

# Cat Bordhi's 2020 Springtime Island Knitting Retreat, April 5-10 Refreshment, Creative Learning, and Friendship

I've been holding knitting retreats near my home on San Juan Island, Washington for a dozen years. Many people return again and again, and we all love to welcome newcomers. 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. This time of year is magical, with fruit trees in blossom, deciduous trees sprouting new leaves, and bulbs blooming in neighborhoods.



**You'll arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Friday morning**, giving us four complete days together. One day we'll spend a few hours riding our inter-island ferry (just steps from our hotel), skimming along from island to island and enjoying spectacular scenery as we knit. And all week long you'll revel in the beauty that surrounds you, our luxurious accommodations, our serene gathering space, and the colorful meals prepared by our legendary chef Deb Nolan. Sunday and Friday are travel days, so no activities are scheduled on those days.

**I teach every morning until lunch**, and afterwards you are free until we regather a little after 4:00, when I'll review our lessons, and then spin tales from the knitting world until dinnertime.



**Our home, 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 at the Inn. You can nap, join a whale-watching tour, wander the docks and imagine life aboard the boats, or knit alongside a new or old friend. Or you can drive to South Beach to fly kites (I have some to loan) or collect agates, and may see foxes like the one you see here, rabbits, and eagles.



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.



A South Beach bunny. See all the holes? They drop into them if a fox comes by.

**I love teaching projects that share** elements of my ongoing design work. It's too soon to say what projects this retreat will focus on, but I promise they will be tantalizing. Between now and when I welcome you here, I'll be cooking up small projects that reflect the freshness and joy of springtime, perhaps some new fingerless mitts! And I always love to share my bag of tricks—solutions to common knitting challenges.



**The retreats anchor a strong sense of community and caring, and are deeply relaxing.** We will spend some time each day knitting in communal silence, letting the deep wellspring of tranquillity that lies within knitting rise and saturate us as our hands move in quiet harmony with needles and yarn. One recent 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. The Inn includes breakfast, and Deb’s catered lunches and dinners are \$245. Please see the Island Inn PDF for descriptions of lodging choices, which run from \$145 for a single to \$315 for a penthouse which can hold up to 5 friends. Lodging reservations are made directly with the Inn.

**Chef Deb is legendary amongst returnees.** Please see the information on the final page.

**To register,** email me at [cat@catbordhi.com](mailto:cat@catbordhi.com) to ask if your preferred retreat has space. I’d love to share this heavenly island with you and spend time knitting and learning together. If you are new, you’ll find everyone delighted to welcome you to our week of happiness.



A project I’ve taught at previous retreats.



Roasted spring asparagus, mmmm!

# 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 void if you are not through the ticket booth 30 minutes ahead of the scheduled 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, turn left, and look for the tall gray water tank with the numbers 123 on the side. We're right there.

## Island Airporter

John Nash runs this shuttle 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

KenmoreAir.com offers land and sea plane services. The sea planes land in the marina next to our hotel. Before making reservations, make sure to coordinate your arrival and departure from Seatac with Kenmore's schedule, allowing enough time to collect your baggage.

## Questions?

Call the Island Inn at 360.378.4400



The view from our hotel

# Registration for the 2020 Springtime Knitting Retreat 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 secure your spot.** You may transfer this deposit only if you *can find a replacement yourself*. The \$350 balance 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.

**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.

**Meals:** The Island Inn provides breakfast. You will mail Cat a \$245 check (made out to Deb Nolan, our lunch and dinner kitchen magician) by March 5, along with the catering form on next page.

**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)

**Catering form for our April 5-10, 2020  
Springtime Knitting Retreat**

Please send this form to **Cat** *with a check made out to Deb Nolan.*

**Cat Bordhi  
POB 2463  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250**

**If your form and check (*made out to Deb Nolan*) is received by March 5, 2020,  
the cost is \$245. If received after that, the cost is \$275.**

**Deb's cancellation policy:** If cancelled 30 days prior to retreat, full payment may be transferred to a future retreat. If cancelled up to 2 weeks prior to retreat, 50% of payment may be transferred to a future retreat. For cancellations less than 2 weeks prior to a retreat, no credit is possible.

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Her sumptuous lunches and dinners have been delighting, inspiring, and nourishing our knitters for years. Deb's 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a vegetarian.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a vegan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am allergic to gluten \_\_\_\_\_dairy \_\_\_\_\_shellfish.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am allergic to these nuts: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have allergies beyond those listed above, please read Deb's statement below:**

"Though I am careful about food allergies, I do prepare all kinds of foods including shellfish, nuts, wheat and other items containing gluten and dairy in my kitchen. I will contact individuals regarding a request for an unlisted food restriction to see if I can accommodate them. They may have to repeat certain items like soups and main entrees if too restricted."