

# Knitting on the Wild Side

Big Tancook Island Knitting Camp - Sept 13th - 19th 2014  
with **Lucy Neatby**



Have you ever wished to be cast adrift on an island with only your knitting and a few good friends? This is your chance! Join Lucy on Big Tancook Island, Nova Scotia for a week of knitting, classes, companionship and incredible tranquility. This is our second such camp for intrepid knitters.

Expect a warm Tancook welcome and enjoy the rugged beauty of this remote island full of peace and quiet that scarcely can be imagined in our modern world. You may even find the volume of bird song and sounds of the waves rather intrusive on occasion! You'll travel back in time and leave the everyday world behind the moment you step ashore.

*This event is aimed at independent travelers and will be somewhat unconventional.  
Six day all-inclusive camp \$1600.00 + HST. See Registration on p. 6 for full details.*

LUCY  NEATBY  
*Make your stitches smile!*

# Knitting Program

Lucy will provide formal knitting classes for 3 hours each morning which will be limited to our 12 - 14 attendees. There will be additional informal gatherings for social knitting with Lucy at other times. Classes will take place in the Community Center, which is an excellent teaching space. A supply list will be sent to attendees.

With such a small group, we will be able to explore ideas more freely than is usual in a normal workshop environment. The topic for this year's camp will be double-knitting: flat, circular or, Lucy's current passion, center-out double-layer knitting. We will look at a range of DK applications, techniques and borders. You may select one of Lucy's patterns, the class project or work on your own design.

Afternoons will be free to spend as you wish. Curled up with a book on the beach (it's pebbly, but pretty), knitting in the gallery with friends or wandering freely. Optional weather-dependent plans include a bird watching walk with Hillary (she knows where they all hang out and what they are called), an expedition by ferry to Little Tancook Island, touring by bicycle or on foot and a boat trip around the island (included in the price of the knitting camp). If possible, we will arrange visits with a local rug maker and other artisans.

If the above sounds blissfully appealing to you, please read on! Please remember, though, that there are serious physical, medical and logistical challenges to attending (and running) this camp.



## WHAT IS THERE TO DO BESIDES KNITTING?

- Photography - wonderful scenery, birds, flowers, beaches, sunsets.
- Walking / Beach-combing / Exploring
- Geocaching
- Swimming for the intrepid - remember, it is the Atlantic Ocean!
- Reading - Big Tancook has its own lending library
- Jigsaws and games (also available at the library)
- Stargazing - no light pollution here.
- Cycling - bicycle rentals are available.
- Enjoy some free time to knit and get to know new friends!

# About Big Tancook Island

## ABOUT THE ISLAND

Big Tancook Island is situated on the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia, Canada. It is at the edge of the beautiful, island-studded Mahone Bay, about 1 hour by a foot-passenger-only ferry from Chester, on the mainland.

Although called Big Tancook (it is bigger than Little Tancook), this is not a very large island, about 2 miles by 3, which is easily explored on foot. It is the year-round home to around 110 friendly and quirky people and has been inhabited since 1810. In the past, fishing, farming and boat-building were traditional occupations. Fishing for lobster is the main on-island employment today. Big Tancook Island boasts a microscopic post-office and a school for children up to Grade 5. There are a few small craft studios and a photo gallery that will be open to visitors during your stay, but no grocery or convenience stores at all.

This camp will provide you with a rare opportunity to spend time on this island without having to buy property as there are no hotels or other overnight accommodations available. Most visitors to the Island are day trippers, and can only spend a couple

of hours thus missing the incredible stillness of the evenings and starlit nights.

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

Halifax Stanfield Airport is the nearest point of access. Chester is approximately one hour's drive from the airport. A shared taxi is a cost effective way of reaching Chester.

You will need to be in **Chester, NS by noon on September 13th 2014**. Departure from the island will be on Friday September 19th on the 1330 ferry.

Please note that, occasionally a ferry sailing has to be cancelled due to high winds. Although it is unlikely, **it is not impossible**. Please allow for at least one night ashore before flying home.

