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**FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**

**2022**

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 19, 2022	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	MARCH 19, 2022	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	APRIL 23, 2022	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	MAY 21, 2022	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	JUNE 18, 2022	9:00 AM
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SATURDAY	DECEMBER 17, 2022	9:00 AM

**FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

**2022**

SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 12, 2022	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	MAY 14, 2022	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	AUGUST 13, 2022	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER __, 2022	TBD



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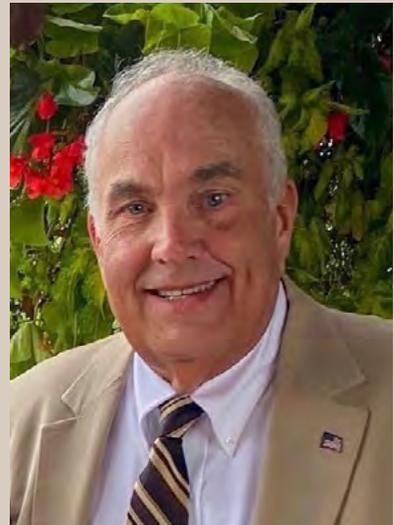
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## 2022 FIPOA Board of Directors



## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS CLASS OF 2024

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. If you missed the emails and the recent introduction at our first Board Meeting and Annual Meeting on January 15th, we would like to official welcome Bob Jordan, Michael O'Brien and Claude "Skip" Shriver as the Newly Elected Directors for the class of 2024.



# Love to write?

## Share Your Story!

**Share your stories, photos or ideas for *The Trawler***

To submit a story for consideration in *The Trawler*, please send your submissions to the Editor:

[communications@frippislandliving.com](mailto:communications@frippislandliving.com)

Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words.

Graphics should be submitted separately and in their final form.

### 2022 Schedule and Submission Dates

Spring Vol I - March, 2022

2/28/22

Spring Vol II - May, 2022

4/29/22

Summer - July, 2022

6/30/22

Fall - September, 2022

8/31/22

Special Election Edition - November, 2022

Holiday - December, 2022

11/18/22



# A NOTE FROM YOUR GM

We welcome another new year here on Fripp! The Community Involvement Committee met recently and they are planning some wonderful events for 2022. Keep watching for details in our weekly update emails and in future issues of the Trawler for more details.

In case you haven't heard, I am resigning from my position as General Manager for the Fripp Island Property Owner's Association, effective February 4, 2022. My remaining time will be used to help wrap up any loose ends and assist in the transition of my responsibilities.

I want to thank the community for their support and the opportunity they have provided me during the last almost four years. It will be very difficult to say goodbye to you and our excellent staff here at the POA.

I have enjoyed my time on Fripp Island. I am proud of all the changes we have made since my arrival. I wish everyone all the best that the future may hold. Fripp Island will always have a special place in my heart.

Once again, we thank you for submissions and ideas for this issue of the Trawler, we hope you will enjoy it and wish you a happy and safe winter season on Fripp Island.

To quote my favorite TV show MASH, "Goodbye, Farewell, Amen".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The script is fluid and cursive, with the "J" being particularly large and stylized.

John Marsh  
General Manager, FIPOA

# Employee Spotlight

**Tell us a little about you.**

*I was born and raised in West Virginia (go Mountaineers!). I graduated with a degree in Communications, pursued graphic art, videography, marketing and radio; which took me all over the country. I met a lot of musicians, actors and comedians. My husband, a South Carolina native, and I put down roots in Beaufort in 2019. I'm married with 3 cats who absolutely rule the house and tell us what to do on a daily basis.*

**What is one thing you like to do in your spare time?**

*Play video games, watch movies and binge watch tv shows.*

**As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

*Originally, a Ghostbuster. Turns out the benefits aren't great and there's not much of a demand for that line of work. My second choice was a Radio DJ.*

**Who is your favorite cartoon character?**

*Spongebob Squarepants.*



**Stacie Thrush**  
Communications Coordinator

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

*I am a musician. I started in high school as a drummer. I was a member of the Johnston's Chapel Praise and Worship Band for several years, while living in Princeton, WV as their bass player. I also play guitar.*



# Plant Protection Into Your Project

Submitted by Jonathan McCarter  
Architectural Review Board, Vice-Chair

Yes...it is true...the little slice of paradise that so many of us call home, well it has been discovered. Yep, there is no doubt in my mind that the Fripp most of us remember and loved so dearly will not be as it once was .... ever again. I thought COVID was a tough adjustment but learning to cope with the idea that development on Fripp has recently increased dramatically in comparison to what has been seen over the past 10 to 15 years is why it is so important now to ensure that the Fripp guidelines and Beaufort County ordinances for residential development are followed and adhered to with the upmost priority that it requires. If not, our slice of paradise may just be in jeopardy.

One of the first things to occur when an undeveloped lot is slotted for development, after all the permits, meetings and approvals, is the clearing and grading of the site to prepare it for construction. It is the most visually drastic change to occur during the construction process and probably the one step that changes each small piece of paradise forever.

That is why Fripp Island, and The Fripp Island Property Owners Association has guidelines, policies, covenants, and restrictions in place for the Fripp Island Architecture Review Board (ARB) to utilize in monitoring and overseeing single family residential development. In addition to the above-mentioned, all property owners must adhere to the Beaufort County Zoning and Planning regulations in addition to any other governmental requirements by any other governmental agency that has jurisdiction.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself again or for the first time with the Amended and Restated Declaration of Covenants for Single Family Residential Properties on Fripp Island. Section 4.7 addresses tree removal.

The document can be found at:<https://frippislandliving.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/1-2009-Covenants.pdf>

In addition to the policy, property owners must also adhere to the Beaufort County Regulations, where information pertaining to tree removal can be found in section “5.11.100 - Tree Protection”.

Beaufort County Code can be accessed at: [https://library.municode.com/sc/beaufort\\_county/codes/community\\_development\\_code?nodeId=ART1GEPR](https://library.municode.com/sc/beaufort_county/codes/community_development_code?nodeId=ART1GEPR)

Failure to comply with either the Fripp Island or the Beaufort County regulations and guidelines, may result in a fine being imposed by the respective party.

As a member of the ARB, I utilize the above information and guidelines when reviewing requests presented to the ARB. This general guidance is the basis for the minimum standards that should be strived for to benefit all on Fripp Island and the future of our slice of paradise.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss further please feel free to reach out to me or any of the ARB members or Meghan Johnson and remember that a little planning and sometimes common sense will foster the protection that Fripp Island deserves.

Questions? Email Meghan Johnson at [MJohnson@FrippIslandLiving.com](mailto:MJohnson@FrippIslandLiving.com)

# a letter from the editor

*“Life is not a race, it is a gift. Enjoy it, don’t rush through it.” – Daniella Kessler*

I took this picture back in the spring of 2021, which seems like yesterday, but here we are Winter of 2022.

I used to laugh at people for saying “time flies” or “where does the time go?”. It really didn’t seem that way growing up. It felt like the school year lasted forever, and it took so long to get to holidays, summer break, and vacations, and all those milestones. Then one day, I blinked and I’m now in my... 20’s..... Ahem. Yes, 20’s.

I’m not sure exactly when I realized those people like my mom were right, but please don’t tell her I said that. I suppose as we get older it seems that way. We see children grow up in a blink. We see seasons and holidays come and go so fast that it almost seems reasonable to just leave up the Christmas decorations at this point.

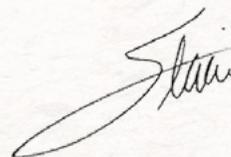
In life, it feels like you are trying to win a race. Hurry and finish school, hurry and get a job, hurry and settle down.... etc. Then it seems we get to a point and we want to hit the brakes so we can enjoy all those things we were racing towards. But time speeds up.

I have found myself in the last few years, at that point in my life. Where I’m trying not to rush and “wish my life away”, as my dad used to say. This has been the perfect place to sort of retrain my brain and change my mindset.

The beautiful scenery of the marsh and the ocean, taking in the breath taking sunrises and sunsets, all the fascinating wildlife and just the general slower pace of the Lowcountry, really makes you pause and just soak it all in. And just for a moment it seems like time stands still and it’s so peaceful and relaxing.

Until the person behind you rides your bumper for doing 40 MPH on the Harbor Island Bridge because you were caught up in looking at beautiful water and the sky was just perfect that day and you were just in awe of it all.

Don’t worry, they will get to this point in life one day too. Thankfully I learned this now in my 20s. \*wink\*





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# Welcome To The Fripp Family

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*Names of home and property owners listed in order by date of purchase.*



## A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF LOWERY

Dear Fripp Island Property Owners,

I value every opportunity that I get to communicate with you and know that words are important but demonstrated behavior is the best way for us to get to know each other. As such, in the near future I will host a “Coffee with the Chief” where we can be in an informal setting, enjoy some refreshments, and have a good conversation. I hope that I listen more than speak, but what I share with you will always come from the heart. I will get the invitation out to you and look forward to getting to know you, your ideas, and your concerns.

