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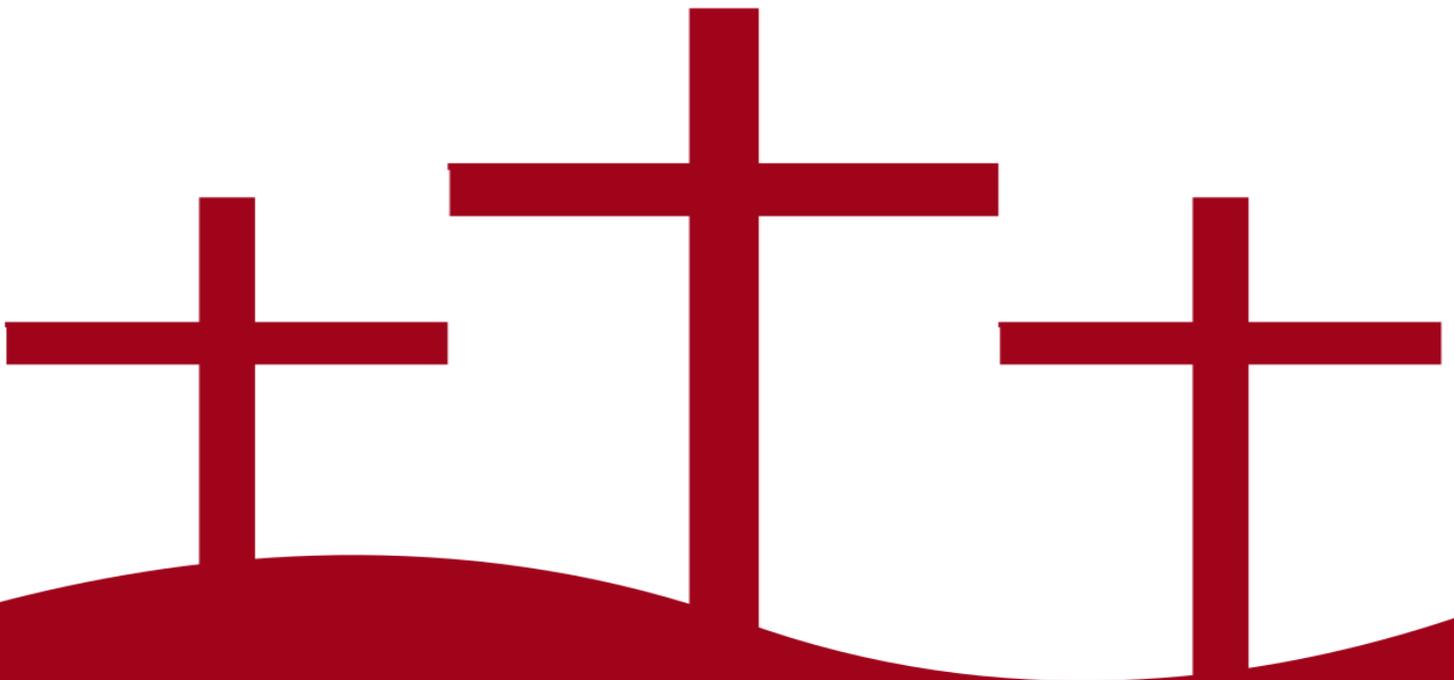


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**Prices on Fripp Island continue to increase and inventory remains low. Now is the best time to sell!**

<b>SOLD as of December 31st</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Condos	19	26
Homes	80	78
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>139</b>

<b>AVERAGE SOLD PRICE</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Condos	\$410,368	\$451,962
Homes	\$939,924	\$1,012,308
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$413	\$439
Homes avg. days on market	94 days	117 days

**JUST SOLD**

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# a letter from the editor

*"When you leave a beautiful place, you carry it with you wherever you go."  
- Alexandra Stoddard*

I grew up in a tiny town in the Coalfields of West Virginia. When I left home at 17, I went to college in a town where you didn't have to drive two hours to get to a shopping center or go to the movies. It felt like a city to me by comparison, but it was also considered a small town. I had spent my whole life in West Virginia until I was in my thirties and an opportunity to move to out of state came along. Without hesitation, I accepted. Don't get me wrong, West Virginia is a beautiful state, with wonderful people, but I was ready for a change of scenery, and lot less snow.

My now husband and I packed up everything and moved to Ridgeland Mississippi and I instantly fell in love. It felt familiar, even though I had never visited Mississippi and truth be told, it would take me a second to find it on a map. I was in awe of a place where there was no snow in the winter, and no hills to be seen.

I remember standing there one day taking it all in, and my husband says to me, "Hey. Stop. Look at where you are." I stopped, and looked around, and for a few moments, took in all the beauty and had this overwhelming feeling of joy, disbelief and gratefulness. We started doing this at concerts, on road trips, or when we were in a place where we wanted to capture the moment in our memory.

Just over a year later, my husband was offered a job in Chattanooga and we once again packed up everything and moved to another beautiful place. I remember being on the riverfront and my husband says, "Hey. Stop. Look at where you are." Again, stopping to take in the surrounding beauty, the rush of gratefulness and joy was overwhelming and that moment is ingrained in my memory, as are many others.

Fast forward a few years later, and the dream of moving to South Carolina became a reality. It's no surprise, that the first week here we were standing on the beach and I stopped my husband and I said "Hey. Stop. Look where you are." This time the rush of joy and gratefulness was even more overwhelming. It was a feeling that we finally made it to our destination after a long journey.

Since moving to South Carolina things have continued to get better and better. At times it feels surreal. I'm celebrating 3 years at an amazing job on this incredible island with the best people on earth living and working here.

It's so easy to get in a routine and sort of block out my surroundings because I'm so focused on the next task, or getting to my destination. But every now and then I try to slow down, and be mindful of how blessed I am, how far I've come and appreciate where I am.

# Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

## ANNUAL ST. PADDY'S GOLF TOURNAMENT & ONLINE AUCTION

Written by Mary Jacobs,  
Communication's Officer



Recently, I had the opportunity to interview Karen Myers, FISR Revenue Officer and chair of the St Paddy's Golf Tournament and Online Auction. I asked her several questions about the events to better understand their purpose as well as the importance of the tournament.

***Please tell me about the St. Paddy's Golf Tournament. Share a bit of the history, dates, times and who is involved.***

Beaufort County does not provide financial support for Fripp Island Sea Rescue's (FISR) operational needs, nor

do we receive any taxpayer funding. We are an all-volunteer organization 100% dependent on donations from individuals and business sponsors. Our initial funding came from the volunteers themselves and later from Bingo and the Fripp Island Cake Walk. In 2004, FISR joined forces with sister agency Beaufort Water Search & Rescue (BWSAR) to hold the first St. Paddy's Golf Tournament at Fripp Island's Ocean Creek Golf Course. Saturday March 16, 2024 marks the 21st annual outing. Squad members do not play, but are responsible for all facets of running the tournament. In addition, squad members solicit for business and personal tournament sponsors. Our golfers consist of long-time supporters and sponsors. Net proceeds are split between the squads and used for our respective operational budgets. We are grateful to Fripp Island Resort for their continued support hosting our tournament.

***I understand you now have an online auction in conjunction with the golf tournament. Tell me about that.***

Historically we held a small silent auction on tournament day. Items donated by local businesses and artisans were displayed, and at the end of the day the highest bidders were identified and they took home their items. In 2021, due to social distancing recommendations, the online auction was born and it was a huge success. This year marks the 4th annual online action running

March 13th-20th concurrently with the tournament. It has turned out to be a fun way to involve more of the community in our fundraising efforts.

***Any other information you would like to share?***

While the money raised is used for our respective operational budgets, the real beneficiary of our fundraising efforts are the recreational and commercial boating communities. FISR & BWSAR are dispatched 24/365 by the county upon receiving water-related 9-1-1 calls, and are the county's only first responders on the water. FISR responds to all commercial & recreational calls in our 60-square-mile area of responsibility, which includes Fripp, Hunting, Harbor, St. Phillips, Pritchards and Capers Islands, as well as parts of St. Helena Island and many private Sea Islands. Our missions have benefitted many Fripp Island owners & visitors on both private and rental boats, kayaks, paddleboards, etc. Along with the fire department, we also respond to beach rescues, as there are no lifeguards on Fripp or Hunting Islands.

***Is there anything for Fripp Island residents and visitors to see during the St. Paddy's Golf Tournament?***

The sea rescue squads will be exhibiting the most interesting elements of their combined fleets, including BWSAR's airboat and FISR's brand new Yamaha WaveRunner, which will be deployed this season to cover Skull Creek Inlet, Pritchards Island, and the Fripp beachfront. And for the first time ever, the US Coast Guard will land one of their Dolphin MH-65E rescue helicopters on the Ocean Creek Golf Course driving range, weather permitting, for a static display the afternoon of the tournament. Residents and visitors are welcome to come out and view the boats and helicopter, and talk with the crews.



**Fripp Island  
Sea Rescue**

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# MENS Nine Hole Golf League

*Contributed By: Dean Wray*

The Nine Hole Golf league is an opportunity for golfers of varied skill levels to play nine holes on Wednesday mornings. The majority of our golfers' handicaps are in the twenties and thirties with our ages mostly in our retirement years. We play both Ocean Point and Ocean Creek courses usually alternating every month. The league play is for nine holes with some of the players continuing to play a full eighteen holes while some stop after nine holes.

Our group currently has nineteen players signed up. Each week we have two or three foursomes depending on who is available to play. The annual cost to join this group is \$15.

Each Wednesday costs \$5 to play with the group plus any green fees or cart fees you would have. The \$5 fee goes into a pot that is split each Wednesday based on which team's net score is the best that day. The group plays every Wednesday, but you do not have to commit to playing every week. Players come and go each week based on what is happening in their life that week.

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please text or call Dean Wray at 740-821-6458. You could also email Dean at [DeanWrayFripp@Outlook.com](mailto:DeanWrayFripp@Outlook.com).



# Fripp Island Yacht Club

## 2024 –2025

### 2024

March 22	Oyster Roast & Party
April 23	Boat Inspection
April 20	Beach Party
May TBD	Port Royal Brewery Tour/ Tasting
June TBD	Ace Basin
Sept TBD	Charleston or Savannah
Oct 26	Golf Tournament
November 9	Annual Meeting
November TBD	Boat Parade/Party
December TBD	Holiday Luncheon

**Must be a 2024 member to attend above events**

### 2025

January 25 Commodore Ball

FIYC application can be found in POA office and FIYC webpage



# SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

The 2024 FIPOA Board of Directors began January 1, 2024. There are four new members and six returning members. The new members are Rebecca Climer, John Marshall, Mike Murphy, and Dan Cotter. The returning members are Lou Wood, Dan Smith, Bob Jordan, John Skiba, Skip Shiver, and Nancy Wingenbach.

The Board has been focused on making consistent progress on the issues that are most important to Fripp Islanders, as well as preparing for the arrival of the new General Manager, Cary Kelley, who arrives on March 1. A reception to welcome Mr. Kelley is scheduled for March 7th; details will be provided soon.

To date, the Board has held three regular or special Board Meetings: January 16; 27; and February 20th. The Annual Meeting was also held on January 27th . To promote

greater participation from the FIPOA members, the Board has moved its regular monthly meetings from Saturdays to the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. We have also initiated a new tool for FIPOA members to email in advance of the monthly meeting if the member wishes to be added to the agenda to make comments.

To further enhance communication with fellow FIPOA members, the Board has also increased communications by reviving “Splinters From The Board” in The Trawler as well through regular Friday updates from Board President Nancy Wingenbach and or Vice President Rebecca Climer. Treasurer and Finance Chair Mike Murphy also updates FIPOA members regarding the FIPOA finances at each monthly meeting.

