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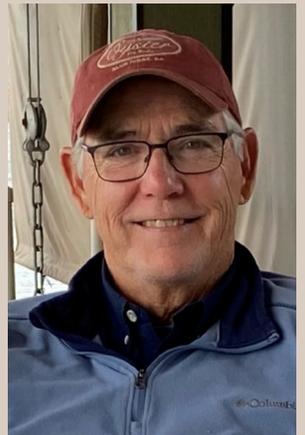
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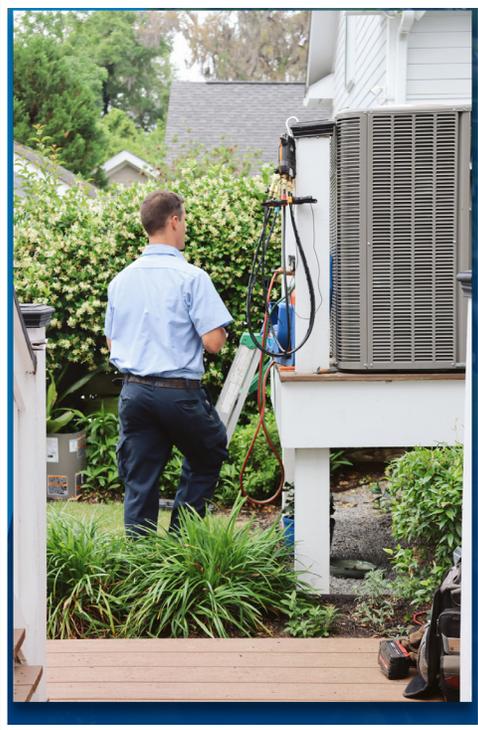
WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to everyone in the community who voted in this past Board of Directors election. We'd also like to thank all of the nominees for their willingness to support our island by doing all the hard work of a candidate. We would like to officially welcome Dana Bradley, Jeannie Hennem, Robert Lawton and Dan Smith class of 2028. Welcome Andy Barrett as the newly elected director for the class of 2026.



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MEN'S LUNCH CLUB



Fripp Island ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club for fellowship
at a Casual, Catered Lunch with Noteworthy Special Guests

Contributed by Bart Lehman

The assembly is at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is only \$15 (CASH ONLY), including a drink, served at Noon. RSVPs using TeamReach! Select YES or NO for Attendance - Links below

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ROMEIO hosts a monthly Special Guests. 2025-2026 Guest Speaker Schedule

Jan 27	Mark Sutton "Growing up on Fripp"
Feb 24	Jody Henson "Revolutionary Battle for Port Royal & Grays Hill"
Mar 24	Lewis Tabb "History of Beaufort" - Little Talked About Facts
Apr 28	Russell Baxley CEO of Beaufort Memorial Hospital
May 26	Christian Gonzales Chief of Security, Fripp Island POA



He entered the Chapel cautiously...somewhat anxious and not sure what to expect. His face softened as he saw many familiar faces. His golfing buddy motioned him over. He sat down explaining, "The last time I was in a church was when I got married over 40 years ago." His friend patted his knee and said, "Well, we're glad you're here now."

We turned around to welcome him and many others came over before the service. He'd only met the preacher once, but Pastor Todd remembered him. Todd smiled warmly and said his name as he placed the communion wafer in his palm. After the service, many stopped him on the deck. They even invited him to lunch.

His morning had begun filled with anxiety. It was transformed through an outpouring of welcoming love.

The start of a new year naturally invites reflection. For many, this season brings a quiet question: *What would help ground me this year?* If you have stepped away from church—whether for weeks, years, or even decades—the new year offers a gentle and meaningful opportunity to return.

You Are Not Alone and You Are Not Late

Life changes. Schedules become crowded. Faith journeys evolve. Many people drift from church not because they stopped believing, but because life became heavy, complicated, or overwhelming. If that's you, know this: you are not alone, and you have not missed your chance.

Church has always been a place for imperfect people seeking grace. It is not a gathering for those who have it all together. There is no expiration date on belonging.

A Place to Be Rooted Again

In a world that often feels rushed and uncertain, church provides a place to pause, reflect, and reconnect—with God, with others, and with your deeper sense of purpose.



