

# Cat Bordhi's Restorative Year's End Knitting Retreat

**October 4-9, 2020**



**Several years ago, I initiated a new retreat theme dear to my heart.** The experience was so sweet for everyone that now all four fall retreats follow this deeply restorative model, with the goal of replenishing your inner resources for the year ahead.

**I'll be sharing and teaching a handful of projects** designed especially to engage you with a pattern rhythm that embeds itself in your consciousness like a lullabye, so that you mostly needn't look at instructions. And as usual, I'm always available for individual knitting consultations, delighted to help resolve problems, illuminate mysteries, or teach special techniques as individuals wish.

**We'll spend some time each day knitting in communal silence,** letting the deep wellspring of knitting recalibrate us and fill the room as our hands move in quiet harmony. As someone reflected after a period of silent knitting last year, "What a magical and grace-filled time we shared." If you have never experienced communal silent knitting, you may find it to be a nectar that fills and nourishes you day by day.



**Our archipelago is a nature-lover's paradise.** We have Orca whales, seals, foxes, abundant bird life, deer, and endless hiking trails. Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island, Washington, where I live, is about a two hour drive north of Seattle, followed by a little more than an hour on a ferry, which delivers you just a minute's stroll from our hotel. You can also take a float plane from Seattle to the marina beside our hotel, or fly from Seattle to our small international airport. Beware, like so many others who visit the islands, you may never want to leave!



Our view is so beautiful that I take many photos every day. I hope you will too.



Stones from South Beach, with yarn.



Lopez Island Fibers ferries over from a neighboring island one afternoon.



The Inn is very beautiful.



We have enchanting foxes.



Some of the projects I will teach are old favorites; others are being designed just for this retreat.

**Just outside our door** you can visit shops, the Whale Museum, coffee houses, bookstores, art galleries, bakeries, and our local yarn shop, Island Wools. You can wander the docks and imagine life aboard the boats, linger in the waterside park, hike out to the University of Washington Marine Labs, knit alongside a new or old friend, or visit an alpaca farm. If you have a car (or rent one on the island) you can drive to South Beach to fly kites or collect agates, and may see foxes, rabbits, and eagles. You can even spend an afternoon riding the inter-island ferry (just steps from our hotel), gliding from island to island and enjoying the scenery while you knit.

**Our waterfront home is the serene and sparkling Island Inn at 123 West**, with a view of the marina, the Salish Sea, and for early risers, the sunrise over adjacent Brown Island. Our private gathering space is full of light, with a fireplace and picture windows. The Inn's luxurious beds will tempt you to take dreamy afternoon naps. Lodging choices range from single rooms (Euros) to suites (Sweets) to penthouses suitable for as many as 5 or 6 friends. Please see the separate PDF, *The Island Inn Room Guide for Cat's 2020 Retreats*, for our special rates and full descriptions.

**You'll arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Friday morning**, giving us four complete days together. Afternoons are free to explore, take a nap, go for a hike, or simply knit peacefully with your new friends. I teach between breakfast and lunch, and in the early evening after dinner I teach a bit and tell stories. No activities are scheduled for Sunday or Friday, which are arrival and departure days.



Our gathering space is magical! The land-and water-scape are reflected during a recent weaving retreat.

**Lunches and dinners are on your own in any of the nearby restaurants.**

You'll find a variety of choices, from Thai to sushi to vegan to Pacific Northwest Fusion, to pubs, a brewery, and more.



You might like to consider knitting a Wherewithall Vest duo for a child and the child's American Girl doll, or stuffed animal of similar size.

I will also offer several other projects that are similarly peaceful knitting, at least one of them a one-skein project.



**Cost:** The retreat fee is \$500. The Inn provides a delicious breakfast with treats from Felicitations, a much loved local bakery. The Inn's 2019 lodging choices ran from \$145 for a single to \$315 for the largest shared penthouse. Every space is beautiful and serene. Please read the separate PDF, *The Island Inn Room Guide for Cat's 2020 Retreats*, and phone them to make a reservation.

For those who wish, I will teach my Wherewithall Vest. It's a peaceful garter stitch project, which can be as colorful or as subdued as you wish.

**To register**, write to [cat@catbordhi.com](mailto:cat@catbordhi.com) to ask if the retreat still has space, and we'll take it from there. Information about travel is on page 5, followed by the registration form. I would love to welcome you to this special retreat, to share this beautiful island with you, and to help you fill yourself with peace and well-being as 2020 approaches.



# 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

Sailing schedule and car reservations for Anacortes-Friday Harbor ferry: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries>

## Driving

If driving, remember that your ferry reservation is null 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. For GPS, use 2100 Ferry Terminal Road, Anacortes. 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 runs this shuttle directly between Friday Harbor and the Seattle-Tacoma Airport from Monday through Saturday. See [www.islandairporter.com](http://www.islandairporter.com) and 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

Kenmore Air offers land and sea plane services. Sea plane travelers land in the marina next to our hotel. 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.

## Travel questions?

Call the Island Inn at 360.378.4400



Looking out from our workshop space.

# Registration for Cat Bordhi's Restorative Year's End Knitting Retreat

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Print and fill out this page and mail it to me** at the address below with a check for \$150 *made out to Passing Paws Press, Inc.* This \$150 deposit reserves your space. Should you need to cancel, this deposit is nonrefundable unless you *find a replacement for yourself.* The balance of \$350 is due 4 months before the retreat begins and is then nonrefundable unless you find a replacement for yourself.

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Friday Harbor, WA 98250

**Lodging:** Once you register, review the separate PDF, *The Island Inn Room Guide for Cat's 2020 Retreats*, then phone the Island Inn at 123 West at 360-378-4400 to reserve your accommodations. If you would find someone to share a Sweet or Penthouse with, let the Inn know and they will try to help. Arrival is Sunday afternoon/evening, and departure is Friday morning. No activities are scheduled for Sunday or Friday, because they are travel days. Sunday dinner is on your own.

**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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