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The Trawler



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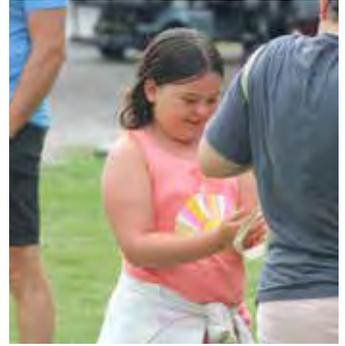
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SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS
2022

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2022 9:00 AM

a look back at 2022...









Mark your Calendars: Thursday, December 15, 2022 is the day Fripp Island Counts Birds for Audubon's 122nd Christmas Bird Count

If you are looking for a change of pace this holiday season, then the Christmas Bird Count is it! This Citizen Science opportunity lets bird lovers contribute to ornithology research that has been collected by the National Audubon Society for 122 years.

How do you participate in the Christmas Bird Count?

- By dedicating anywhere from 15 minutes to all day keeping a report on all the birds and species you see at your bird feeders.

How does it work?

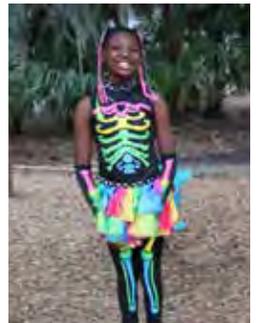
- Look and listen for birds.
- Identify the species of bird and how many and write it down.
- Submit your report to Fripp Audubon Club at skjessee365@gmail.com or you may post your sightings on E-bird.

Your results are collected and submitted to the National Audubon Society to give a continent-wide snapshot of how bird populations are faring and where species are living. This information is particularly helpful for bird scientists who use it to monitor population changes by revealing the impact of diseases, climate, environment and land development.

Questions and for more information on how to participate in Fripp's local Christmas Bird Count, contact:

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST 2022





I am honored to serve as your new security chief for Fripp Island, and I look forward to meeting each one of you. I want to provide you with a brief background of my life, leadership philosophy, and the proposed security plan for the next five years.

I was born on a U.S. Army Military Installation in Wiesbaden, Germany. My father is a retired chief warrant officer and was stationed abroad. This is where he met my mother, who lived in Frankfurt, Germany, and were later married. My parents then had three kids: my two sisters and me. We eventually moved to Lawton, Oklahoma, when I was two years old. I grew up in Oklahoma until age 19. I then joined the United States Marine Corps and served four years as a military police officer, and the commanding general's driver/personal security.

While stationed at Parris Island, I met my beautiful wife, Kathryn Michelle Gonzales. She is a retired fire captain from the Parris Island Fire Department, the first female in the history of Parris Island to be promoted to captain at the fire department. Kathryn and I have two children, Christopher and Kylie, and six grandchildren. I began my civilian law enforcement career in 2000 with the Beaufort City Police Department. During my tenure with Beaufort, I served in the following specialized units, school resources officer, traffic team, neighborhood services unit, marine patrol, and patrol. In 2006 I started working with the Bluffton Police Department, where I worked until 11-06-22.

My long-tenured service at Bluffton Police Department provided me with the opportunity to work in many different roles. I started off in the patrol division as a patrol officer and eventually worked as a detective in the criminal investigations division, patrol sergeant, criminal investigations sergeant, and lieutenant/command staff. As a member of the command staff, I worked as the Town of Bluffton's first Emergency Manager. I also worked as a commander in the following divisions of the department, criminal investigations, support services, and Administration division.

I am excited to serve alongside our security staff and believe in leadership by example. I believe true leadership inspires others to want to serve the organization with professionalism and dedication. Because they believe in the department's mission objectives and not because you just tell them to do it. The next five years will bring many security improvements in technology and enforcement strategies. Our strategic planning process is going to help us get there and develop a five-year plan. I look forward to meeting each one of you and hope you all have a happy and safe holiday.

Semper fi
Christian Gonzales

Welcome To The Fripp Family

SEPTEMBER

Chris McSwain
Benjamin Case
Edward Meintzer
Thomas Lichtenstein
Joseph Todd
Frippin' Happy LLC
Amy Baker
William R. Von Harten Trust
Kyle Kuykendall
Noah Ramsey
Philip Berlinsky
George Markley
Scott Fihma
Scott Cornwell

OCTOBER

Jenna Hicks
Mary Elizabeth Hicks
James Whitehead
Spencer Beckham
Richard Rankin
Carter Clark
Michelle Payne
Media Link LLC
William Brazell
Sarah Johnson

NOVEMBER

Franz Pfab
Gary Melton
Charles M Debusk
Michael & Roxann Robbins
Cotton Ivy Investments

In Memoriam



*Fripp Island Property Owners Association mourns
the loss of our members who have passed.*

Kim Radke 9/11/22

Gerard "Gus" Burke 10/3/22

Rick Diserafino 10/7/22



a letter from the editor

I thought I would share another family holiday story. It was Christmas of 1986 and a 6 year old Stacie was anxiously awaiting Santa's Christmas Eve arrival. See, Santa has a lot of area to cover, so he came through our neighborhood a little early.

My cousin was the same age as me lived next door, had just been at our house with the family for our annual Christmas Eve dinner, and when he got home, he found that Santa had been there, and called to let me know.

To say I was distraught is an understatement. I just knew had been forgotten. The last year of my life flashed before my eyes, trying to think of what I could have possibly have done to get on the naughty list. And the realization that Santa DOES see everything!

My dad grabbed our coats and the car keys and we headed out to find Santa and settle this misunderstanding.

I remember riding down the road, and it was so dark except for the headlights and the Christmas lights on the houses.

I was trying my best to keep an eye on the sky and also on

the other houses to see if my theory of being missed checked out. Checking every porch for packages. No one had chimneys in our neighborhood, so Santa delivered much like Amazon.

About 2 miles down the road, dad says "Hey! Did you see that!?", while looking up at the dark night sky.

"I saw him flying back towards the house." I was certain I saw something too and I was so excited to rush back to the house, and hopefully greet Santa as he delivered the presents.

When we got there mom said we had just missed him, but that was OK. I hadn't been forgotten and best of all that was a special moment with my dad that I will never forget.

Every Christmas as a child was like that. It was magical and memorable. I was blessed to have such an amazing family that gave me these memories and stories to share. Christmas won't be the same without him this year.

My hope that your Holidays are filled with tons of magic, excitement, memories and stories for years to come!



The Women's meeting featuring Kevin Anton speaking about his experience on flight 1549, when USAir went into the Hudson River. All 155 passengers survived, featured in the movie Sully. (Layout by Carrie Gibson)



Kevin Anton tell his story about being a passenger on the plane that went down in the Hudson River



After the meeting lots of chit chat catching up with fellow frippers and enjoying some yummy food





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

FRIPP ISLAND SECURITY CHRISTMAS FUND

*Giving.
Tis the Season!*



As the holidays approach, so does our annual collection for the security employees, funded entirely by donations from our Fripp Property Owners.

Your Contribution is Appreciated!