I strive to be prepared for things to come and in anticipation of warmer weather your security team is looking at what we can do make the summer a better experience for all. We know that access to the island, the availability of parking, and the delivery of services are always high on the list. We are looking at what has worked and what we can improve on so the “Coffee with the Chief” meeting(s) will be a great venue for proactive problem solving. I believe that to optimize safety and the Fripp Island experience that your security team and our residents need to be partners. We will work at affirming that relationship in everything that we do.

In regard to a current matter, the racoon distemper outbreak has continued and we will monitor and appropriately remove afflicted animals as needed. Fortunately, there haven’t been any incidents involving injury to residents or visitors, nor have there been any incidents involving our pets. Our resident, wildlife consultant and outside resources such as DHEC and a retired DNR veterinarian and naturalist, have been very helpful and optimistic that we will work our way out of this outbreak. Mother nature often takes her time and we are confident that this outbreak will subside.

Thank you to all who have reached out to me, welcoming me to the Fripp Island family. I consider myself blessed to be here and grateful to serve this community. Let’s enjoy 2022 as it unfolds before us and the best to you and yours as we embrace the winter.

Respectfully,

Gene Lowery,  
Chief of Security

## FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE December 31, 2021

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through December 31st each year.

SOLD as of August 31st	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	16	48	112
Condos	30	41	36
Homes	73	152	118
Total	119	241	266

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AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	\$109,933	\$121,446	\$125,882
Condos	\$187,085	\$250,561	\$348,505
Homes	\$439,374	\$517,411	\$671,842
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$203	\$235	\$305
Homes avg. days on market	311 days	361 days	153 days

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### UNDER CONTRACT/PENDING as of December 31st

Year:	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	0	13	5
Condos	0	3	2
Homes	1	27	11
Total	2	43	18

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### NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on December 31st

Year:	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	143	87	45
Condos	31	8	6
Homes	122	27	5
Total	296	122	56

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# local artist spotlight

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

Mary T. Jacobs is a retired middle school principal and college professor. Mary worked at Mercer University and was the coordinator of the Educational Leadership Department. She has two children and three awesome grandchildren. Mary currently resides on Fripp Island, South Carolina. Mary has published many articles and is the author of Inspiring Future Leaders through Coaching and Mentoring. Big Daddy and Friends on Fripp Island is her sixth book in the Big Daddy series.

Be sure to check out the other books: Big Daddy's Secret on Fripp Island, Hurricane on Fripp Island, Rico's Cabo Adventure, Rico's Fripp Island Adventure, Big Daddy and Rico Visit Indian Springs, and Big Daddy and Friends.



Author, Dr. Mary T. Jacobs



Several years back my husband, Rudy and I decided we wanted to have a beach house. We had made of couple of offers on beach houses in Florida. We then decided we would return to Fripp one more time and look at houses. It was a rain storm that day, so our realtor knew we were serious about finding a place. We looked all day and then made an offer on a house in Saw Grass. And here we are...that was in 2004. We rented for house for a while. And then decided we were to down size and move to Fripp in 2016. Great decision. My husband died in 2018 and I stayed. I love this island and my dear friends!

As a child I loved all books, but especially biographies. I was an excellent reader and would look at the last word on the page and wait to hear that word and then look up. I don't think my first-grade teacher even knew about this.

I had several teachers that always encouraged me. The first one was a fourth-grade teacher. I was in charge of writing and producing plays for the class. The next teacher was in fifth grade. She was extremely talented and encouraged me to write. In high school I had an English teacher that really honored my writing skills. She was hard, but excellent. When I was in college and taking English 101, I was the only person in class that passed the first writing assignment. This was due to my high school teacher.

When I was a senior in college, I wrote my goals and one was to become an author. I still to this day do a business plan and goal setting each year.

I have seven published books. The first was on Leadership. I have six children's books and another one at the printer. All my books have good moral values and include Big Daddy facts, so you can learn factual information about the location. You can find them at the following places:

- Barnes and Noble
- Amazon
- Mascot Press
- Tandem Light publishing
- Springtide Market on Fripp
- Mrs. B's in Port Royal
- Zen Den in Port Royal
- Low Country Market in Frogmore
- And of course, you may purchase them from me

I did this as a hobby, but then began making money. So, after expenses I donate a portion to Fripp Island Sea Rescue.

I would advise folks to wish to write is begin. It is also a good idea to have a writing partner to encourage each other, as well join a writing group. To this day I still attend writing classes and workshops.



*If you are a local artist, author, musician, or have a great story to tell for this feature, please email [communications@frippislandliving.com](mailto:communications@frippislandliving.com)*

# Fripp's Oldest Houses



One of Fripp's oldest home has a Chinese look and was originally painted red. Photograph taken in 2004 by Paige Miller

Submitted by Paige Putnam Miller

When I worked for twenty years in Washington as the lobbyist for the historical and archival professions, one of the issues that I monitored was historic preservation. The National Historic Preservation Act, enacted into law in 1966, gave the National Park Service authority to create a national program to identify and protect historical buildings. This program called the National Register of Historic Places generally required buildings to be at least 50 years old in order to be considered for the National Register.

This fall I started to think about the fact that there are many houses on Fripp that are fifty years or older. While I am not advocating that they be listed on the National Register, I was curious as to just how many there were. Betty Pearson, a retired architect, joined me in doing a survey of Fripp's older buildings. One source that was very valuable to us was a large book of plats of Fripp neighborhoods that had been put together by Hugh Turner, who was one of the real estate agents on Fripp in the 1960s and early 1970s. He was a friend of Rich George, a longtime resident of Fripp. After Hugh died, Rich and his wife acquired Hugh's boxes of Fripp records. When I began research on the history of Fripp, Rich George generously gave me many of Hugh's early promotional materials and the book of plats. What has been most helpful were Hugh's markings on the plats. If a lot had been sold, he wrote the name of the purchaser and if a house had been built, he would draw a simple symbol of a house on the lot. The second tool that aided us was a

web site created by Beaufort County that can be found by googling Beaufort County Public Mapping Site. You can enlarge the Fripp Island area until you see individual lots; when you click on a particular lot, information will appear including the name of the current owner as well as the date of construction.

Using these two tools, Betty and I compiled a list of 66 houses that are over 50 years old, having been built between 1963 and 1972. Of course, a few of the earliest houses have been bulldozed to make way for larger and more modern houses. Jack Kilgore, the original developer, envisioned Fripp as an exotic island with a South Pacific flair and thus had an outrigger canoe as a logo, constructed palm frond cabanas on the beach, named the inn La Tai and encouraged houses to have Polynesian features. Two of the early houses that exhibited these traits have been torn down. One, on the south end of Tarpon, combined the classic design of a Lowcountry beach house with a clipped gable roof shaped as a ship's prow and extended supporting beams with trim reminiscent of an outrigger canoe. The other was located on the north end of Marlin and in a design that I called French Polynesian because it had the French mansard roof with curving South Pacific features.

Jack Kilgore and Roy Krell, the resort's chief financial officer, built two of the first houses on Fripp, Kilgore's an example of mid-century modern architecture and Krell's a Dutch Colonial. Both were unlike most of Fripp's houses. In 1964, the year after the bridge was built, Krell's house was completed and shortly afterwards

Kilgore's. The majority of the early houses on Fripp reflected Lowcountry designs with a pronounced overhanging roof to offer protection from the sun, cedar siding to blend in with the environment and often some Polynesian features such as protruding gables on the ends to resemble a ship and supporting beams that extended beyond the eaves. There are many houses on Fripp that resemble this beach house which embodies a number of the above features.

Many of the earliest houses were clustered along the ocean, in Dolphin Annex, in or near Remora Circle, or along Dolphin or Marlin. The neighborhoods of Sawgrass, Fiddlers Trace, and Blue Heron had yet to be developed.

Some of the oldest houses have been renovated extensively and have no resemblance to their original look. One that was once a modest beach cottage is now a 4,939 square foot house. Others have made only minor changes, such as the color of the paint, which is the case of a house that had more of a Chinese look than Polynesian, and is now gray instead of red.

In pondering this topic of Fripp's earliest houses, I was eager to find out how many of these 50-year-old houses were still in the hands of the original owners. I was able to locate four. Pebbles Turbeville and Susan Taylor Murray are current owners and daughters of the original builders. Pebbles's parents, Bill and Barbara Turbeville, were very involved in the early history of Fripp. Bill had been a fraternity brother of Kilgore at the University of South Carolina and became one of the investors in the Fripp La Tai Inn which became the Beach Club. Barbara had wanted a house with an exotic flair and was the first to build in what I have called the French Polynesian style. Susan Taylor Murray's parents, Archie and Liz Taylor, came to Fripp by boat in 1961, purchased a package of lots and built the fifth house on Fripp. Archie subsequently invested in the bonds that financed both the bridge and the first fire engine. Susan is particularly fond of Fripp for as a teenager she met her husband on Fripp and her brother met his wife. Two other original owners, who are now deceased and who built beach front cottages, created family trusts that still have ownership of the property. George Fant, who was an active participant in the early efforts to control beach erosion, created the Fant-A-Sea Family LTD which currently owns the house. John Hardin, who was a key player in the Savings and Loans' purchase of the Fripp Resort in 1972, established the John Hardin Trust, which now owns the house.