FIPOA Members have been regularly

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encouraged to sign up for our new FIPOA website [frippislandliving.com](http://frippislandliving.com). It is a terrific source of information for what is happening in the Fripp Island community. If you have any difficulty accessing the new website, visit or contact Stacie Thrush, our Communications Director ([Communications@frippislandliving.com](mailto:Communications@frippislandliving.com)). Stacie is happy to speak to or sit down with any FIPOA member to demonstrate the new system. The new website has great features including: a News and Info Blog Page for both the FIPOA and Island Organizations; an updated Community Calendar; an extensive search capability; and faster and easier navigation. The [all-new Civic Clerk](#) tool on the website keeps the Board agenda, minutes, and videos in one easy-to-navigate location.

Among the many initiatives undertaken by the Board in the first two months, the following are especially important:

- The most urgent issue to address is the front island erosion. In that regard, the Board invited Dr. Rob Young to make a presentation at the February 20th Board Meeting. Many Fripp Islanders are familiar with Dr. Rob Young, Director of

the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines at Western Carolina University. Dr. Young has served as Fripp Island's primary coastal consultant since 1994. In his presentation, Dr. Young shared photographs of the progression of erosion on the front end of our Island. In short, this area of Fripp is eroding more rapidly than previously projected. Your FIPOA Board has re-engaged with Dr. Young so that he, in concert with other professionals and our Shoreline Committee, can provide an assessment and timely recommendation of the steps necessary to address this most crucial matter. Dr. Young is already engaged with the leaders of the Shoreline Committee and they will be keeping the Board apprised of activity. As soon as FIPOA leadership has received and reviewed the recommended next steps, the Board will plan a Town Hall to share information and plans.

- As announced in the January meeting, Board Members Dan Cotter and Rebecca Climer were asked by your Board of Directors to serve as Co-Interim Transitional Managers of the FIPOA office and began serving in the FIPOA office on Monday, January 29. The FIPOA staff

was without a GM since the passing of Tony O'Rourke on June 20, 2023. Dan and Rebecca have focused on supporting the staff, assisting with projects, and preparing to position our new GM and staff for success in the future. They have been working with the FIPOA staff to meet the needs of our membership.

- Regular office hours on Wednesdays resumed on January 31st for the FIPOA office and many community members continue to be served on Wednesdays.

- In response to concerns expressed by the community, the Board's Wildlife, Environment and Grounds (WEG) held its first Wildlife Workshop to focus on coyote activity on Fripp Island. Nearly 100 Islanders attended in person and via Zoom and heard Wildlife Specialist Heather Pickens and FIR Head Naturalist Colleen Goff present facts about coyote traits and habits and specific information on the coyote presence on Fripp. Dana Bradley, one of the founders of the Fripp Island Deer and Wildlife Preservation Foundation, was on hand to address deer and coyote interactions. If you were unable to attend, we encourage you [to watch the video made of the meeting](#). The Wildlife Workshops are scheduled around changes in Fripp wildlife behavior so that Islanders can have timely and accurate information. Further, the information provided at the meeting and the perspective of members will be used by the WEG to inform their recommendations to the Board for activity related to wildlife. The next Wednesday Wildlife Workshop will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 and will focus on alligators. We hope to see you there.

- The Board continues to evaluate and prioritize other infrastructure projects (over 40 related to: erosion, roads, accesses, drainage, etc.) that require action, seeking to identify the highest priority projects that can and should be completed in 2024. Two projects were approved at the February 20th meeting for the improvement of beach accesses. One addresses repair of gravel path, top grass, edging and other related repairs on many beach accesses; and the second one approved the maintenance and sealing for odd-numbered beach accesses. Other repairs, including roping, are also ongoing. The Board also approved a contract on February 20th with JMT for a study and assessment of the increasing erosion on the Marsh Walk.

- We are soon expecting the completion of the JMT study on Roads, Stormwater and Drainage issues. This has been two years in the making and, when completed, will provide the Island with a 20-year plan for drainage management and improvement.

- The Board continues to work with other Island stakeholders to develop a sensible short-term solution to the Security Guardhouse as the urgent front of Island erosion issues are addressed.

- The Board updated the FIPOA membership on the current status of the proposed Sea Glass Development Project which is located generally at the end of Ocean Creek Boulevard at the crossover between holes 11 and 12 on the Ocean Creek Golf Course. There was an important discussion at the Fripp Island Public Service District (FIPSD) February Monthly Meeting. The discussion provided factual and accurate up-to-date information

regarding the scope of the proposed project; a general discussion on the water and sewer plans for the proposed development; the status of the FIPSD and Beaufort County review and approval process; and identification of the remaining issues to be resolved between the proposed project developers and the Resort. For those who would like this up-to-date information, part of the meeting was recorded on Zoom and is posted on the FIPSD website.

- The Board continues to work with the FIPOA staff to address and respond to covenant enforcement complaints.
- The Board approved a rule change to allow golf cart drivers to use a cell phone image of their Driver's licenses as identification to Fripp Island Security.
- The Committee Chairs and Board representation for the 2024 Standing Committees are:
  - Appeals - Skip Shiver, Chair/ John Marshall, Board representative.
  - Elections – Dan Smith, Chair/ John Skiba, Board representative.
  - Finance - Mike Murphy, Chair/ Nancy Wingenbach, Board representative.
  - Roads, Drainage, Bridges - Bob Jordan, Chair/ Dan Smith, Board Representative.
  - Shoreline - Nancy Wingenbach, Chair/ Jeanne Sargent, Co-Chair.
  - Wildlife, Environment, Grounds - Rebecca Climer, Chair/ John Marshall, Board Representative.

- Strategic Planning Task Force - John Skiba, Chair/ Dan Cotter, Board representative.

- The ARB Members are: Nola Wood, Brian Hennum, Allison Baker, Skip Shiver, Jeff Pickett, and David Estes. The ARB will select its chair at the first meeting in March.

