



FERAL KNITTER RETREATS WITH JANINE BAJUS

EXPLORING FAIR ISLE VESTS

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 1, 2019

There's something magical about the San Juan Islands in the northwest corner of Washington State: green islands, exposed granite, evergreens and madronas, rocky beaches and driftwood, open meadows, the everchanging waters, soothing ferry rides, and (now and then) the views of snow-covered mountains. There are some 400 islands (not all are inhabited); the four largest are connected by a car-ferry system.

These islands are so special that when, some 31 years ago, my then-boyfriend and I decided to get married we hopped on a ferry to get married in Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island, the largest of the group.

So when the opportunity arose to hold a retreat in Friday Harbor, I jumped! I'd long envisioned a 4-day retreat centered on banded Fair Isle vests with time built in for relaxation and exploration.

THE CLASS

I've become fascinated by the possibilities of banded Fair Isle designs. They offer limitless opportunities for playing with color and motif, and when the bands are stacked on top of each other they create new and unexpected pattern relationships. And the space where the bands meet presents its own chance for exploration. Banded designs can be bright or subtle, playful or sophisticated. Even better: they can be easy to put together! We will spend 15 hours in class together:

Monday (6 hours): Color

I'll show you a speedy and playful way to choose colors based on your inspiration. Then you'll pick your yarn from the 212 shades of Jamieson's Spindrift yarn to begin your speed swatches to see how the colors work together.

Tuesday (3 hours): Motif

Choose your motifs or make your own!

Wednesday (3 hours): Vest pattern

We'll fine tune the classic V-neck pattern I provide to fit your measurements.

Thursday (3 hours): Finishing touches

Steeks, bands, and increasing/decreasing in pattern.

Thursday after dinner we will compare our swatches and make plans to finish our vests!

THE PLAY

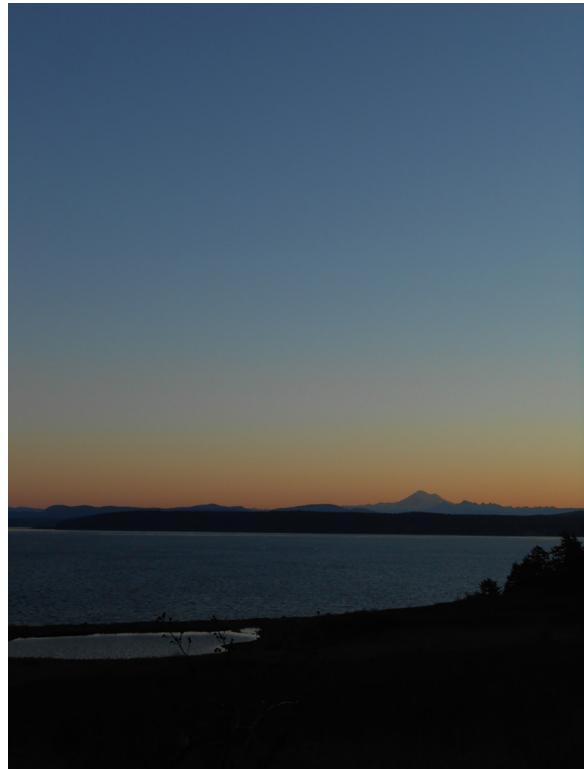
I can't promise anything about the weather in the Pacific Northwest in February. I've experienced brilliantly clear days and drizzly gloom, sometimes both on the same weekend. But if you bring the right clothing it shouldn't matter! There's lots to do here.

In town: The Island Inn on 123 West is right in Friday Harbor, so you can walk to the yarn shop, bookstores, gift shops, and coffee shops.

On the water: The inter-island ferry runs every afternoon. Hop on board for a free 3-hour cruise between the three other largest islands: Orcas, Shaw, and Lopez. The scenery is inspirational and the ride is relaxing.

History: San Juan Island was the site of our last armed conflict with the British army—over a pig! Visit American Camp on the southernmost point and English Camp in the north to learn more about this moment in American history as well as seeing two very different landscapes.

Outdoors: Hike at Lime Kiln Park. Sign up for a boat trip (although there are limited options in February). Or take a drive to the alpaca farm.