This study of Fripp's oldest houses is a work in progress, please contact me if you have any additional information. My e-mail is ppm40@aol.com



Over 30 houses on Fripp are similar to this early house with protruding gables on each end and an overhanging roof. Photography by Page Miller



Early 1970s photo from the Turbeville scrapbook of their French Polynesian home with the Polynesian orange trim.



Current photo of the Turbeville home. Photograph by Pebbles Turbeville.



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# PREDICTED KING TIDES 2022

MAY 15-18

JUNE 13-16

JULY 12-15

AUGUST 10-13

SEPTEMBER 7-10

OCTOBER 26-28

NOVEMBER 23-26

DECEMBER 23-25

## What is a King Tide?

A King Tide is a popular, non-scientific term people often use to describe exceptionally high tides.

Tides are long-period waves that roll around the planet as the ocean is “pulled” back and forth by the gravitational pull of the moon and the sun as these bodies interact with the Earth in their monthly and yearly orbits. Higher than normal tides typically occur during a new or full moon and when the Moon is at its perigee, or during specific seasons around the country.

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/kingtide.html>

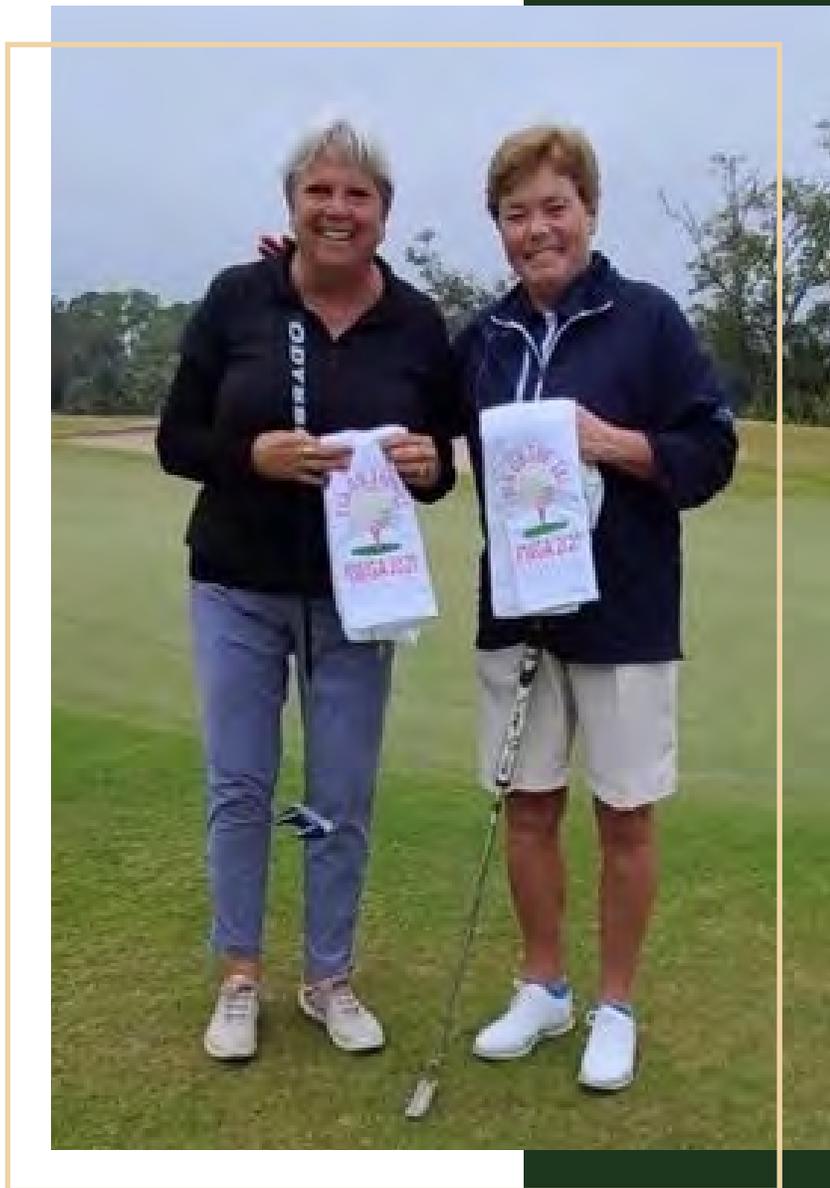
# Goodbye 2021...

# Hello 2022!

*Contributed By:  
Carlene Rogan*

2021 flew out in a flurry, with our infamous Ten on the Tee Tournament. To qualify... during 2021, our WGA golfers accumulated points for their regular Tuesday play. These points resulted from weekly play standings and/or participation in the games. At the end of the year, the top 10 players, as designated by the most points went head-to-head in a match play situation which began, of course, on hole #10 at the Ocean Creek golf course.

The match play format requires the golfer to play individual hole matches, until a winner is declared. On each hole, the golfer with the highest number of strokes is eliminated and everyone else goes on to the next hole...



The event was epic, as the excitement mounted and spectators followed the players in golf carts, reacting to each and every shot...And...in the end...the winner was JERRI MIFFLIN in 1st place and KATHY LYNCH in second place (pictured above)!!!

A round of applause for the following WGA golfers who participated in this fabulous event:

Kathy Lynch  
Joanne Aldrich  
Jerri Mifflin  
Sam Taylor  
Sue Ranieri  
Sandra Stuart  
Annelissa Bindra  
Barb Hess  
Amanda Huber  
Flo Kamradt

Moving into December, a fun time was had with the Jingle Bells Scramble. This event featured a play date between the 18 hole and 9 hole players.

Each team was comprised of 4 golfers, in which 2 golfers normally play with the 18 hole group and 2 golfers play with the 9 hole group. The format was a scramble, with fun and creative instructions on each hole.

For example on one hole, the youngest player had to master the hole, while on another hole, the oldest player had the honors. There were laughs and fun to be had on every single hole!!! The winning team with bells on...no doubt!!!

Freida Murphy  
Carlene Rogan  
Debra Rubenstein  
Jackie Heflin

The golf was followed by a barbecue lunch and various holiday treats!!

And....last but certainly not least, congrats to Jerri Mifflin!!!



Well...that's it for 2021...

We will see you in 2022 and....if you want to join us, try us out of most Tuesdays!!!!

Even better, join the WGA and play every Tuesday!!!

Contact Debbie St John  
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# Deck the Tree Contest Winners



## Coastal Tree Category

1st Place Winner: Dolf Dunn  
(Pictured Above)

2nd Place Winner: Lori Shillingburg  
(top right)

3rd Place Winner: Lester and Lori  
Reynolds (bottom right)

# Deck the Tree Contest Winners



## Traditional Tree Category

1st Place Winner: Brian Shillingburg  
(Pictured Above)

2nd Place Winner: Dolf Dunn (top  
right)

3rd Place Winner: John Derrick  
(bottom right)

# EYES ON THE SKY

## BALD EAGLES

*by Madison Powell, Naturalist  
Fripp Island Golf and Beach Resort*

Fripp Island is well known to be a wildlife sanctuary, especially when it comes to our birds. With over 127 different species of birds on Fripp, that makes us an Important Bird Area or IBA. Around this time, a special and majestic bird sticks out a little more than the others due to it being their breeding season. It's bright white head and striking wingspan makes it one of the most eye-catching species to see. You got it, I'm talking about the Bald Eagle. Other than being this nation's symbol, the bald eagle holds a type of strength on its own.

These massive birds stand at almost three feet tall and possess a wingspan of 6-7 feet. Their maximum weight is only 14lbs and they have a remarkable diving speed of up to 75-99 mph. A bald eagle's lifespan in the wild has increased to at least 20 years due to many conservation efforts.

Originally listed as an endangered species, the bald eagle has now made a comeback, listed now as a least concern. An insecticide used in agriculture called DDT was one of the culprits in almost pushing these birds into extinction.

Runoff from agricultural farms containing DDT would get into our waterways, then into our fish populations. As the eagles would then eat the contaminated fish, they would be ingesting large amounts of the chemical. The chemical resulted in their inability to produce strong eggshells.

The shells were so thin that they would often break during incubation or fail to hatch. They were then listed under the Endangered Species Act in 1967. Once removed from the endangered species list, it was given further protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Since populations have recovered so well it has resulted in numerous breeding pairs around the country. A bald eagle is ready to breed at about 4 to 5 years of age, the white head and tail being signs of maturity. Something special in these birds is that a pair of eagles will mate for life and will continue to mend and use the same nest every year.

Breeding season varies depending on state and area, but for our eagles it's usually in November or December. Around 5-10 days later the female will lay 1-3 eggs. There is an incubation period of at least 35 days. Both males and females are responsible for the incubation warmth the eggs need. Usually while one is with the egg, the other is hunting for both of them. The female will lay one egg at a time and each egg will hatch in order as laid. A hatchling will fledge, develop feathers for flight, at around 10-14 weeks after hatching.