The Community Involvement Task Force has been placed on hold until the arrival of the new GM, Cary Kelley. The Board's interactions with Mr. Kelley showed that he has a refreshing and unique approach to community involvement. It is not the Board's intent that Mr. Kelley will undertake all of the community involvement events and activities. Rather, by waiting until he arrives, it will give Mr. Kelley the opportunity to put his imprint on this important activity. In previous years, Community Involvement events haven't begun until mid-May; so, waiting a few weeks for Mr. Kelley's arrival and input will not delay these events.

The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank the FIPOA staff (Meghan, Jonathan, Stacie, and Susanne) for their perseverance and dedication during the past eight months without a GM; and thank you, our membership, for your support of the staff during this difficult time.

Feel free to contact any member of the Board of Directors if we can be of assistance. We are looking forward to productive year working with FIPOA members on issues that are most important to Fripp Islanders.

We also wish to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly to help build a better community for Fripp Island.

# COMMUNITY CENTRE

*Contributed By: Carrie Gibson, FICC Board Member*

On February 14th, 120 residents came together at the Fripp Island Community Centre for a Valentines Dinner and FICC annual meeting. The evening began with outgoing President Rebecca Climer highlighting the events of the past year.

Accomplishments for 2023 were: kitchen renovation project, contributions from many of the groups who weekly use the centre, Fripp Island Women's Golf Associations designated the FICC as the beneficiaries of their first Philanthropy Day and several residents donating new items for the kitchen.

Also, Rebecca announced the FICC will have a new website beginning March 1, 2024. The website will be more user friendly, have up to date information, a calendar of events, and much much more. [You can see it now at frippcc.org.](https://frippcc.org)

On the homepage you'll find a news and info blog, events coming up, and you'll find details about our facilities on the About Us page. You can also find documents including our by-laws. Under the Reservations tab you'll find a contact form and information about renting the Community Centre or Chapel. Upcoming events and the full calendar can be found under the Events tab. If you have general





questions, go to the Contact tab and instantly send a message. Under the Support Us tab, you can help support the Community Centre and make a donation. And you can see some photos from recent events under the Gallery page. More changes will be coming as we continue to modify the new website to meet the needs of our community.

Frippers Julie and Randy Underwood were named 2023 FICC Volunteers of the Year. They truly deserved this honor for hosting many fundraisers for the FICC. Outgoing board members were thanked for their service to the FICC board. Rebecca welcomed the new board members, Jan Manning, Debbie Patterson, and Sarah Turner.

For 2024 the new board had their first meeting and some of the goals they hope to achieve for the upcoming year are: Finish upgrades and freshen up areas in and around

the FICC, Keep outside bulletin board ( Glass incased bulletin board near entry doors) updated with monthly calendars and club events, and to spread the word the FICC is open to all property owners and long term residents of Fripp Island. The FICC is extremely excited to report we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$50,000. The FICC runs on donations and without all the wonderful residents of Fripp Island we could not have this special community centre.

The community centre is more than a building where parties happen, it is a place of worship, a place to celebrate weddings and anniversaries, a place to grab a good book at the library and a final resting place for many Fripp Island residents.

If you are new to the island and have not seen the FICC please come by and check out this wonderful community centre.



# FRIPP ISLANDS WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Fripp Islands Women's Golf Association(FIWGA) is off to a great start for 2024. We have many fun tournaments planned for the group and have already had two ladies with a "Hole in one."

The FIWGA has begun a year long battle to determine who will be crowned the Queen of the Course. Each month the winner of our Low Gross / Low Net play day will be

made the Queen of the Month and in November all the Queens will duke it out in an elimination style tournament to determine our overall winner. January's queen was Sam Taylor and February's queen was Kathy Lynch! Congratulations to both of them.

In addition, we have had two "Holes in one" Joanne Aldridge, and Linda Ashby! Congratulations Ladies!!!

The Nine hole WGA ladies hosted the second annual a “Galentine” tournament with the WGA. There were two winning teams:

First Place (in a tie breaker) : Kathy Lynch, Debbie Perrone, Deb Tucker and Joyce Zanone

Best Score (while returning with the pink ball): Barbara Olk, Pat Lawton and Jan Bialas.

It was a great time and look forward to next year’s event.

The FIWGA also held their first quarterly luncheon and meeting at the Beach Club on Tuesday, February 20. Changes to the bylaws was discussed which will be voted on and we awarded most improved golfer, Pat Lawton and most birdies, Kathy Lynch. Our next meeting will be April 19th.

Upcoming tournaments include:

The Fripp Cup on March 12 and 14th

Canada Day on March 26th

The Memorial tournament on April 9th

The Coastal Cup with Dataw on April 23rd

Women’s Member /Guest on May 2nd to May 4th

The Fripp Island WGA welcomes new members and hopes that anyone with an interest in playing will come out and join us.

For further information, you may contact Allison Baker, President, 313-300-9060 or email [taka43@comcast.net](mailto:taka43@comcast.net), or either of the two Pro shops.

*Article and photos submitted by Ann Lyman*





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# Fripp Island Ladies Nine Hole Golf