@Ralph-Burchfield-2

Make checks payable to Linda Burchfield with a note in the memo "For FI Security Christmas Fund.
Mailed to or cocktail box of:

Ralph & Linda Burchfield
109 Ocean Point Drive
Fripp Island SC 29920

Deadline is
December 15th, 2022

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE November 30, 2021

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through November 30th each year.

SOLD as of November 30th	2021	2022
Homesites	106	61
Condos	29	19
Homes	113	71
Total	248	151

AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	2021	2022
Homesites	\$125,272	\$214,083
Condos	\$343,017	\$395,105
Homes	\$670,078	\$894,087
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$305	\$401
Homes avg. days on market	155 days	91 days

UNDER CONTRACT/PENDING as of November 30th

Homesites	4
Condos	1
Homes	8
Total	13

NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on November 30th, 2022

Homesites	15
Condos	3
Homes	25
Total	43

For real estate assistance please contact:

Charles Patty, Listing Agent/Sales Agent/Broker
FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE COMPANY
Telephone: 843-597-1170; email: charlesp@frippislandrealestate.com

If your property is listed with another Realtor, this is not a solicitation.

Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

In the next few issues, we will be featuring new recruits to Sea Rescue.



We are very excited to introduce you to Dean Wray. We sat down with Dean recently to get to know him better.

Keep in mind our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and bring different skillsets to our team. The common characteristic they all share is a desire to help others and give back to the community.

1. How long have you lived on Fripp?
My wife, Cindy and I purchased a home in 2019 and began spending more time at Fripp. We moved full time to the island in November of 2021 just before I retired in December 2021.

2. Where are you originally from?
We grew up in northern Indiana. We spent the last 30 years in Southern Ohio before moving to Fripp full time.

3. What was your occupation?
I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Manchester College. I worked in a small CPA firm for a couple years in Colorado where I obtained my CPA license before transitioning into healthcare. After working in finance nearly ten years at a few different hospitals in the midwest I joined Southern Ohio Medical Center in Portsmouth, Ohio and spent the last 27 years of my career as the VP of finance at SOMC. I received my Masters in Business Administration from Ohio University.

4. Describe your hobbies and family.
My hobbies include golf, pickleball and home handyman projects. I coached softball and basketball for many years. We have two daughters, Sarah and Jessica. Both are married with successful careers. Sarah is a registered nurse in Vandalia, Ohio and is married to Adam, a high school teacher. They have three great kids. Chloe is a junior in high school, Lucas is in eighth grade and Maya is in fifth grade. Jessica is a manager in the treasury & payroll field working in Portsmouth, Ohio. Her husband, John, is a practicing behavioral health counselor and has his PhD in counseling. They have two wonderful boys. Caleb is in eighth grade and Liam is in fifth grade.

5. What attracted you to the organization?
I have always liked helping people. FISR is a great way for me to offer help to those in need of FISR's services.



6. Do you have any additional information to share?
I am enjoying my Sea Rescue training and look forward to helping boaters who need our help in the waters and the surrounding Fripp Island.

Fall training is underway now for Sea Rescue, but it is not too late to join in! We have been saving lives and helping boaters in distress for nearly 40 years.



Fripp Island Sea Rescue

We are an all-volunteer team of Fripp residents who are trained in navigation, rescue methods, and boat handling.

Our members hold various certifications including CPR, AED, First Aid, and Stop-the-Bleed. We train with the US Coast Guard helicopters weekly.

Sound like a service organization you'd like to join?

Contact the Skipper, Eric Roberts at ericroberts888@gmail.com or call (843) 539-9674.



2022 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Submitted by Stacie Thrush, Editor

Every year around November 1, I draft my Christmas shopping list, and every year it looks the same; a name with a blank space. I feel I have completely ran out of ideas and this year will be the year of the gift card.

Then somewhere, some way, inspiration strikes then comes a flood of ideas. I hope that through my experience, I can give you some inspiration if you find yourself a bit stuck this year.

A huge surprise last year was after my brother gifted me with an Oculus Quest VR headset. Something I thought might lose interest in, has become something I use daily. They are growing in popularity in all ages groups. I bought one for my husband and we have fun date nights bowling, playing mini golf and table tennis, all from our living room. With a variety of apps available to play, meditate, exercise and more!

This year, we are going “back to basics”. I purchased several board games and a dart board to add in some non-virtual date nights at home.

Camera and video drones are also a great idea for anyone who enjoys gadgets and especially those who love to take photos and videos. Autel and DJI, for example, offer affordable models that are compact, easier to learn and both offer a user friendly smart phone app and safety features for beginners.

But I have to say, the biggest surprise for me last year was my husband’s gift of an air fryer. The kitchen companion I didn’t know I needed, has become one I’m not sure how I lived without. In searching for similar products, I see that there are many new devices that make cooking faster and more simple. Yes, I’m a bit behind in cooking convenience, after all, I still own a manual can opener. I’m sure there may be someone on your list, much like me, that could use an upgraded appliance.

I offer a suggestion that completed my entire list in one purchase last year. I had discovered the local company in Ridgeland called Fire and Pine. They have a variety of wood wall maps from every state as well as patents of video games, hobbies and more. You can find them on Etsy and see their website at fireandpine.com.

We have featured a lot of artists over the last year that have wonderful artwork, books, paintings and photos that would make amazing and unique gifts plus what’s better than supporting local talent and getting a truly unique gift?!

You could also get your favorite Fripp or family photo printed on canvas or a Fracture frame so you can cherish those memories always. Plus you can shop our local area stores where you’ll be sure to find some inspiration and the perfect gift for everyone on your list!

A Shuckin' Good Time

at The FIPOA Community Involvement

New Year's Eve & Day
OYSTER ROAST

DECEMBER 31, 2022

Enjoy Oysters, Entertainment and BYOB!

Saturday, December 31

at Springtide Market/Fripp Island Real Estate Co.

12:30-1:30

2:00-3:00

3:30-4:30

Tickets are \$25 each

Get your tickets with cash or check at Springtide
Market or at the FIPOA Office

Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable and may not be
exchanged for another time slot. You may purchase available tickets until December 29th, 2022 at noon.

No tickets will be sold at the event.



Scan the QR Code to
purchase tickets now
online via PayPal!





local artist spotlight

Highlighting Fripp Island artists, musicians, authors, and other persons of interest.

Local resident Kelly Taylor is an incredible photographer with such great talent to capture so much beauty of Fripp Island. Through her work, you see everything that is Fripp, in a stunning way. The first time I saw her work, I was in awe and it has become something I look forward to daily.

-Stacie Thrush, Editor.

“We’ve been on Fripp since 2007. I got my first camera when we first moved here. I never photoshop my pics. What you see is what you get with true colors. I like taking pics out the backyard. And I do the craft shows on Fripp for the fun of it.”

