

Cat Bordhi's 2018 Island Knitting Retreats

For nearly a decade I've held Spring and Fall Island Knitting Retreats at Lakedale Resort on San Juan Island, Washington, where I live. Our islands are a natural paradise, about a 100 mile drive north of Seattle and an hour-and-a-half ferry ride west through shimmering emerald waters. Along the way you might see whales, dolphins, seals, or eagles. Retreat participants fall in love with the islands, just as I did nearly 30 years ago, and several knitters were so smitten that they moved here!



The 2018 spring and fall sessions: APRIL 15-20 APRIL 22-27 OCT 7-12 OCT 14-19 OCT 21-26

You'll arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Friday morning, giving us four complete days together. My knitters love the lake and forest, our luxurious accommodations, our gathering space, and our chef's lovingly prepared, mostly locally-sourced meals, so delicious they are legendary among returnees.



I teach every morning and afternoons are free.

After lunch I encourage you to explore the island. Some knitters spend an afternoon on our inter-island ferry, floating among islands and enjoying spectacular scenery while knitting and talking. Our local yarn shop, Island Wools, is right above the ferry lanes. One afternoon Island Fibers from neighboring Lopez Island sets up shop in the lobby. You can nap, hike, visit our Whale Museum or art galleries, a wonderful local potter, browse the village shops, or row a boat (and knit) on the lake with a new or old friend. At South Beach you can fly kites or collect agates, and may see foxes, rabbits, and eagles. You can visit Mona, our friendly island camel, stop by an alpaca farm, or simply relax with your knitting in the lodge. Each evening after our delicious dinner, I review our lessons, and then spin tales from the knitting world, which returnees fondly call "bedtime stories."



At our retreat I will be teaching material from two of my forthcoming books. One is a rapidly expanding collection of fingerless mitts and cuffs that I am obsessed with. The other is a collection of MoMo Cowls, a rare and welcoming Moebius that seems to inspire knitters of all abilities to design their own. Retreat participants will receive these manuscripts as PDFs, and I will also teach from my Versatildes ebook (available on my website).

Our retreats are deeply relaxing and anchor a strong sense of community and caring.

We usually spend a little time each day knitting in communal silence, letting the deep wellspring of tranquillity that lies within knitting rise and saturate us all as our hands move in quiet harmony with our needles and yarn. As one 2017 knitter wrote: “What a magical and grace-filled time we shared. I’m so thankful that you made and held that space for us.” And another participant: “The retreat exceeded all my expectations. I love the way you teach and the tone you set for the week.”

Cost: The retreat fee is \$500. Lakedale gives us special rates, which include breakfast. Luxurious lodge rooms (several have 2 beds) with fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs are \$144 per night. The very comfortable cabins with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a kitchen are \$254 per night. Our catered lunches and dinners are \$220.

Chef Deb’s food is legendary. Lunch might be a richly flavored mushroom barley soup, green salad, fresh breads, excellent cheeses, and a lightly dressed chicken salad with dried cherries and toasted almonds. Dinner might be cedar plank salmon, roasted broccolini, cider-glazed root vegetables, wild rice pilaf, and creme brulee.



Island Fibers sails over from Lopez island to pop up in our lobby one afternoon.



Chef Deb’s Iceland-inspired lunch, with her own smoked salmon, pickled island beets, fish soup, a rye bread that bakes slowly for 12 hours, salad, and lovely cheeses.

To register, email me at cat@catbordhi.com to ask if the retreat you prefer has space. I would love to welcome you to one of our 2018 retreats, to share this beautiful island with you, and enjoy getting to know you as we spend time knitting and learning together. If you are a first-timer, you’ll find everyone delighted to welcome you to share our week of happiness.

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Traveling to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island



Mount Baker looms into view as the ferry passes Lopez Island. The well-lit boats are great for knitting and jigsaw puzzles, usually with several puzzles waiting for the next traveler to sit down and continue. Or you can walk laps inside or outside. I love our ferries.

Washington State Ferries

Current schedule for Anacortes-San Juan ferry: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/>

If bringing a car on board, *please be sure to make a round-trip reservation well ahead of time.*

If walking on, you need no reservation. There is usually a taxi or two at our terminal.

Driving

If driving, remember that your ferry reservation is nullified if you are not through the ticket booth 30 minutes ahead of the sailing. It takes about 2 hours to drive directly from the airport to Anacortes, longer if there is traffic. To find your way with GPS, use 2100 Ferry Terminal Road, Anacortes. Otherwise GPS may foolishly send you on another ferry via Whidbey Island, so beware! Once off the ferry, you can then type in your actual destination—4313 Roche Harbor Road, Friday Harbor.