**Come join a fun group of ladies  
Beginners are welcome**

## **Schedule:**

**Tuesday: play your own game**

**Thursday: tournament play with a**

**Different game weekly**

**Often meet for lunch after play**

**Yearly luncheon**

**Prizes awarded**

**Alternate play on Ocean Creek**

**and Ocean Point course**

**Yearly dues: \$35**

**Can join anytime**

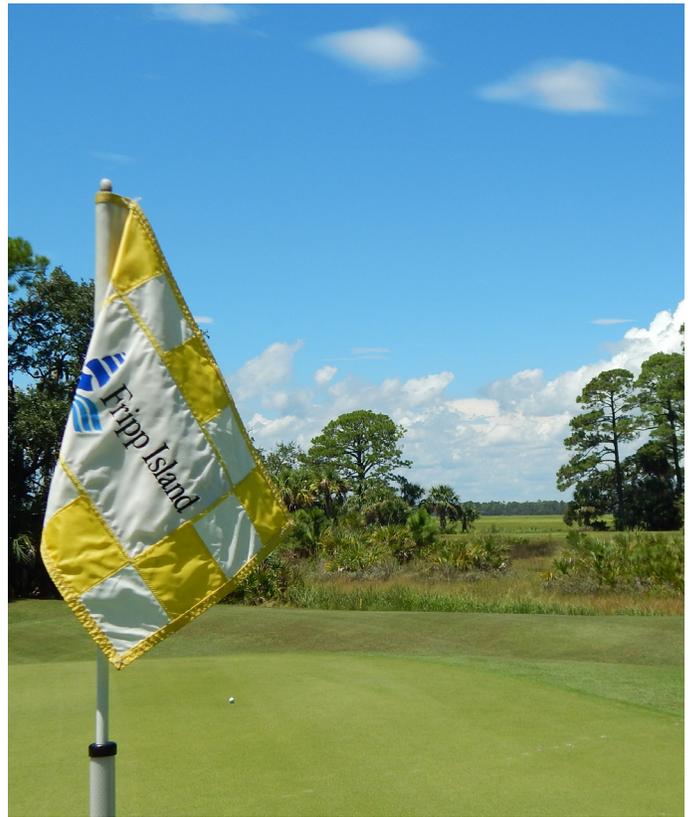
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# Fripp Audubon Club

*Submitted by John Wellborn*

Are you taking advantage of the programs and opportunities offered by The Fripp Island Audubon Club?

Fripp Audubon provides an excellent opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the extraordinary natural environment we experience and enjoy.

Our programs cover 4 areas:

- Expert presentations
- Field trips
- Educational outreach
- Volunteer opportunities

For this article we are focusing on the remaining calendar for presentations and field trips. Attached is a link to our web site that covers these events as well as the Audubon in Schools program and the various volunteer opportunities.

## **Presentations:**

Our Ten Eyck Lecture Series brings to Fripp Island every month some of the most knowledgeable bird experts in the region. These presentations happen the 3rd Thursday of every month in the community center.

The programs offered for the balance of this season are:



- March 21 ~ Stephen Schabel, Vice President/Director of The Center for Birds of Prey & Education - Birds of Prey



- April 9 ~ Dr. Bruce Beehler from the Smithsonian - Songbird Migration



- May 23 ~ Olivia Wilson, Ops. Manager, St. Phillips Island - "History of St. Phillips Island Past & Present"

### **Field Trips:**

Our Outings program is focused on the best birding sights in SC and the trips are led by very knowledgeable birders as well.

They are also designed to accommodate all birding levels. So, if you are concerned about your experience level, don't be. Most trips are easy to moderate in difficulty.

Last year over 130 people participated in 14 events which identified 158 species of birds. This year we have scheduled 11 events. Our most recent trips to the Savannah Wildlife Refuge

and Bear Island involved 38 participants and identified 74 species.

Our remaining 2024 trips are:

- March 21 & 28 ~ Harbor Island w/Peggy Lucas
- April 5 ~ Spring Island w/Andy Jones
- April 18 ~ Edisto Nature Trail w/Steven Guy
- Early May (dates TBD) ~ Overnight to Table Rock State Park, Spring Migration
- May 24 ~ Edisto Botany Bay w/Craig Watson

The number of participants for each trip are limited. Attached brochure has details.

Finally, while we are past the mid-point of this season, we still have a good number of events remaining. So, if you are not currently a member, we encourage you to join, \$15 basic membership. Application form is in attached link.

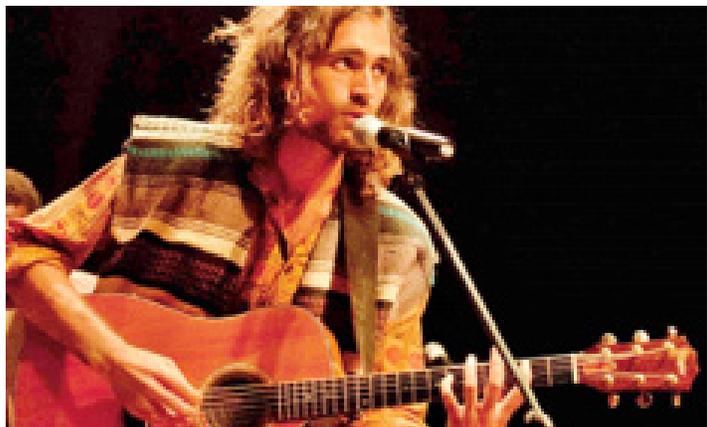
Happy birding

<https://www.islc.net/audubon/index1.html>

# ROOTS GROWN DEEP ON FRIPP ISLAND

*Submitted by Margit Resch*

When you hear of an event called Roots Grown Deep, what do you envision that to be about? I imagined an exhibit of paintings depicting mysteriously intertwined tree roots. Was I wrong. It's not a visual art exhibit. It's a concert! Roots Grown Deep is the name of a group of thirty-three musicians from eleven different countries whose musical sensibilities, often even their instruments, are firmly rooted in their respective culture. However, the group's origin hails from South Africa. Some of its members' roots grow in fertile American musical soil (i.e. folk, jazz, blues), and five of these musicians will come to Fripp Island on Sunday, March 24 and entertain us. Oops, did I say "entertain us"? If Joel Karabo Elliott, the taproot of Roots Grown Deep, heard me say that, he would not be happy, because his aim is not to entertain, but to heal us, to heal and strengthen each individual, and to heal and unite the community—through music.



Joel heard about Fripp Island Friends of Music, its concerts and its Music-in-Schools program, when he toured the area last year and played on St. Helena Island for the Gullah community. He clearly felt a kinship to our mission---"I do this all over the world," he said---and he contacted us. So now Joel is going to bring the following "remarkably experienced and sensitive quintet" to play for us on Fripp and take us on "a journey of inner awakening through a fusion of roots and classical

sounds emanating from India, the Caribbean, and Appalachia-Americana."

