



FERAL KNITTER RETREATS WITH JANINE BAJUS

THE FIRST
FERAL KNITTER RETREAT

FRIDAY HARBOR, WA MARCH 22-27, 2020

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.

THE RETREAT

Many of my Fair Isle design students have expressed a desire to have my feedback while they work on new designs, but they don't want to repeat a full design workshop. They also want time and space to explore a new idea, away from the distractions of everyday life. Maybe someone else to cook and clean the bathroom . . .

If this describes your dream, the Feral Knitter Retreat is planned with you in mind! For four days you will have the opportunity to work on your design, getting the degree of feedback you want. On the first day I will be available to each participant for a half-hour consultation. On the remaining three days I will be in the knitting room every morning (and most afternoons), answering questions, demonstrating techniques, and giving feedback more casually as your project progresses. The yarn playpen, complete with 212 colors of Jamiesons Shetland Spindrift yarn for swatching, will be available for the entire retreat.

You will be free to come as go as you please during the day; the knitting room will be open all day long. We want to balance deep creative work with relaxation and play!

To foster a sense of community we will have lunch together, but dinners will be on your own.

PREREQUISITE

You must have taken one of my 2-day Fair Isle Color or 3-day Design Your Own Fair Isle workshops—I will not be teaching the basics at this retreat, although I will demonstrate techniques as requested.

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.

THE DATES

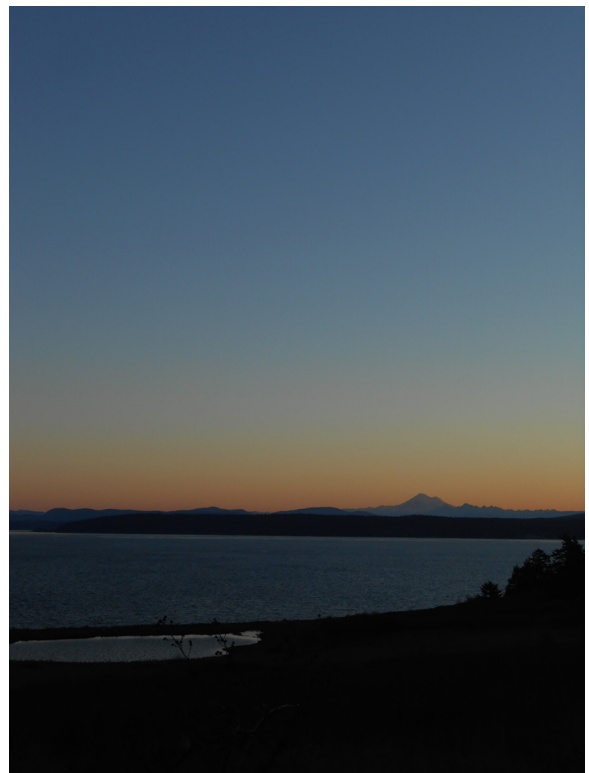
Plan to arrive Sunday afternoon, March 22nd. Your rooms will be available for check in at 3:00.

We'll enjoy a wine-and-cheese meet and greet Sunday evening. Dinner will be on your own at your choice of local restaurants.

Check out will be Friday morning, March 27th.

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.



Mt Baker early morning

THE FOOD

A hot breakfast is included in your room charge.

Lunches Monday through Thursday will be catered by Deb Nolan's catering team. Deb uses fresh and local food to create marvelous meals; that she does this while accommodating differing dietary requirements is nothing short of amazing.

Dinners are on your own; there are many restaurants within a few blocks of our hotel. The Penthouses have kitchens if you'd prefer to fix your own evening meals.

THE COST

Retreat fee: \$500 includes materials for extensive swatching

Catering fee: \$90 + 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 **Feral Knitter Retreat**, let me know you want to sign up, and tell me when and where you took my 3-day Design Your Own Fair Isle workshop. I will take people on a first-come basis.

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 \$350 of the \$500 retreat fee is due 3 months before the retreat (December 21, 2019).

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 Fair Isle Vest 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, March 22nd and to check out on Friday, March 27th (unless you want to extend your time in these magical islands!).

4. The Food

Deb Nolan will be catering lunches 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 \$90 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 \$100.

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

Drive to the ferry terminal in Anacortes and take the ferry to Friday Harbor. 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 Airport, 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. Air

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 If you are taking the plane please let me know so I can pick you up at the airport.



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

FERAL KNITTER RETREAT: FAIR ISLE VESTS 2020

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: _____