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**Friday Harbor House Announces Arrival  
of New Executive Chef Matt Colony**  
*Chef to Continue Inn's Tradition of Featuring Fish and Produce  
from San Juan Islands*

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash. – Jan. 16, 2007 – Friday Harbor House, one of the San Juan Islands' premier inns, is proud to announce the appointment of Matt Colony as executive chef of the Friday Harbor House Restaurant.

“We are extremely excited to have such a talent as Matt taking over as executive chef,” said Linda Hersey, innkeeper/general manager of Friday Harbor House. “With his broad range of experience and creative spirit, he will do an outstanding job.”

Previously, Colony was executive chef at The Beach House at Purdy in Gig Harbor and Pacific Grill, a Tacoma restaurant that he helped plan and open. Colony earned a culinary arts degree from Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Institute in London, where he graduated in the top 2 percent of his class.

“With some creativity and a motivated team, I will bring exciting results to the Friday Harbor House Restaurant,” said Colony. “I am eager to use my talents and enthusiasm to create unforgettable experiences for our guests.”

Colony excels in planning and preparing winemaker dinners. He has paired exquisite four- and six-course meals with wines from Penfolds, Pepper Bridge and Owen-Sullivan wineries.

The Friday Harbor House Restaurant is known throughout the Puget Sound area for its gourmet offerings. The restaurant uses fish, mussels, oysters, cheeses, meats and produce mostly from the San Juan Islands. Dinner is served in the Harbor View Dining Room, which has views of San Juan Channel and Mount Constitution on neighboring Orcas Island, seven nights a week during the summer and Thursday through Monday during the quiet season.

Perched on a bluff overlooking the harbor, Friday Harbor House has 23 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites. In-room amenities include fireplaces, oversized whirl bath jetted tubs and floor-to-ceiling windows with spectacular views. In 2006, the inn opened a high-tech meeting and event facility that accommodates groups of up to 100 guests.

Langdon and Anne Simons own Friday Harbor House, which Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality manages and operates.

Friday Harbor is located on beautiful San Juan Island. In November 2006, *Condè Nast Traveler* ranked the San Juan Islands as the fourth-best island getaway in North America.

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### **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 Thursday through Monday during the quiet season. In addition to regular nightly dinners, Chef Matthew Colony 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.**

Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality Inc., a leading hospitality management and consulting firm, operates and manages Bell Harbor. 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, such as the following:

- Kenwood Inn and Spa in Sonoma's Valley of the Moon in Kenwood, Calif.
- The Inn at Langley on Whidbey Island, Wash.
- Friday Harbor House on San Juan Island, Wash.
- Lakedale Resort at Three Lakes, also on San Juan Island
- Darnell's Lake Resort on Lake Chelan, Wash.

The company also manages a portfolio of conference centers and event venues in Washington state. In addition to Bell Harbor International Conference Center, these venues include the following:

- 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" four times in the past seven years.