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Joel Karabo Elliott (voice, guitar, trombone) is a renowned South African-born international musical composer, multi-instrumentalist and arts educator who now resides in the United States. Joel believes that music is a universal language, and "serves as a vehicle for spiritual and mental progress." The music, the right kind of music, creates unity amidst diversity by aligning hearts and minds. Through "melody and with celestial-divine assistance" we are connected and can regenerate, i.e. heal, our confused world.



Scott Sheerin (flutes and saxophone) is the musical visionary behind Healing Music Now. "My deep interest in healing and the spiritual dimensions of music," he said, "have led me to a long apprenticeship in learning the ways of music as prayer and music as medicine." He studied traditional Chinese medicine and became an acupuncturist. He learned some of the profound spiritual practice of chanting and the devotional music of India. Over the past two decades, Scott has served at shamanic healing retreats as a healing musician around the US and has played and recorded "healing music."



Paloma Devi (voice and shruti) is of Cuban, Spanish and Asian descent and has spent much of her life traveling the globe, embracing many cultures, providing thousands of classes in Yoga and Sacred Sounds & Dance Embodiment workshops around the world with the intention of “uplifting others in their artistic expression and finding joy in their bodies.” Paloma developed the Vocal Moksha Method, a synthesis of Sound Healing and Vocal Liberating Techniques,” intended to expand the voice and heal through song. Shruti, by the way, means hearing, listening, a call to listen to any form of communication.



Jay Brown (strings, harmonica) has played guitar since he was seven and written more than a hundred songs since high school. He hails from North Carolina and describes himself as a “roots music one-man-band,” but he does play with many multiple-men bands, such as Lazybirds or the Indian folk fusion band Shantavaania, both of which he formed, the later with his wife Aditi. He studied and performed traditional African music on

multiple trips to Ghana; all of which explains his eclectic, intriguing style.



Jahidi (tabla and percussion) is an alchemist and sound healer, who wants us to experience sound as medicine. A drummer since childhood, Jahidi explored shamanic sound healing for decades, and for the last fifteen years, he has been providing sound- healing sessions for people in physical or mental distress, allowing for “their inner guru and inner physician to emerge.” Jahidi’s Sonic Soul Journey is a sound-healing experience like no other. Please bring your own yoga mat for laying down during the sound healing journey. Oops, no, not for the concert on Fripp. Only for Jahidi’s Sonic Soul Journey.

After their concert on Sunday, Roots Grown Deep will spend two mornings at St. Helena Elementary School teaching and playing music, a longer than usual Music-in-the-Schools program that is made possible by FIFOM through the Hildy Aldrich Fund and our patrons’ support of said fund.

Experience the healing power of Roots Grown Deep on Sunday, March 24 at 5:00 pm at the Fripp Island Community Centre, 205 Tarpon Boulevard. This more than musical concert is sponsored by Fripp Island Friends of Music and supported by the SC Arts Commission.

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC TICKET INFORMATION

Attendees get a free pass at the Fripp gate.

Tickets at the door: adults \$30, students free thanks to the Peg Gorham Memorial Fund.

You are invited to join the musicians at a complimentary reception after the performance, catered deliciously by Harold’s Chef Services.

### Questions?

Email or text Vanessa Peñaherrera at vandy116@gmail.com or (704) 807-0255.

### Membership Rates Per Person

Basic	\$100
Patron	\$150
Benefactor	\$250
Maestro	\$500

“Help us bring about change toward a community tuned into music.”

