



CHEF JOSEPH FORISKA TAKES THE REINS AT THE BLUFF RESTAURANT·BAR·TERRACE

San Juan Island's long-time chef and foodie to head up the restaurant at Friday Harbor House

Friday Harbor, Wash. (January 27, 2010) - The Bluff Restaurant·Bar·Terrace at Friday Harbor House has appointed Joseph Foriska as chef. Along with more than 20 years of culinary experience, Foriska brings a passion for utilizing the fresh, local ingredients of the islands to his new position.

“As a resident of the San Juan Islands for more than 15 years, Chef Foriska brings to the table a familiarity of the San Juan Island culinary community and strong relationships with local purveyors,” said Michael O’Dell, general manager of Friday Harbor House. “After working at some of the area’s most renowned dining establishments, we feel honored to have him on board at The Bluff.”

Most recently, Foriska served as food and beverage purchasing manager at Roche Harbor Resort, overseeing culinary offerings for five distinct venues within the resort including McMillins Dining Room and the Madrona Grill. During his tenure from 2006-2009, the McMillans wine program was consecutively awarded *Wine Spectator’s* “Award of Excellence.”

Prior to Roche Harbor Resort, Foriska owned, operated and served as executive chef at Fleur de Lys, a French-inspired fine dining restaurant on San Juan Island. He has held chef positions with some of San Juan Island’s most respected venues, including Vinny’s Restaurant where he served as sous chef under Chef Roberto Carrerri, a master chef specializing in Northwest Italian cuisine. Foriska also worked under Master Chef Gretchen Allison as sous chef at Duck Soup Inn, one of the most celebrated restaurants in the San Juan Islands.

Using fresh, local ingredients whenever possible, Foriska will keep his food preparation straightforward and pure, working with local purveyors to utilize the fresh fare of the San Juan Islands and Pacific Northwest.

The Bluff opened in spring 2009 and features a rotating menu of small plates, savory sandwiches, colorful salads and seasonal specialties. The “Beat the Tide Happy Hour” is offered Tuesday through Saturday, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour specials include half-price bottles of wine and Bluff Bites, small plates featuring guest favorites such as crab cakes, pulled pork sandwiches and more.

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Friday Harbor House

Friday Harbor House is a waterfront inn located in the bustling island seaport of Friday Harbor, home to charming shops, galleries and restaurants. Situated on San Juan Island, the inn features spectacular views of the marina, San Juan Channel and Mount Constitution on neighboring Orcas Island. Each of the 23 remodeled guest rooms and suites at Friday Harbor House offers a fireplace, oversized jetted bathtub and breathtaking views. Chef Joseph Foriska prepares an array of fresh fare from the local waters and farms, showcased in a mouthwatering menu of small plates, savory sandwiches, colorful salads and seasonal specialties at The Bluff Restaurant • Bar • Terrace. Friday Harbor House is owned by Lang and Anne Simons and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. For more information or to make a reservation call 866-722-7356 or visit fridayharborhouse.com.

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