

SOFAAR Fibre Arts Retreat

September 29th to October 1st, 2017

Treat yourself to a glorious weekend get-away working on your current fibre project at the grand Queen Anne Inn in the lovely historic town of Annapolis Royal.



Your weekend retreat fee includes:

- Friday evening dessert reception at the Queen Anne Inn
- Saturday afternoon guided tour of the Fort Anne Historic tapestry with needlepoint expert, SOFAAR member and Parks Canada interpreter Paul Paquette
- Saturday evening reception at ARTsPLACE to view SOFAAR's annual members' fibre exhibit
- Saturday evening three-course sit down dinner at the Queen Anne Inn
- Time, time and more time to work on your fibre project in the beautiful 1865 parlours of the Inn

So if you work with fibre and are looking for an autumn weekend away with a chance to visit Canada's most historic town, look no further.

Space is limited to the 12 rooms of the Inn, so please book promptly to avoid disappointment. How about sharing with a partner or fibre friend?

Retreat Prices:

The Queen Anne Inn has kindly reserved the whole Inn for the retreat and is offering a 10% discount on all rooms.

The price of the retreat is comprised of two portions: a 2 night stay at the Queen Anne Inn + a retreat fee. For SOFAAR members the retreat fee is \$85 and \$95 for non-members.

Rooms start at \$267.04 for a 2 nights stay (single occupancy, including discount + HST). See Pricing and Registration information for details.

SOFAAR Retreat Detailed Itinerary

Friday, September 29th, 2017

Friday Afternoon: 3pm to 7pm

- Check-in at the Queen Anne Inn from 3pm onwards

Settle into your room and explore the Inn and its beautiful grounds. You can relax with a cup of tea or coffee and your fibre project or stretch your legs and wander about town.

Friday Evening Welcome Reception and Registration: 7pm to 8pm

- Pick up your registration package from the SOFAAR greeters;

Your package includes the itinerary details for the weekend and information about other attractions in the area you (or your partner) may want to take in.

- Meet your fellow retreaters while enjoying dessert;

SOFAAR will host a dessert reception at the Inn featuring locally baked treats with coffee and tea – mix, mingle and meet other fibre aficionados.



Friday Evening Fibre Crafting from 8pm Onwards

- Grab your fibre bag and set up in one of two parlours appointed with antique furniture and period features.

Work away until you retire to your bed chamber and so to sleep, perchance to dream.

Alternately you can take in the Candlelight Graveyard starting at 9:30pm. Be guided around the old stones by one of the most knowledgeable historians in the province and be astounded by the life stories of the residents. Fun, informative and not the least bit creepy; Trip Advisor rates it the number one thing to do in Annapolis Royal.

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

Saturday Morning Breakfast: 8am to 9:30am

- Enjoy the 3 course breakfast served to Inn guests.

Start your day with fresh coffee, tea and juices. Then tuck into the specially selected features which may include homemade breads, scones, Belgian waffles, farm fresh eggs, maple bacon, and the pièce de résistance: locally made Queen Anne's Jam.

Saturday All-Day Fibre Session: 9am to 6:00pm

- Enjoy the lovely setting of the Queen Anne Inn's rooms and parlours.

In fine weather the landscaped grounds and gardens are a wonderful spot to further your fibre efforts. Feel free to enjoy and linger. Coffee and tea will be close at hand.

Enjoy the relaxation of unstructured time. You can choose to find lunch at the Farmers and Traders Market or one of several restaurants in the town. (Lunch is not included in the retreat fee).

There are many attractions in and around the town within easy walking distance of the Inn. These include:

- Historic Gardens – voted Canadian Garden of the Year in 2015
- Sinclair Inn – the earliest surviving Acadian building in Canada
- Garrison Cemetery – the oldest English gravestone in Canada
- Fort Anne - the first designated national historic site in Canada
- Annapolis Tidal Station - first Tidal Power Plant in North America
- O'Dell Museum – built by the Pony Express Rider of the Kentville – Victoria Beach route.

Numerous other amusements are close at hand: Shop the national historic district, play a round of golf, cycle any of a series of routes or stroll through the centuries on a self-guided walking tour. Wander about taking in the architecture and ambiance of the town voted the 'World's Most Liveable Small Community'.

Other attractions are only a short excursion away. A more detailed list of potential activities and places to visit will be included in your retreat package.

Saturday Guided Tour of the Fort Anne Tapestry: 4pm - 5pm

- Take a guided tour of the Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry with Paul Paquette, SOFAAR member and Interpreter for Parks Canada.

The Fort Anne Tapestry depicts 4 centuries of local history worked in 3 million stitches. In fact Queen Elizabeth II put in a few herself. Like many aspects of fibre art, the story of the design and making of the tapestry is intriguing and not well known. The Fort Anne Historic Site is located about a 10 minute walk from the Queen Anne Inn.

Saturday Evening Reception at ARTsPLACE: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

- Attend a reception and private showing of the SOFAAR Members Exhibition.

In 2017, the theme of the annual exhibition is appropriately 'Oh Canada!'. The exhibition will be held in the Chapel Gallery of ARTsPLACE at 396 St. George St, – a mere 5 minute stroll from the Queen Anne Inn. The refreshments will include a glass of wine and a savoury treat or two to accompany it.

