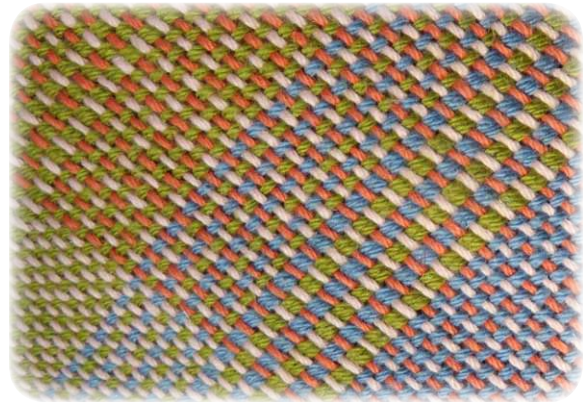
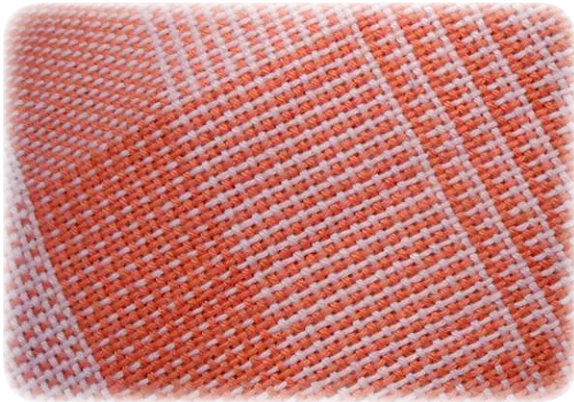


# Island Weaving for Knitters Retreats

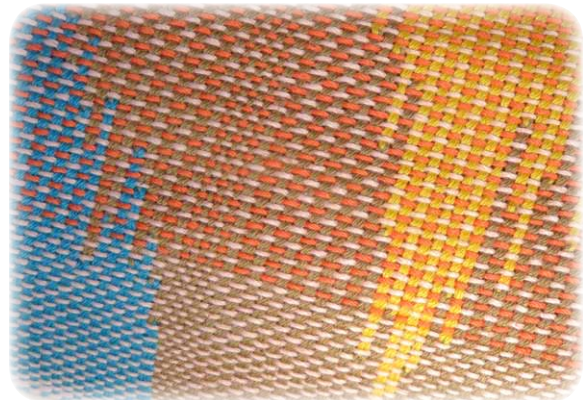
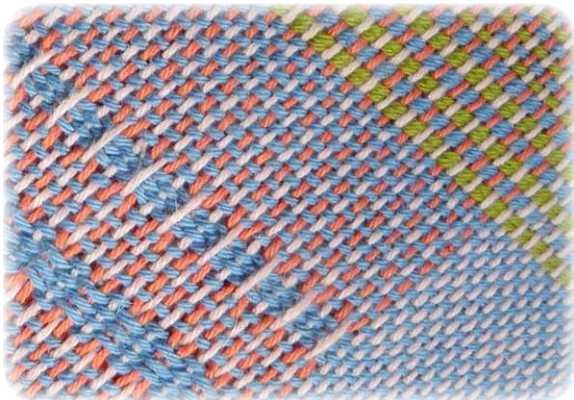
**Introducing three new Cat Bordhi Island Retreats for 2017**

**Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes on San Juan Island, Washington**

**Choice of three 2017 dates: February 12-17, March 5-10, or March 12-17**



One warp can give rise to so many variations your head will spin. In the spirit of Alice in Wonderland, I will encourage you again and again to inquire: "I wonder what would happen if I tried (fill in the blank)? These dishtowels were all woven on the same warp. It is ridiculously easy and oh so compelling.



Weaving, like knitting, floods one with that oh so familiar balm of well-being and recalibration. Similar to my Island Knitting Retreats, but limited to 16 people each, these new retreats invite you to escape to a beautiful Pacific Northwest island with amazing meals and my personalized instruction. A friendly 15-inch rigid heddle loom will be yours to use the entire retreat, and by lunchtime of the first day you will already be a weaver. As days go by, I'll share a treasure chest of simple tricks that produce intricate variations, as well as techniques for merging woven and knitted fabric. You'll go home with unique finished pieces to use or give away.

I'll also make my collection of weaving books, tools, intriguing gadgets, and larger looms available for your exploration, so you can identify your preferences. And if you fall in love, you can purchase a rigid heddle loom including all the basic accessories for less than \$200 at our local Island Wools.



This throw has a sock yarn warp and a worsted weight merino weft, woven in a simple pick-up-stick texture. By the end of the retreat you'll have the skills to design your own.



Weaving and knitting are soulmates...see how they merge?

**All those yarns in your stash** for which you've never been able to find quite the right knitting pattern may suddenly find their true calling on the loom, because weaving thrives on combining variable quantities, textures, and weights of yarn. Happiness awaits you...



A throw of various weights of stash yarns with twisted fringe. Weaving around a Salish Sea stone lets you swatch the sett of your yarn, and can later be gifted as paper weights.



Three colorways of a cushy, Aran-weight wool joined to become a lively lap blanket. The knitted garter stitch borders merged with the fabric to allow identical braided fringes (braiding is a slow, delicious pleasure). By knitting the borders until I ran out of yarn, I was able to maximize the width.