Returning to church is about rediscovering rhythms that nourish the soul:

- Moments of stillness in a noisy world
- Words of hope when headlines feel heavy
- Community when isolation feels easier but lonelier



Faith Grows Best in Community

One of the most powerful gifts of our church is community—Fripp Islanders who celebrate joys, carry burdens together, and show up when life feels fragile.

If you've missed that sense of connection, the new year is a wonderful time to step back in. You don't have to know everyone. Simply showing up is enough.

Come As You Are

Our church has no dress code. There is no test to pass before walking through the doors. If it's been a while, you might be surprised by what you find: familiar traditions paired with fresh perspectives, grace spoken more than judgment, and a shared desire to grow together. Sometimes the smallest step opens the door to the greatest renewal.

An Open Invitation for the Year Ahead

As this new year unfolds, consider giving yourself the gift of spiritual grounding and community. If you have questions, feel free to email Pastor Todd at tsimonis@sthelenas1712.org. **Our door is open, the welcome is warm, and there's a place for you.**





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Fripp Island Pickleball Association

Have you checked out the new pickleball courts yet? They are awesome! Along with the new courts, there is also a newly formed Fripp Island Pickleball Association (FIPA) that's very excited to use the courts A LOT! FIPA is a Resort member-only group, similar to the Women's and Mens Golf associations. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for organized pickleball activity that promotes growth and enjoyment of pickleball within our community. The association is dedicated to fostering a welcoming and inclusive community by organizing engaging events for all members and by nurturing sportsmanship, camaraderie, and friendly competition for players of all abilities.



Although delayed twice, the first official event, with a Holiday theme, was held on January 4th, 2026. The sun was shining and everyone brought their holiday spirit. The new Pro was there too! Check out the players and prize winning outfits!

The FIPA plays weekly late on Monday afternoons and many more events are in the works. We'd love to have you join us! If you'd like to join in the fun, contact Jane Marquart at marquart54@gmail.com. Hope to see you on the courts!





Every brushstroke tells a story. *Fruits of Our Labor* by internationally collected Gullah artist Sonja Griffin Evans celebrates heritage, resilience, and the beauty of work passed down through generations. Register for our special Art Talk to hear the powerful stories behind the canvas—and the culture that inspires them.

A Creative Spark Ignites By Joan Barnes

The Formation of the Fripp Island Art Guild

Sometimes the most meaningful things happen quickly—when creativity, collaboration, and community come together at just the right moment. That was the case in 2025 with the formation of the Fripp Island Art Guild, an idea that rapidly reminded us how powerful shared purpose can be.

What began as a collective vision among local artists and supporters gained immediate momentum. In October 2025, the Guild achieved official 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, laying a strong foundation for growth and impact. With that milestone in place, the organization moved swiftly—demonstrating just how much can be accomplished when passion and purpose align.

Within its first quarter, the Fripp Island Art Guild produced two full-scale art shows, each featuring more than 30 artists working across a wide range of creative disciplines. Painters, metalsmiths, photographers, fiber artists, potters, and mixed-media artists transformed the space into vibrant showcases of talent drawn from Fripp Island and the greater Lowcountry. These events quickly became joyful gathering points, blending visual inspiration with meaningful community connection.

One of the Guild's earliest initiatives made an impact well beyond the arts. Through the sale of 500 custom tumblers supporting Pledge the Pink, the newly formed organization raised and donated over \$8,000 to breast cancer-related causes—an extraordinary achievement for a nonprofit in its infancy and a testament to the generosity of the community.

The Guild also brought people together around the table by hosting a sold-out Lowcountry Boil and Oyster Roast, combining great food, lively conversation, and creative energy into one unforgettable island event. Building on that success, the Guild launched a highly successful online auction featuring original artwork alongside generously donated experiences and items, including beach vacation homes, fishing charters, spa treatments, and state park passes. The auction expanded the Guild's reach well beyond the island while raising essential funds for future programming.

By year's end, the Fripp Island Art Guild had welcomed 57 new members and fully purchased all professional displays, lighting, and equipment needed to produce shows without rental costs. Every major expense was paid in full, allowing the organization to close its inaugural year operating in the BLACK—a remarkable accomplishment for a newly formed nonprofit. None of this could have been achieved without the generous support and funding provided by the Guild's many sponsors, whose belief in the arts helped turn vision into reality.