- Kelly Taylor, Photographer





Kellytaylor



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If you are a local artist, author, musician, or have a great story to tell for this feature, please email communications@frippislandliving.com



Fripp Island Loggerhead Patrol Project

Submitted by Karen Natoli – Fripp Island Loggerhead Patrol Project Leader

“In South Carolina, nesting surveys and nest protection measures are carried out by a variety of public agencies such as the SCDNR, USFWS, South Carolina Department of Parks and Recreation and Coastal Carolina University. Several private organizations and numerous volunteers are also actively involved with sea turtle protection work. Altogether, more than 1100 individuals participate in nest monitoring activities in South Carolina each year. The data collected are crucial in monitoring populations, formulating protective regulations, making management decisions, and maximizing reproduction for recovery.” (www.seaturtle.org)

“Fripp Island was designated a wildlife sanctuary in 1974 by the state legislature and was identified as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society in 2010. In 2013 Fripp was awarded the National Wildlife Federation’s designation as a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. Fripp has a host of conservation programs to protect wildlife as well as a robust agenda of educational programs for both residents and visitors.”...“Currently Fripp has 3.17 km of dry beach suitable for sea turtle nesting. The northernmost .45 km and the

southernmost 1.45 km are awash at high tide.” (www.seaturtle.org)

Fripp Island is one of the 5 index beaches in South Carolina, because it has some of the earliest data recorded in the state. Therefore, Fripp Island’s sea turtle season begins May 1st and ends October 31st.

There are many species of sea turtles that nest along the coast, but there is one in particular who nests on our beach, which is the Loggerhead sea turtle. The females are the only ones who come ashore, and their only mission is to dig a hole and lay a hundred plus eggs. The same turtle can come up numerous times during one season depositing hundreds of eggs each time. In order for her to be successful at this, she needs a dark beach and to be left undisturbed during the nesting process, which takes close to 2 hours from start to finish. She can weigh as much as 350 pounds and is proficient at swimming in the ocean but walking up on the beach is quite another story. It takes her time to come ashore and find just the right spot to dig a hole and lay her eggs. Once she has decided the best place to do this, she begins her process by using her

rear flippers like small shovels, alternating left and right until she can no longer reach any further into the hole. Now she will begin the process of depositing the eggs. After she finishes depositing the eggs, she must now cover the eggs, again using her flippers to do so. She will then pat down the sand, move forward, and start to disguise the nest area by throwing sand, alternating her flippers. When she feels the nest has been disguised from predators, she will move forward and turn back towards the sea. In about a week or so, this same female may come ashore to start the process all over again. She never returns to the nest to check on the babies, they are on their own and instinctively know just where to go when it is time to leave the nest.

The Fripp Island Loggerhead Patrol has ~30 volunteers who get up with the sun each day to patrol the beach looking for signs of sea turtle tracks. Our volunteers patrol the entire beach 7 days a week looking for sea turtle tracks. A BIG thank you to all of our volunteers for their dedication to protecting the species, as we could not do this without them!! Once a track is encountered, GPS coordinates of the nest site are logged, and photos are taken of the tracks. The patrol proceeds to locate the nest chamber and once found, a DNA egg sample is taken and stored in a vial that will later be sent out for evaluation. A determination is made whether the nest will be safe during the incubation period which is approximately 45 to 60 days. If it is below the mean high tide mark, the nest is then relocated straight back whenever possible. The nest area is protected by enclosing it with poles and tape and SCNDR signage. After the process is completed SCNDR is notified of the day's activity. After a nest hatches, an inventory is done to determine the success/failure of the nest.

As hatchlings normally emerge at hard dark, any artificial light will disorient them. In a perfect world, the hatchlings would use the reflected light of the moon and the stars on the sea to find their way home. However, we like living at the beach as well and we also like our

lights on at night, so we do not fall down. So how do we co-exist with the sea turtles? It is quite simple really, there are many ways to do so. Indoors: We can draw our shades. Outdoors: Shield the light by retrofitting porch lights, use red flashlights on the beach, use a red light app on our phone such as Night Vision Light and do not take any flash photography. We can also button up our large holes we made during the day and remove all our beach chairs and tents. If we leave the beach clear of our fun stuff and keep the beach dark, we can help the sea turtles complete their mission of one hundred million years of carrying on the species. We thank you for your help and support, as our community works together towards the same goal, we can all enjoy these ancient nomads for generations to come! Beaufort County Lighting Ordinance: Ord. No. 99-12, 1 (05.230), 4-26-1999; Ord. No. 2001-15, 6-11-2001

For more information, please visit our website at www.islc.net/~fripplog





Fripp Holiday Brunch

The Fripp Island Women's Club





Jan M. featuring her
Rum Breakfast Punch
Recipe



Iris G. featuring her Challah Bread French Toast





Jan B. featuring her Strawberry Waffles



Sandra S. featuring her Monkey Bread





Sara D featuring her Banana-Fanna Blueberry Bread



Linda B. featuring her fruit and granola





Gayla T. featuring her Breakfast Casserole



Carrie G. featuring her Christmas Treat





Nancy W. featuring
her Chocolate
Peppermint
Cheesecake



Grandma Smith's Christmas Waffles

Jan B.

Christmas morning breakfast has always been strawberries and waffles in our family. It started with my Grandmother and continues with our extended family members across the country sharing photos Christmas morning enjoying the tradition, even though apart we are still together in this tradition. The best strawberries are always the one we pick in the Spring and freeze just for our Christmas breakfast. My Grandmother always used the Betty Crocker cookbook so this is the waffle recipe she used with a few additions.

2 eggs (beat with wire whisk until fluffy before adding dry ingredients)

2 cups all purpose flour

1 tablespoon sugar

4 teaspoons baking powder

¼ teaspoon salt

1 ¾ cups milk or buttermilk (we prefer buttermilk)

½ cup vegetable oil or melted butter (and butter is always better)

We like to add chopped pecans and a teaspoon of cinnamon to the mix also.

Top the cooked waffles with strawberries and "real" whip cream.

Challah Bread French Toast

Iris G.

3 large eggs

1/2 cup whole milk

1/4 c. orange juice

2-3 tbs. white sugar

1 tsp. cinnamon

6-8 slices Challah

2-3 tbs. butter

1 tsp. vanilla

Whisk eggs, then add milk and orange juice, then sugar, cinnamon and vanilla. Transfer to shallow bowl. Soak challah slices in bowl. Melt butter and place slices on cookie sheet on top of the butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes. Serve with maple syrup.

Rum Punch

Jan M.

3-4 glasses

2 oz. lime juice

2 oz. grenadine

6 oz. dark rum (Recommended: Gosling Dark Rum)

4 oz. orange juice

6 oz. pineapple juice

10-12 glasses

1 c. lime juice

1 c. grenadine

3 c. dark rum

2 c. orange juice

3 c. pineapple juice

Recipe from Brian Flynn

Breakfast Casserole

Gayla T.

1 pound hot ground pork sausage (such as Jimmy Dean)
1 ¼ cups (5 oz.) shredded Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon table salt
6 green onions, sliced
1 (13.22-oz.) package mini croissants (about 24), torn
Vegetable cooking spray
3 cups milk
1 cup heavy cream
5 large eggs, lightly beaten
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Gruyère cheese.

Cook sausage 8 minutes in a skillet over medium-high heat, stirring to crumble. Toss together sausage, Parmesan, and next 3 ingredients; arrange in a 13- x 9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray.

Whisk together milk and next 2 ingredients; pour over sausage mixture. Cover and chill 8 hours.

