



# Block Island Knitting Retreat

With Åsa Tricosa & Rosemary (Romi) Hill

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

May 13-15, 2022

Three Days, Two Amazing Designers, All-Inclusive



Åsa Söderman of Åsa Tricosa



Romi (Rosemary) Hill

At a Micro Yarn Mill on Beautiful Block Island!



# A Weekend to Relax, Enjoy, Knit & Explore

Explore with new friends –  
New Knitting Techniques: outstanding designers & workshops  
A Micro Yarn Mill: handcrafted minimally processed yarns  
The Animals: pat a yak or feed an alpaca!  
The Island: tour a lighthouse, tour the historical society  
Enjoy the Beach & Nature Trails (48% of the island is protected!)

## Tentative Retreat Schedule

### Friday – May 13

- Arrive on the ferry (Tentative: 9am, 11am, 3pm....)
- Check into Hotel
- Micro Yarn Mill Tour – 4:00
- Store Hours: Open till dinner
- Wine & Nibbles – 4:30
  - Åsa presentation during wine & nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner
  - Romi presentation after dinner

### Saturday – May 14

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 9:00 – 5:00
- Knitting Workshops: 9:00 – 12:00
  - Åsa
  - Romi
- Lunch
- Island Activities
  - SE lighthouse tour, guided nature walk, historical society
  - Explore the island, shop downtown, rent a bike
  - Relax, knit, shop, enjoy
- Wine & Nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner

### Sunday – May 15

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: 9:00 – 5:00
- Knitting Workshops: 9:00 – 12:00
  - Åsa
  - Romi
- Lunch
- Free afternoon
- Depart on the ferry (Tentative 1pm, 3pm or 5pm)

# 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.



# Åsa Söderman of Åsa Tricosa: The Ziggurat Method



## Basic Ziggurat Session

The key to all knitting mythologies: Step into Ziggurating – get the hang of this seamless tailored, everything built-in, top-down method without ever (well, *almost* never) cutting the yarn. Learn the basic Ziggurat steps for navigating any Ziggurat pattern. Find out where and how to pick up stitches for beautiful sleeve caps, master at least one short row method, learn the perfect neck cast on, directional increases, get acquainted with the handy Helpful Table, and learn to think differently about how to choose the correct sweater size. Acquire or finesse some precise and detailed techniques that make you knit with abandon. Åsa will guide you through each step and technique, and you are invited to ask as many questions as many times over as you wish or need.



# Romi (Rosemary) Hill: A Mosaic Crescent



## A Mosaic Crescent

Join Romi Hill as we take a dive into the Sun Reflecting on Water crescent shawl. Mosaic knitting uses only one color at a time to create beautiful slip stitch patterns. We'll be working a mini shawl in class, using mosaic knitting as we build from a crescent shaped with short rows! We'll be talking about short rows as design element, increasing in pattern, how mosaic patterns are built, and how to keep gauge loose enough to block beautifully.



# 2022 Block Island Knitting Retreat Details



The 3-night event is all-inclusive – we take care of everything once you get to the ferry (Pt. Judith, RI) including ferry tickets, delicious meals, great rooms, special island activities and yes, amazing knitting workshops! Please let us know of any allergies or special needs. Walking shoes are recommended so you can enjoy the whole island and there is walking during the retreat between buildings.

We have designed the room plan so that everyone is around the mill and farm in two hotels – The Atlantic and the 1661 which are both lovely and special. Please see the descriptions on the next page for more details. The “All Inclusive” retreat fees for a room with a shared bath \$1,500, a bronze room at The Atlantic is \$1,800 and is \$1,900 at the 1661. The Silver rooms at The Atlantic are \$1,950 and \$2,250 at The 1661. The Gold rooms at the Atlantic are \$2,050 and are \$2,350 at the 1661. We have also reserved the Adrian room for those interested at \$2,470. Please refer to the next page for more detail and descriptions of each room type and our new reservation approach. Email Sven with questions.

**Dress to relax.** Block Island is a very relaxed and informal destination. We recommend bringing walking shoes and attire for enjoying the trails, beaches and farm. And you will walk through the exotic animals (ever pat a yak?) to get to the mill and workshops!

