



*Time for our second annual  
knitting retreat, Ithaca Style!*

# KNIT ITHACA!

*When: Nov 9 - 12th, 2018  
Extension: Nov. 12th - 13th*

*Where: Downtown Marriott  
Ithaca, NY*

*with Laura Nelkin  
&  
Mary Jane Mucklestone*

I've planned an extra special intimate weekend with lots of time to expand our knitting knowledge, explore the Finger Lakes Region, eat great food, taste our local wines and spirits, and knit together! We'll be based at the Marriott, right at the base of The Commons in Ithaca, NY. This means there are a plethora of amazing restaurants, shopping, coffee, used book stores, craft galleries, bars AND BEST YET? A yarn store right across the street!

We'll have the meeting rooms on the second floor of the Marriott overlooking downtown Ithaca all to ourselves. The space has huge windows and amazing natural light, perfect for knitting and people watching all at once! Our room will be open from 7am-11pm everyday for knitting/hanging/being together! Mary Jane Mucklestone, an expert on knitting with color, and a fierce traveling knitter, will be joining us for the weekend and teaching us a hands on color theory class on Saturday. Knitters of all levels will expand their knitting knowledge in her class. Plus Mary Jane will be hanging out with us and you'll be able to pick her brain all you want (within reason, of course!)

I'm planning on designing an epic Cowl for this year's retreat... entitled ITHACOWL (how did I not come up with that sooner?).... inspired by the natural beauty of the Finger Lakes region. I'll be releasing it and teaching you its tricks at the retreat.

Space is limited and I expect the retreat to fill up rather quickly... sign ups will open March 28th at 12 pm EST. More info on the last page of this document.

# Schedule At A Glance

(Knit-Ithacans will get a full schedule in the Fall)

## Friday Nov 9th PM

- Arrival- 3 - 5pm Check In and Local Food Snack Time
- Dinner
- Welcome “Ceremonies” & The Traveling Knitter- Lecture by Mary Jane
- Knit Night #1 (until 11pm)

## Saturday Nov 10th

- Breakfast
- Morning Class with Mary Jane or Laura (see page 3 for details)
- Lunch
- Apres Lunch Cascadilla Gorge Walk or Shopping on the Commons
- Afternoon Class with Mary Jane or Laura (see page 3 for details)
- Free Time/Dinner on your own in Ithaca  
(Laura will provide you with a list of favorite restaurants/shops and a walking map...)
- Knit Night #2 with Local Artisan Pop-Up Shop (until 11pm)

## Sunday Nov 11th

- Breakfast
- Taste of Seneca Lake Tour (see page 4 for details)
- Dinner
- Fashion Show and Knit Night #3 (until 11pm)

## Monday Nov 12th AM

- Goodbye Breakfast Spread
- 11am- Checkout

## OPTIONAL “Extension” (24 spots available) Trip to the Corning Museum of Glass with Glass Blowing Experience

We'll depart Ithaca after breakfast (around 9am) and head to Corning to their stunning glass museum. We'll split into two groups, half of us will have a docent led tour of the museum while the other half has a glass blowing workshop (ornament making), then we'll all have lunch and free time together, in the afternoon we'll switch activities. CMOG is one of my favorite museums, and with a hands on experience you'll get to see just how extraordinary (and hard) working with glass is! We'll be back in Ithaca around 5pm. You can extend your room a night for this extra day or not (details on last page).

Included: Docent led tour of the museum, hands on glass experience, transportation to/from the Marriot in Ithaca

Not Included: Lunch and Dinner

- **Read more here:** <https://www.cmog.org/>

## Saturday Classes

(Everyone will take two classes on Saturday, one with Mary Jane and one with Laura)

### The Interaction of Color in Fair Isle Knitting with Mary Jane Mucklestone

This dynamic color class with Mary Jane will find us each knitting different fair isle pattern motifs on a wristlet, while all using the same six colors. In a few hours of swift knitting our class will just scratch the tip of the iceberg of color variation that can be achieved using the same colors in different ways. A class format is the best way of instantly recognizing that the “interaction of color” is what makes a successful fair isle garment.

Yarn Kit Required AND included with goodie bag: 6 colors of Jamieson’s of Shetland Spindrift 2ply Jumperweight yarn

Supplies to Bring: US size 3 (3.25mm) dpns or your preferred needles for working small diameter pieces in the round; tapestry needle; scissors; stitch markers. Colored pencils and eraser, if desired.

Homework: If you aren’t comfortable with two color stranded knitting this is your time to learn! Check out Mary Jane’s classes on Craftsy or grab one of her books and work up some samples so you can get the most out of this class!

### Friday Night Lecture

Inveterate traveler Mary Jane Mucklestone will take us on a vicarious visual journey to places that most knitters have only dreamed of going, including Shetland, Iceland, Peru, Chile, Argentina and most recently Australia. See the sites, and discover more about the history and origins of your favorite techniques and yarns. Visit the rugged islands off the coast of Scotland where traditional knitting is still a cottage industry. Learn about Lopi and today’s hip knitting scene in Iceland. Climb the Andes and experience the amazing chullos of the Andes. Join us for an evening of armchair travel and stories as Mary Jane shares her colorful photos, and spins a few yarns.

