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\$1.3 Million Expansion Opens at Friday Harbor House

San Juan Island Project Responds to Increasing Demand for Event and Meeting Space and Guest Suites

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash. – June 28, 2006 – Friday Harbor House, a premier waterfront resort on San Juan Island, today announced the unveiling of its long-awaited expansion, which more than doubles its meeting and event space while adding several guest suites to the popular harbor-view property.

The \$1.3 million expansion, which has been in the works for four years, is housed in a two-story building designed by San Juan Island architect David Kinderfater to complement and blend with the original Friday Harbor House design. The expansion includes a 1,070-square-foot, fully equipped meeting and event facility and three spacious guest suites.

Until now, well-equipped meeting space for professional meetings and retreats was hard to find anywhere in the San Juan Islands. “With this new, long-awaited expansion, we can now meet the growing demand for business and meeting space in our beautiful island setting,” says Langdon Simons, owner of Friday Harbor House.

Wellman & Zuck, the Bellingham-based general contractor, began building the expansion in September 2005. To celebrate completion of the project, Friday Harbor House will host an Open House from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 8. Friday Harbor House is located at 130 West Street in the heart of Friday Harbor.

The meeting and event space can host up to 100 guests and is ideal for professional meetings, retreats, weddings and other social events. The facility is equipped with the latest in audio-visual equipment, wireless Internet connections, a plasma-screen display and a kitchen. A small outdoor garden is next to the building.

Before the expansion, Friday Harbor House offered meeting space in its Harbor View Dining Room, which can host groups as large as 50 people. In addition, a smaller meeting suite can accommodate up to 10 guests. Friday Harbor House will continue to offer both these intimate meeting spaces in addition to its new expanded event space.

The expansion boosts the number of Friday Harbor House's guestrooms and suites to 23. The new 460-square-foot suites each feature king beds, partial views of the harbor and all the amenities currently offered at Friday Harbor House. Each room and suite at Friday Harbor House has a fireplace with sitting area, floor-to-ceiling windows and an oversized whirl bath jetted tub. Many rooms also have private decks.

The new wing was completed on schedule and is currently taking reservations for meetings and events as well as guest stays. To reserve the meeting and events space or one of the new suites, call Friday Harbor House at (360) 378-8455 or toll-free at 1 (866) 722-7356. For additional information or online reservations, go to www.fridayharborhouse.com.

In addition to its guest suites and meeting space, Friday Harbor House features the award-winning Harbor View Dining Room, where Chef Eli Galsim and his team offer freshly baked scones for breakfast, and seasonal farm-fresh island fare and locally caught seafood for dinner.

Friday Harbor House is managed and operated by Columbia Hospitality Inc.

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Images available upon request.

About Friday Harbor House

Friday Harbor House is a 23-room, contemporary, waterfront inn located on San Juan Island, the second largest island in the 743-island archipelago in the northernmost stretch of Washington's salt waters.

Friday Harbor House is owned by Langdon and Anne Simons and is managed by Columbia Hospitality Inc. Opened in 1994, the inn features spectacular views of the marina, San Juan Channel and Mount Constitution on neighboring Orcas Island.

Seasonal San Juan Island specialties are featured in the Harbor View Dining Room. Dinner is served seven nights a week during the summer and Thursdays through Mondays during the quiet season. In addition to regular nightly dinners, Chef Eli Galsim hosts Wine Dinners by teaming up with regional wineries to create four- or five-course meals. The Inn's signature breakfast is served daily.

About Columbia Hospitality Inc.

Columbia Hospitality Inc., a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia Hospitality creates exceptional experiences for guests and employees while achieving phenomenal results for its property owners.

Specializing in luxury hotel and resort management, Columbia Hospitality expertly transforms each vision for a unique property into an enduring and profitable business.

Columbia Hospitality's premier properties include boutique hotels and secluded resorts in Washington state, including:

- The Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island
- Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island
- Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes, also on San Juan Island
- Darnell's Lake Resort on Lake Chelan

The company also manages a portfolio of conference centers and event venues, including:

- Bell Harbor International Conference Center in Seattle
- World Trade Center Seattle
- Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center in Seattle (catering and events only)
- Pier 30 Event Center in Seattle
- Talaris Conference Center in Seattle
- Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside in Bremerton
- Washington Mutual Leadership Center at Cedarbrook. in SeaTac

The company additionally supports an active consulting division that has worked on more than 50 hospitality development projects in five western U.S. states and Canada.

Columbia Hospitality was named to the *Puget Sound Business Journal's* list of the "Fastest Growing Private Companies in Washington State" three times in the past six years.