

Accents On Knits

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Another Retreat is from Aug. 27th to Sept. 3rd

Your Hosts

For sixteen years we (Hope and Barry Blazer) had a wonderful yarn shop, Accents On Knits in Morristown, NJ. Fifteen months ago we "semi-retired" to live our dream in Costa Rica where we established Accents on Knits Limitada to host our "Knitting Retreats to Costa Rica". After only a week with us at the retreat you will see why we love living in this exotic paradise.



Dear Barry,

Our second retreat this year features three well known designers, **Patty Lyons**, **Carol Sulcoski** and **Brooke Nico** all of whom regularly teach at **Vogue Knitting Live** and **Stitches**. **Patty** is a nationally recognized knitting teacher and technique expert who is known for teaching the "why" not just the "how" in her pursuit of training the "mindful knitter". She is known for her popular classes on **Craftsy**, **Interweave** and **Annie's** as well as her designs in **Vogue Knitting**, **Interweave Knits** and **Creative Knitting** magazines, where she also writes a knitter's advice column called "**Patty's Purls of Wisdom**". **Carol** is an attorney by day, and a knitting author/handdyer/designer the rest of the time. She is the author of "**Knitting Ephemerera**"; a volume of facts, anecdotes, historical tidbits, and other fun information about knitting and fibers; "**Lace Yarn Studio**"; "**Sock Yarn Studio**"; "**Knitting Socks with Handpainted Yarns**"; and "**Knit So Fine**". **Brooke**, the author of "**Lovely Knitted Lace**" and the just published "**More Lovely Knitted Lace**", began her designing activities by sewing her own wardrobe, inspired by drape and color. She brought her talents to knitting almost 10 years ago, first exploring modular construction, then lace. As a dedicated teacher, **Brooke** guides knitters through the intricacies of techniques to make their projects as polished as possible.

You will attend five workshops (generally one a day) and then spend the rest of the time participating in one of the exciting activities we have planned for you. Of course, you will have time to lounge by the pool, relax in a hot spring, walk on the beach, work out in the

gym, or treat yourself to a spa service at a bargain price.

If this will be your first trip to **Costa Rica** you will want to see and experience the natural beauty that is so abundant here: the beaches, rain forests, volcanoes and wildlife. We have arranged for you to get a very good taste of all of these things in the week that we have planned.

We found two perfect facilities to host the event. We are certain that you will be pleased with what the resorts and the Retreat have to offer.

ARENAL PARAISO RESORT AND SPA

Our first "home" will be in the shadow of the **Arenal Volcano** west of the town of **La Fortuna** in **Alajuela Province** in **North Central Costa Rica**. We use the term "home" because everywhere you go in Costa Rica, people make you feel at home whether you are in a hotel, restaurant, shop or just out walking. In fact, when surveyed as they are about to leave, the number one thing that visitors liked were the people! All of the resort's rooms are individual bungalows with two queen beds facing the majestic volcano. Here is a video link for the resort. An English version is expected soon.



This **Three-Star** resort has a number of hot springs with rich mineral waters that are heated by the volcano as well as a fabulous pool complete with beverage service. The expansive property has it's own modern 11-station canopy [zip-line] system [pictured above]. They also offer an array of very reasonably priced spa services that will be available at a discount to our group!

THE FLAMINGO BEACH RESORT AND SPA

This **Four-Star** hotel in **Guanacaste Province** on **Costa Rica's** northern **Pacific** coast has everything we wanted: lovely rooms, beautiful white sandy beaches, pools, spa services, fine dining, a casino and even a little shopping. It will be our second home for relaxation and the tours that we have planned. We've also arranged for discounts off the spa services which are a bargain to begin with.





The room pictured has a king size bed but most rooms have two queens which is perfect if you will be sharing a room with a friend. For those who want to spend more time in Costa Rica we have arranged with the hotel to accommodate anyone arriving before **Saturday, August 27th**, or staying beyond **Saturday, September 3rd**.

Costa Rica is known for its spectacular sunsets and this is the perfect place to experience them with a glass of wine or cocktail in hand. After fourteen months here we are still amazed by the exquisite beauty of the sunsets. We guarantee that you will take home pictures at least as nice as this one. If not, we will be happy to make arrangements for you to come back for more fun and excitement in Costa Rica.



TOURS

Exciting and informative tours have been arranged at both locations.

In Arenal

1. A guided tour of the Arenal National Park over trails marked with the remains of previous lava flows. Along the way you will discover the abundant flora and fauna of the rainforest and learn about the surprising history and activity of this still active volcano.
2. A kayak or raft trip. This 4 to 5 hour door to door tour will take you down a slow moving river above which you will see and hear many monkeys and birds in the trees and a variety of lizards and reptiles along the river bank.
3. A canopy [zip-line] experience or horseback riding up the slope of the volcano both of which are at the Arenal Paraiso Resort.

In Guanacaste

1. A 4-hour catamaran excursion complete with swimming, snorkeling, delicious snacks and beverages that ends just after a glorious sunset.
2. A shopping trip to Tamarindo where there are lots of quaint shops and eateries.

TRANSPORTATION

For people making flights to **Costa Rica** on **Saturday, August 27th** scheduled to arrive by **2pm**, and departing on **Saturday, September 3rd**, the retreat covers the cost of all transfers to and from the **Liberia International** airport in **Costa Rica** and the resorts, as well as between resorts. There will be a small additional charge for earlier or later arrivals, or for departures other than on **Saturday, September 3rd**. Transportation for all of the tours is also included. **NOTE:** Air transportation to **Costa Rica** is not included. **United, American** and **Delta** airlines all have service between **Newark Liberty** [EWR] airport and **Liberia International** [LIR] airport. There is also service into **Liberia** from other **US** gateway airports.

PRICES AND PAYMENT

With so much non-knitting activity planned, you may want to bring your significant other. There will be lots to do while you are in class including the pool, beach, hot

springs, gym, spa and hiking. Biking and other tours will also be available for purchase.

	Knitters	Others
The Retreat Fee is per person based on double occupancy	\$1295*	\$1045*
Includes		
Hotel Room 7 nights including breakfast and tax	yes	yes
Welcome reception at the Arenal Pariaso hotel	yes	yes
Five, 3-hour classes	yes	no
The five tours listed above	yes	yes
Transportation to and from airport and hotels	yes	yes

The **Retreat Fee** does not include other meals and beverages or spa services but we have arranged for some specially priced dinners at some outstanding restaurants. If you want to stay longer or go on other tours, prices will be provided.

* We have a second wonderful hotel available in **Flamingo** that will lower the **Retreat Fee** \$100 per person if you choose to stay there. More info.

A deposit of **\$500** (per person) is payable with your **Registration** which is refundable prior to **July 1st**. The balance of the **Fee** [nonrefundable] must be paid by **July 1st**. **Act Quickly**: Registration is limited to **70** knitters. Both the **Retreat** and **Workshop Registration Forms** should be sent with your deposit.

Come to the retreat and see for yourself the beauty and charm of **Costa Rica**. But be warned: almost no one comes here only once! Please let us know if you have any questions. You can write to us at **aoknits36@gmail.com** or call our **US** phone **856-302-3156**.

Hope & Barry Blazer