We are aware of at least one breeding pair found on Fripp! Their nest can be found in the marsh near Old House Creek way up into the tallest canopy. We estimate the nest is at least 5ft wide and 7ft deep. We visited the area recently in kayaks and saw both female and male eagles preparing for their young.

There is a rumor floating in the wind that we could possibly have a second pair, but we have yet to see them. Our two eagles play such an essential role in Fripp's goal to remain as a diverse wildlife area. If you see them flying about, tell them the Nature Center says hello!



*Juvenile Bald Eagle, Ocean Creek Blvd. - Photo provided by Linda Sigafos, Fripp Audubon Club*



# NOTHING COULD BE BETTER THAN FISHING IN CAROLINA ON FRIPP ISLAND

*Winter Fishing Looks Good and Fripp Fishing and Boating Hard to Beat*

*Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison*

Fripp Island has been discovered. What do I mean? For over 25 years of writing for the Trawler, Fripp Island was like a hidden secret on the Atlantic coast. This last year many have found Fripp as a great place to visit, vacation or be an owner and enjoy the beach, golf, tennis, lack of commercialism, good island management and some of the best boating and fishing. Our island sits on one of the largest estuary on the Atlantic coast. No secret now; Fripp has been discovered.

Winter fishing has been good. Over the years we have had fair to good fishing with changes in the quantities of fish species. With all the changes we sit on a great place to fish, boat and enjoy great amenities.

## FISHING FORECAST

INSHORE: Blackdrum, Trout, and Whiting: Good; Red fish: Fair

NEARSHORE: Drydock Fripp Reef  
6HI: Good Blackbass, Grunt, Trigger, Vermillion and a few Kings

Deep Water Stream : A few Wahoo, and King's Blackfinn Tuna good

**FRIPP ISLAND IS NOT PERFECT BUT IS DARN CLOSE**

# 2021 ANNUAL FRIPP ISLAND THANKSGIVING KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

What a day for 106 kids. The festive mood from Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays and good fishing, made a great recipe to top off a great Thanksgiving and much to be thankful for. Besides good fishing there were great prizes and food from Chief Doolittle. And one of the best things about the tournament is time with the Kids. Not the TV, Phone, computer, but Mom, Dad or grand parents and mother nature. All the kids were winners but the following were prize winners.

## **Trout**

1st Place: Jack Crocor 1.44 lbs.  
2nd Place: Packer Bordner 1.19 lbs.  
3rd. Place: Shuler Roberts 1.16 lbs.

## **Red Drum**

1st Place: Cora Denison 3.9 lbs.  
2nd Place: Teason Anderson 3.89 lbs.  
3rd Place: Jan Anderson 3.82 lbs.

## **Flounder**

1st Place: Parker Jones  
2nd. Place: Nathan Shguar 2 lbs.  
3rd Oliver Tilton 1.94 lbs.

## **Black Drum**

1st Place: Cooper Rhodes 11.10 lbs.  
2nd Place: Parker Fishborne 11.05 lbs.  
3rd Gibs Fishborne 10.27 lbs.

## **Other Category**

1st Place: Rosic DeBenedo 3.77 lbs. Sheepshead  
2nd Place: Morgan Jones 3.12 lbs. Sheepshead  
3rd Place: Owen Adams 2.85 lbs. Sting Ray

Lewis Turner and Jeff Pickney thanked all the parents and kids for a great tournament. They also thanked Sea Island Marine and Fripp Island Resort for their financial support and the Fripp Island Yacht Club and Fripp Island Sea Rescue for their support. Best of all the Kids Fishing Tournament made Fripp Island the winners

# Virginia Tells Her Story

by Phyllis Conrad

Most of you who live on Fripp Island know me. You see me standing on the porch at Phyllis Conrad's house waving to everyone. I have a very happy life, as my only job is to make people smile.

I first started coming to Fripp in 1992 from Hilton Head where I lived with some of the Conrad's friends. Every summer when the Conrad family arrived from Oklahoma for their 2-week vacation, I came over for my vacation as well. I used to be seen on the beach lying on a beach towel or standing with my usual wave. In 1995 I played Ginger of Gilligan's Island in the 4th of July parade.

When the Conrad's bought their house in 1997, they invited me to come and live with them. I brought my extensive wardrobe and settled into my life here. For the most part it has been a blast. My wardrobe is fun as I have outfits for all the major holidays as well as other seasonal things. I even have 2 mink coats for those rare winter blasts.

I have attended 3 weddings. The first one was on Fripp, and then I went to one in Charleston, and then to Chattanooga. I went to Florida in 2003 with Phyllis to her high school reunion. There were more pictures taken of me than any of her classmates.

One of the scariest days of my life was a few years ago when I was kidnapped off the porch and dumped in the woods over in Fiddler's Trace. My kidnappers didn't know how to handle me and dropped my arms close to home. I wasn't discovered for a couple of days. Fortunately some workers did find me and knew where I lived so I made it home very battered and bruised. I had to be patched up with a lot of skin-colored duct tape.

A couple years later I was again removed from my spot on the porch and gently walked up the street a few houses and set up in a driveway. There was no harm done this time.

And just a couple of weeks ago, a young man approached me and tossed me from the balcony of my home. A few pieces of me remained and the rest was taken. This time, I was under surveillance with a home security camera that was purchased by some kind neighbors after those other kidnapping incidents. The photos and surveillance footage was shared on social media and people searched for answers about my disappearance.

Only a few days later, the young man drove me back to my home and returned me along with a note of apology and financial restitution. I'm so grateful that he did the right thing, and I am back where I belong, unharmed. And I am grateful for the love and support of the community in helping me get home. I hope that this never happens again. You can see as a result of these incidents, I've gone through some changes over the years.

As I said at the beginning, my only job is to make people smile, so if you "Frippers" have family or guests on the island who want to wave at me, just call Phyllis. She will get me set up.



Pictured bottom left: The original Virginia  
Pictured top right: An earlier version of Virginia  
Pictured bottom right: This was just before Virginia was taken recently. Everything was returned except her hat.



**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**

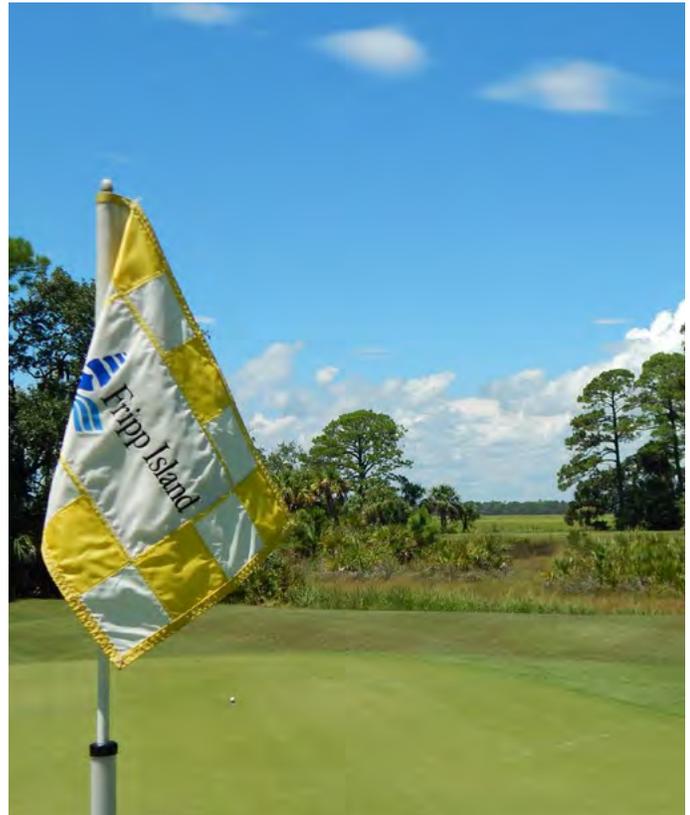
**Yearly dues: \$35**

**Can join anytime**

**For info Contact:**

**Louise Flynn : LFlynn52@hotmail.com**

**Carrie Gibson: fripp2017@gmail.com**



# Children's Corner

with Mary T. Jacobs

## Quote of the month:

"Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected" -Steve Jobs

Dear Fripp Parents and Children,

This month I would like for us to focus on math facts as well as read about several different authors. I would like to suggest to you to read the following authors. Please select two to three titles by the author and determine what you have noticed about the style of writing.

1. E.B. White
2. Stephen Manes
3. Ezra Jack Keets
4. Mary T. Jacobs

Please look for traits and or settings that are similar.  
This will be fun!



# Math Busters Addition Facts

It is very important for students to learn math facts. Please use this chart for your child to study facts daily until they have mastered them!

Directions:

1. Student will practice by themselves for 10 minutes daily
2. Concentrate on two fact families per week
3. Parent or study partner will call out facts for your student
4. Practice facts again for 10 minutes
5. Your parents will let you know when you all will have a contest.