Looking ahead, the Guild is committed to giving back to the community in fun, welcoming, and delightful ways, with a special focus on education and storytelling about the rich artistic and cultural heritage found just down the road from Fripp Island. Its first key event of the new year will take place on Tuesday, February 3, with an Art Talk featuring internationally collected Gullah artist Sonja Griffin Evans.

Join us for this free, public event! While registration is required to secure your spot, it's quick and easy online. Guests will also enjoy a selection of wine as they take part in the experience. [Register today here.](#)

Together, these early accomplishments reflect a vibrant beginning—and a promising future—for the Fripp Island Art Guild and the creative community it serves.



Appalatin on Fripp. Again!

Margit Resch

Last time I introduced Appalatin to our Beaufort community, I asked my readers what Appalatin could refer to: South American food? Art? Clothing? Well, you probably know now—it's music, because you heard the band in 2022 on Fripp. And if so, you will want to hear Appalatin again, because they are fantastic, which is why the Fripp Island Friends of Music asked them to return.

Appalatin, from Louisville, Kentucky, whose name is a portmanteau of Appalachia and Latin, is a band whose music is a mixture of Appalachian and Latin American tunes of all kinds, and bluegrass. The band is composed of six musicians hailing from three Central and South American countries: Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, and from Kentucky. Kyle Long from NUVO, an Indianapolis publication dedicated to art and leisure, describes Appalatin's musical art like this: "Appalatin have reinvented traditional Appalachian music by infusing Latin rhythm and song into the rural folk form. It's a surprisingly seductive blend of bluegrass bolero and countrified cumbia." Laura Shine from WFPK Radio Louisville calls Appalatin "unique," and she just raves about them: "... we are so lucky to call them ours even though they belong to the world at large. They are also one of the best live bands I've ever seen!" Well, we here in Beaufort are so lucky that Appalatin is going to play on Fripp Island again on Sunday, February 1 at 5:00 pm, so we can all enjoy this unique blend of Southern and South American music, this intriguing, wonder-full demonstration of international creative collaboration.

The six Appalatin musicians play an amazing number of different musical instruments: harmonica, mandolin, guitar, upright bass, and charango, which is a small Andean stringed

instrument of the lute family. Some of them you may never have heard, such as the indigenous Andean flutes: the quena, akin to the pan flute, the bamboo flute, the tarka, which resembles a recorder; and percussion instruments such as bongos, guiros, congas, cajóns and the Brazilian bass drum surdo. “Our shows are almost like a Smithsonian Institute exhibition of musical instruments,” Kentucky native and string-player Yani Vozos said. And let’s not forget their voices. They sing beautifully—in a number of languages, no less.

Needless to say, each member of the group took a different path to Louisville before the turn of the aughts. String player Yani Vozos, Kentucky-born, learned Spanish in Honduras during a Peace Corps trip. His lingual education is similar to Marlon Obando’s who was raised in Nicaragua. They have both written songs with Spanish and English lyrics. Percussionist Steve Sizemore said that living in South America for two years just molded his soul. Now he is almost fluent in Spanish and more than fluent in a variety of percussion instruments. Fernando Moya had already performed with the traditional Andean group Andes Manta before he developed his skills on wooden flutes and charango as a member of Appalatin. Louis de Leon is the one you hear wailing on harmonica, a skill he picked up while living in Guatemala. He also plays a number of African percussion instruments, which he pulls out of a sticker-plastered suitcase. You tell me what kind of stickers after you’ve seen Appalatin play on Fripp.

The original band members all crossed paths in 2006 in Louisville. Given their backgrounds and passions, their love for the rich Afro-Cuban music of the Buena Vista Social Club, it seemed destined that they merge. Their original bassist, Luke McIntosh, observed perceptively: “I definitely see parallels between roots music and the kind of Latin music we play.

It’s really not quite as strange a fusion as people think.”

The band has performed at some of their region’s most prestigious venues and in many different radio shows. Since the release of their first album in 2011, they shared the stage with Red Baraat, Sam Bush, Claire Lynch, The Black Lilies, La Santa Cecilia, and Ben Sollee. Their next album in 2013 features original music and interpretations of traditional songs from their native regions in Kentucky, Central America and the Andes. On this recording, the musicians express their many talents with a bilingual shift between languages, styles, and vibes. The band released its third studio-recorded album in 2018, engaging acoustic sound that inspires audience participation, e.g. dancing, singing, hand clapping and foot stomping. The band members talk in detail about the instruments they play, the rhythms, the culture they come from, and the meaning and message in their songs.

