

To those interested in attending my 2015 Island Knitting Retreats:

I hold annual Spring and Fall Island Knitting Retreats at Lakedale Resort in Friday Harbor, on beautiful San Juan Island, where I live. Our islands are a nature-lover's paradise, located 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, sea lions, seals, eagles, falcons, or osprey. Knitters who have joined me in the past fall in love with the beauty and peace, just as I did many years ago.



You'll arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Friday morning, giving us four complete days together. My knitters love the luxurious accommodations, our gathering space, and the lovingly prepared delicious, healthy meals, which are legendary among returnees. All participants receive enticing goodie bags.

2014 DATES: SPRING 1: APRIL 12-17
 FALL 1: OCT 4-9

SPRING 2: APRIL 19-24
FALL 2: OCT 11-16

SPRING 3: APRIL 25-MAY 1
FALL 3: OCT 18-23

I teach every morning and afternoons are free. After lunch I give individual help for a while, and encourage you to explore the island. Many knitters love to spend an afternoon floating among islands on our inter-island ferry, enjoying spectacular scenery while knitting and talking. Our local yarn shop, Island Wools, is right above the ferry lanes, and there is a bead shop nearby. On Monday afternoon Island Fibers from neighboring Lopez Island sets up shop in the lobby. With afternoons wide open, you can nap, hike,



go geocaching (over 100 caches are hidden here), visit the Whale Museum or art galleries, a wonderful local potter, shop, or canoe on the lake. One year several knitters even went swimming (brrr!). At South Beach you can fly kites and may see foxes, rabbits, and eagles. You can visit Mona, our friendly island camel, stop by Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm, or simply relax with your knitting and new friends in the lodge. Each evening after our delicious dinner, I review our lessons, and then tell stories from the knitting world, which have become known as my “bedtime stories.”

In all six retreats, I teach mini-workshops on many of the techniques I am known for. You may also bring along any knitting project and ask me for help. My students particularly enjoy learning about and trying my “secret” new techniques and designs as much as a year before they are made public.

I will share some small project patterns so that you can spoil yourself by being here, while simultaneously creating gifts for loved ones. Often your goodie bag will have yarn suitable for one or more of these projects.

All of my retreats are deeply relaxing, stimulating, and have a strong sense of community and caring. Participants often comment that it has been one of the best weeks of their life. I will also take you on an armchair journey to Peru, where my brother Jim and I shepherd North American knitters into intimate encounters high in the Andes with the indigenous knitters, spinners, and weavers who have become our friends, amidst the beautiful landscape and culture of this ancient and interconnected world.



The retreat fee is \$400. Lakedale gives us special rates; so please ignore the listed prices at www.lakedale.com. For us, the wonderfully comfortable lodge rooms, with free wifi, gas fireplaces, Jacuzzi tubs, and balconies or decks overlooking the lake are \$140 per night. Cabins with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a kitchen are \$206 for two people (rates may go up slightly). The cabins are a short walk from the lodge where we gather; the farthest is less than two minutes over level ground. Breakfast is included. Our catered lunches and dinners Monday through Thursday are \$220, and the meals are legendary among returnees.

To register, email me at cat@catbordhi.com to find out if the retreat you want has space. If it does, I will ask you to print and fill out the registration form on page 4 and send it to me with your deposit to reserve your spot. The balance will be due 3 months before your retreat begins. I do keep a wait list (cancellations do come in, often within a month or two of the event, so if you have a flexible schedule you are most likely to get in). I hope to see you at one of my 2015 retreats, to share our beautiful island with you, and to enjoy getting to know you as we spend time knitting together.



This shy fox appeared outside a knitter's window.

Cat

Traveling to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

Washington State Ferries

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

Island Airporter (for departure only)

A Friday Harbor based shuttle runs directly between Seatac (Seattle- Tacoma Airport) and Friday Harbor on Monday through Saturday. If your Friday departure schedule can match it, you won't need to carry your luggage on the ferry (it will be in the van). For an extra fee owner John Nash will pick you up at Lakedale. Current schedules and rates can be found at www.islandairporter.com or by calling (360) 378-7438.



Sunrise on the ferry to Friday Harbor

Bellair Charters Airporter Shuttle

This service offers 12 roundtrips daily between Seatac (Seattle- Tacoma Airport) and the Anacortes Ferry Terminal. The trip is lengthened by additional stops en route. Current schedules and rates are available at www.airporter.com/shuttle. Make sure to allow at least 45 minutes between the scheduled arrival time of the shuttle and the ferry's departure, in case the shuttle runs into traffic.

Rental Cars

Seatac Airport has many national rental car chains. If driving to the Anacortes Ferry Terminal, it is prudent to arrive 1 hour prior to your scheduled sailing, since ferries do overload. It takes about 2 hours to drive directly from the airport to Anacortes. If using GPS, type in Anacortes, not Friday Harbor, or it will send you by an insanely longer route via Whidbey Island and a second ferry.

Kenmore Air

For those who prefer to fly (and to see beautiful sights!), Kenmore Air offers both land and sea plane services. Those traveling by land plane are shuttled between Seatac (Seattle-Tacoma Airport) and Boeing Field. Those traveling by sea plane are shuttled from Seatac 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 2015 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.

Once I confirm that there is, print and fill out this page and mail it to the address below with a check for your deposit (I am unable to take credit cards) of \$125 made out to **Passing Paws Press, Inc.**

Cat Bordhi
PO Box 2463
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

The \$125 nonrefundable deposit holds your space. However, you may transfer your deposit if you need to cancel *and can find a replacement yourself*. The balance of \$275 is due 3 months prior to the retreat, and is nonrefundable unless I can fill your spot from my wait list or you find a replacement yourself.

Please circle the 2015 retreat you wish to attend, and also write it on your check:

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Lodging: After I confirm your registration, phone Lakedale at 1-800-617-2267 to reserve a lodge room or a cabin. Our discounted rates (may rise slightly) are \$140 per night for a lodge room or \$206 for a cabin (with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, a kitchen and living area). 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. I do not schedule any activities for Sunday or Friday.*

Meals: Lakedale provides breakfast. You will mail Deb Nolan, our lunch and dinner kitchen magician, a \$220 check (made out to her) *one month before the retreat*, also letting her know if you have any special food needs. Her address is: Deb Nolan, 14 Fieldstone Rd, Friday Harbor WA 98250

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:** _____

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