Preheat oven to 350°. Uncover casserole, and sprinkle with Gruyère. Bake 45 minutes or until golden. Let stand 10 minutes. Recipe from Southern Living magazine.

Banana-Fanna Blueberry Bread

Sara D.

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
3/4 cup sugar
3 tablespoons Butter Olive Oil
2 large very ripe bananas, mashed
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 1/3 cups fresh blueberries

Preheat oven 350. Grease and flour 9x5 loaf pan. In a medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder and salt. In a large bowl, whisk sugar, olive oil, egg, vanilla and mashed bananas until smooth. Add in flour mixture and combine gently. Fold in blueberries using a spatula , then pour into prepared pan.

Bake approximately 55 min. Cover with aluminum foil during the last 30 min. to prevent over-browning. Use a toothpick to check center for doneness. Cool in pan for 10 min. Turn onto rack to cool completely.

To serve slice and serve warm or at room temperature. Drizzle with Blueberry Balsamic Vinegar for added blueberry flavor.

Recipe from” As Old As Time “ A culinary odyssey using flavored olive oils and balsamic vinegars. author Michele Castellana Senac

Mother's Pound Cake

Mary J.

This was a cake My Mother always made and it was loved by all family members! Especially my daughter, Jennifer!

2 cups of sugar
2 cups plain flour
1 cup Crisco
6 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream Crisco and sugar, then add one egg and alternate with flour. Finally add vanilla. Bake at 350 for 1 hour and 10 mins.

The cake has a great crust and is even wonderful with butter on top for breakfast. (that is how Jen ate it)



Chocolate Peppermint Cheesecake

Nancy W.

Cooking spray

3 (8-oz.) blocks cream cheese, softened

1 c. granulated sugar

2 large eggs

1/4 c. sour cream

1 1/2 tbsp. all-purpose flour

1 tsp. peppermint extract

1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1/4 tsp. kosher salt

1/2 c. chopped chocolate, plus more for garnish

1/2 c. chopped white chocolate, plus more for garnish

1/2 c. chopped candy canes, plus more for garnish

Oreo Crust

24 Peppermint Oreos

5 tbsp. melted butter

Chocolate Ganache

3/4 c. hot heavy cream

1 1/2 c. semisweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350° and spray an 8" springform pan with cooking spray. Make filling: In a large bowl using a hand mixer (or in a stand mixer using the paddle attachment), beat cream cheese and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, then sour cream, flour, peppermint extract, vanilla, and salt. Gently fold in chopped chocolates and candy canes and set aside.

Step 2

Make crust: In a food processor or in a large Ziploc bag, crush Oreos into fine crumbs. Stir with melted butter until completely moist.

Step 3

Add crust to prepared pan and pack tightly.

Step 4

Pour over filling and place pan on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until center is only slightly jiggly, about 1 hour. (If you want to use a water bath to ensure no cracking, wrap springform pan in foil and place springform pan in a deep-sided roasting pan. Pour boiling water into roasting pan until it reaches halfway up the springform pan.)

Step 5

Turn off oven and let cheesecake cool in oven 1 hour (this step is optional but prevents cracking).

Step 6

Refrigerate cheesecake until completely chilled, at least 4 hours but preferably overnight

Step 7

Before serving, make chocolate ganache: Pour hot cream over chocolate chips and let sit, 5 minutes. Stir until all chocolate is melted. (If ganache seems too thin, refrigerate 5 minutes.)

Step 8

Spread ganache over chilled cheesecake and garnish with more chopped chocolate and candy canes.

Step 9

Refrigerate 10 minutes before serving to let ganache harden.

Recipe from delish.com

2022 ANNUAL SECURITY CHRISTMAS FUND

What is the Christmas Fund

The annual Christmas fund for our Security Team was created by Fripp Homeowners some 10 years ago to acknowledge the tremendous efforts our Security Team perform throughout the year. It was felt that each homeowner would make a contribution that would be paid individually to all security staff at Christmas time. The objective was to help the Security Team with their Christmas expenses.

This is our (homeowners) fund not a POA or board member fund. It is OURS.

Our Security Team

We have a 24/7 force that operates 365 days a year. Our Team consists of only 17 full time officers and 4 part time officers. We are a resort island and during the "season" we have up to 9000 weekly population to protect, plus their normal duties.

Leadership Team

We are Linda and Ralph Burchfield and we have owned on Fripp since 1996 and lived here permanently since 2009. We are proud to lead the homeowners Security Christmas Fund. We understand how easily it is to accept daily security activities that are keeping our island safe, especially if you are not directly involved.

Like many of you, we have had the need to contact security for help or advice. Our results were always the same, a friendly smile and a professional outcome.

As a POA board member for 6 years, I saw first-hand the professional response and support from our Security Team during two recent Hurricanes and other major issues. We all know that the past two years have not been a walk in the park.

Even if you have not called to report a rattlesnake in your garage, a gator on your back porch or any other unwanted guest I am asking you to contribute what you wish to this year's homeowner Security Christmas Fund.

My Donations

There is no amount that is specifically recommended. Some businesses and particular homeowners significantly assisted by security made larger donations. Last year we had 476 donations (2138 homes) 57% up on the previous year. However only 23% of homeowners on Fripp made a donation. It is more about the number of donations that makes our annual fund a success. Give what you wish out of the kindness of your heart to a great cause.

Checks are to be made out to Linda Burchfield with a note in the memo FOR FI SECURITY CHRISTMAS FUND.

Mailed to or cocktail box of Ralph and Linda Burchfield at 109 Ocean Point Dr. Fripp Island,



Love to write? Share your stories, photos or ideas for The Trawler.

Send your submissions for consideration to the Editor: communications@frippislandliving.com

2023 Trawler Schedule and Deadlines

Issue and Release Date

Article Deadline

Winter Issue (January 2023)

Due date Thursday 1/12/23

Spring I Issue (March 2023)

Due date Thursday 2/23/23

Spring II Issue (May 2023)

Due Date Thursday 4/27/23

Summer Issue (July 2023)

Due Date Thursday 6/29/23

Fall Issue (September 2023)

Due Date Thursday 8/31/23

Holiday Issue (December 2023)

Due Date Thursday 11/30/23

a look back at 2022...







WAYS TO RELIEVE YOUR HOLIDAY STRESS



*Submitted by Stacie Thrush,
Editor*

Let's be honest, we try to stay in holiday spirit, but sometimes things can get a bit hectic.

There's so much planning and preparing, that sometimes we can let ourselves get overwhelmed or stressed.

The good news - there are things you can do to help minimize those unwanted feelings.

The Mayo Clinic offers these helpful suggestions.