Appalatin will entertain us on Sunday, February 1, 5:00 pm in the Fripp Community Centre, 205 Tarpon Boulevard. But come and join us at 4:30, when a group of little musicians from St. Helena Elementary School will play and sing their hearts out for us. Both shows are sponsored by Fripp Friends of Music and supported by the SC Arts Commission. Tickets at the door: adults \$30 (credit cards accepted), students free thanks to the Peg Gorham Memorial Fund. Stay after the performance for a complimentary reception, catered deliciously by Harold’s Chef Services, and help us celebrate Appalatin’s 20th anniversary. For more information, go to www.frippfriendsofmusic.com.

For FIFOM membership, concert reservations, or questions, contact Rebecca Climer (615) 594-1552.

Captain Ralph's FISHING REPORT



Above: happy family good catching and good eating when we get hom. Thanks Captain George.
Below: Fun Catching but too big to keep. They grow them big on Fripp Island.

SANTA CLAUS BRINGS GOOD FISHING TO FRIPP ISLAND

By Captain Ralph Goodison

Santa Claus was very busy again this year and amazingly told Captain George that winter fishing was gonna be the Best in recent years. I always thought the Ground Hog was a good teller of events but now our Fripp Santa has filled his bag with fish for the New Year, for Fripp Island fisherman. Well I always knew Captain George was a good fisherman, husband and father but he must have special connections with the North Pole.

Fishing is good inshore, nearshore and while there are not many reports, offshore and stream are good.

Winter fishing changes fishing in that pick the warmer days, inshore fishing look for deep water holes and dress appropriately.



FISHING REPORT

INSHORE: Good catches of Black Bass, Black Drum, Spottail Bass, Sheepshead and a few Trout. Again dress warm and look for deeper water.

NEAR SHORE: You do not need to go out far. The wreck of the Savannah, Dry Dock, Tire/ Fripp Reef and 6HI. and good catches of large Spottail Bass, Sheepshead, and Black Drum.

OFFSHORE STREAM: Great Fishing out there now but, it's winter. Large migrating fish and excellent catches of Tuna and Wahoo.

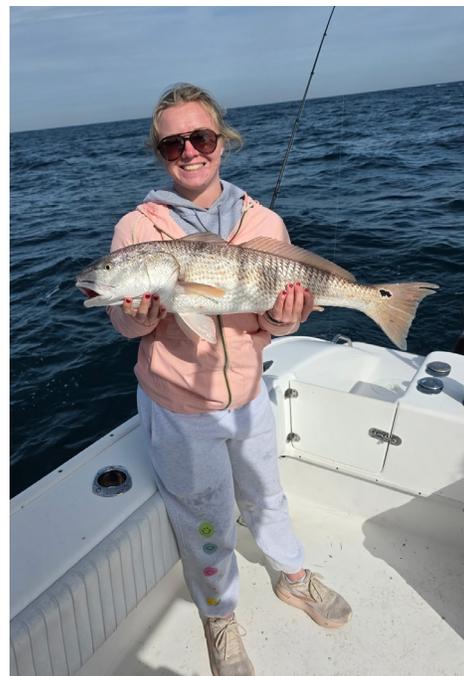
It may be winter but the marina is in full operation. Miss Nickie besides the great food, they have hot soup that warms the tummy on the cool days.

Winter may slow boating and fishing but boat and kayak rentals are spectacular with the ducks and winter bird watching and bending the rods.

Excursions is in full operation and Lewis Turner and his staff is a rent a center for transportation needs. This is also a great time of the year to have your Golf Cart serviced. Mike Brown and his staff has been fixing golf carts on Fripp for over 37 years.

The Marina and Excursion staff wish everyone a Great New Year and look forward to helping our owners and guests enjoy Fripp Island.

Remember...
Fripp Island Is Not Perfect But
it's Darn Close



Top: My husband is jealous. Fish are not this big in Ohio
Bottom: What a flounder! What a meal! Yes I caught these on Miss Lia 11.



Quote of the month:

“When you read you become a better leader!” By: Mary Jacobs

Dear Readers:

I am extremely excited about the new year I will be focusing on the various types of reading for children. In addition, I plan to share the power of reading aloud to children and excellent read-aloud books for you to consider. When I have the opportunity to meet with parents and grandparents and I am asked about the reading level of my children's books, I immediately get excited to share the power of reading to children. Research tells us that children that are regularly exposed to reading enter kindergarten with 290,000 more words.

