



# Block Island Knitting Retreat

With Cecilia Campochiaro & Olga Jazzy

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

May 15-17, 2020

Three Days, Two Amazing Designers, All-Inclusive



Cecelia Campochiaro



Olga Jazzy

At a Micro Yarn Mill on Beautiful Block Island!



Westport Yarns and North Light Fibers have created a special event in May for you - a retreat within a retreat – An intimate Westport Yarns retreat within a larger event! World class workshops with local friends and new friends.

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# A Weekend to Relax, Enjoy, Knit & Explore

Westport Yarns and North Light Fibers have created a “retreat within a retreat” where you can learn new skills, work with world class designers and enjoy beautiful Block Island. And all this takes place around the North Light Fibers mill with friends (Westport Yarns rooms are together), new knitters and new activities. We have worked hard to create a fun and unique “store” event with world renowned designers, great workshops, friends and the ability to meet new knitters ..... all at the yarn mill on beautiful Block Island!

## Friday – May 15

- Arrive on the ferry (Tentative: 9am ,11am, 3pm....)
- Check Into Hotel
- Micro Yarn Mill Tour
- Exotic Animal Farm Tour
- Store Hours: Open till dinner
- Gourmet Dinner



## Saturday – May 16

- Breakfast
- Bird Banding (For those interested & weather permitting)
- Store Hours: Open till dinner
- Knitting Workshops (9-12)
  - Cecilia Campochiaro
  - Olga Jazzy
- Lunch
- Island Bus Tour & Island Activities
  - Nature walks, historical society or lighthouse tour
  - Relax, knit, shop, enjoy
- Wine & Nibbles
- Gourmet Dinner



## Sunday – May 17

- Breakfast
- Store Hours: Open till dinner
- Knitting Workshops (9-12)
  - Cecilia Campochiaro
  - Olga Jazzy
- Lunch
- Free afternoon
- Depart on the ferry (3pm or 5pm)



# World Class Designers, New Yarns, New Colors, New Techniques & New Friends

## Cecelia Campochiaro: Making Beautiful Textured Fabrics with Sequence Knitting



Cecelia Campochiaro appeared on the knitting scene in 2015 with her debut book, *Sequence Knitting*. She lives in Silicon Valley, where for many years she developed specialized microscopes used in computer chip manufacturing. Textiles, photography and the arts have been a lifelong passion running in parallel with her technical life. In high school and college even though her main studies were in the sciences, she studied drawing, printmaking, ceramics, and photography. Knitting was a casual pastime until she had an ah-ha moment in 2010, and realized that textured fabrics could be created by the simple repetition of a sequence of stitches. This idea evolved into *Sequence Knitting*, which is a mindful approach to knitting that leads to textured reversible fabrics. Today she is fully dedicated to the fiber world and “unventing” new ways to make amazing knit fabrics.

The workshop: Cecelia will introduce you to the world of sequence knitting, where richly textured fabrics are created by repeating a sequence of stitches over and over. She will share many examples ranging from simple to more advanced, and explain how sequence knitting can be incorporated into your knitting. She will explain how sequence knitting is a framework for playing with yarn and color, and how to think about combining colors. This workshop will get you thinking about how to add more texture and color to your knitting and open up the wide world of sequence knitting.

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## Olga Jazzy: 3 Dimensional Knitware



Koko Shawl

Growing up in Belarus, Olga Buraya-Kefelian learned knitting from her seamstress mother at a very young age. It wasn't until her mid-twenties that her knitting developed beyond a hobby and a distraction from the hardships of military life, into a career in knitwear design. She has created her own brand of knitwear patterns “Olgajazzy” that are sold via her website and authored several publications. But you can also see her designs in many publications like Brooklyn Tweed, Amirisu, PomPom, Laine, etc.. Currently residing in Alexandria, Virginia she continues work on her brand and numerous collaborations while teaching classes and workshops internationally. Find her work at [olgajazzy.com](http://olgajazzy.com) and across social media platforms under @olgajazzyknits



Hisho Shawl

The workshop: This workshop is focused on Olga’s approach to 3D knitwear in hand knitting with demonstrations, inspirations and a major swatch-fest. Olga will present her 3D design philosophy, to reveal a slightly different angle of knitwear that will put your knitting skills onto a new and novel path. In this workshop you will also begin work on either the HISHO or KOKO wrap of the size of your choice

# 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.



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# 2020 Westport Yarns & North Light Fibers Block Island Knitting Retreat Details



**All-inclusive** - We take care of everything! All you need to do is to get to the ferry (Pt. Judith, RI). Once on Block Island, we take over with ferry tickets, gourmet meals, beautiful rooms, yarn for homework, fabulous activities, amazing workshops, outstanding knitters, exotic animals and a Micro Yarn Mill.

**What to bring/wear** – Block Island is a very relaxed and informal destination. We

recommend bringing walking shoes and attire for enjoying the trails, beaches and farm. We have a number of activities available from lighthouse tours to bird banding as well as a behind the scenes tour of the exotic animals. And you will walk through the exotic animals (ever pat a yak or alpaca) to get to the mill and workshop!

**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** - We usually have 5-10 non-knitters join the event and participate in all the activities, tours and meals.

**Space is limited so please sign up early – We have set aside a limited number of rooms for Westport yarns knitters. SO PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY.** We are limiting each workshop to 20 knitters to ensure a small and intimate class and reservations are accepted on a first come – first served basis. All cancellations must be made by March 1, 2020 for a partial refund and must be received in writing. No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2020. The retreat will close once capacity is reached and a wait list maintained. While we do not see a need, we suggest knitters consider travel insurance.



**All-inclusive Luxury and Premium rooms are reserved for Westport yarns and can be viewed on-line.** These rooms are located near the mill and within a short walk of the 1661 so the group can spend time together as well as with the other retreat attendees. All rates are fully inclusive, including ferry tickets and yarn for homework! All rooms are single knitter occupancy with queen or king beds.

- Luxury rooms are in and around the mill and classrooms and are very spacious and lovely. Many of the rooms have decks and outside sitting areas with views of the island or farm and include a luscious breakfast at the 1661. The all-inclusive Luxury room rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$1,750.
- Premium rooms are very nice and close by and include a luscious breakfast. The all-inclusive Premium room rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$1,575.

- **Companions:** We often have a number of companions join the retreat which makes the event very special. Companions can join all the meals and activities (nature walks, bird banding, tours of the animal farm and micro yarn mill).



- Companions will stay in the same room with the knitter. The all-inclusive companion rate for the two night/three-day workshop is \$525.
- For those wishing to share a room/bed with another knitter, please call Sven at 401-466-2050 (mill), 401-932-8510 (cell) or e-mail him at [sven@northlightfibers.com](mailto:sven@northlightfibers.com).

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