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Savor the Date! Make plans now to enjoy a delicious Fall in the San Juan Islands September 21st – November 9, 2019

Bigger and better than ever, the **12th Annual Savor the San Juans: A Medley of Food, Farms & Film** invites visitors to taste the food & farm culture of Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Islands

Friday Harbor, WA... How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch! Join us as the gourmet archipelago celebrates more than a decade of great food, local farms, and independent filmmaking. Savor the San Juans turns twelve this year and has grown to encompass film festivals, a farm parade, harvest dinners and much more. Savor is a great way to ease into a slower time of year while basking in the food, spirits, music, and natural beauty of Orcas, Lopez and San Juan Islands. Hops on the Rock beer festival pays tribute to craft brewing and makes a fitting finale to this annual autumnal affair.

When the tide is out, the table is set! Local seafood, oysters, heritage preserves, local sea salt, and lavender products are just some of the artisan producers in the islands. Taste these <u>Island Grown</u> foods and wine, beer, cider, and spirits, during a selection of farm-to-table dinners by local chefs. Take advantage of lodging, dining and transportation specials to affordably savor farm tours, demonstrations and workshops on Lopez, Orcas and San Juan Islands during harvest season.

Events (more will be added throughout the summer):

- The <u>Orcas Island Film Festival</u> from October 10th through the 14th, now in its sixth year, features
 a curated selection of critically acclaimed international films and audience favorites direct from
 their debuts at the world's greatest film festivals including Cannes, Venice, Berlin, Telluride,
 Toronto, New York and Seattle.
- The <u>Friday Harbor Film Festival</u> on San Juan Island, running October 25th through the 27th, features documentary films that Entertain, Inspire, and Enlighten us about the people, cultures, and environment that make up the area known as the Pacific Rim.
- All three islands will hold special all-day <u>Farm Tours</u> that include activities such as sheep shearing demonstrations, a fermentation workshop, a sheep dog demonstration, cider pressing and great snacks including fruit and cheese sampling and goodies from an outdoor wood-fired baking house. San Juan Island—September 21-22nd; Orcas Island—September 28-29th; Lopez Island—October 5-6th.
- Back by popular demand, the 3rd Annual <u>Hops on the Rock</u> festival on November 9th is literally shutting down the streets of Eastsound to host a weekend of drinking, dancing and NovemBEER events all across Orcas Island. Live music, local food, and 20+ local breweries from around the region will be in attendance for a destination beer festival like no other.

Pack your spirit of adventure and discover a moveable feast for the senses.

For more details and a complete list of events, visit www.visitsanjuans.com/savor
Dropbox for photos: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5xtihsrigtz4p0d/AAAj_lel3CfpRYaLdM6o_hh_a?dl=0

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