Mt Baker early morning

THE DATES

Plan to arrive Sunday afternoon, February 24th. Your rooms will be available for check in at 3:00; dinner will be on your own. Check out will be Friday morning, March 1st.

THE HOTEL

The Island Inn at 123 West is a modern hotel just blocks from the ferry dock, overlooking the marina and close to everything Friday Harbor has to offer.

THE FOOD

A light breakfast is included in your room charge. Lunches and dinners Monday through Thursday will be catered by Deb Nolan. Deb uses fresh and local food to create marvelous meals; that she does this while accommodating differing dietary requirements is nothing short of amazing.

THE COST

Retreat fee: \$425 includes materials for extensive swatching, handouts, and surprises

Catering fee: \$245 + tip

Hotel: Varies depending upon your room choice

HOW TO SIGN UP IN *5* STEPS:

1. Confirm space

Write to me at janine@feralknitter using the subject line **Friday Harbor Retreat** and tell me you want to come! I will take people on a first-come basis based on the email timestamp. I will let you know whether there are still spaces. Registration opens on **October 1st**.

2. The Sign Up

Once I have confirmed that there is space for you (Step 1), reserve your spot by filling out the form on page 5 and mailing it to the address below with a check for \$150 made out to Feral Knitter.

Janine Bajus
1153 the Alameda
Berkeley CA 94707

The \$150 deposit is non-refundable and holds your space. You may transfer your deposit only if you can find a replacement yourself. The remaining \$275 of the \$425 retreat fee is due 3 months before the retreat (November 24, 2018).

3. The Hotel

Now it's time to make your hotel reservation. Check out the Island Inn handout and then call them at 360-378-4400 to reserve the room you'd like—let them know you are attending the Feral Knitter Retreat. Rooms range from the small Euros to the large Penthouses. If you'd like to share a room but don't have a roommate, let the hotel know and they will try to match you up.

Plan to arrive Sunday, February 24th and to check out on Friday, March 1st (unless you want to extend your time in these magical islands!).

4. The Food

Deb Nolan will be catering lunches and dinners Monday through Thursday. I will send you a form to fill out closer to the date of the retreat; fill it out and send it along with a check for \$245 at least 30 days before the retreat (so, mail this by January 24th). If your form and payment are received less than 30 days before the event the cost goes up to \$270.

Snow geese near La Conner



5. Getting There

The San Juan Islands are joyously isolated! But there are many ways to get to Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island, and I've always found the journey is half the fun. You really have two choices: land+water or plane.

1. Land+Water

You've got two ways to get to the ferry terminal on the outskirts of Anacortes: car or shuttle service.

Car

You can drive to the ferry terminal in Anacortes, where you catch the ferry to Friday Harbor. I can recommend a side trip to La Conner if you have extra time! The Calico Cupboard Cafe in both La Conner and Anacortes makes a good lunch or breakfast stop.

You should make ferry reservations for your trip well ahead of time because there are a limited number of sailings in the winter. You need to be through the ferry booth 30 minutes before sailing; otherwise, your reservation will be nullified. Ferry schedules can be found at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/; you can find information about reservations at www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/TakeaFerry/

Shuttle

Because the Island Inn is just two blocks from the ferry dock, you could take an airporter from SeaTac, downtown Seattle, or the Bellingham airport to the ferry terminal and ride as a walk-on passenger. The airporter is a relaxing way to avoid the Puget Sound traffic! www.airporter.com/shuttle

2. Plane

Yes, you can fly to San Juan island! Kenmore Air offers land planes and sea planes. For information about their schedules, costs, etc take a look here: www.kenmoreair.com



Feel free to ask me any questions you may have janine@feralknitter.com. I'm very excited about this retreat and hope you feel the same way!

REGISTRATION

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After you have confirmed with me that there is space in the retreat, please fill out this form and mail it along with a check for your non-refundable deposit of \$150 to:

Janine Bajus
1153 the Alameda
Berkeley CA 94707

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

(can I text you at this number? Yes No)

Emergency contact: _____

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 Janine Bajus and Feral Knitter 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: _____