**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** and we usually have 5-10+ non-knitters join the retreat which is a lot of fun as they participate in all the activities, tours and meals.

**Health and Safety** is very important to us. It was great to get everyone back together in 2021 but through that experience we have learned how to ensure a healthy environment and reduce anxiety in order for a great event. So, we are requiring that all attendees be vaccinated and be ready to follow the CDC/State/North Light Fibers’ guidelines. This may include masks for indoor activities or other precautionary measures. Our goal is to follow appropriate safe and healthy guidelines. Thanks for your understanding.

**Space is limited** so please sign up early - The retreat will be capped to have 18+/- knitters/workshop and reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. All cancellations must be made by February 1, 2022 for a partial refund and must be received in writing. No refunds will be issued after March 1, 2022. If you are suddenly unable to attend, substitute requests must be received by April 1, 2022 and approved by North Light Fibers.

**Arrival** to the island should be mid-day Friday as we have arranged for a mill tour and wine & nibbles that start at 4:30 which includes a presentation by Åsa or Romi. Please plan to take an afternoon ferry off the island Sunday after lunch.

Please sign up early - The retreat will be capped to ensure no more than 18/19 knitters in each workshop and reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

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## **Room description in more detail – Please feel free to call Sven (401-932-8510) for more information**

**All-inclusive reservations** are available for knitters and we will take care of all the details like we have for over 10 years. Gold (formerly Ocean View), Silver, Bronze and Shared Bath room categories are available and for this retreat, all of the rooms are on the 1661 premises or Atlantic Hotel.

The 1661 is a quaint Inn with an amazing view of the ocean and peaceful marshlands. We will have our breakfasts and lunches there as well as wine and nibbles. The 1661 Inn is a 3-4 minute walk from the mill and classrooms. Almost all the rooms require some stairs.

The Atlantic is a classic Victorian hotel that sits high with stunning ocean and island views. The Atlantic is a classic Victorian hotel next to the mill. All the rooms are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors and the rooms do not have TVs. One of the workshops is located in the Atlantic which is convenient for those staying there.

Both hotels require stairs and walking to workshops, the mill, meals and activities. The internet on Block Island is not very fast nor consistent – each hotel offers internet service but upload/download speeds are a challenge. All rates are “all- inclusive” including ferry tickets and yarn for homework! All rooms are single knitter occupancy with queen or king beds and on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Gold (Ocean View) rooms are unique, largest and have a view of the Ocean. These rooms are lovely and truly a great experience. They are the most spacious. The Gold rooms at the 1661 are \$2,350 and are \$2,050 at The Atlantic, which are, for the most part, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

The Adrian room is also available during the retreat for \$2,475. For those that know the room, it is amazing.....for those that do not know it, it is an incredible room with a huge private deck.

- Silver rooms are also very lovely but may not have an ocean view or deck. The Silver rooms at the 1661 are \$2,250 and are \$1,950 at the Atlantic.
- Bronze rooms are lovely and are located in and around the 1661 or at the Atlantic. While not large, these rooms are perfect and comfortable. IN fact, Laura and I would most likely stay in a Bronze room. The Bronze rooms at the 1661 are \$1,900 and are \$1,800 at The Atlantic.
- Shared Bath rooms are very nice and include a queen or king bed. These rooms are similar to the Bronze rooms except that the 5 rooms share two baths (shower only). Each room includes aa sink and toilet but there are two showers down the hall. These are \$1,500 and adjacent to the 1661.
- Companions: Companions are strongly encouraged and we usually have 6-8 join the retreats which makes the event very special. Companions can join all the

meals, activities (nature walks, Lighthouse tours, tours of the animal farm and micro yarn mill) and introductory presentations but should not plan to sit in on classes. Companions will stay in the same room with the knitter. The all-inclusive companion rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$575.

This year, you are able to book your own room on-line and see each room through the hotel website. We hope you are as pleased with this approach as we are. Now you can select your own room and, if desired, look at the rooms via the hotel websites. Please select your room at the time of registration. Once you select your room type, you can then select the specific room. Feel free to call Sven @401-932-8510 with questions.