## Details about the retreat...

The San Juan Islands, where I have lived for nearly thirty years, are a nature-lover's 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. Participants fall in love with the beauty and peace, just as I did many years ago. Several of my returnees have even moved here, which makes me very happy. You will feel you have gotten away from the hustle and bustle of the world.



Each weaver will have a comfortable spot to sit with their loom in the Great Room.

**You'll arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Friday morning**, giving us four complete days together. Participants love the lakes and forest, our luxurious accommodations, our gathering space, and the lovingly prepared delicious, mostly locally-sourced meals, which are legendary among returnees.

**I teach every morning and afternoons are free.** After lunch I encourage you to explore the island. Participants love to spend an afternoon on our inter-island ferry, floating among islands and enjoying spectacular scenery and great natural light while knitting, weaving, and talking. Our local yarn shop, Island Wools, is right above the ferry lanes. On Monday afternoon Island Fibers from neighboring Lopez Island sets up shop in the lobby just for you. With afternoons wide open, you can nap, hike, go geocaching (over 100 caches are hidden here), visit our Whale Museum or art galleries, a wonderful local potter,



browse the village shops, or row a boat (and knit or weave) on the lake. One year several participants even went swimming (brrr!). 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 Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm, or simply relax with new friends in the lodge. Each evening after our delicious dinner, I review our lessons, and then spin tales from the fiber world, which returnees fondly call "bedtime stories."

**Our retreats are deeply relaxing and anchor a strong sense of community.** We will spend a little time each day knitting or weaving in communal silence, letting the deep wellspring of tranquility that lies within our harmonious hands fill the room. Participants often comment that the retreat has been one of the best weeks of their life.



**The retreat fee is \$500, plus an equipment loan/ materials fee of \$125.** I will provide a plentiful supply of colorful worsted weight cotton yarn for learning and exploration, along with some natural colored wool. Your carefree learning experiments will become practical, beautiful dish towels, placemats, and napkins to use and give away, or can become bags, wallets, or felted slipper bottoms. You are welcome to bring promising yarns from your stash to work with as well.



A rabbits on the plain above our South Beach, where you can collect Salish Sea stones for weaving.

**Lakedale Resort gives us special rates,** not listed on their website (you must phone them during regular business hours). Lovely lodge rooms, with gas fireplaces, Jacuzzi tubs, and balconies or decks overlooking the lake are \$139 per night. The very comfortable cabins with 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and a kitchen are \$249 per night. Breakfast is included. Our catered lunches and dinners Monday through Thursday are \$220 (spouses or friends may join us for meals if arranged ahead of time).

**To register, email me at [cat@catbordhi.com](mailto:cat@catbordhi.com)** to ask if the retreat date you prefer has space. If the answer is yes, then I'll ask you to print and fill out the registration form on page 6 and send it to me along with your deposit to reserve your spot. *The balance is due 3 months before your retreat begins.* I sincerely hope to see you at one of our 2017 retreats, either these weaving retreats or my traditional knitting retreats, to share the beautiful island with you and enjoy getting to know you.

*In the spirit of our beautiful, generous, and wise hands,*

*Cat*

# Traveling to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

## 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.

## 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. For an extra fee John will pick you up at Lakedale on Friday morning. See [www.islandairporter.com](http://www.islandairporter.com) for more information and then call John at (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](http://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.

## Driving

If driving to the Anacortes Ferry Terminal, make a round-trip reservation and remember that it 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. To find your way with GPS, use "2100 Ferry Terminal Road, Anacortes." Once off the ferry, type in Lakedale's address: 4313 Roche Harbor Road, Friday Harbor. Otherwise GPS may send you on another ferry via Whidbey Island.

## 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 2017 Island Weaving for Knitters 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](mailto: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 \$150 made out to **Passing Paws Press, Inc.**

Cat Bordhi  
PO Box 2463  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Please **circle** the retreat you are attending, and write the retreat dates on your check:

February 12-17

March 5-10

March 12-17

March 26-31

**The \$150 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 \$475 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. Retreat fee is \$500 (includes tote bag with surprises) and equipment loan and materials fee: is \$125.

**Lodging:** After I confirm your registration, phone (our dates are not available on-line) Lakedale at 1-800-617-2267 to reserve a lodge room or a cabin. 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, POB 358, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Cat's email: [cat@catbordhi.com](mailto:cat@catbordhi.com)

Please send this form and your \$220 check to our master-chef, Deb Nolan at least 30 days prior to your retreat. Thank you!

**Mail the form and your check to:**

Deb Nolan  
PO Box 358  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

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

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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. She is happy to design meals around the food preferences and allergies listed below (please check any that apply to you). *If you require a more specialized diet*, we ask that you reserve one of Lakedale's cabins, which have kitchens, so that you can prepare your own meals.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 nuts.

**Deb describes her cuisine:**

It brings me a lot of 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 variety of seasonally fresh and locally grown produce, beans and nuts, healthy grains, olive oil, varied proteins (seafood, poultry, pork, and lamb), seasoned with fresh herbs and spices, house made soups and salad dressings, and small decadent desserts.