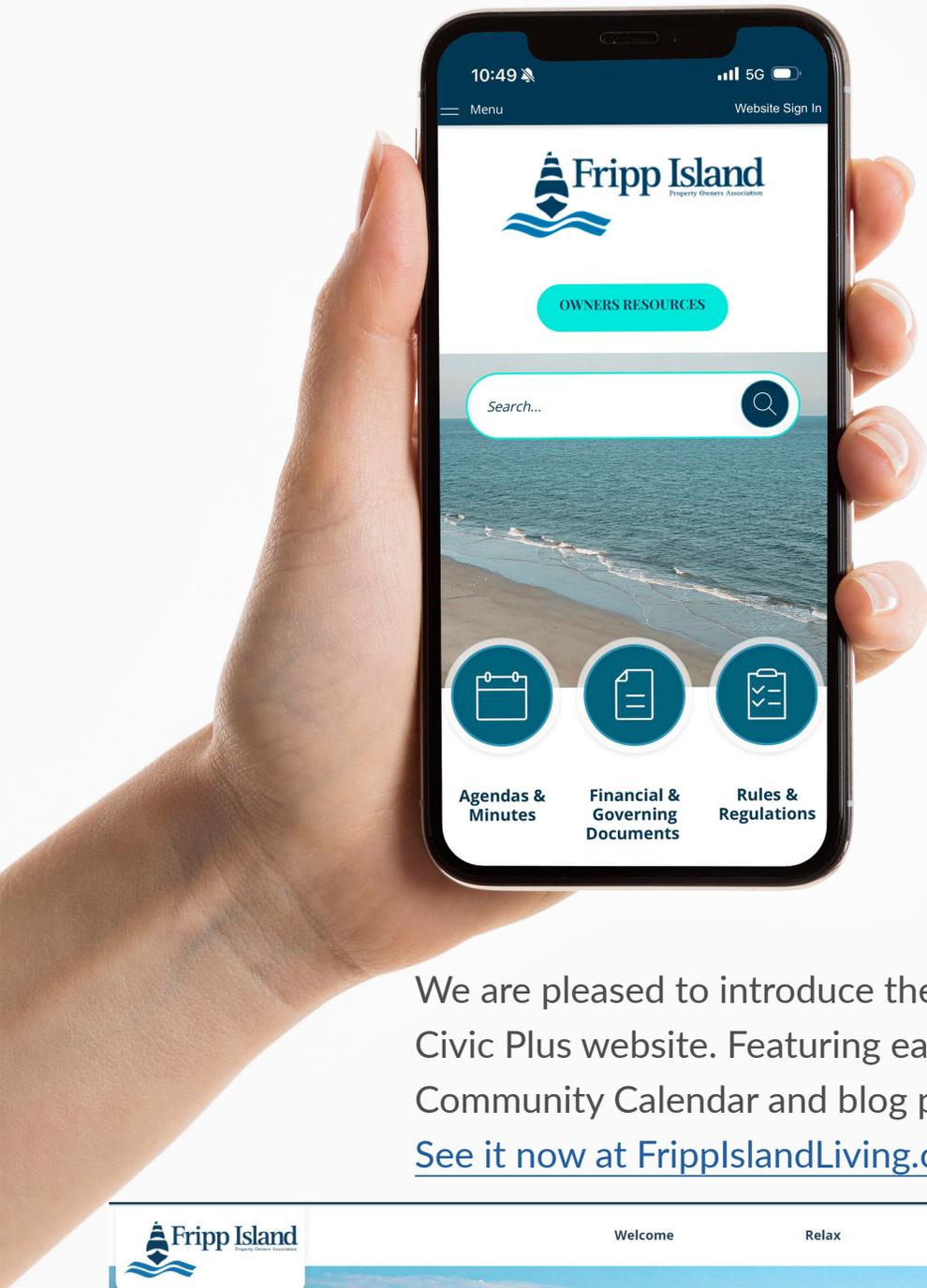




# MGA Men's Golf

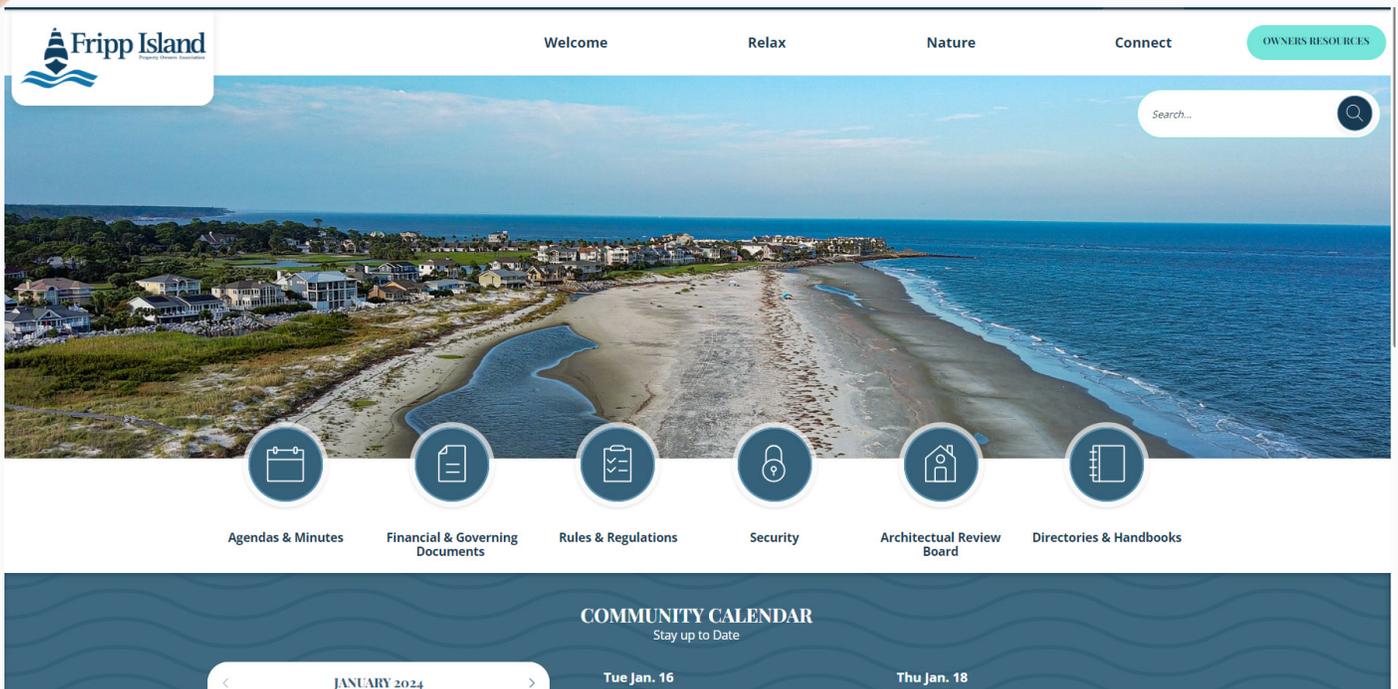
**The MGA is the Golf Association for Fripp Island  
All Rounds are played at the Ocean Point and Ocean Creek Courses.  
Each course is rotated on a monthly basis and alternate  
monthly throughout the year.**

**Get the Schedule of Events and Tee Times at Fore Tees**



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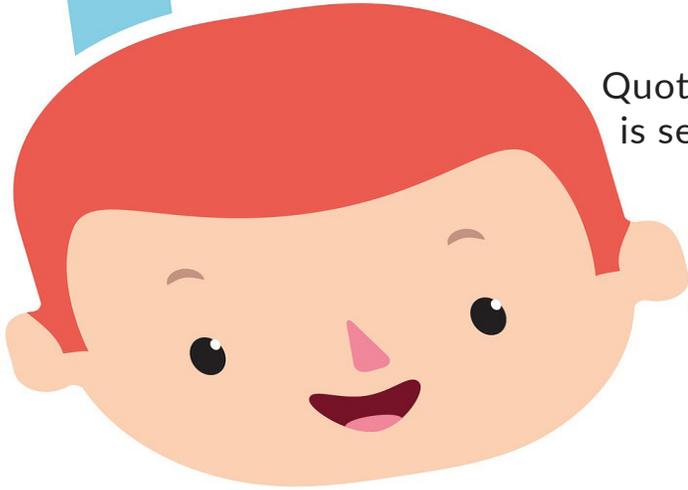


# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Contributed by Mary T. Jacobs

**Happy Valentine's Day!!  
February, 2024**

Quote of the month: Happiness  
is seeing the smile on a child's  
face as they learn!