### About Mary Jane

Mary Jane Mucklestone is a hand knitting designer who likes the process of knitting as much as product she makes. Mary Jane Mucklestone loves to knit, especially with color. Mary Jane travels the world to study traditional knitting techniques and to learn more about the history of the craft. She’s a popular teacher specializing in lively, fun and informative classes. She feels lucky to be invited to teach all over the world, and is eager to share knitting knowledge with her students. She aims to give students the courage to try something new!

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### IthaCowl with Laura Nelkin

Join Laura for a three hour class that delves deeply into the techniques used in her new design, IthaCowl. By the end of class you will be ready to cast on for IthaCowl!

Your goodie bag will contain swatching yarn for the cowl... this design is going to be sized, and kits will be available should you decide to knit the cowl.

About a month before the retreat you will receive an e-mail with any class supplies you’ll need.

### About Laura

Laura lives outside Ithaca New York, where the sunny season is short, leaving plenty of time to be indoors knitting. Despite holding a degree in apparel design from Cornell University, she took to knitting years ago and hasn’t looked back. Laura’s designs and techniques are innovative, fun and will challenge you to think in new ways about your knitting. Laura shares her skills in workshops across the country, on-line with Craftsy, and in her spare time leads knitting tours abroad.

# Taste of Seneca Lake Tour

Sunday November 11, 2018

I've rented us a motorcoach and teamed up with **Experience the Fingerlakes!** for the day to explore some of my favorite haunts on Seneca Lake!

First we'll head over to Buttermilk Falls, an absolutely stunning waterfall right at the gateway to Ithaca. If weather and mobility allows we'll hike up it a bit! Next we'll head to Seneca Lake and have a tour and tasting at Fingerlakes Distillery. Then we'll go to one of my favorite restaurants, Stone Cat Cafe for a scrumptious lunch feast. After that it is off to Chateau Lafayette Reneau winery for a wine tasting with cookie pairing! Finally, we'll head into Watkins Glen to explore the town. If the falls are open, that is certainly an option, but there are also great shops including a lovely yarn store. Then we'll head back to the hotel to recuperate before dinner and our fashion show.

Visit  
**Buttermilk Falls**



Scrumptious Brunch at  
**Stone Cat Cafe**



Wine tasting and cookie pairing  
at **Chateau Lafayette Reneau**



Tour and Tasting at the  
**Finger Lakes Distillery**



Visit to **Watkins Glen and Shops**



## Location

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**Getting To/From-** Ithaca is easy to get to, you can fly in (the hotel has a free shuttle from the Ithaca airport), you can take a bus, or drive! There is inexpensive parking (not included) attached to the hotel. Details [here](#).



## What's Included in the Retreat?

**Food and Meals-** Local Food Welcome Spread, 3 FULL Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 2 Dinners, all tastings on Sunday's tour

**Goodie Bag-** will include swatching supplies for a special design Laura is working on for the retreat, the colorwork kit for Mary Jane's class plus other great goodies!

**Accommodations (optional)-** 3 nights at the Downtown Ithaca Marriott, a lovely, modern, and newly constructed hotel right in the heart of the "city"

**Knitting Workshops-** Two 3-hour classes, one with Mary Jane Mucklestone and one with Laura!

**The Traveling Knitter-** A lecture by Inveterate traveler Mary Jane Mucklestone!

**Seneca Lake Gorge/Food Tour**

**OPTIONAL-** Corning Museum Experience (this must be signed up for separately!)

## Signing Up

Go to [www.nelkindesigns.com/knitithaca](http://www.nelkindesigns.com/knitithaca) to reserve your spot. A \$200 deposit signs you up, (\$50 deposit for the Corning Extension)!

*THIS LINK WILL NOT WORK UNTIL MARCH 28th at 12 pm EST!*

Your balance will be automatically charged Aug 15th, 2018.

Once you are signed up you will receive a confirmation letter with a link to a form that must be filled out. This is where you will let Laura know about your roommate choices (if you requested a double) and any dietary restrictions.

## Fees

**With Hotel Room (I encourage you to do this... it is WAY more fun for us all to be in one hotel)**

\$1310- shared/knitter per person (Two Queens)

\$1010- shared/non-knitter per person

\$1700- solo knitter (One King)

**Commuters**

\$925/knitter

\$625/non-knitter

**Note:** Non-knitters participate in all meals and the tour but don't take the knitting classes on Saturday or get a goodie bag. These spots are very limited.

If you are rooming with a non-knitter, you MUST register them when you register yourself. Space on the tour is limited.

If you are booking a King, register them as a Commuter-Non-Knitter!

**Monday Extension to Corning Museum of Glass (per person)**

\$210- shared per person (Two Queens)

\$300- solo (One King)

\$115- commuter

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- You can book extra nights at the hotel on your own, just call them and let them know you are participating in Knit Ithaca. If you are doing the extension to CMOG a night is included in that (unless you are a commuter).

## Cancellation Policy

A \$75 fee will be charged for cancellations before August 15, 2018.

No refund will be given after August 15, 2018, unless your space can be filled, then you will receive a full refund, less a \$75 processing fee.