Island Airporter

John Nash, whose daughter Caitlin was my seventh-grade student and is mentioned in the acknowledgments of my first book, *Socks Soar on Two Circular Needles*, runs this shuttle directly between Friday Harbor and the Seattle-Tacoma Airport from Monday through Saturday. See www.islandairporter.com for more information and then call John at (360) 378-7438.

Bellair Charters Airporter Shuttle

This service offers 12 roundtrips daily between Seatac (Seattle-Tacoma Airport) and the Anacortes Ferry Terminal. Current schedules and rates are available at www.airporter.com/shuttle. Make sure to allow an hour between the scheduled arrival time of the shuttle and the ferry's departure, in case the shuttle runs into traffic.

Kenmore Air

For those who love to fly (and see beautiful sights!), Kenmore Air offers both land and sea plane services. Those traveling by land plane are shuttled between Seattle-Tacoma Airport and Boeing Field. Sea plane travelers are shuttled from Seattle-Tacoma Airport to Lake Union and land in the Friday Harbor Marina. Current schedules as well as reservation information can be found at www.kenmoreair.com. Before making reservations, make sure to coordinate your arrival and departure from Seatac with Kenmore's schedule, allowing enough time to collect your baggage.

Registration for 2018 Island Knitting Retreats with Cat Bordhi

Retreats are held at Lakedale Lodge in Friday Harbor, Washington

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact: _____

To hold a space, email me at cat@catbordhi.com to ask if there is space in the retreat you want.

If I confirm that there is, reserve your spot by printing and filling out this page and mailing it to the address below with a check for \$150, made out to Passing Paws Press, Inc (I cannot take credit cards).

Cat Bordhi
PO Box 2463
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

The \$150 nonrefundable deposit and this registration form hold your space. You may transfer your deposit only if you *can find a replacement yourself*. The remaining \$350 of the \$500 retreat fee is due 3 months prior to the retreat. It is nonrefundable unless I can fill your spot, or you find a replacement.



Circle the session you wish to attend. *It helps me if you also write the dates on your check!*

APRIL 15-20

APRIL 22-27

OCT 7-12

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Lodging: Once you register, phone Lakedale at 1-800-617-2267 at regular business hours to reserve a lodge room or cabin. There are 10 lodge rooms, 3 with 2 beds. Each of the 6 cabins has 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. If you would like a cabin mate, please let both me and the lodge know and we will try to match you with someone. Arrival is Sunday afternoon/evening, and departure is Friday morning. No activities are scheduled for Sunday or Friday, because they are travel days.

Meals: Lakedale provides breakfast. You will mail Deb Nolan, our lunch and dinner caterer, a \$220 check (made out to her) *one month before the retreat*, with the form on the next page so she can plan accordingly. Deb's address is Post Office Box 358, Friday Harbor WA 98250. Her email is deborahnolan@me.com

Personal Liability and Indemnification Agreement: I take your safety and the security of your belongings very seriously, but I cannot be liable for any personal injury, loss/theft or damage any time during the retreat. Your attendance constitutes your agreement to indemnify Cat Bordhi and Passing Paws Press, Inc, from any claim for injury, loss, or damage for any reason. You are responsible for any damage to retreat property, facilities, or equipment caused by you through negligence or willful intent.



Please initial here: _____

Cat's email: cat@catbordhi.com

Thank you for sending this form and your \$220 check to our wonderful caterer, Deb Nolan, 30 days prior to your retreat.

Deb Nolan
PO Box 358
Friday Harbor, WA 98250



Circle the dates of the 2018 Island Knitting Retreat sessions you will be attending:

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Deb is an instinctive, creative, and gifted chef who cooks as passionately as we knit.

Her sumptuous meals have been delighting, inspiring, and nourishing our knitters for years.

- _____ I am a vegetarian.
- _____ I am a vegan.
- _____ I am allergic to gluten.
- _____ I am allergic to dairy.
- _____ I am allergic to shellfish.
- _____ I am allergic to these nuts: _____

Deb can accomodate the above food preferences and allergies.

If you require a more specialized diet, we ask that you reserve one of Lakedale's cabins, which have kitchens, where you can prepare your own meals.

Deb describes her cuisine:

It brings me joy to prepare delicious, creative meals for those attending retreats at Lakedale Resort. I feel my style of cooking is best described as a Mediterranean Diet, influenced by my life travels and experiences. The meals center around a colorful variety of seasonally fresh and locally grown produce, varied proteins (seafood, poultry, pork, and lamb), seasoned with fresh herbs and spices, beans and nuts, healthy grains, fresh breads, cheeses, olive oil, house made soups and salad dressings, and small decadent desserts.

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