



FRIDAY HARBOR HOUSE KICKS OFF SUMMER ON SAN JUAN ISLAND WITH NEW OUTDOOR SPACE, WOOD STONE OVEN, AND EXPANDED KITCHEN



Photo credit: Friday Harbor House.

Friday Harbor, Wash. (June 20, 2018) — Friday Harbor House, a boutique, 23-room inn overlooking the scenic harbor, unveiled a new 3,000-square-foot outdoor dining space and expanded kitchen with new wood stone oven just in time for the summer season. The outdoor area consists of a new patio with expansive deck space on both sides, along with a lush lawn that offers comfortable gathering places for locals and visitors alike.

The decks are aptly named the Portside Deck and the Starboard Deck, while the center patio is named The Bridge as a nod to the nautical nature of the inn and locale. The Portside Deck, located to the left of the patio, can be reserved for private events such as company retreats or social gatherings for up to 30 people. The Starboard Deck, to the right of the patio, offers seating for up to 48 people and features TUUCI umbrellas with heaters, making the area inviting even when the weather gets cooler. Both decks have glass railings to maximize the views of Friday Harbor. The Bridge offers comfortable lounge seating along with two long, rectangular firepits and cocktail service.

On the lawn, guests can enjoy drinks and small plates while relaxing around any of three firepits.

“We are delighted to enhance our guests’ dining experience while maintaining the essence of relaxed luxury of Friday Harbor House and the island,” said Co-Innkeeper Michael Felso. “Together, these new spaces offer locals and visitors alike the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of San Juan Island year-round.”

Guests will also enjoy new seasonal offerings for brunch, lunch, and dinner at the restaurant led by Executive Chef Jason Aldous. The restaurant’s expanded kitchen has a new wood stone oven sourced from local Bellingham purveyor Wood Stone Co. The oven and kitchen expansion will allow for a range of new, delicious menu items including wood-fired pizzas, sandwiches, and steakhouse-style fare in addition to small plates and carefully crafted main dishes.

“We are excited for the opportunity to become even more creative with our culinary offerings at Friday Harbor House, especially with the addition of the wood stone oven,” explained Chef Aldous. “Our team continues to be inspired by ingredients we source locally from nearby waters, artisans, and farmers, and the kitchen expansion will allow us to create even more menu options while maintaining the authentic island dining experience guests have come to know and love.”

The new outdoor space was designed by Seattle firm RaderTangen Architects.

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About Friday Harbor House

Perched on the bluff above San Juan Island’s iconic marina, Friday Harbor House is a home base for adventure and exploration. The luxurious boutique hotel is in the heart of a picturesque and bustling village, filled with family-owned galleries and shops. The Inn’s 23 guest rooms, most newly updated, have been designed to reflect a contemporary and relaxed getaway, with jetted tubs and fireplaces. The recently-renovated restaurant is dedicated to the craft of making menu items and cocktails from scratch with locally sourced ingredients. The large outdoor deck offers a welcoming place to enjoy it all, with stunning views of the harbor, ferry landing, and San Juan Channel. The Inn is owned by a group with local ties to the San Juans and is managed by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality. For more information or reservations, please call 866.722.7356 or visit www.fridayharborhouse.com.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia) is a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting company that was established in 1995 by founder and CEO John Oppenheimer. Columbia’s growing portfolio includes award-winning hotels, public and private golf facilities, conference centers, distinctive venues and residential properties. With over 20 years of

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