This is amazing for reading and language development.

Thus, when children are not exposed to constant reading aloud, they will enter kindergarten already behind their peers. So, let's get started for 2026 and the year for reading.

Reading can be categorized into various forms, each serving distinct purposes and enhancing comprehension in different contexts.

Types of Reading:

1. **Skimming:** The technique involves moving through a text to grasp the main idea without focusing on details. It is used to get an over view of the material. Key things to notice include headings, subheading and the first and last sentence in a paragraph.

2. **Scanning:** Unlike skimming, scanning is used to locate specific information, such as names, dates, key words or phrases but not all the details.

3. **Intensive reading:** This form reading is very detailed, often used for complex texts that require deep understanding. Examples of this type of reading is used in academic reading and requires reading more than one time to fully understand what is being said.
4. **Extensive reading:** This approach focuses on reading large amounts of material for general understanding and enjoyment, rather than the details. It helps with language skills and expands vocabulary without the pressure of trying to remember all the details. This type of reading is used in “book clubs.”
5. **Critical reading:** This type involves evaluating and analyzing the text to understand a deeper meaning, biases and arguments. Critical reading in found in higher-level academic work and well-rounded opinions.

Importance of Different Reading Forms:

Understanding the different techniques of reading can significantly enhance comprehension, retention and over all understanding of the material.

Learning around the dinner table:

I will make recommendations of a couple of books so you may discuss with your child and decide which book they would like for you to read. If you have to face time with your child that will work, too.

Recommends:

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

This is an excellent read aloud book for ages 7 to 12. It was noted as one of the top 100 books read by teachers in 2007 and awarded as a Newberry Honor book. It is about a little Polish-American girl that is extremely poor and is teased by other girls in her class. The teacher decides to have an art contest and asks the children to draw pictures of dresses. The little girl had already drawn pictures of 100 dresses and placed them on her wall in her bedroom. The father is worried about the teasing and moves the family from the town.

The book may seem a bit sad, but reading this aloud to your child you discuss what actions to take when you see the teasing and bullying of the little girl. I used this book many times in my class and it was always enjoyable, as well some powerful learning. You may wish to skim the book and determine if this is a good choice for you and your child.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet is recommended for middle schoolers, but I found it to be appropriate for 3rd graders. It is a book about a young boy surviving a plane crash and his adventures. I paraphrased parts of the book to help my class understand the meaning of the text, but not confuse them. Paraphrasing is an excellent way to read aloud to children and helps with the deeper meaning of the text. I used this book many times in my class and it was always a big hit.

I am extremely excited about 2026 and the YEAR of READING!

Happy Reading!

Fripp Audubon Club

Submitted by John Wellborn

The birding season is well underway, and Fripp Audubon activities are in full swing. Through December we have hosted 3 outings, 2 lectures, 2 school events and concluded the year with the Christmas Bird Count.

Our outings continue in their popularity with most fully subscribed. So far this season we have had 52 participants. We have 8 more outings planned between now and June. Look for announcements, we hope to see you soon.

Christmas Bird Count

This year's count was a tremendous success! We were able to increase our field participation, the weather and tides were favorable, and, thanks to Jake Zadik's leadership, we have been able to extend coverage to Pritchards Island. The result is a record 144 species identified.

The 6 volunteers on Fripp Island were a large part of the effort, identifying 80 total species from 3 checklists. While the results were fantastic, participation by Fripp residents was lower than expected. Hopefully next year we will attract more of you to this great event.

The organization of the Christmas Bird Count is a tremendous effort. Our participation would not be possible without the dedication of a group of our top Beaufort County birders who undertake the arduous task of compiling the results of all the lists submitted during the CBC window.

So, thank you to our compilers (official title): Jake Zadik, Juliana Smith, Chris Marsh, and Buddy Campbell.

Fripp Audubon in the Schools

The 2 events this fall included visits to Beaufort Elementary, Port Royal Elementary and St. Helena Elementary. They featured an Owl presentation by Leila Arnold of Lowcountry Raptors in October and a Holiday Craft program in December. Programs for the new year are an Owl pellet discussion/dissection led by teaching staff with Audubon Club volunteers in February and a trip to the Cypress Wetlands in April to focus on wading birds.

