



## FRIDAY HARBOR HOUSE ANNOUNCES NEW OWNERSHIP

*San Juan Island inn is sold to owners with local ties, carrying on commitment to island investment and first-in-class Pacific Northwest tourism*



*Captions – left to right: Friday Harbor House at dusk; Guestrooms overlooking the marina.*

**Seattle, Wash.** (July 13, 2015) – Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm Columbia Hospitality, Inc., announces new ownership of Friday Harbor House, a waterfront inn located in the island seaport of Friday Harbor, Washington on picturesque San Juan Island. General partner Lang Simons, who built the inn with his late wife Anne and 14 limited partners, has sold the 23-room inn to Robert and Rebecca Pohlad, Michael and Lauri Corliss, and John and Deanna Oppenheimer. John Oppenheimer is the founder and CEO of Columbia Hospitality, which has managed Friday Harbor House since 1998. The new proprietors, two of whom have homes in the San Juan Islands, will begin enhancements and improvements to Friday Harbor House as part of their investment plan in Fall 2015.

“Lang and Anne Simons created an exceptional inn for the region, and we hope to build on their vision while continuing to provide extraordinary experiences on the island for travelers and locals alike,” said new majority holder, Robert Pohlad.

Along with the change in ownership, Friday Harbor House will launch new summer hours and menus at its celebrated onsite restaurant The Bluff, featuring fresh and seasonal fare from local waters and farms served in a casual, island setting. Summer 2015 programming is robust, featuring

partnerships with local businesses such as Pelindaba Lavender Farm and whale watching and kayaking tour operators, continuing the inn's focus on community adventures that enhance and enrich the island for visitors year-round. "We're thrilled with the new investors that have taken over the property, and are confident that they will carry out our vision for Friday Harbor House in an innovative way, while keeping ties to the community strong," said previous general partner Lang Simons.

Columbia Hospitality will continue to provide full management services to Friday Harbor House, its first hotel contract, as it has done for the past 17 years. Margie O'Brien will remain innkeeper, helping provide phenomenal experiences for guests and team members.

### **About Friday Harbor House**

Friday Harbor House is perched atop a bluff on beautiful San Juan Island that overlooks the scenic harbor. In the spirit of a contemporary villa, care has been taken to blend exposure to the waterfront character of Friday Harbor and the natural surroundings. Each of the 23 comfortably appointed guestrooms has stunning views of the marina, ferry landing, San Juan Channel or Mount Constitution on Orcas Island. The Bluff Restaurant ▪ Bar ▪ Terrace at Friday Harbor House features an array of exquisite dishes prepared from fresh, locally caught seafood, as well as produce, and other products from the San Juan Islands. The Inn is managed by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality. For more information or to make a reservation, please call (866) 722-7356 or visit [www.fridayharborhouse.com](http://www.fridayharborhouse.com).

### **About Columbia Hospitality**

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), is a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm that was established in 1995 by founder and CEO John Oppenheimer. Columbia's growing portfolio includes the award-winning boutique hotels of the Columbia Collection, public and private golf facilities, conference centers and distinctive venues. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for property owners. With 20 years of proven success in management, Columbia has also consulted on over 100 hospitality projects worldwide, delivering a high level of customized service to partners and investors. For more information about Columbia and to view the entire portfolio visit [www.columbiahospitality.com](http://www.columbiahospitality.com).

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