All retreat participants are invited to attend and tour the exhibition. This will allow the Inn and caterer to set up and prepare for the Retreat Dinner to follow.

Saturday Evening Retreat Dinner: 7pm to 8:30pm

- Sit down to a three course dinner served by local caterer Janet Myers in the Inn's dining area.

We can all be together and exchange tales of our day over dinner, what we worked on, what we saw and what we simply must try next. There will be a choice of entrees respecting various dietary needs. Dinner will be served with water and coffee and tea to conclude the meal. Should you wish, wine by the glass can be purchased from the Inn to accompany your meal.

The Candlelight Graveyard tour runs on both Friday and Saturdays evenings so you can still catch it at 9:30pm. Tours take place rain or shine. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Saturday Evening Fibre Session: 8:30pm Onwards

- Enjoy the lovely setting the Queen Anne Inn offers its guests.

Unwind for the rest of your evening and let your fingers play. Wander about the parlours, see what other fibre artists are working on, converse on unfamiliar techniques and compare notes on colour combinations.

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

Sunday Morning Breakfast: 8 am to 9:30 am

- Relish the 3 course breakfast served to room guests.

There were too many tempting choices yesterday so today try something different. Perhaps the biscuits, scones or pancakes will beckon or an omelette and fruit will appeal. Or, maybe the choices of yesterday need a reprise. Either way your choices will be accompanied by fresh coffee, tea and juices.

Last Fibre Session Until Check-out

- Ply your fibre tools until checkout time at 11:00am.

Time to get in those last couple of stitches, reach a logical end spot on your project, and look around and gather up all your project bits and pieces. Pack up your belongings and bid your retreat companions adieu. It has been wonderful having you and hope to see you at a gathering next year.



Pricing Details

The price of the retreat is comprised of two portions: a 2 nights' stay at the Inn + a retreat fee.

For this event the Queen Anne Inn is offering a 10% discount on room rates. The prices shown below are accommodation for 2 nights + a 3 course breakfast each morning and includes the discount and HST.

Room	Accommodation 2 nights	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
Room #1	2 double beds – 2 persons	\$349.84	\$174.92
Room #2	Queen bed – 2 persons	\$329.12	\$164.56
Room #3	Queen bed – 2 persons	\$329.12	\$164.56
Room #4	King bed - 2 persons	\$370.52	\$185.26
Room #5	King bed - 2 persons	\$391.24	\$195.62
Room #6	King bed - 2 persons	\$391.24	\$195.62
Room #7	Queen bed – 2 persons	\$370.52	\$185.26
Room #8	Queen bed – 2 persons	\$370.52	\$185.26
Room #9	Double bed - 2 persons	\$329.12	\$164.56
Room #10	Double bed - 2 persons	\$267.04	\$133.52
Room #11*	Queen bed + sofa bed – 3 persons	\$474.04	\$237.02
Room #12*	Queen bed + 2 twin beds – 4 persons	\$474.04	\$237.02

Check-in for the retreat is on Friday, September 29th with check-out on Sunday, October 1st, 2017. Please see the Queen Anne Inn website for images and more details on the amenities of each room. (<http://queenanneinn.ns.ca/rooms/>)

The retreat fee covers the Dessert Reception, Tapestry Tour, ARTsPLACE Reception and the Retreat Dinner. For SOFAAR members the fee is \$85 and for non-members \$95.

Lunch on Saturday is not included.

Important Note: Payment for the event in its entirety is due April 10th, 2017 and is non-refundable. The Queen Anne Inn is reserved exclusively for the retreat so you may enjoy a fibre focused ambiance. Because the Inn is not able to re-let rooms, cancellations are not permitted and no refunds will be forthcoming. (If after April 10th, you are unable to attend for any reason, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and recover your costs from that person or persons. SOFAAR will maintain a waiting list of people interested in attending the retreat that may aid you, but it remains your responsibility.)

Registration

Here are the steps to register for the retreat:

1. Choose a room mate
2. Reserve your room at the Queen Ann Inn by calling 1-902-532-7850, or e-mailing: contact@queenanneinn.ns.ca. Provide your roommate's name.
3. Print and complete the Registration form on the next page.
4. Mail the Registration form along with a cheque (payable to SOFAAR) to SOFAAR, PO Box 695, Annapolis Royal, NS B0S 1A0.
5. Each person attending the retreat including the Retreat Dinner must submit a registration form and accompanying fee.

You will receive an email confirming your registration. All payments to the Queen Anne Inn and SOFAAR will be processed April 10th, 2017.

Should you have any questions about the retreat please view the SOFAAR website at: <http://www.sofaar.ca/>, Facebook page, or e-mail us at info@SOFAAR.ca. We look forward to seeing you in September.

SOFAAR Retreat Registration Form:

Name:

Contact info:

Email

Phone number

Cell phone

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Cheque enclosed \$85 or \$95 (payable to SOFAAR)

Which room have you reserved at the Inn?

Name of Roommate (if any)?

Any Special dietary requirements?