Parents you can print these facts and glue them to a file folder and laminate. Then your child can take them with them to practice

## Math Twins

$1+1=2$	$2+2=4$	$3+3=6$	$4+4=8$	$5+5=10$	$6+6=12$	$7+7=14$	$8+8=16$	$9+9=18$
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Count by 2's

2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18

Count by 3's

3	6	9	12	15	18	21

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$1+1=2$	$2+1=3$	$3+1=4$	$4+1=5$	$5+1=6$	$6+1=7$	$7+1=8$	$8+1=9$	$9+1=10$
$1+2=3$	$2+2=4$	$3+2=5$	$4+2=6$	$5+2=7$	$6+2=8$	$7+2=9$	$8+2=10$	$9+2=11$
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I hope you enjoy your assignments. Have a wonderful January!



# MENS Nine Hole Golf League

*Contributed By: Mike Wilt*

Winter weather has not been a problem for the men's nine-hole golf group as they were able to play on all seven of the designated Wednesdays during this time period. Participation in the group remains below the number of players we would like to see and there are no skill level requirements. 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. Games during this two-month time frame were Team Stableford, Individual Stableford, Bear Creek, and One Low Net.

After being delayed twice due to COVID concerns the nine-hole club championship finally took place on December 1st at Ocean Point and December 8th at Ocean Creek with 13 golfers participating. Winner of the two-day event was Perminder Bindra, followed by Bob Smith in second place and Ed Smith in third. Unfortunately, the nine-hole banquet that has also been postponed several times is still not able to be held safely. Hopefully that will occur within the next few months.

Closest to the pin winners were Joe Sullivan and Bob Smith twice and Richard Ward and George Lewandowski



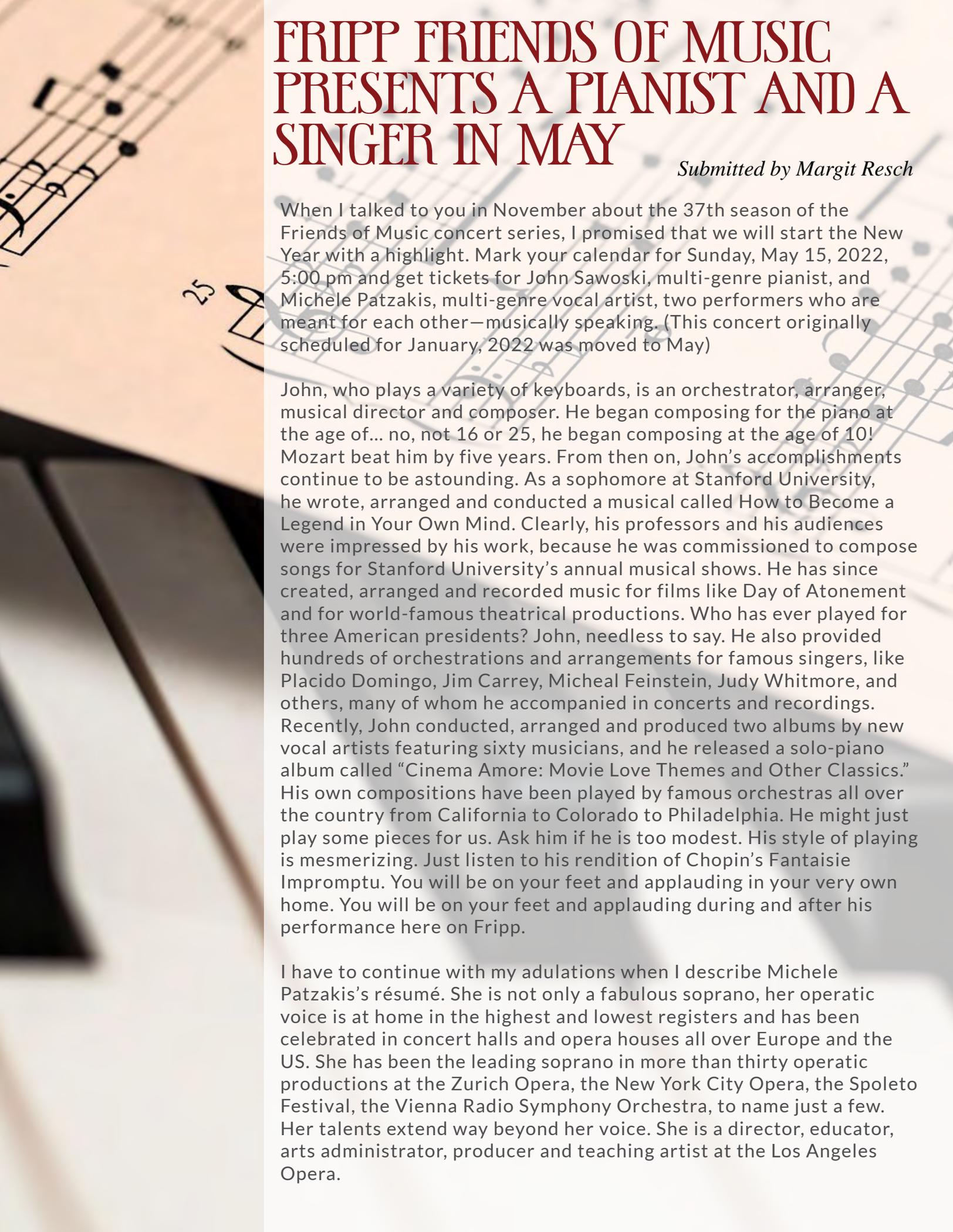
once each. Oh, and much to the chagrin of the players on one of the outings the course won as nobody was able to reach the green on the designated hole.

Winners included Rick Stein and Perminder Bindra twice and George Lewandowski, Ken Anton, Richard Ward, Mike Virostek, Ed Smith and Bob Smith once each.

During February the group will play at Ocean Point and in March at Ocean Creek. The current roster of the men's nine-hole group stands at 30. 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/>

A background image of a musical score with a piano keyboard visible on the left side. The score is written on a staff with various notes and rests. The number '25' is written in the left margin.

# FRIPP FRIENDS OF MUSIC PRESENTS A PIANIST AND A SINGER IN MAY

*Submitted by Margit Resch*

When I talked to you in November about the 37th season of the Friends of Music concert series, I promised that we will start the New Year with a highlight. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 15, 2022, 5:00 pm and get tickets for John Sawoski, multi-genre pianist, and Michele Patzakis, multi-genre vocal artist, two performers who are meant for each other—musically speaking. (This concert originally scheduled for January, 2022 was moved to May)

John, who plays a variety of keyboards, is an orchestrator, arranger, musical director and composer. He began composing for the piano at the age of... no, not 16 or 25, he began composing at the age of 10! Mozart beat him by five years. From then on, John's accomplishments continue to be astounding. As a sophomore at Stanford University, he wrote, arranged and conducted a musical called How to Become a Legend in Your Own Mind. Clearly, his professors and his audiences were impressed by his work, because he was commissioned to compose songs for Stanford University's annual musical shows. He has since created, arranged and recorded music for films like Day of Atonement and for world-famous theatrical productions. Who has ever played for three American presidents? John, needless to say. He also provided hundreds of orchestrations and arrangements for famous singers, like Placido Domingo, Jim Carrey, Micheal Feinstein, Judy Whitmore, and others, many of whom he accompanied in concerts and recordings. Recently, John conducted, arranged and produced two albums by new vocal artists featuring sixty musicians, and he released a solo-piano album called "Cinema Amore: Movie Love Themes and Other Classics." His own compositions have been played by famous orchestras all over the country from California to Colorado to Philadelphia. He might just play some pieces for us. Ask him if he is too modest. His style of playing is mesmerizing. Just listen to his rendition of Chopin's Fantaisie Impromptu. You will be on your feet and applauding in your very own home. You will be on your feet and applauding during and after his performance here on Fripp.

I have to continue with my adulations when I describe Michele Patzakis's résumé. She is not only a fabulous soprano, her operatic voice is at home in the highest and lowest registers and has been celebrated in concert halls and opera houses all over Europe and the US. She has been the leading soprano in more than thirty operatic productions at the Zurich Opera, the New York City Opera, the Spoleto Festival, the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra, to name just a few. Her talents extend way beyond her voice. She is a director, educator, arts administrator, producer and teaching artist at the Los Angeles Opera.

# FRIENDS OF MUSIC UPCOMING CONCERTS

She received her Master Degree in vocal performance from the New England Conservatory, with distinction in performance, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music. Currently a professor of voice at the University of Southern California, she is loved by her students for her dedication to bring out the best in them, as singers and performers.