## Valentine's Day Word Scramble

Solve the scramble and write each letter in the box

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**WORD LIST**

<b>card</b>	<b>poem</b>	<b>letter</b>	<b>tulip</b>	<b>heart</b>
<b>love</b>	<b>friend</b>	<b>hug</b>	<b>party</b>	<b>arrow</b>

Hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day!!!

# The Symbolic Meaning of Birds

Ava Pasma,  
Seasonal Naturalist

Throughout history, birds have played a major part in human culture. From ancient civilizations to native cultures to modern society, birds have been a symbol for many different things. Some are seen as symbols of freedom, life, and love, and some are seen in a more spiritual aspect and are even believed to be messengers. There are many different species that have their own symbolic meaning, many of which can be found right on Fripp Island.



## Bald Eagle

Many Americans view the Bald Eagle as a symbol of power and freedom. However, in Native American culture, the Eagle stands for much more than that. To Native Americans, the Eagle is a sacred creature that represents strength, wisdom, and courage. In many tribes, it is believed that the Creator chose the Eagle over every other bird to be the Leader and Master of the Sky. Because of this, the Eagle flies higher than any other bird, making them the closest creature to the Creator. They are said to be able to navigate both the physical world and the spiritual world and are messengers between the two. Even today, Native Americans hold the utmost respect for eagles.



## Herons

A popular subject for artists, authors, photographers, and birders alike, herons are a symbol of patience, elegance, harmony, and beauty. Herons are known for being stealthy, patient hunters, capable of staying completely still for long periods of time before snatching their prey, which earns them the symbol of patience. Additionally, many Native American tribes view the heron as a symbol of luck and prosperity and believe that if a fisherman sees a heron while out fishing, their trip will be successful.



## Eastern Bluebird

Bluebirds, also known as “bluebirds of happiness”, are a symbol of hope, love, positivity, and renewal. While it is hard to pinpoint exactly where the bluebird got its symbol, bluebirds were often associated with joy and good tidings in European and Native American folklore as well as Chinese mythology. Bluebirds are often mentioned in pop culture as well, as heard in the songs “Over the Rainbow” from The Wizard of Oz and “Daylight” by Harry Styles.



## Owls

Owls are most widely known to be a symbol of wisdom, a symbol which originates from Greek mythology. In ancient Greek culture, the owl was the symbol of Athena, the goddess of wisdom and patron goddess of Athens, a city which was known for its art and scholarship. However, many people do not know that in most other cultures, the owl has more of a dark symbol. In Native American, ancient Japanese, ancient Mesopotamian, Native African, and Hindu cultures, the owl is a symbol of death, destruction, and bad luck. According to Native African folklore, it was believed that if someone heard the hoot of an owl, they were going to die. Additionally, some Native American tribes had stories warning children to stay inside at night, otherwise the Owl might carry them away. Owls are very popular in pop culture as well, making appearances in films such as Harry Potter, Bambi, Winnie the Pooh, and even Tootsie Pop commercials.



## Northern Cardinal

Northern Cardinals are likely one of the most beloved birds in North America. Named after the Catholic Church's cardinals and their red

robes, the cardinal is well known for being a symbol of love, passion, and beauty, especially during the holiday season. In Native American culture, cardinals are known as Redbirds and are considered to be messengers for both good and bad news. Some Native tribes believe that if someone sees a Redbird, then they will receive good luck in 12 days.

An old Cherokee tale describes how the Redbird became red: "Along came a little brown bird through the bushes and heard the Wolf crying and asked what was the matter. The Wolf told his story and said, "If you will get my eyes open, I will show you where to find some nice red paint to paint yourself." "All right," said brownbird; so he pecked at the Wolf's eyes until he got off all the plaster. Then the Wolf took him to a rock that had streaks of bright red paint running through it, and the little bird painted himself with it, and has ever since been a Redbird."



## Woodpeckers

Woodpeckers have been seen as a symbol for many things, including luck, happiness, and opportunities. In Celtic culture, they are associated with protection and divination and are believed to be messengers from the spirit realm. The sound of their rhythmic pecking was considered to be a sacred language. In Native American culture, woodpeckers symbolize home, safety, and protection due to their ability to carve out a home for their family. To some tribes, the woodpecker's drumming sound is sacred and believed to hold healing powers.



*Redfish are being caught in deep water holes around Fripp. This one is too big to keep.*

# Captain Ralph's FISHING REPORT

Submitted by Captain Ralph Goodison

Fripp Islands weather man Punxsutawney Phil, the famous annual weatherman from Pennsylvania, did not see his shadow predicting an early spring. In his 138 year old tradition this is the only 21st year he has not seen his shadow. I have often asked myself is Phil on Medicare and is he a she? But get ready Spring is on the way.

The weather has been tough, not only the cooler weather but high winds has slowed fishing, The good news, Sheepshead are found inshore and nearshore around structure, docks and bridges. And as April approaches fish

migrating start moving deep water stream pickup, water warmer inshore and nearshore; fishing pickup and Happy Days are here again.

Meanwhile the marina and excursions are getting ready for a banner year and the forecast looks good for the fishing and the boating season. Fripp Island is a Treasure for boating with fantastic flora and fauna, Get ready for great fishing and fantastic excursions discovering Fripp Island.

**REMEMBER “ Fripp Island Is NOT Perfect But Darn Close”**



Top Left: Ohio fisherman thanked Captain George for a good catch of Sheepshead and help to clean them..Bottom Left: Black drum are being caught inshore and nearshore. Top Right: Jose Cresswell (right) brought his friend from Augusta Georgia for Fripp fishing. Bottom Right: North Carolina fishermen are ready for some good eating and cleaning.



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