

Welcome to 2024 DanDoh In The Desert Retreat!

We are so excited to host our first DanDoh In The Desert Retreat. We're looking forward to meeting each of you in person. We believe our Retreat offers some fun, unique activities and a swag bag like you've never seen. Our goal is to nourish and grow the knitting community.

Immerse yourself for three days into the world of DanDoh, including lectures, Mystery Knit Along, Pop Up Shop, knitting, food, beverages, more knitting, reuniting with old friends, making new friends, sharing ideas and techniques, learning, (did I say knitting?) and building community, all within a very relaxed, informal atmosphere.

Retreat check-in is in the hotel lobby Monday, April 15th, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, where you'll receive your name tag and swag bag.

We are hosting a Meet & Greet in the hotel Front Courtyard Monday, April 15th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM to give everyone a chance to get to know each other. It includes appetizers and finger food; beverages must be purchased.

The hotel charges guests a daily resort fee of \$10.00 plus tax per night. This fee includes 2 - \$5.00 off drink cards for 2 beverages in 1912 Lounge, 24hr access to fitness center, phone calls, self-parking, 2 bottled waters (replenished daily), Wi-Fi access throughout resort, 1 bucket of range balls per guest, per stay (subject to availability), 15% off published rates at San Marcos Golf Course, booked up to 30 days in advance through golf course directly, and 10% discount on Vaya Salon Services & Massage, (located on site).

You may text Daun at 480-893-3791 if you need immediate assistance. Please include your first and last name in the text. NOTE: I do not answer phone calls not in my Contacts, so you MUST text.

Thank you so much for joining our Retreat! We're looking forward to a busy, fun, sharing and informative several days with you. And did we mention knitting?

Yumiko & Daun

2024 DanDoh In The Desert Retreat Schedule

Beverages will be available in the La Ventana meeting room all day Tuesday through Thursday.

Day	Time	Location	Activity
Monday	3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Lobby	Check in Receive name tag and swag bag
	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Front Courtyard	Meet & Greet Appetizers, etc Small bites dessert
Tuesday	7:15 PM – 9:00 PM	Front Courtyard	Open knitting/chatting (optional)
	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	La Ventana Courtyard	Breakfast Continental breakfast Breakfast sandwiches
	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	La Ventana Room	Lectures Start MKAL, Clue 1
	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	La Ventana Courtyard	Lunch Build your own salad Soup
	12:00 PM – Close	La Ventana Room	Pop Up Shop Sample Sale Japanese Knitting Magazines (used) DanDoh Yarn Tasting DanDoh Products
	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	La Ventana Room	MKAL knitting
	4:00 PM – 4:45 PM 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	La Ventana Room Lobby and/or Front Courtyard	Mystery Japanese culture activity Open knitting, chatting (optional)
Wednesday	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	La Ventana Courtyard	Breakfast Continental breakfast Breakfast sandwiches
Wednesday continued	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	La Ventana Room	Continue MKAL, Clues 2 & 3
	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	La Ventana Courtyard	Lunch Build your own sandwich Soup
	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	La Ventana Room	MKAL knitting Intro to MKAL Clue 4
	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM 4:00 PM – Close	La Ventana Room La Ventana Room	Mystery Japanese culture activity Pop Up Shop Sample Sale Japanese Knitting Magazines DanDoh Yarn Tasting DanDoh Products
Thursday	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Lobby and/or Front Courtyard	Open knitting, chatting (optional)
	8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	La Ventana Courtyard	Breakfast Continental breakfast Breakfast sandwiches
	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	La Ventana Room La Ventana Room	Continue MKAL Closing MKAL Show & Tell
	11:00 AM – Close	La Ventana Room	Pop Up Shop Sample Sale Japanese Knitting Magazines DanDoh Yarn Tasting DanDoh Products
	12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	La Ventana Courtyard	Farewell (Hot) Lunch

2024 Retreat MKAL Tools Required

MKAL Recommended Needles: US 8/5.0 mm. (You may want to bring other sizes if you usually need a different size needle when knitting my patterns.)

Darning Needle

Row Counter (optional)

Knitting Project(s) – you never want to run out of something to knit!

Travel Info

For all travel information from airport to/from hotel:

<https://www.skyharbor.com/ground-transportation/taxis-shuttles/>

PLEASE NOTE: Currently there is a lot of highway/street construction happening in the Phoenix area. For details see:

<https://www.skyharbor.com/ground-transportation/roadway-restrictions/>

Downtown Chandler Restaurant ideas

Compiled from downtownchandler.org and from personal experience

Peixoto Coffee	Family-owned Brazil farm-to-cup coffee shop	11 W Boston St
The Hidden House (reservations recommended) 480-275-5525	Inventive local chef/owner and mixologists	159 W Commonwealth Ave
Craft 64	Artisan pizza, AZ craft beer, cocktails and wine	68 W Buffalo St
Crust	Pizza & Italian fare	10 N San Marcos Pl
The Ostrich	Rediscovered underground speakeasy with mug shots on the walls and entertaining mixologists	
Charm Thai	Yumiko's favorite Thai	11 W Boston St
Downtown Chandler Café & Bakery	Good breakfasts and bakery treats with a patio in the back	40 San Marcos Pl
SanTan Brewery	Well-known local brewery.	8 S San Marcos Pl
Pedal Haus Brewery	Another great brewery with excellent food and large patio space.	95 W Boston St
Paletas Betty	Authentic Mexican frozen treats	96 W Boston St
The Perch Pub & Brewery	Exotic bird rescue/sanctuary and outdoor restaurant. Unique!	232 S Wall St
Serrano's	Family-owned, historic, authentic Mexican food. The bean dip is wonderful!	141 S Arizona Ave
West Alley BBQ	Memphis BBQ and live music	111 W Boston St
Pie Snob	Handcrafted pies, cheesecakes and tarts	250 S Arizona Ave

MKAL Color Combination by Participant

Anne C	Vanilla	Sunset
Carolyn G	Caramel	Angora
Cathy B	French Blue	Light Gray
Claudia L	Lava Rock	Royal Purple
Daina B	Caramel	Wine
Diane S	French Blue	Lava Rock
Donna C	Caramel	Pacific
Helene C	Royal Purple	Light Gray
Ilene M	Angora	L. Gray
Jackie S	French Blue	Vanilla
Jane C	Lava Rock	Raspberry
Janet L	Pacific	Light Gray
Jolie H	French Blue	Angora
Judith W	Pacific	Lavender
Judy G	Vanilla	Caramel
Julie R	Angora	Caramel
Karen N	Royal Purple	Wine
Kathryn C	Forest Green	Angora
Kellee E	Light Gray	Pacific
Kris K	Royal Purple	Wine
Leslie G	Caramel	Forest Green
Linda Hodge	French Blue	L. Gray
Linda Hood	Sunset	Wine
Lore Y	Sunset	L. Gray
Lucy L	Lava Rock	Angora
Maria L	Pacific	Light Gray
Marji F	Caramel	Sunset
Mary Carol R	Forest Green	Light Gray
Maxine K	Raspberry	Wine
Minette M	Caramel	Olive Brown
Pat W	L. Gray	Wine
Patricia L	Vanilla	Caramel
Roxie D	Lava Rock	L.Gray
Shari K	Sunset	Light Gray
Sharon O	Wine	Angora
Sherri H	Vanilla	Raspberry
Sherry B	French Blue	Angora
Susan B	Light Gray	French Blue
Susanna M	Olive Brown	Angora
Tamera H	French Blue	Vanilla
Tevilla R	Lava Rock	French Blue
Vicki R	Sunset	Wine