You projects, and within a few minutes will be casting on for a carefree, liberating experience. Cat will talk about what lies beneath knitting, and the certainty of its flow and nourishment, as well as how to stay out of the way and join the harmony. Jim will share his parallel experience from another set of circumstances, deepening and extending our appreciation of that which is filling the room and moving through our hands.

12:00 Lunch

1:30 We regather and continue for several more hours

6:00 Dinner

The evening is free. There will be tea and coffee available in our gathering room if you wish to sit and knit with your new and old friends.

Thursday, May 21

8:00 to 9:30 Breakfast

9:30 We regather midstream, exploring and enjoying where we are now.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 Closure

Location

The St. Francis Retreat is located in San Juan Bautista, 40 miles south of San Jose. This retreat and conference center is off the beaten path, on an escarpment on the side of historic Fremont Peak. (<http://stfrancisretreat.com>)

Cost

\$325 per person (double occupancy; single room is \$75 extra)

Included: Printed patterns for a small project with several variations, and 2 lunches, 1 breakfast, and 1 dinner—organic, locally-sourced and prepared by an award-winning chef.

We will have a variety of *artisenias* from our Peru, Mexico, and Guatemala trips available for purchase, which helps support our community work.

Knitting supplies to bring

About 150 to 200 grams of a DK to worsted weight yarn that feels lovely against the skin and 24" circular needles in a size that gives you nice springy ribbing. Avoid yarn that might make stripes.

Registration for Let the River Carry You Knitting Retreat
in San Juan Bautista, California, May 20-21, 2015

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact: _____

To hold a space, email me at cat@catbordhi.com to ask if there is space.

Once I email you back to confirm that there is, print and fill out this page and mail it to the address below with a check for \$325 made out to **Community Links International**.

For a single room, please add \$75.

Community Links International
916 Wren Drive
San Jose, California 95125

The payment secures your space and is nonrefundable. However, it may be *transferred* if you are able to find a replacement for yourself. If you cannot find a replacement for yourself, you may use \$200 as a credit toward another event with us within 2015.

We will pair you with another knitter unless you wish a single room. If you are coming with a friend and wish to share a room with them, write their name: _____

Personal Liability and Indemnification Agreement

We take your safety and the security of your belongings very seriously, but cannot be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damage any time during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify Cat Bordhi, Jim Petkiewicz, and Community Links International from any claim for injury, loss, or damage for any reason. You are responsible for any damage to retreat property, facilities, or equipment caused by you through negligence or willful intent.

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