Patzakis presents her work not only on world stages, but also at conferences and symposia such as the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and she is currently the Director of the San Francisco District of Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

I am breathless after enumerating just some of Mr. Sawoski's and Ms. Patzakis's accomplishments. No doubt, their collaboration here on Fripp will also leave all of you breathless with admiration. Look in the future editions of the Trawler for descriptions of the following three highlights:

February 27, 2022, Appalatin, a fusion of Appalachian folk and Latin tunes and rhythms, [appalatin.com](http://appalatin.com)

March 27, 2022, Kyshona Trio, featuring bluesy, swinging singer/songwriter Kyshona Armstrong, [kyshona.com](http://kyshona.com)

April 24, 2022, Rebecca Folsom, singer/guitarist/songwriter/poet/artist, [rebeccafolsom.com](http://rebeccafolsom.com)

If you are not a member of FIFOM yet, go to [frippfriendsofmusic.com](http://frippfriendsofmusic.com) right now and click on Tickets and Membership, or contact Vanessa Peñaherrera (704) 807-0255, [vandy116@gmail.com](mailto:vandy116@gmail.com).

The Basic Membership is a great value: It includes admission to all concerts (always on a Sunday at 5:00pm) and, after each performance, an invitation to a reception where you socialize, meet the artists and enjoy the delicious complimentary hors-d'oeuvres created by Harold's Catering. Your membership also helps us fund our FIFOM's Music-in-the-Schools program, i.e., pay our guest musicians for playing in a Beaufort school the day after their performance on Fripp and support young, budding musicians with music lessons and scholarships.

Help us bring about change toward a community tuned into music-making.

Most likely you will be asked to wear a mask inside the Community Centre.

We hope you can join us.

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**March 27, 2022,**  
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bluesy, uplifting singer/  
songwriter Kyshona  
Armstrong,  
[kyshona.com](http://kyshona.com)

**April 24, 2022,**  
Rebecca Folsom, singer/  
songwriter/poet/artist,  
[rebeccafolsom.com](http://rebeccafolsom.com)

**May 15, 2022,**  
John Sawoski, a multi-  
genre pianist, with  
vocalist Michele  
Patzakis,  
[LAPianist.com](http://LAPianist.com)  
(Originally scheduled for  
January, 2022)

## Membership Rates Per Person

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



## Questions about membership?

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Learn more at [frippislandyachtclub.com](http://frippislandyachtclub.com).

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# Fripp Audubon Club in Full Swing for Winter and Spring

*Our Mission is to provide opportunities for study, observation and conservation of the flora and fauna of the South Carolina Low Country, especially the coast, by mobilizing area participants, members and volunteers through educational guest speakers, birding trips, Audubon in the Schools, wildlife tracking, research and habitat protection.*

## Audubon Outings

### 2021-2022 Winter and Spring

Outings (members have first priority):

January 22:	Parris Island
February 22:	Bear Island / Donnelly
March 10:	Nemours Wildlife Foundation
April 14 & 26:	Harbor Island Spring Migration
April 21-22:	Silver Bluff Audubon Center & Sanctuary (Overnight trip)
May 12:	Beidler Forest

## Ten Eyck Lecture Series

Programs are held monthly at the FI Community Centre. Meeting times will be announced.

### Tentative Programs:

January 27:	Postponed until May
February 24:	Native Plants & Invasive Species, Hilton Head Audubon
March 24:	Live Bird Demos, Birds of Prey Center
April 28:	Spring Warblers
May 26:	Annual Meeting / Shorebirds / Seabirds Alyssa Zebrowski SC Audubon Annual Meeting

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Fripp Island, SC 29920**

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# Meet the Crew Members

## FRIPP ISLAND SEA RESCUE

Submitted by Mary Jacobs  
*FISR Communications Officer*

It is such an honor to be the new Communications Officer for FISR! The organization is a non-profit group that serves the Fripp Island area and the nearby areas.

We are dedicated to helping boaters in distress. First of all, I would like for you to be familiar with the duties of the officers as listed below. We will be introducing the members of FISR in the next few issues. After you review the duties, then you will be introduced to the members that maintain and serve these positions. What a dedicated and talented group of folks!



### **Skipper (or Captain): Angie Diemont**

- Provide overall organizational leadership
- Serve as the primary point-of-contact with sister organizations and other outside agencies and entities (BWSAR, Sheriff, Fire Departments, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Auxiliary, DNR, State Parks, POAs, Fripp Island Security, Fripp Resort, etc.) and maintain strong relationships with them
- Lead the monthly meetings and board meetings
- Lead the recruitment efforts

Angie is married and has two grown sons. She works full time as a Family Nurse Practitioner, but still finds the time to be a vital part of Sea Rescue! She has been a Nurse Practitioner for over 20 years. Angie is originally from

Charleston, S. C. and raised her children in Charlotte, N. C. She has resided on Fripp for the past six years. She has served the organization for five years. She served as Quarter Master prior to being the Skipper. She joined FISR as a way to serve the island and the surrounding water. Angie's background has always been in Emergency Management and the FISR was the perfect fit for her. Angie is a vital part of the organization. Her contagious smile and love of the organization has inspired us all! Thanks, Angie for your outstanding leadership!



### **First Mate (or Executive Officer): Eric Roberts**

- Assist the Skipper as requested
- Fill in for the Skipper in their absence as requested or needed
- Fulfill secondary duties, as follows and as assigned by the Skipper:
  - Training
    - » Oversee all training of crew

members, including classroom, on-water, and special certifications

» Organize training and arrange instructor scheduling, including outside instructors

» Delegate training to other crew members as needed, commensurate with their skill sets and experience

- Operations
  - » Oversee daily operations
  - » Oversee electronic communications equipment and procedures

Eric was born in Georgia and raised in a military family in the Us, Eritrea and France. He graduated from Georgia Tech with an Industrial Engineering degree, then served as a Signal Corps officer in the Army in Germany for three years. His career was in manufacturing and IT. He retired from Oracle in 2016 and

began an RV tour of the US and Canada. He met Margit Resch after only a few months into his tour. He has spent the last three years on Fripp with Margit and has been in FIRS for two years.

Eric believes that when you retire it's meaningful to give back, leveraging his expenses and interest. In 2019 Eric randomly sat next to Harold Waller at a Fripp Friends breakfast. His chatter about the organization was very interesting. He directed me to Robbie White to be vetted. Skipper Jim Candee invited me to be a candidate. It has been a great organization to be a part of for Eric. Eric's attention to details and the ability to write manuals and deliver training has been a blessing to the organization. He also maintains records to make sure the members are fully trained. Thanks Eric was all your work with FIRS! So glad your RV tour ended at Fripp!



**Secretary: Brooke Pearson**

- Record and publish minutes of all board and general meetings
- Maintain the repository of the organization's documents as required by federal, state and local laws
- Manage the organizations insurance policies

Brooke is the Secretary of FISR. He practiced law, in both the private and public sectors, for more than 25 years. In 2002, he went back to graduate school to get his teacher certification, after which he taught high school for a dozen years, retiring in 2015. He grew up in Summit, New Jersey. After college, three years in the Army, a year of graduate school, and three years

of law school, he moved to Vermont. Brooke and his lovely wife, Betty first lived outside of Burlington, but soon moved to Montpelier, where they raised their children and lived for more than 35 years. Betty and Brooke moved to Fripp in the fall of 2016, their arrival was delayed by Hurricane Matthew, which did extensive damage to their house. Angie Diemont and Brooke joined FISR together in 2017 in response to an announcement from then Skipper Dick Work that the organization was looking for new members to assume base duty responsibilities.

As Secretary of FISR, he is responsible for maintaining the organization's official records and taking and publishing the minutes of all Board and Member meetings. Brooke wanted to make a contribution to the Fripp community and, while not an experienced boater, he felt that his radio experience in the military and communication skills developed over the years would enable him to be a productive base duty member of FISR. And yes, he is!! Brooke is truly a wonderful member of FI and his easy-going manner makes him his to talk with and of course learn from him!

Please remember our one and ONLY fund raiser is coming up in March. Please mark your calendar for the annual Golf Tournament on March 12, 2022.

FISR is always looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact any of the officers and we will be glad to tell you more about the organization