Source:
[Mayo Clinic](#)

- 1. Plan ahead.**
With all the gatherings, some of those may end up overlapping. Make sure you can attend before committing. If you are the host, create a menu and list to help stay organized.
- 2. Say no.**
It's OK to pass on holiday commitments if you feel too overwhelmed. They also suggest sharing your to-do list with other family members.
- 3. Plan spending.**
Make a budget and stick to it to keep your spending from spiralling out of control.
- 4. Create relaxing surroundings.**
Music, candles, or open windows can boost your mood.
- 5. Maintain healthy habits.**
A little exercise can go a long way physically and mentally. Especially when this time of year is known for over indulging.
- 6. Share feelings.**
Accept any feelings you may have and open up to others.
- 7. Respect differences.**
Some may have different viewpoints and there may be tension. Try to focus on the positive.
- 8. Be realistic.**
Don't worry about perfection, just enjoy the time spent together.
- 9. Take a break.**
Go for a walk, take a nap, read a book, or watch your favorite movie. Taking some time for yourself can help relieve tension.

Deck The Tree Event

We want to see how you bring the holidays to life inside your home during our Deck the Tree event!

Think you know your way around a roll of ribbon garland?

Well, join the festivities!

Enter in Traditional or Coastal Theme Category

Event sponsored by the FIPOA Community Involvement

1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes to be awarded in each category
Winners will be announced on December 22nd

To enter, snap a photo of your tree and email to:
frippislandpoafun@gmail.com
by Dec 20th at 4:30 PM





The FIWC is sponsoring the Born to Read Program again this year.

Born to Read is a program that promotes early literacy to
parents and children in Beaufort.

Why is this program so important?

Parents are their children's most important teachers, but not all parents are aware of this important fact. The Born to Read program encourages them to read regularly to their children starting at birth. In this way, the development of cognitive skills can be enhanced, vocabularies developed, and later, readiness for school. The road to literacy truly begins at birth.

How does the program work?

Trained volunteers visit new parents in Beaufort Memorial Hospital. They discuss with the parents the importance of daily reading with their babies and the vast majority of these parents sign up to receive quarterly newsletters which provide developmentally appropriate language activities for infants up to the first fifteen months of life. The volunteers also bring a gift bag for the baby containing 2 books, a bib, a shirt and other informational items. Books are also provided for older siblings.

How does the FIWC help and what do we do?

We collect new and gently used books. These books can be in either English or Spanish. Starting Tuesday, November 1st, books can be placed in collection boxes at the Fripp Island Library at the Community Center, or placed in donation boxes at both the November Women's Club Meeting, November 16th, or at the Christmas Luncheon, December 14th. This will be our last day for collection. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made out to *Born to Read*. (Checks can also be dropped off at 514 **Remora Circle** (not Remora Drive) in Linda Ball's cocktail box.) **Further questions.....**You may contact Linda Ball, (843) 812-4222, lballpres@yahoo.com or Kathlyn Gray, (843) 812-4557, kg449@aol.com. (Outreach Committee, FIWC)

This is an island-wide effort for Born To Read that is sponsored by the FIWC and you don't have to be a member of FIWC to give the opportunity of better literacy to children. Checks can be made out to Born To Read and may be placed in Linda Balls's cocktail box and book donations can be dropped off at the library.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Stormwater/Drainage Project at Front-of-Island

Stormwater pipe delivery has been confirmed, and Malphrus Construction began work on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, with an estimated completion date of the end of January 2023. During this time, it is asked that all owners and guests be cautious and aware of construction activities that will be ongoing at the front of the island. Please beware that there will be additional equipment, workers, and congestion as you enter and exit the island, and we do anticipate minor delays, lane closures, and inconveniences during this time.

New Homeowner Decals

The all blue decals expired on November 3. If you haven't applied for the new decals, you can do so and indicate whether you want the decals mailed or if you want to pick those up at the FIPOA Office. We require license tag information for all vehicles before we can

issue decals. Also, please keep in mind that decals will only be issued for lineal family members, and we do need the section marked "relationship to owner" on the form filled out. If a request comes in incomplete, or for more than five decals without the requisite \$50 per additional decal, we will not be able to process the request. Please go to frippislandliving.com to fill out the decal application form.

Deer Count 2022

Bob Hess reports a group of 120 members conducted a deer count on October 4. The count resulted in 423 deer on Fripp Island. Bob did raise a concern about new home construction activity over the past decade that has reduced wildlife and deer habitat. To address that, he wanted to know if the Board or members was interested in FIPOA open space purchases and creating a conservation easement program where property owners could get a tax credit for keeping their lots as open space with a conservation easement on it.



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Maintenance Update

- The sand volleyball court at Davis Love Park has been renourished with a fresh layer of sand, and a new net has been installed.
- A new basketball net has also been installed at Davis Love Park.
- Swings have been reinstalled at Davis Love Park, Porpoise Drive, and Sunset Park on Bonita Drive.
- The swing at the end of the Audubon Trail is still in place but will need to be replaced soon.
- The swings at Blue Gill Park and the water tower on Tarpon need to be replaced and still need to be reinstalled.

The Board approved a contract with Association Reserves to conduct a 2023 reserve study and updates in 2024 and 2025 to recommend annual capital reserve funding contribution plans and forecast for existing and projected FIPOA capital assets for the next 30 years.

Starting in December, the Board will highlight monthly at its board meetings the status of FIPOA annual and special assessment collections. The Board will also provide a dashboard summary of special assessment revenue and expenditure status on a quarterly basis.

An engineering firm will assess long-term solutions to maintain consistent access to beach access points 1A, 29, and 32. Both the Stormwater Master Plan RFP and Pavement and Gravel Road Management RFP have been sent to engineering firms for responses. The award of these service contracts is scheduled for January 21, 2023.

The Board has requested the Security Department pursue additional surveillance, patrol, and security measures to abate nuisances and misbehavior at Blue Gill park.



MENS Nine Hole Golf League

Contributed By: Mike Wilt

During the time period from the beginning of July to mid-November weather was only a factor for a couple Wednesdays. Due to low turnout several times actual games were not recorded every Wednesday. Participation in the group remains below the number of players we would like to see. With the nine-hole league there are no skill level requirements, so interested players are encouraged to come out and give it a try. Also, the ability to play only nine holes as opposed to 18 certainly reduces the time commitment for this golf group and may appeal to those who do not want to commit to a full 18-hole event. All are welcome to join. Ken Anton is currently the President and Charles Middleton the Treasurer so you can contact either of them

via email on Foretees if you are interested in joining or inquire at either of the pro shops for more information. Or just show up on Wednesday mornings. Games during this time frame were Team Stableford, Two Low Net, Individual Stableford, One Low Net, and Flags.

Closest to the pin winners were Ken Anton three times, Charles Middleton, Rick Ward, Joe Sullivan, and Rodney Walker twice each, and Rick Stein, Joe Studer, Frank Davis and David Moore once each. And the golf course prevailed on several of the outings as nobody was able to reach the green on the designated hole.



Winners during this stretch from July to mid-November were Perminder Bindra eight times, Joe Sullivan seven times, Ken Anton and Ed Smith six times, Rick Stein and Rodney Walker four times, Rick Ward three times, Frank Davis and Bob Smith twice, and Charles Middleton, Duffy Howard, Jim Fraser, David Mandelbaum, Joe Studer, David Webber and Chuck Carron once each..

The group has tentative plans to have a dinner event in January and to have a match with the nine-hole women as well.

During December the group will play at Ocean Point and in January at Ocean

Creek, beginning at 9:00 am for the winter months. The current roster of the men's nine-hole group stands at 24. Annual dues remain a bargain at only \$15 per year.

The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group and you need to register before noon on any Tuesday before the Wednesday event.

To sign up to play every
Wednesday morning go to
the website at

<http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>



Tis the Season for Giving and Taking

Stacie Thrush, Editor

The holidays are one of the most giving times of year, and unfortunately there are people that take advantage and use the opportunity to scam you out of money. It's not only during the holidays, it's all year long that we have to keep our guard up and be vigilant. Scammers use many different methods, phone calls, texting, email, and social media, and they use many different aspects, such as unpaid bills, banking issues, and even pretending to be friends and family in order for you to give money or gift cards. The Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice offers these tips on ways to avoid a scam.

Signs That It's a Scam

Scammers pretending to be from an organization that you know. They might use the Social Security Administration, the IRS, utility or tech company.

They can use technology to change phone numbers that appear on your caller ID.

Scammers say there's a problem or a prize

Often scammers will tell you that you are in trouble with the government or owe money, someone in your family is in trouble or that you have a computer virus. Sometimes they will say there is a problem with an account and need you to verify information. Others may say you won money or a prize and have to pay a fee to receive it.

Scammers will pressure you

Scammers want you to act before you think. They may try to keep you on the phone, or threaten to arrest you, sue you or they may say your computer is about to be corrupted.

Scammers will tell you to pay in a certain way

They often insist on using cryptocurrency, wiring money or gift cards. Some will send you a check to deposit that turns out to be fake.

How to Avoid a Scam

Block unwanted calls and text messages.

Don't give out your personal or financial information

Resist pressure to act immediately

Know how scammers tell you to pay - Never pay with wire transfer or gift cards and never deposit a check and send money back to someone.

Stop and talk to someone you trust

Before you do anything else, tell someone like a family member, friend or neighbor what is happening and that could help you realize it's a scam.

You can report scams to the FTC:
<https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>

Social media can be a popular way to attempt a scam because there are lots of information available. Scammers will often replicate your friends and family social media, or they can sometimes take over their social media account. If you get a message or email from a friend that

seems unusual, contact your friend directly. If you have connected with a scammer on social media, you can take steps to secure your account and report the activity.

Do not open any suspicious texts, pop-up windows or click on any links or attachments in text messages and emails. And never respond to a request asking for remote access to your computer to fix a problem or install something.

It's also a good idea to choose passwords that would be difficult for others to guess and to update them regularly. A good password should include a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols, and shouldn't be used for multiple accounts or shared with anyone.

Finally, be careful when shopping online. Beware of offers that seem too good to be true and always use an online shopping service that you know and trust.

Remember that scammers can target anyone, at anytime, in many different ways. Keep your guard up and take precaution to protect yourself from criminals.

Sources:

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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**

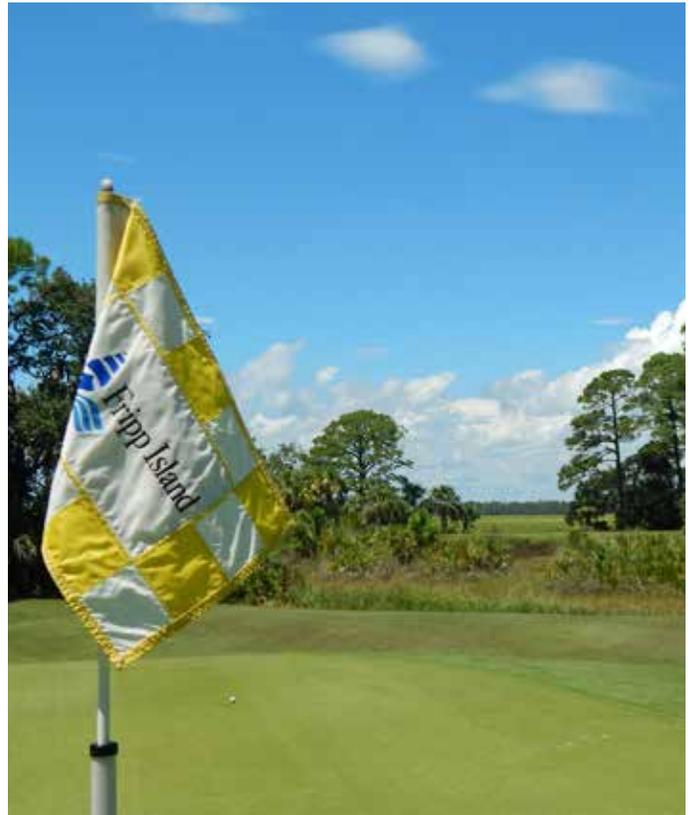
Yearly dues: \$35

Can join anytime

For info Contact:

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PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST 2022



Congratulations to our winners in the Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by FIPOA Community Involvement.



FIPOA WEBSITE

www.frippislandliving.com

If you do not have a user name and password, send an email to contact@frippislandliving.com and we will get you set up.

Homeowners can find the following items on the website:

Online forms for vehicle decals and ARB.

Weekly updates from the FIPOA

Board meeting minutes and agendas, governing, financial and covenant documents, hurricane information, Island directory, security information and so much more!



a look back at 2022...









Fripp Island Women's Group

November 16, 2022 Meeting



Sarah starts the meeting with a Blessing



Welcoming our new Chief of Security
Christian Gonzales

Guest Speaker Tina Vander Waal

The Art of Shells into Silver



Layout by Carrie Gibson

Children's Corner

with Mary T. Jacobs

**Quote of the Month: "There are three ways to ultimate success
The first way is to be kind.
The second way is to be kind.
The third way is to be kind."
(According to Mr. Rogers)**

As I look back on this year, I am amazed how quickly the days, weeks and months have passed! I once heard the older you get the faster the time passes. I DO believe that is true. This month I want to share a sweet Christmas poem with you and then ask you to write a poem about Christmas.

After you have completed the poem, please share with two children and three adults. It will be fun!

Mistletoe
BY WALTER DE LA MARE

Sitting under the mistletoe
(Pale-green, fairy mistletoe),
One last candle burning low,
All the sleepy dancers gone,
Just one candle burning on,
Shadows lurking everywhere:
Someone came, and kissed me there.

Tired I was; my head would go
Nodding under the mistletoe
(Pale-green, fairy mistletoe),
No footsteps came, no voice, but only,
Just as I sat there, sleepy, lonely,
Stooped in the still and shadowy air
Lips unseen—and kissed me.

Please draw a picture to illustrate the poem.
Be sure to share your drawing with at least two children.

Special Assignment:

Since we are focused on kindness and Christmas, I would like for you to write 5 ways you can be kind to someone without spending any money. Please share this with three children.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Merry Christmas





2022 Fish of the Year. This over 100 pound Wahoo not only is near a record but is hard to beat in great eating. Caught by Captain George and Mick Csernia on Miss Lia

HOLIDAYS BRING GOOD WINTER FISHING

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison

During the holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years brings owners and guests to Fripp to enjoy the festivities our beautiful island, Fripp transfers into a great winter wonderland with great boating and fishing. The winter birds migrate here and while fishing slows they remain hungry and good catching.

FISHING REPORT

INSHORE: Look for deep water holes where you will find fair catches of Redfish, Trout, Black Drum, Whiting and a few Flounder.

NEARSHORE: Drydock, Tire/Fripp Reef, 6

HI: Good catches of Blackbass, some Trigger. Blackdrum, and large Redfish.

OFFSHORE: Catches of Wahoo, and and some Kingfish being caught.

The marina and excursion office will remain in full swing for your fishing and boating needs. The excursion office remains open with a Rent-A-Center with carts boats and more.

The Marina Deli is hard to beat with great food and treats and the marina has fishing and boating supplies, We are lucky to have a great island like Fripp. I want to thank the Wardle family for being great stewards of our beautiful island and wish them the best. Remember "Fripp Is Not Perfect But Is Darn Close."



Mick Csernia of Beaufort hauled in this 73 lb. Amberjack on Miss Lia. Surprise! It was good eating and plenty of it!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT NETS 107 HAPPY KIDS

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison

Thanksgiving on Fripp was the place to be even though the weather could have been better, Santa was everywhere. The parade, the festivities, and to top it off, a great Kid's Fishing Tournament.

The tournament netted 107 kids fishing and best of all, with their parents not watching TV or living on cell phones.

Lewis Turner and Jeff Pickney thanked Chef Dee Doolittle for his financial support, as well as the tournament chef.

The kids not only caught fish, but they had free food, refreshments and prizes.

Hats off to the Fripp Company for their financial support and the parents for spending time with their Kids. A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Happy dad and daughter and junior did not want to take his fish off the hook.



WGA

Woman's Golf Association



2022 In Review

Fall Is Upon Us...Time To Play Golf

"Crisp air, pretty leaves, yoga pants, hot coffee & golf!!! We love fall - it just doesn't get better!!!"... And with the advent of fall, the FIWGA ramps up on tournament play:

The FRIPP Island WGA Championship

The Fripp Island WGA Championship is a grueling test of individual skill levels in a two day format. After taking the scores from day 1, then adding the scores resulting from day 2... the winner is the player with the lowest number of total strokes for the 2 day play.

The FIWGA Champion in a decisive win was Joanne Aldrich. A "champion" is defined as "a person who has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition"... and Joanne certainly met and exceeded those requirements. Honors also go to Linda Ashby as the gross score winner - flight 1, Jan Bialas as the gross score winner-flight 2, Allison Baker as the net score winner-flight 1 and Flo Kamradt as the net score winner- flight 2. Congrats to all!!! What a fun and competitive event!!!

Grab Your Member Partner And Duel It Out At The Annual Member/Member Tournament!!!

Everyone agrees...team golf is a fun event, as the partners "egg and ham" their skill levels to produce the lowest total score in a 2 day tournament format. In the first round, the best partner score wins the hole...but in round 2 of this tournament , both scores are added together for the total number of team strokes. All rules are in place, no "do overs" can be taken and no "equitable (no max score) is the name of the game.... Brutal...but definitely exciting!!! And this year...an additional factor...Hurricane Ian was in the area, which resulted in **big** winds to battle and ultimately...the rescheduling of the second day play. The tournament was finally finished in early November (started in October) and the winning honors go to the team of Barbara Hess and Linda Ashby with a 14 stroke lead over the next team!!!

Don't Miss Out...You Should Join The Fun In 2023!!!



Let's Play
Golf

Contact: Freida Murphy
Call 803-417-4760 - freidawmurphy@gmail.com

The Fripp Island Women's
Golf Association

The Coastal Cup...Fripp vs Dataw

Another exciting tournament was completed starring the Fripp Island WGA against the Dataw WGA. In the spring of this year, Fripp achieved a solid win of 18.5 points to 13.5 points. However, in the fall version of this tournament, Dataw equalized the overall 2022 year, with a 14 point to 10 point win.. Looks like the Fripp team will be counting the days until the next opportunity for a win arises in 2023!!! The tournament was followed by a fabulous lunch and a great time was had by all!!!



Joanne Aldrich
04/29/22
Ocean Creek
Hole #12



Kathy Lynch
01/31/22
Ocean Point
Hole #11



Flo Kamradt
09/06/22
Ocean Point
Hole #2

Special recognition to Joanne Aldrich for her eagle on 09/27/22 – Ocean Point = Hole #5

Remembering Murphy

"No longer by my side, but forever in my heart."



Luna Mediterranean House Gecko

Hemidactylus turcicus



Submitted by Kathryn Schulz, Head Naturalist, Fripp Island Resort

Range and Behavior:
As the name would suggest, these geckos are found in Mediterranean areas. They are most commonly found in countries like Cyprus, Turkey, and Spain.

However, they were introduced to the United States around 1915, and since then have become an invasive species; currently ranging all the way down to Panama. Due to the pet trade and people releasing these animals into the wild, this gecko has experienced a widespread introduction.

For this reason, we are unable to release Luna into the wild because of their invasive nature, so we will make her life here as comfortable as we can!

Like their name implies, they are most commonly found in people's homes! They like dark, moist areas where they can feed on small insects. House Geckos are docile in nature; however, if threatened they will drop

their tail as a defense mechanism! Dropping their tail, also called autotomy, is a way for them to get away from the predator. The predator will become too occupied with the tail (that can still move after it is dropped!), so that the gecko can escape! After a while, their tail will grow back, though it may not look exactly like it did originally. If you look at Luna's tail, you can see that it looks a little different than the rest of her body!

That being said, their docile nature makes them perfect companions for reptile lovers. Luna is a little more shy than others, but you can see her in her enclosure if you look into her log!

Diet and reproduction:

House Geckos are insectivores, meaning they primarily eat insects! Luna loves her mealworms and crickets! These geckos have a

wide breeding season, ranging from August through December, although it is most likely longer here due to the warmer weather.

The females can have up to 7 clutches a year, with each clutch having about 2-3 eggs. The eggs are small (about 1/3rd of an inch in length!) and unlike other reptile eggs, theirs are hard! This is to protect the inside from moisture loss and the outside from injuries.

She will lay her eggs under leaves, in the soil, or in small crevices. Afterwards, she will leave them to develop on their own, providing no parental care for her young.

Luna was found here on Fripp, and we love having her at the Activity Center! Stop by and say hello to this beautiful, yet invasive, reptile!



To stop the rushing forward

Submitted by: Nancy Wingenbach

Written on: 01/11/2022

Behind me, the marsh slips beneath the rising sea. As the tide rolls back, less green appears and more white sand remains. Slowly the sea waters inch by inch assume ownership of the marsh. As the grasses release their space, there is less space for the Herons to stand one-footed and graze among the grasses for food. The images diminish. Through this simple enveloping of the marsh, springs the complexity of climate change.

Across our world, nature is changing the balance. Melting glaciers, rising tides, warmer sea waters, stronger winds, troubled weather, fewer green spaces, less feeding opportunities for large and small animals. Humankind has trampled through the "multi-species inhabited world", lifted the gases, littered the earth with plastic wastes, swallowed up and populated vast areas and inconvenienced the normal weather patterns for human-created conveniences.

