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**A Week at the Beach**  
**a polymer clay retreat with**  
**Dan Cormier & Tracy Holmes**  
**April 13-20, 2007**  
**The Haven Waterfront Resort**  
**Gabriola Island BC CANADA**



view from The Haven • photo by Tina Holden © 2005

Canadian artist and innovator Dan Cormier and partner artist and co-teacher Tracy Holmes invite you to come and explore new directions in polymer clay, with an all-inclusive getaway at one of the Gulf Island's most inviting and inspiring destinations...



Botanical Beads by Dan Cormier © 2006  
 featuring veneers made using The Cutting Edge system

**A Week at the Beach**  
**Fri. Apr. 13.07 to Fri. Apr. 20.07**  
 seven-day master class • \$1475.

Picture a work space, fully equipped with all your polymer clay tools and materials, including the clay. Imagine you had a teacher or two to show you a multitude of tips and techniques to design, build, decorate, and finish your own unique collection of polymer clay objects. Add to that the rare luxury of time, to explore your surroundings, absorb new influences, choose new directions, evolve the way you work, and elevate the results you're able

to achieve. Put it all together at a spectacular walk-on waterfront location, with the rainforest surrounding you and the Pacific Ocean at your feet.

Dan and Tracy invite you to share the shoreline wonder of their island home with this intimate and inspiring seven-day retreat. Expand and refine your craft learning from Dan's collection of original techniques for designing, building, and finishing. Immerse yourself in the environment with Tracy's next-to-nature approach to making imitative beach pebbles. With these two "locals" as your guides, explore new possibilities in polymer clay and indulge in all the colours, forms, textures, and patterns of springtime on Canada's West Coast.



Pebble Bracelet by Tracy Holmes © 2005



Botanical Necklace (detail) by Dan Cormier © 2006

**A Week at the Beach** is an all-inclusive retreat. Package price is in Canadian dollars. The price includes workshop tuition, studio work space, shared accommodation; all meals; return passenger ferry fare from Nanaimo to Gabriola Island; shuttle to The Haven; and all applicable taxes and gratuities. It also includes all the tools, materials, and supplies you'll need, including all your polymer clay. Dates are date of arrival to date of departure. For more info, or to register, please contact Tracy Holmes at [hoco@island.net](mailto:hoco@island.net)



Botanical Pin by Dan Cormier © 2004

**Dan & Tracy** have been teaching their own polymer clay techniques since 1996, in Canada, the US, England, Spain, and France. Closer to home on Gabriola Island, they've hosted two retreats at The Haven. Here's what students had to say:

**"A perfect venue**

*To say I was impressed and inspired is an understatement. I learned far more than I'd hoped and had fun in the process... Clear, entertaining, and manageable even for a 'newbie' like me... A wonderful week with wonderful people... You have me reaching for a new level of creation... Thanks for teaching on beautiful Gabriola. An amazing experience! I'll remember this for a lifetime!"*