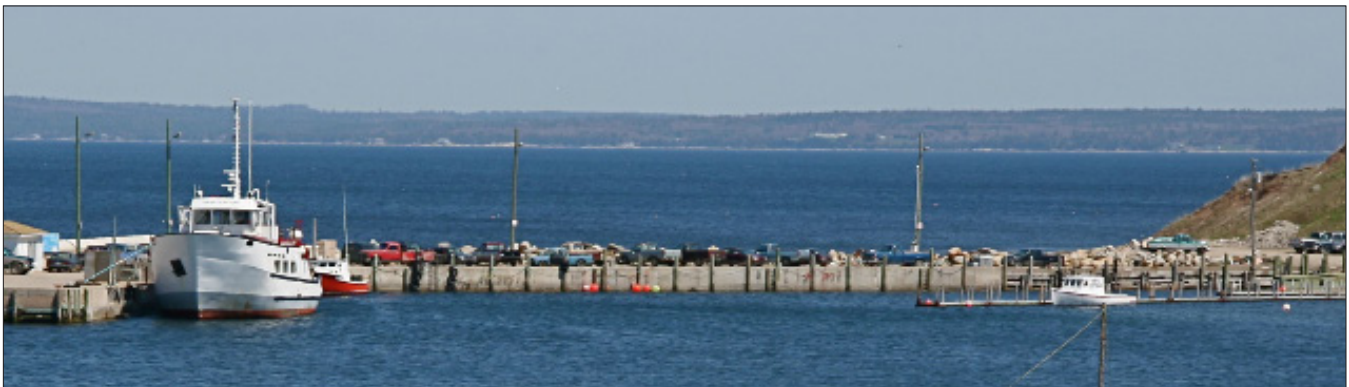
## WEB LINKS

[Tancook Island Tourism Website](#)

[Tancook Historical Background](#)

[Halifax Airport](#)

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## ACCESS TO THE TANCOOKS

The island is served by a small ferry, the William Ernst. There are usually four round trip ferry runs per day Monday to Friday (fewer at the weekend). The ferry is only equipped to carry foot passengers (one vehicle can be carried by special arrangement at certain states of tide). The ferry ride takes about an hour and there is a washroom on board. The crossing is not usually very rough, even in heavy weather, as the islands break the worst of the Atlantic swell. Luggage is placed in a small cargo box on quayside and then craned aboard prior to sailing. There is no extra charge for bags or weight restriction! The last ferry sails to the mainland at 1630 most days. You must be at the ferry dock at least 15 minutes before sailing time. The ferry waits for no knitter.

Once on Big Tancook, be prepared to feel distinctly cut off from the world. I find this liberating, but please do consider how this might affect you.

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Tancook is not the best place for these! If you suffer from any life-threatening condition that could require immediate medical attention - please don't sign up, as we'd hate to lose you. The island has no doctor but is served by a handful of volunteer medical first responders, and the ferry, which docks on the island, will run in the event of a serious medical emergency. For immediately life-threatening conditions it may be possible to be evacuated by helicopter (weather permitting). A medical evacuation by helicopter will cost you **\$18,000** hence our **INSISTENCE** on medical insurance for all non-Nova Scotian registrants.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Knitters will be assigned to shared furnished cottages, likely in groups of four. These homes have real beds, electricity, running water and flush toilets. (What more could a knitter ask for?) Some cottages have twin bedded rooms, others double beds. Creative planning will be applied to best suit the occupants.

Breakfast supplies will be provided in each home. Lunch and dinner will be served in the community center and various other venues.



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## FOOD AND MEALS

Owing to the isolation of the island it is unlikely that we will be able to offer meals for special diets, though we will do our best. Please advise us on first reserving your place of any possible dietary issues, so we can discuss them. Breakfast will be self-service in your cottage and the remaining meals will be made by the community center team and various individual residents.

## PERSONAL SUPPLIES

The island has no store of any kind. Please bring all medications you might require (we will have basic generic items that we will hold on hand just in case). Do bring any special foodstuffs necessary to your complete contentment along with you. We would be happy to do some pre-arranged custom shopping for you ahead of time for any heavy items such as beverages (soft or otherwise). It may also be possible to arrange another custom shopping trip mid week. Any of these purchases will be billed to you separately during camp.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Limited internet can be accessed via some mobile phones. Most mobile phones will work somewhere on the island but do remember to check your long-distance rates.

## WEATHER

Mid to later September is the absolute best time of year in the Maritimes. The autumn sunshine is glorious but not overly hot, it may reach 70F. Expect at least some rain and undoubtedly a couple of windy days. If nothing else, the weather changes fast! Please pack accordingly.

## WALKING

This camp will involve a more than usual amount of walking. Upon arrival, you and your luggage will be collected from the ferry and taken to your respective cottages. If the weather is particularly vile we will endeavor to provide rides to class (see vehicle info below), but plan to walk (or ride) to and from your cottages to the community center daily (and a fair bit besides).

Several participants had bicycles at the last camp and were happy to have brought them along.

We have arranged optional bicycle rental for any camper that would like a bike and helmet (this is not included in the camp price).

## VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION

There are some vehicles on the island. All are in very questionable condition of roadworthy-ness and any rides you accept or cars you may borrow are entirely at your own risk. (Once on the island the cars come to die and are no longer subject to mainland vehicle inspections or the requirement for insurance.)