As nature responds to the ocean debris, the burned forests, the arid lands, the destruction of eco-systems, species of her population fade into "never-again". Richard Powers in *Bewilderment* captures the screams and the pain of the extinguishing species as they disappear from the earth.





How can we not see, how can we not hear, how can we not feel and how can we not recognize those that are saying “goodbye”? We must wake the human species to the destruction of our world, to the descent into Dante’s Inferno’s 9th Circle – “treachery” against the gifts that God gave.

We must do this one person, one act at a time. We must do more than cry out. We must join in battle one by one against the destructive process. We must demonstrate and illustrate the consequences of our continuing infection of nature.

Well, even if we have tried and failed to awaken humanity, we must not give up! We must find a way to reverse the rise of the sea, the fading of the marsh grasses, the echos of the dying animals. BUT HOW?

In Flight of the Hummingbird, * the Hummingbird takes a beak full of water to the forest fire. When asked ‘why’ by the other animals, she responds: “I am doing what I can”.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, in the Afterward to this small book, says: “It is up to us as individuals to do what we can, however little that may be.... If we have the capacity to destroy the earth, so, too, do we have the capacity to protect it.... The key thing is a sense of universal responsibility, that is the real source of strength, the real source of happiness.”

Author Michael Nicoli Yahgulanaas, in the final chapter, “A Single Bead of Water”, provides thoughts that summon hope and the possible:

“Solutions to the numerous challenges in our lives are not usually delivered by a thousand warriors marching to a hundred drums and led by a grand general. Effective responses are often small and immediately appropriate – the acts that we as individuals are entirely capable of undertaking.

“When we put away the notion that greatness is essential to success, then we expand into our full capacity. The hummingbird’s faith in the power of the small, and in herself, is illustrated by her heroic contribution – the act of simply doing what she can, alone.”

*Flight of the Hummingbird; A Parable for the Environment by Michael Nicoli Yahgulanaas with Wangari Maathai and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, 2008, Greystone Books

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Contributed By: Rebecca Climer, FICC Board President

Happy Holidays from the Fripp Island Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel

As the Holidays approach, the FICC and All Faiths Chapel wish you and your family the best of the season. In keeping with our annual traditions, we invite you to...

Christmas Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. All Faiths Chapel

Join us for a Fripp Island tradition. Your fellow Frippers will be singing, both solos and as part of the All Faiths Chapel choir, and reading scriptures that will highlight the Christmas story. We hope to see you there.

2022-23 Pledge Drive

This is also the time of year that we ask for Frippers to pledge their support of the Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel. The Centre runs on the generosity of Frippers who give of their time and resources to keep the Centre open and available for the myriad of activities held there. This year's goal is \$50,000 which represents about half of the annual operating budget. The form on the next page and we thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Rebecca Climer, President
Fripp Island Community Centre Board of Directors



FICC 2023 Fund Drive Pledge Form

For the upcoming calendar year, we will be coordinating a pledge drive from October 15 to January 31, 2023. We greatly appreciate your consideration of supporting the Fripp Island Community Centre.

Name _____

Address on Fripp Island _____

Email _____

Your one time gift \$ _____

Or, your pledge:

Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly \$ _____

Please fill out if there have been any changes:

Mailing address _____

_____ ZIP _____

Mail to:

Fripp Island Community Centre
205 Tarpon Blvd
Fripp Island, SC 29920

Or drop off in the CC cocktail slot or donations box, in the vespers collection, or give to an Officer.

Many, many thanks and Merry Christmas!

Rebecca Climer, President
Fripp Island Community Centre Board of Directors

Captain Ralph's Cooking Corner

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison



ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY LEFTOVER TURKEY AND HAM

TURKEY PARMESAN

2 turkey cutlets or pieces	1/2 cup flavored dry bread crumbs
1 egg	2 tbs. olive oil
Salt and Pepper	1 cup marinara sauce
1/4 c. Parmesan cheese	4 oz. mozzarella cheese sliced

In a shallow plate, beat egg with a fork until frothy. Stir in small amounts of salt and pepper.

Mix parmesan cheese and bread crumbs on a large piece of wax paper. Dip turkey in egg, then in crumb mixture, coating well. Brown turkey on both sides in hot oil in a large skillet. Spoon marinara sauce over turkey. Top with cheese slices. Cover skillet and continue cooking over low heat until cheese is melted and the turkey is tender and enjoy. Serves 2 (double for 4)

HAM LOAF

2 lbs. ground ham	2 eggs
1 c. milk	2 lbs ground pork
1 c graham cracker crumbs	1 can tomato soup
1 cup light brown sugar	1/3 c. vinegar
1 Tbsp. dry mustard	

Mix and form loaf and bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hrs basting frequently.

EASY BAKE HOLIDAY COOKIES

Assorted Publix Market Cookies 1 holiday table

Enjoy!

Pritchards Island

by Stacie Thrush, Editor



The morning of October 25th, I got word that the “Pritchards Island House” was being demolished. It was a very foggy morning, but I grabbed my camera and went to the end of Tarpon where I stood many times before to take pictures of what I consider an iconic landmark; because most people would recognize the building right away, and there were so many photos taken over the years. This was the subject of the very first photo taken here on Fripp Island. I loved it so much that I framed the photo. It was too foggy to see anything, so I went back later in the afternoon. Meghan mentioned that morning that it would be an interesting article for the next Trawler, and quickly realized through Facebook that in fact that there was a lot of interest and questions.

I pulled up to see that most of the structure had already been demolished, so much so it was difficult to understand what I was looking at. I was taking photos when I hear this voice, “Did you bring your drone?”. It was another well known Fripp Photographer that was there to also capture the moment. I told him I was disappointed that I didn’t get to take more photos before the demolition. I was introduced to a really nice couple that said the magic words, “West Virginia”. We had a wonderful conversation about our home state, Fripp Island, and some of the history of the structure, and we watched as it seemed to quickly disappear.

There was something so beautiful about it. I posted these same photos to Facebook and saw many others like me, were sad to see the building go. Some of the comments were “..sunsets on Tarpon won’t be the same.” “I wanted to run away from home and live there.” and “so sad..we should have walked over.” There was even a comment from someone who was able to visit the research facility around 1980 before the beach erosion.

According to FrippIslandStay.com, “Pritchards Island is just southwest of Fripp and is only accessible by boat. This uninhabited island is owned by the University of South Carolina which conducts research on the island and welcomes daily visitors who enjoy strolling along the beaches and enjoying the barrier island’s wildlife and tranquility.

Atlanta businessman Philip Rhodes donated the 1,600 acre island to the University of South Carolina in 1983 with the condition it not be developed commercially but rather used for coastal research.

Students would stay in the “old stilt house”, the Rhodes Research Center, while studying the ecosystems on the island and managing the preservation of the loggerhead sea turtles that nest on the island.

The island is still managed by USCB and is used for education, conservation and research purposes by the University, other state institutions, and the general public.”

According to an article on Beaufort.com “The University of South Carolina Beaufort has unveiled a new preservation plan which will serve all types of people in our community. USCB must now acquire funding to fulfill their intentions from grants and donations.”

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