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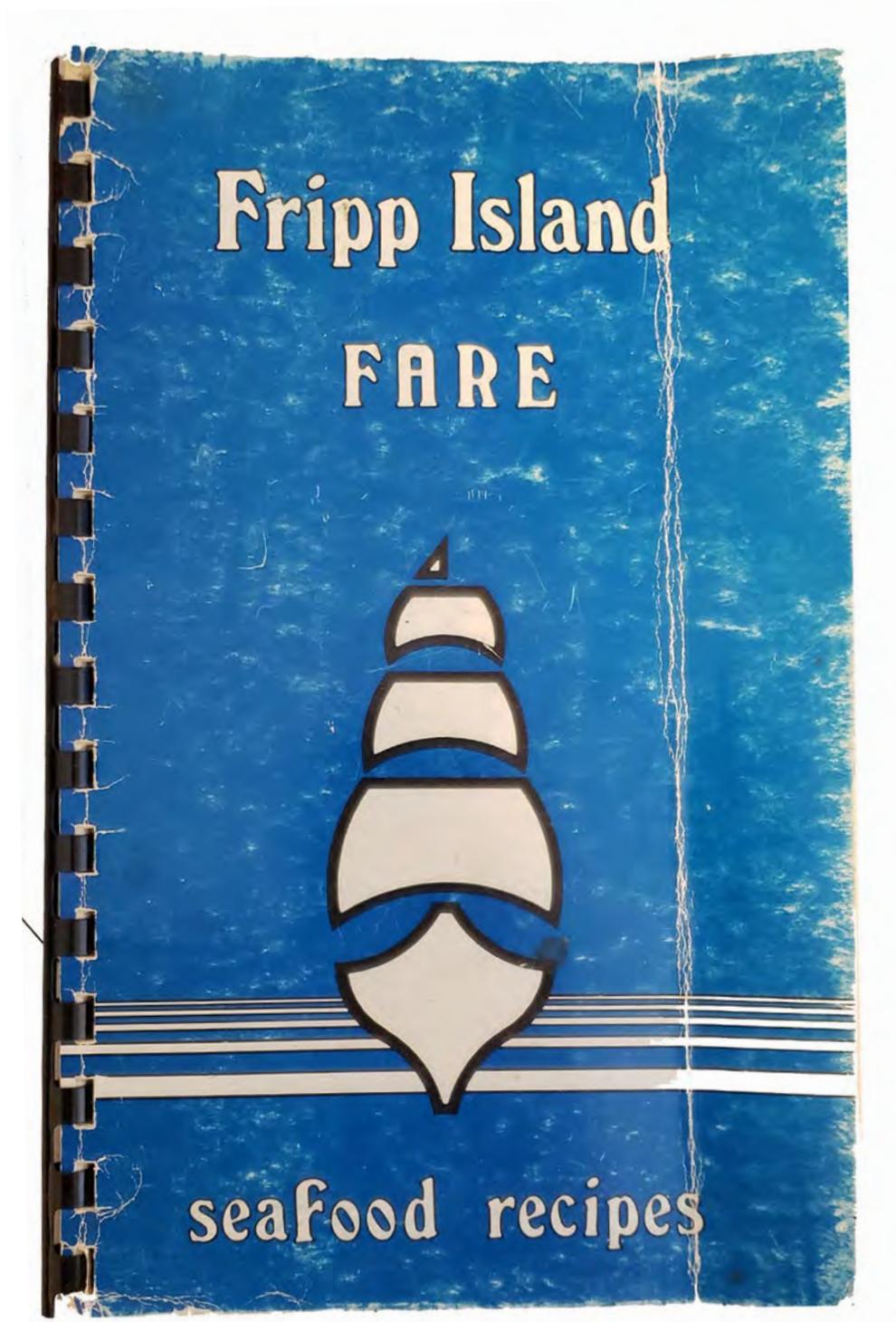


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# Fripp Island FARE

Recipe Book from 1976



From the Archives

# Tidalholm Seafood Chowder

Saute in  $\frac{1}{2}$  stick of butter about 3-4 minutes {  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. diced oysters and liquid  
1 c. small peeled raw shrimp

Add and turn heat control to LOW { 1 qt. milk

Add and cook VERY SLOWLY for 10 minutes. Stir often.

$\frac{1}{2}$  c. crab meat  
1 small can water chestnuts, thinly sliced, and the liquid  
1 can whole kernel corn and the liquid  
1 c. cooked white potatoes, diced and liquid  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  c. cooked fish, diced (can be leftover, baked fish)  
salt and pepper to taste  
parsley (optional)

Then add 1 pint of half-and-half and heat another minute VERY CAREFULLY stirring. (Too much heat will cause the half-and-half to separate). If freezing is desired, omit potatoes until serving time.

Variations: Add or delete seafoods as desired.

Thicken this recipe and serve over a basic omelet, page 62.



## Shrimp Soup

Simmer 20 minutes

- 2 cans frozen shrimp soup
- 1 - 13 oz. can evaporated milk
- 1 can pepperpot soup
- 1 can chicken gumbo soup
- 2 T. butter
- 1 - 6½ oz. can crab meat
- 1 can bisque of tomato
- ½ cup sherry

Stir occasionally while simmering. Serve with a fruit salad and crackers. Leftover soup may be frozen for later use.

## Blue Channel Crab Stew

Serves 5

Rinse in cold water and remove any shell pieces

- 2 - 6½ oz. cans Harris Atlantic Claw Crab Meat

Saute until transparent

- 2 T. butter
- 2 T. onion, diced

Add to onion and simmer for five minutes before serving. (Do not boil)

- crab meat
- 3 c. milk
- 13 oz. evaporated milk
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- salt and pepper



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# 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***

# CHURCH on the BEACH



Our LOVEFRIPP CARE TEAM has numerous outreach projects for Fripp residents as well as maintaining our Medical Equipment Lending Locker. Our prayer group continues to meet every Wednesday morning on the Beach Club Deck.

We would love to welcome you to CHURCH ON THE BEACH! We meet every Sunday at 9am in front of the Beach Club. Further, all of our activities are open to everyone.

If you're interested in the small groups, Care Team or any outreach ministry, we would love to share more information with you. Just contact Rev. Todd Simonis at [tsimonis@sthelenas1712.org](mailto:tsimonis@sthelenas1712.org).



*An Anglican Congregation*

# ROMEIO

## MEN'S LUNCH CLUB



Please Plan to Join Us in 2022

Fripp Island ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club

Fellowship at a Casual, Catered Lunch with Noteworthy Special Guests

*Contributed by Jack Sims*

The ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month, January-May.

Assembly at 11:30 for a reception and a \$13 catered lunch at 12 Noon. Adjournment at 1:00 pm sharp.

Ladies may pick up a "take away" lunch at 1:15 pm. An email with menu seeking lunch RSVPs will be sent 10 days prior.

If you are not receiving email invitations, please send your email address to [jacksims198@gmail.com](mailto:jacksims198@gmail.com) or call 814-392-9045.

**ROMEIO** hosts a monthly Special Guests.

This winter and spring Special Guests are:

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|----------|--|
| Feb. 22  | David Dempsey, Partner,<br>Dempsey Farms                                   |
| Mar. 22  | Commander (TBD), Parris Island,<br>United States Marine Corp               |
| April 26 | P. J. Tanner, Sherrif,<br>Beaufort County                                  |
| May 24   | Ret. Lt. Colonel Jeff Applegate,<br>Asst. Dir., Beaufort National Cemetery |

Events are subject to change. Please contact club director to confirm if you are not on the club email list.

# Thank You John Marsh!

Mr. John,  
I am grateful to have worked with you for the past almost 3 years. You have been such a great asset to the POA. . Thank you for being, not only an amazing boss, but also a friend. Best of luck on your new journey!

Sincerely,  
Susanne Toto

Dear John,  
It's been a pleasure working with you.  
Good luck and I wish the best!

-Liz Chaplain  
Security Administrative Assistant

I have worked for John for the last four years. In that time I have never seen him anything but a good leader. He treats the Officers in the Security department with fairness and if there is a question that he needs to answer he will ensure that he will furnish an answer. Although not my direct boss anytime that I personally had a question or problem John was a sounding board, and in most cases able to help me solve the problem. I have great respect for John and all he has done for the Security department. I wish John good luck in all his future endeavors.

-Mike Senecal  
Assistant Chief



It's been a pleasure working with you! You have been a wonderful boss and a great leader. I'm going to miss your wonderful sense of humor! I wish you the best! You did great things here, and you'll do great things there. Congrats on the new gig.

-Stacie Thrush  
Communications Coordinator

Best wishes on your future endeavors.  
You'll be missed!

-Scott R. Love  
FIPOA Maintenance

*..not only an amazing boss, but also a friend*



On behalf of the entire security team, I would like to congratulate John on his new position and thank him for his service to the POA and our entire Fripp Island family. As I sat through the last POA Board meeting I listened to the accomplishments, especially the POA's fiscal recovery that has occurred under John's watch. As a leader, one is often faced with difficult and challenging situations that has stakeholders with varying perspectives. Inevitably, when decisions are made at an executive level it will not always garner unanimous support. In my short tenure as Chief of Security and working with John, I can say that he has been supportive of me and our security team, he genuinely cares about Fripp Island and the community, and to the very end he has been working to ensure a smooth transition for the next general manager. John, thank you for your service, we wish you and yours the best, and God bless.

-Chief Lowery  
FIPOA Chief of Security

John, I have enjoyed working with you and wish you the best on your new adventure. We appreciate the hard work and accomplishments here at the POA and will miss having you around.

-Meghan Johnson  
ARB Administrator

Over the almost four years I have worked for you we have faced many challenges. You have met each challenge with a calm demeanor and a great sense of humor. The fiscal recovery that has taken place under your leadership speaks for itself. You may not be a part of our everyday life on Fripp Island any longer, but your time on the Island will be a part of the fabric of the Island forever. We will miss you and wish you the very best in the future. Thank you for your time and service to the Island.

- Tina Reeves  
Assistant General Manager

Good  
Bye  
AND Good  
Luck!

*He genuinely cares about Fripp Island and the community*

# COMMUNITY CENTRE

*Contributed By: Rebecca Climer, FICC Board President*

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Fripp Island Community Centre! As we begin yet another year responding to an evolving pandemic, it's helpful to remind ourselves of the many, many positives that we have living here on Fripp. At our January FICC Board meeting, we looked at what we were able to accomplish in 2021 and what we hoped to achieve in the upcoming year.