When walking at night always carry a flashlight to see your way or indicate your presence to any vehicles that may pass you.



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## Registration

### REGISTRATION AND CAMP FEE

The all inclusive cost of the camp will be **\$1840.00** Cdn, (inc. 15% HST). A US exchange equivalent will be offered at the time of the payments (by cheque).

This includes:

- 6 days of full board and accommodation on island.
- 6 days with Lucy including formal workshop time.
- Ferry fare, boat trip and knitting kit.

### NOT COVERED ARE:

- Your transport from home to Chester, NS and from Chester homewards.
- Nights spent on the mainland before or after camp.
- Your compulsory medical coverage (required for non-Nova Scotia residents).
- Trip cancellation insurance (optional).
- Any incidental shopping requirements.
- Bicycle rental.

### IMPORTANT - READ ME!

*Please confirm that you have read all the information about the island and this camp and that you understand the following:*

- This camp is being held on an isolated island only served by an infrequent ferry service.
- There are no medical facilities beyond basic first aid on the island.
- There are no police officers stationed on the island, only a volunteer fire fighting department.
- There are no general or drug stores on the island.
- There will potentially be considerable physical activity on uneven terrain.
- You will be offered transport in unlicensed vehicles.
- Cell phone and Internet service is dubious.

- Proof of adequate medical coverage is mandatory.
- Whilst every care will be taken, all activities are entirely at your own risk.
- All non-knitting plans are weather dependent: accommodations and activities are subject to change and adjustment.

Tancook is a unique and wonderful island, which I'm very much looking forward to sharing with you, but it takes a laid back attitude to fully appreciate it!

### REGISTRATION PROTOCOL

Registration opens on Thursday March 20th at 1300 Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT), in order to allow you time to research your travel, medical plans and costs.

To register for a spot at the 2014 Knitting On The Wild Side Camp, contact us by e-mail no earlier than 1300 ADT on Thursday March 20th (e-mails arriving earlier will be ignored).

We will send a confirmatory e-mail inviting you to call us, so that we may give you further information as to how to secure your place.

This will involve the mailing of your **non-refundable** deposit cheque (please consider cancellation insurance) and signed waiver sheet to be received no later than 11th April 2014, otherwise your place will be released. As it can take up to two weeks for a letter to reach Canada, affix two postage stamps.

Full and final payment will be due by June 20th 2014. Acceptance to the camp is contingent on having proof of medical insurance in place at this time.

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## Registration

**PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW AND SIGN THE INDEMNITY CLAUSE ON P. 8.**

Full Name

Mailing Address

City

Prov/State

Postal/Zip Code

E-mail

Home phone

Cell

Emergency Contact

Passport Number /Nationality

Medical Insurance status / Policy number  
(must be in place by June 15th 2012).

Allergies?

Any dietary issues?

Is your registration dependent on the presence of another camper?

Would you like information about bicycle rental?

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. RELEASE and WAIVER of LIABILITY and INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in the Tradewind Knitwear Designs Inc. Knitting on the Wild Side Camp on Big Tancook Island, Nova Scotia from September 13 - 19, 2014 and being permitted to utilize the facilities, services and activities provided by Tradewind Knitwear Designs Inc. For any purpose, including, but not limited to lessons or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in any off-site activities affiliated with Tradewind Knitwear Designs Inc., the undersigned, for himself or herself and any personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby acknowledges that such premises and all facilities and equipment thereon and such affiliated activities have been carefully considered by the undersigned and that the undersigned finds and accepts same as being safe and reasonably suited for the purpose of such participation.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in the TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. Knitting Camp aforementioned for any purpose including, but not limited to lessons or use of facilities or equipment, or participation in any off-site activities affiliated with TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC., THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES, DISCHARGES AND COVENANTS NOT TO SUE TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC., its directors, officers, employees, and agents (hereinafter referred to as "releasees") from all liability to the undersigned, his personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin, for any loss or damage, and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise while the undersigned is in, upon, or about the premises or any facilities or equipment provided by TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. Or participating in any activities affiliated with TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC.
2. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the releasees and each of them from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to the presence of the undersigned in, upon or about the premises provided by TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. or in anyway using any facilities or equipment provided by TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. Or participating in any activity affiliated with TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. Whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.
3. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE due to negligence of releasees or otherwise while in, about or upon the premises provided by TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC. And/or while using the premises or any facilities or equipment thereon or participating in any activity affiliated with TRADEWIND KNITWEAR DESIGNS INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED further expressly agrees the the foregoing RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province of Nova Scotia and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

THE UNDERSIGNED has read and voluntarily signs the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made.

I ACKNOWLEDGE I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS DOCUMENT AND RELEASE

Dated this        day of        , 2014.

WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

Print Name: