

## A Community Quilt Hang Out

*On Fogo Island, Newfoundland*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Fogo Island, NL., Monday, April 16, 2018**— The community of Fogo Island will let it all hang out (on the line) on Saturday, May 5, 2018, in celebration of [quilting](#) on Fogo Island. Organized by Fogo Island Inn, this one-day-only Spring Season hang out encourages all households to hang their quilts out on the clothesline together, creating a tapestry of colour and pattern for all to enjoy and celebrate. Residents will send the Inn photos of their favourite quilts swaying in the breeze for a chance to be entered into a draw for a one-night stay at Fogo Island Inn.

Quilting is an integral part of the culture of Fogo Island. Quilts made here are easily recognized by their vibrant and spontaneous array of patchwork, traditionally completed with hand-embroidered, decorative, herringbone stitching. Emerging out of necessity and thrift, these quilts began as a patchwork of fabric odds and ends from pieces of clothing that had run their course, and when combined with other patches became something utilitarian, but also something beautiful.

Today, Fogo Islanders remain engrossed with the practice of quilting, not only for the product but also for the practice itself: friends and neighbors will often quilt together, turning the craft process into a social event. Every bed in the Fogo Island Inn is graced with a handmade quilt that changes with the seasons and has the name of the local quilter who crafted the piece sewn into it. Guests enamoured by the warmth and joy imparted by the Inn's quilts are often found purchasing them through the Inn's sister organization, [Fogo Island Shop](#).

Fogo Island Inn's [A Crazy Quilting Experience](#) is available in all of Fogo Island's seven seasons for guests of all quilting experience levels. Choose from a variety of immersions guided by a Master Quilter, meet them for tea and orientation, and become wrapped up in the

storied history of Fogo Island and Newfoundland quilting. Fogo Island Inn's community quilt "[hang out](#)" day and its Crazy Quilting Experience are just two of the ways Fogo Islanders celebrate their heritage and culture through the craft of quilting.

For more information please contact Fogo Island Inn at [reservations@fogoislandinn.ca](mailto:reservations@fogoislandinn.ca), toll-free in North America at **1-855-268-9277**, or direct at **709-658-3444**.

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## **ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN**

Travel + Leisure (T+L) readers recently voted Fogo Island Inn *Best Resort Hotel, Canada*, further naming it 12<sup>th</sup> on T+L's Best List for 2017. Fogo Island Inn made the Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List 2016 and 2017—the editors' choice list spanning six continents and 47 countries. This recognition from the US magazine comes on the heels of a place on the 2015 Gold List of its British sister publication, Condé Nast Traveller. Fogo Island Inn sits on an Island, off an Island, at one of the four corners of the Earth. Every one of the Inn's 29 guest suites has dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows that open onto the wildest and most powerful ocean on the planet, located less than 100 feet from an organic natural-fibre dream bed. Most suites have a wood-burning fireplace stove; all are furnished with quiet luxuries and handmade furniture and quilts—a stimulating relief from the numbing uniformity of modern times. Built on the principles of sustainability and respect for nature and culture, the award-winning Inn was designed by architect Todd Saunders. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses from the operation are reinvested in the community to help secure long-lasting resilience for Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#).

## **ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA**

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travellers to Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land-and-ferry pick-up and return service to Gander. Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter. All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn's reservations team at: **855-268-9277** or [reservations@fogoislandinn.ca](mailto:reservations@fogoislandinn.ca).

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