First, thanks to the generosity and support of our membership, we were able to complete the year in a good financial position. At this time last year, we were projecting a loss of \$40,000 due to restrictions on activities caused by COVID. Through our DOLO (Doors Open and Lights On) campaign, we were able to raise \$50,000 to do exactly what the campaign's name stated.

Through our popular Take Away dinners, we served over 1,000 delicious meals to our fellow Frippers and we expanded our

offering to include Take Away lunches in the Summer. We sustained our Vespers service and held special services for Ash Wednesday, Easter and Christmas. After having to close the Centre entirely for several months in 2020, we were glad that we were able to return to many activities in a safe and prudent way.

As we look forward to 2022, we're hopeful of even more special events and activities. A few of them are described below:

## **FICC Annual Membership Meeting**

Given the recent spike in cases of COVID, we can't yet return to large-scale dinners so our Annual Meeting will be held in person, but not as part of a community dinner. The Annual Meeting of membership will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Masks will be required and there will be a Zoom option for those who wish to attend remotely.

As a reminder, we will present new Board members and the budget for the upcoming year. Any property owner or long-term resident of Fripp is considered a member of the Community Centre.

### **Columbarium**

Our beautiful Columbarium is getting low on space so we will be expanding it during 2022. At present, there are only seven pairs of niches remaining. The Board is making plans to expand the Columbarium by 16 additional pairs within the next 4 to 6 months. We owe a huge debt of thanks to Don and Sally Brink for their management of the Columbarium for the last several years. As Don and Sally relocate, they are

turning over the reins to Nancy Wingenbach and we are grateful for Nancy's service to the FICC and fellow Frippers. We will provide more information about the Columbarium expansion in future Trawlers and FICC Newsletters.

### **Treasure Sale**

Start cleaning out your closets, attics, garages, and wherever else you store things. The Board is planning a return of the Treasure Sale in June of this year. More details will follow and we will, of course, be monitoring COVID cases in case we need to modify plans.

Here's hoping for a happy and healthy 2022 and we'll see you at the Community Centre!





# SMART DEVICES THAT HELP AT HOME

*Contributed By Hargray*

You don't have to be a tech guru to upgrade your house to a smart home. Whether you are looking to improve security, entertainment, or convenience, dabbling with

connected devices can be easy and beneficial. Here are some smart amenities that can help you out at home.

## Smart Thermostats

Tired of heating and cooling an empty house? Control the temperature of your home from anywhere with a smart thermostat. Smart thermostats can help save money and energy and allow for a customized user experience.

## Home Security

Customize your smart home security with DIY options. Solutions from Nest, Ring, and LifeShield allow you to protect your home based on your unique needs. Plus, you can opt into a monitoring service if you'd prefer to let someone else keep an eye on your home.

## Smart Lights & Plugs

Did you know that each smart light bulb can save homeowners an average of \$11 per year? Smart light bulbs connect to your home's Wi-Fi and allow you to adjust brightness and color, as well as schedule when lighting is needed. The best part, smart lighting can be controlled from your mobile device anytime, anywhere. Considering the number of light bulbs used throughout your home, the savings can really add up. That's a BRIGHT IDEA we can all appreciate.

## Entertainment & Convenience

Gone are the days of wiring bulky speaker systems throughout the house, create a seamless and wireless sound system with smart speakers like Alexa Echo, Google Nest Devices, Apple HomePod. Even the way we watch TV has changed. Instead of recording shows to watch later, now you can have an archive of endless TV and movie options at your fingertips. Turn any TV into a smart TV with streaming devices such as Apple TV, Google Chromecast, Roku Express 4k, Amazon Fire.

Don't be intimidated by smart home technology. Many modern connected devices are user friendly and designed to make your life easier and home more comfortable. If you are having trouble learning how to connect your home devices, reach out to your internet service provider for guidance.



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# Captain Ralph's Cooking Corner

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison

## OYSTER PIE

Cooking time: 30-50 minutes

Serves 6-8

### Oyster Pie Ingredients:

1 qt. fresh oysters, drained and patted dry.

2 pie crusts

4 tbsp. butter

1/4 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped onion

2 cups crushed soda crackers

1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper

1 can cream of celery soup

1/2 cup half and half or evaporated milk

Preheat oven 350, melt butter in skillet; add celery and onions. Saute over medium heat till softened.

Prick the bottom and sides of the pie crust and sprinkle cracker crumbs over bottom of pie crust. Top with a layer of oysters seasoned with salt and pepper. Continue with layers of oysters and crackers; ending with a layer of crumbs.

Combine soup and half and half and pour over crackers. Spread onions and celery mixture over the top and cover pie with pie crust. Crimp edges and make slits in dough. Bake 30 to 49 minutes.

ENJOY NOW or pie can be frozen, unbaked for a later treat.

The drained oyster juice makes a quick soup. Add 1 1/2 cup of milk salt and pepper and butter heat and enjoy.

DEAR HOMEOWNERS.

I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SECURITY CHRISTMAS FUND MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE.

AT THE SECURITY CHRISTMAS GATHERING I GAVE OUR CHIEF OUR CHECKS FOR HIM TO DISTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY TEAM. THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AN OFFICER DROPPED OFF 20 THANK YOU CARDS. I WANTED TO SHARE SOME OF THEIR COMMENTS.

ALL CARDS WERE VERY THANKFUL AND APPRECIATIVE OF OUR GIFT. SOME OF THE COMMENTS WERE "THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART", "I CAN'T TELL YOU STRONGLY ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT THIS GIFT IS TO MY FAMILY", "A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT WILL MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS BRIGHT", "A TOUGH YEAR THAT YOU MADE SO MUCH BETTER", "YOUR GIFT IS SO KIND AND I'M SO LUCKY TO WORK AT SUCH A GREAT PLACE", AND "YOUR GIFT TO ME MADE SURE THAT MY GIRLS HAD A CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR".

WE FEEL THAT YOUR SUPPORT ENABLED OUR SECURITY TEAM TO HAVE A MUCH BETTER CHRISTMAS.

SINCERELY,

RALPH AND LINDA BURCHFIELD



# Raccoon Safety

Given the number of concerns regarding our raccoons, I thought I'd make a post to address safety concerns and dispel any rumors.

Yes, there is a considerable sickness running through our raccoon population. No matter what it is, it cannot affect humans unless a human is in direct contact with the animal's saliva, feces or urine. Direct contact being through a scratch or bite, or feces/urine entering into a human's mouth.

Our pets are not at risk so long as they are up to date on all vaccinations - especially their rabies, parvo/distemper and leptospirosis. If your pet has an underlying condition

that prevents them from receiving one or more of these vaccinations, they should be kept in their own yard or taken straight to the beach for their own safety.

For example, our chihuahua has a seizure disorder that prevents her from safely receiving her leptospirosis shot. Because of that, we keep her away from standing water and away from wild animal droppings. Please consult with your veterinarian if you have concerns and/or are unsure of your pets' vaccination status. (Side note: leptospirosis is not suspected to be what's causing our raccoons to fall ill, but it's a very important vaccine for pets that live near wildlife anywhere in the US.)

Sick animals coming into our yards, while not ideal, is not a cause for concern so long as we wash hands after touching things outdoors, and keep our pets from eating anything left behind by these animals.

Since I work with both wild and domesticated animals, I thought I'd share my own safety protocols in an effort to ease concern.

When responding to ANY wildlife mammal call, I maintain a safe distance until the situation is assessed. If the animal is a baby and needs our help, wildlife gloves are put on immediately. If the animal is an adult and injured, gloves. If the animal is a baby or an adult and sick - no gloves, no touch. I sanitize my hands as soon as I'm back in my vehicle, even if I didn't touch anything.

Upon leaving the area, shoes come off and I put on a clean pair that's always kept as back up in my car. Once home, the soles of the shoes worn on the call are cleaned with bleach and water and left to air dry. Clothes are removed and placed directly in the washer. If I come into close contact with the animal, I also shower...even if I have just showered an hour earlier. My own personal protocol is excessive and mostly unnecessary, but if anyone is anxious about coming close to a sick animal, this will help.

I do strongly recommend removing shoes worn while out walking around any wildlife waste before entering your home, regardless if you're here or somewhere else where wildlife is present.

If you are bitten or scratched by an animal, please call DHEC's environmental division immediately. If a 10-day hold on the animal is not possible, you will most likely be advised to receive post-exposure vaccinations at your nearest hospital right away. If you have recently had pre-exposure vaccinations, you will still need two additional post-exposure shots. DHEC is aware that we have sick raccoons and will test one for rabies if it bites or scratches someone, or if we strongly feel that one is symptomatic for rabies.

Testing without a bite or scratch is not the norm for DHEC, but after the first sick raccoon, I spoke with someone who agreed to help us given that we are a small island with a lot of people.

If you've read this far and have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. If I do not have the answers, I will direct you to someone who does.

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