

# Cat Bordhi's 2018 Island Knitting Retreats

With one morning knitting aboard our interisland ferry!

I've been holding knitting retreats on San Juan Island, Washington, where I live, for a dozen years now. 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, like I did so long ago, and several of my knitters have loved it so much they moved here.



**The 2018 Sessions are:**    APRIL 15-20    APRIL 20-25    OCT 7-12    OCT 14-19    OCT 21-26

**You'll arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Friday morning,** giving us four complete days together. We'll spend one dreamy morning riding our inter-island ferry (just steps from our hotel), skimming along the water from island to island and enjoying spectacular scenery while we knit. And all week long you'll revel in the beauty that surrounds you, our luxurious accommodations, our serene gathering space, and the locally-sourced meals our legendary chef Deb Nolan prepares. (Note: For the April 20-25 retreat you'll arrive Friday afternoon and depart Wednesday morning).



**I teach every morning and afternoons are free.**

I encourage you to explore our friendly small town. The Island Inn at 123 West faces the marina, with shops, the Whale Museum, coffee houses, bookstores, art galleries, bakeries, and our local yarn shop, Island Wools, all within a few minutes' walk. One afternoon Island Fibers from neighboring Lopez Island sets up shop in our lobby. You can nap, wander the docks and imagine life aboard the boats, sit on a bench in the adjacent waterside park, hike out to the University of Washington Marine Labs, or knit alongside a new or old friend. Or you can drive to South Beach to fly kites or collect agates, and may see foxes, rabbits, and eagles. You can visit Mona, our island camel, and her companion alpaca, Lisa, or stop by an alpaca farm. Each evening after dinner, I review our lessons, and then spin tales from the knitting world.



**I share workshop projects** that are not yet available elsewhere. I'll also teach material from my two forthcoming books. One is a rapidly expanding collection of fingerless mitts and cuffs that I am obsessed with. The other collection is MoMo Cows, a compelling Moebius form that seems to inspire knitters of all abilities to design their own. Retreat participants will receive PDF drafts of all or part of these books. I will also teach from my Versatildes ebook.

**The retreats anchor a strong sense of community and caring, and are deeply relaxing.**

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 knitter reflected: "What a magical and grace-filled time we shared. I'm so thankful that you made and held that space for us."

**Cost:** The retreat fee is \$500. Please see the Island Inn PDF for detailed descriptions of the lodging choices, which run from \$123 for a single to \$312 for a shared penthouse.

**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.



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](mailto:cat@catbordhi.com)** to ask if the retreat you prefer has space, and we'll take it from there. 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.*

## 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, walk or drive to the left, just past the circle at the bottom of Spring Street, and you are there.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 The Island Inn at 123 West in Friday Harbor, Washington

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**To hold a space, email me at [cat@catbordhi.com](mailto: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

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**Lodging:** Once you register, phone The Island Inn at 360-378-4400 to reserve your accommodations. If you would to share a Sweet or Penthouse with someone, let the Inn know and they will add you to a list of people wishing to share. Arrival is Sunday afternoon/evening, and departure is Friday morning (except for the April 20-25 retreat, with arrival on Friday and departure on Wednesday). No activities are scheduled for arrival or departure days, because they are travel days. Arrival day dinner is on your own.

**Meals:** The Inn 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 the Island Inns accomoda-tions which have a kitchen, 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 the Island Inn. 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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