

FRENCH TREATS 2010

A knitting holiday with star designers

Jean Moss & Susan Duckworth

A relaxing week of workshops, yarns, creativity, trips, fun and much more.

18 - 25 September 2010

LE VIEUX MONASTERE, CHARENTE MARITIME

SOUTH WEST FRANCE



Following on from the success of our fabulous knitting workshops since 2006 we are pleased to confirm the programme for our autumn 2010 event. Renowned designer Jean Moss will be teaming up with Susan Duckworth covering Freeform Knitting, Bags of Fun, Toys without Tears and Knit Your Own Persian Carpet. The workshops form part of an inclusive programme providing a complete and relaxing holiday experience.

The holiday takes place in the beautiful retreat of Le Vieux Monastere, a former monastery dating back to the 12th century. Set in the sunny Charente Maritime between La Rochelle and Cognac this is a perfect setting for promoting creativity and a sense of well being.

Guests are accommodated in our luxurious cottages, and meals consist of breakfast, lunch and dinner with wine included.

The cost of this holiday is £595, which includes accommodation in shared cottages, airport transfers, full board, all workshops and excursions. The cost excludes travel to La Rochelle and single room supplement of £75.

"Please keep having these lovely knitting French Treats,
they are fabulous"

Jenny, Hampshire - 2009 workshop guest



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Saturday	AM/PM	Arrive La Rochelle. Transfer to Le Vieux Monastere.
	EVE	Welcome reception with complimentary aperitifs to meet your hosts, tutors and fellow guests, followed by dinner.
Sunday	AM/PM	Freeform knitting - full day workshop with Jean. The only limit will be how far you'll let your imagination take you - this is the fear of flying knit workshop! Jean will help you throw inhibitions out of the window, let go and kickstart your creativity. No worries about how much or how little you do, what is important is that you have fun, follow your needles and see what happens!
	EVE	Dinner, followed by Show & Share with Jean & Susan
Monday	AM/PM	Knit your own Persian carpet - full day workshop with Susan. Working with rich colours and fine needles, you will learn how to knit a motif inspired by a traditional Persian carpet. There will be numerous creative ways of using your beautiful swatch - perhaps inset into a plain sweater, developed into a cushion or even framed as a miniature work of art.
	EVE	Passion For Pullovers, an illustrated talk by Jean, followed by dinner.
Tuesday	AM/PM	Excursion to Mornac sur Seudre, a picturesque fishing village well-known for its crafts and artisan boutiques and workshops arriving in time for lunch (cost of meal not included)
	EVE	Dinner followed by Share and Solve clinic with Jean & Susan
Wednesday	AM	Bags of Fun - half day workshop with Jean. Using your freeform pieces you will be able to create an original bag or purse; can you ever have enough? After assessing the shape of your fabric, you'll decide on a form for your bag. You'll consider handles, straps, fasteners and additional embellishment, then complete your unique creation.
	PM	Free afternoon or Yoga for Knitters with Susan
	EVE	Outing to local restaurant for dinner (cost of meal not included)
Thursday	AM	Toys without tears - half day workshop with Susan. Knitted toys use many interesting shaping techniques to achieve unusual and original designs. Starting with examples from different cultures, we shall play with colour, texture, beads, feathers and sumptuous yarns, and experiment with shapes beyond the traditional. A chance for you to create your own special piece.
	PM	Excursion to the Roman town of Saintes
	EVE	Dinner
Friday	AM	Review of the Week with Jean & Susan
	PM	Excursion to the historical town of Cognac
	EVE	Farewell Dinner and music and singalong with Jean
Saturday		Depart for La Rochelle. Hope to see you next year.

More about our tutors.....

Jean Moss

Jean is known worldwide for her distinctive couture knits. Author of many successful books including *Designer Knits*, *Sculptured Knits*, *Couture Knits* and most recently *In the Mood*, she has designed for Rowan Yarns, Araucania and Artesano, as well as many international fashion houses such as Ralph Lauren, Laura Ashley and Benetton. Her innovative combinations of intricate textures, striking colourways and sophisticated styling have been widely influential. Her designs appear in *Vogue Knitting*, *The Knitter* and *Rowan Magazine*. She lectures in the UK and Europe and hosts her own annual UK Knitting & Gardens Tour.



Jean is an ardent maker - stitches, clothes, food, music and gardens - and is passionate about good design. For six years Jean wrote a monthly column in *Knitting Magazine* and she is always thrilled to share her ideas with the global knitting community.

For more about Jean visit www.jeanmoss.com

Susan Duckworth



With a background in fine art and painting, Susan Duckworth has spent a lifetime experimenting in knitting. Fascinated by the limitless possibilities of the medium, she creates intricate pieces exploring colour and texture. Her clients have included numerous boutiques and stores like Browns, Whistles and The Beauchamp Place Shop, and other design companies like Dorothée Bis, Gudule and Hugh Ehrman. She develops her designs slowly and organically, using the vibrant hues inspired by her own country garden in Hampshire. Her relaxed and generous approach will appeal to knitters wishing to combine colour with stitch techniques like intarsia. To see her current work visit www.susanduckworth.eu

**If you would like to book a place on French Treats
with Jean & Susan please contact Graham and Christine Dove at
Le Vieux Monastere
00 33 546 915998 or info@levieuxmonastere.com
to check availability and reserve a place prior to sending the attached
booking form.**

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Full Name

Address

Tel (Daytime)

Tel (Evening)

Email:

Any special dietary requirements?

Which flight are you expecting to arrive on?

Workshop holiday cost £595/€745

£595.00

€745

Private room supplement £75/€95

£

€

Total holiday cost

£

€

Less 25% non refundable deposit enclosed

£

€

Amount Due 10 weeks before arrival

£

€

Where did you hear about us?

I accept the Le Vieux Monastere Terms and Conditions. I am over 18 years old.

I enclose a non refundable deposit of £/€..... and agree to pay the balance of £/€..... ten weeks before arrival

Name..... Signed..... Date.....

Please make cheques payable to "Mr & Mrs G Dove". send this signed booking form and your deposit cheque to:

Mr & Mrs G Dove,

Le Vieux Monastère, 15 rue St Martin, 17770 St Hilaire de Villefranche, France