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A Week at the Beach

a polymer clay retreat with Dan Cormier & Tracy Holmes

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The Haven Waterfront Resort

Gabriola Island BC CANADA



Botanical Pin by Dan Cormier © 2004

About Your Studio

Centrally located on The Haven grounds, our classroom will be the Heron Room, with lots of space to work, with a view of the beach at Taylor Bay, and the open waters of Georgia Strait. You will enjoy:

- daily instruction with Dan and Tracy, including demos, one-on-one mentoring, show and tell of teachers' samples and finished pieces, and lots of time to work and play
- studio access from 7 am to 11 pm
- your own studio work space, equipped with all the tools, materials, and supplies you'll need... including all your polymer clay
- *The Cutting Edge* Polymer Clay Peeler Kit
- use of other classroom tools, materials, and resources, including drawing and sketching supplies; scissors, cutting tools and mats; baking station with convection oven, thermometers, timers, and mitts; music; and a reference library of books, magazines, videos, and DVDs to inspire you

Registration

The Haven is a spacious venue, but our goal is to limit class size so that every student will have plenty of room to learn and create in a comfortable environment. Completed Registration Forms (including your deposit) will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis until spaces are filled. To request a Registration Form, please contact Tracy Holmes at hoco@island.net.

About Your Venue

Boat, bed, breakfast, and beyond... welcome to your home away from home:

- return passenger fare for the ferry between Nanaimo and Gabriola Island
- return transportation between the Gabriola ferry terminal on Gabriola and The Haven
- shared accommodation at The Haven Waterfront Resort on Gabriola Island (with upgrades available for anyone wishing privacy, a premium room, to extend their stay, or traveling with a non-workshop companion)
- all meals, from arrival day reception dinner to departure day lunch, home-cooked and served buffet-style in a licensed ocean view dining room
- unlimited use of all Haven facilities, including all-day coffee and tea service, games room, lounge with video and DVD players, internet access, gymnasium, dry sauna, beachside hot tub, and indoor/outdoor swimming pool

Getting to Gabriola

Gabriola Island is accessed by ferry from Nanaimo on Vancouver Island (your passenger fare for this ferry is included in your package). Nanaimo is about 21 km by ferry from Vancouver. There's also float plane service from Vancouver to Silva Bay (on Gabriola). Nearby international airports are Nanaimo (YCD) and Vancouver (YVR).

Useful Links

www.haven.ca
www.clayamies.com/Events.htm
www.gabriolaisland.org
www.bcferries.com
www.tofinoair.ca

About Your Teachers

Dan Cormier has been an artist for as long as he can remember. About fifteen years ago, after studying illustration and design, he had a rather serendipitous encounter with FIMO. He dabbled and developed a full-time interest in polymer clay, selling his jewelry from a street vendor's cart in hometown Montreal. While attending his first "clay camp" with new partner Tracy Holmes, his work caught the eye of the NorthWest Polymer Clay Guild, and he was invited to teach at their "Convergence at Ravensdale" in 1996, the first national conference devoted to this versatile art medium. Dan and Tracy have taught at every Ravensdale since, at the National Guild's "Courting the Muse" in 2001, and for many other guilds and groups around the world. Dan has earned a reputation as one of polymer clay's most innovative artists, pioneering several techniques that push the limits of its structural possibilities, including "perfect fit" vessel construction, die-forming, doming, draping, and other applications. In early 2005, after five years of self-directed exploration, Dan and Tracy debuted *The Cutting Edge*, a whole new system for creating patterns and veneers with polymer clay that students have called "brilliant . . . mind-blowing . . . amazing . . . accessible . . . totally awesome . . . fun . . . completely fresh and new . . . a must-have class of revolutionary new techniques for the serious clayer's arsenal!"

Dan and Tracy live on Gabriola Island, just west of Vancouver. They share their home with two dogs, Dexter and Molly, and their most ambitious creative collaboration yet, their toddler son Griffin.