Ten Eyck Lecture Series

Our regular monthly meetings continue to be scheduled on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Fripp Island Community Center and features presentation from leading experts in the area.

We look forward to seeing you at our next events:

- January 13, outing to the Savannah Wildlife Refuge
- January 22, "Ten Eyck" series, Aaron Palmieri, Outreach & Education Manager for the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy. The topic is winter raptors.

Happy Birding!

Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

“FISR Observed the Annual New Year’s Plunge on Hunting Island....A bit too Cold”

As many of you are aware, Fripp Island Sea Rescue (FISR) assists those in distress on the waters surrounding Fripp Island and its neighboring barrier islands. FISR is a one-hundred percent volunteer organization made up of Fripp Island residents. In addition to responding to distress calls, FISR also participates in many service projects throughout the year. One such project we are honored to participate in is the Annual Pelican Plunge held at Hunting Island. The Pelican Plunge is an event held on January 1st of each year. Registration fees and other funds raised for this event help support preservation efforts in the park and sea turtles.

The festivities begin at 12:00 PM with food trucks, entertainment, costume parades, prizes, and t-shirts marking the event. The culmination of the event is the actual Plunge, which takes place at 1:00 PM. About 150 to 200 people - young and old - started the New Year fresh with a dip in the Atlantic. Along with the plungers another 100 folks cheered for them.

FISR members and vessels were watching out in front of the Hunting Island Lighthouse to ensure safety for all participants. Special thanks to FISR members Jimmy Myers, Gary Tiller and Paul Browne who manned Rescue One.

This time of year, is an important period for FISR to recruit new members. Since our call volume and service work is typically lower this time of year, it’s ideal for training new members. So, if your New Year’s Resolutions include finding a service opportunity, consider volunteering with Fripp Sea Island Rescue (FISR). Boating skills are a plus and training is provided. If interested in learning more, please contact us at FRIPPISLANDSEARESCUE@GMAIL.COM ; or call or text Harold Waller at 404-668-4774 or Paul Browne at 803-422-4747.

It’s almost time for the 23rd annual St. Paddy’s Golf Tournament hosted by Fripp Island Golf & Beach Resort. The tournament is the main source of funding for FISR. There are many ways for you to help us continue to provide these lifesaving services. These include sponsoring the event, donating to the cause, or donating golfer swag and prizes.

Fripp Island Sea Rescue is deeply grateful for the support it receives from the community. To volunteer, donate, or just learn more about FISR, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FrippIslandSeaRescue/ or on the web at www.fisarescue.org



COMMUNITY CENTRE

Submitted by Rebecca Climer

2025-2026 Annual Fund Drive

The FICC Annual Fund Drive ends on January 31. If you have not already done so, please consider supporting the Community Centre in this important endeavor. Many have already made generous donations, but we still have a way to go before reaching our goal of \$65,000. As a reminder, the FICC and All Faiths Chapel is a private, independent, 501(c)3 organization that depends solely on donations from its membership to operate. The purpose of the FICC is to further the religious, spiritual and cultural growth of Fripp Island.

Projects slated for completion in 2026 are replacing the fire suppression system, enlarging the Columbarium by 64 niches and a major repair project to the back of the FICC and All Faiths Chapel Structures.

Fine Dining on Fripp

We're trying something new in the new year: "Fine Dining on Fripp," a truly

delicious fine dining experience in one of our neighbor's beautiful homes. This is a five-course meal with matching wine and geared to themes appropriate for the month. Take a look at the upcoming plans.

January 16 – Inaugural Meal – Based on the Inaugural Meal for President John F. Kennedy Appetizer, Soup, Salad, Main Course of Beef Wellington, Ratatouille, Risotto and Poached Pears

February – Mardi Gras Featuring the cuisine of the Big Easy.

March – The Ides of March An Italian feast fit for a Caesar!

April – April in Paris Bon Appetit (Sorry, this one is already sold out!)

These meals are designed for 8 to 10 people and include all courses and wine. The cost is \$150 per person and all proceeds go to the FICC and All Faiths Chapel. Talk to your friends and gather a group. Or pick which cuisine is most appealing to you and plan to make new friends at a beautifully set table. For more details, please contact FICC Board Member Carole Fahey, carolemfahey@gmail.com or 843-263-2737.





**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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