



Plantation Living

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HILTON HEAD PLANTATION

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2025 ASSESSMENT



WHEN TO EXPECT IT:

You will be invoiced for your 2025 Assessment in early January. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR INVOICE BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY, THEN CALL THE POA OFFICE at 843.681.8800.**

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

Please read your invoice carefully and remit your payment by January 31st, 2025 to avoid late fees. Cash payments must be made in person at the POA Service Center located at 7 Surrey Lane. Checks can be mailed or dropped off in person. Please be sure to write your account number (which is on the top right corner of the invoice) on the check and include the remittance copy with your payment. Credit Card information can be filled in on the invoice and mailed.

IMPORTANT THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW:

In the past, some property owners have not taken advantage of the cash/check payment discount. While the Board has set the assessment amount to account for the transaction fee imposed by the credit card companies, there is a discount if you pay by cash or check. Please remit the appropriate assessment amount. **We will not be able to refund overpayments.**

Discount if paid by Cash/Check, by January 31, 2025

- Improved lot \$1,328
- Unimproved lot \$797

Credit Card • **Visa or Mastercard ONLY**, by January 31, 2025

- Improved lot \$1,355
- Unimproved lot \$813

Please make checks payable to HHPPOA.

A 15% late fee will apply if paid after the January 31 deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the POA Service Center at 843.681.8800 or email admin@hhppoa.org.

We appreciate your taking the time to read this information to ensure the assessment process runs smoothly.

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From the *President's Desk*

In just a few days, the holiday most associated with reuniting with loved ones will bring family gatherings filled with warm hugs, laughter, and the joy of reconnecting with those we haven't seen in months! Along with these heartfelt moments, we'll also experience the typical wonders and frustrations of travel. As a 34-year veteran of the global petroleum industry, I can assure you that the holiday season is the busiest travel days of the year, with some of the most congested roads and airports. So, please be safe!

As mentioned in previous President's Messages, the Board has undertaken initiatives aimed at Elevating Board Visibility and Making Life Easier for All—Residents, Staff, and Business Partners. Under the first initiative, you may have seen POA Board members attending various club events and activities as guests. For example, I recently visited the BOCCE Club's tournament at the courts and was impressed by the skill and focus of the participants. A huge thank you to the President and Chief Cheerleader for introducing me to this fascinating game!

As part of the "Making Life Easier" initiative, you may have noticed some technological improvements designed to simplify processes and transactions. These enhancements are the result of collaborative efforts between the former Ad Hoc Technology Committee and our General Manager and staff. One example you may already be encountering is the request to complete and return your Enumerate/Engage data contact form, which was due by December 1. I completed mine in less than three minutes! This form is an important step in enabling several technological improvements for residents.

Additionally, I want to emphasize a foundational philosophy of the HHPPOA Board and Staff: Fiscal Discipline. As many of you know, the Annual Assessment for living in our community of nearly 10,000 residents is less than \$1,300 per year. This financial discipline allows the HHPPOA to maintain a low assessment rate while keeping the POA debt-free. This prudent approach ensures we remain in a strong financial position, avoiding the unfortunate outcomes seen in POA organizations elsewhere in the nation. The Board and Staff work hard to balance desired improvements with financial responsibility, particularly in these uncertain geopolitical times.

My suggestion, as always, is to get involved—volunteer, participate, and build meaningful relationships while bringing your unique experiences to the POA for the benefit of all: residents, business partners, and staff!

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Until Next Month!

Warmly to all,

Carlton

Below are some of the current ways you can stay connected with the Board:

- Read Plantation Living
- Sign up for email blasts
- Attend "Coffees with Peter" to speak with board members
- Engage with Board Members at various HHP POA club meetings, organizations, and community events

You can also communicate with the Board by phone at **843.681.8800 Ext. 9**, via email at board@hhppoa.org, or by sending a letter to the POA Service Center. For board meeting minutes, available forms, and documents, visit the website at hiltonheadplantation.com.

Thank you for choosing Hilton Head Plantation as your home.



A letter from our General Manager

2024 in Review

This past year brought so many positives that I may inevitably leave out some notable occurrences—not because they don't deserve mention, but simply due to space limitations. We entered 2024 with the new Dolphin Head Rec Area fully operational and available for private rentals. Many clubs and property owners flocked to use this new facility. The Activities Department also made great use of the new venue, hosting several concerts on the new event lawn.

The financial news was equally positive. By the end of 2023, the Capital Transfer Fund had generated enough revenue to cover the more than \$4-million-dollar project, with approximately \$200,000 remaining to carry over into 2024. We also tackled two major paving projects—Dolphin Head Drive and Skull Creek Drive—and our leisure paths are currently undergoing repairs and renovations.

During the summer, our Kids Kamp program once again sold out, and we saw increased participation in Tennis, Pickleball, and Bocce. Despite rising interest rates and higher home values, real estate continued to move briskly in Hilton Head Plantation. Many new residents immediately began renovating their homes, which led to an increase in demand for all kinds of tradespeople—boosting gate fee revenue. Exterior additions and remodeling were also top of mind, prompting more applications to the ARB. Additionally, the RV/Boat Storage area saw a surge in revenue, and our new Communications Coordinator achieved record advertising sales. All of these factors contributed to a robust revenue stream for 2024. We are on track to end the year with a significant positive variance to budget, though it is still too early to predict an exact number.

We were also pleased to learn that the Town of Hilton Head Island is finalizing plans for a multi-million-dollar beach renovation for Pine Island, which is expected to begin in mid to late 2025. On our end, we moved forward with the installation of a state-of-the-art camera system to monitor the security gates and began working on new registration software. This will eventually allow property owners to register for and pay for classes online—setting the stage for future online payments for property assessments.

In an effort to keep up with increased editorial content, we expanded Plantation Living to accommodate more articles. We also selected a new set of note cards to benefit the Conservancy Foundation. For the first time, we live-streamed “Coffee with Peter” via Zoom. Based on the 2024 survey results and input from community committee members, the Strategic Plan is currently being updated. In response to survey feedback, the Recreation Committee recommended that the Board engage a land planner, architect, and engineer to assess whether the Plantation House, which is the next capital project on the horizon, should be demolished or renovated.

We also undertook several aesthetic upgrades. The Gate Houses

and the POA Service Center received a fresh coat of paint, while the Splash Pad at Spring Lake Pool was resurfaced, and pool furniture was refurbished. Based on your feedback about the new Dolphin Head Recreation Area, we added acoustic panels to the interior of the building, additional parking lot lighting, and updated signage for better direction and safety.

When we have a stretch of time without criminal activity, we have an unwritten protocol among the Security Officers and me. We don't talk about it for fear of jinxing the systems we have in place to help minimize the prospects of criminal activity. However, aside from a handful of minor incidents, we have been fortunate to have a vigilant and capable security team keeping us safe throughout the year. A word on leadership, which starts at the top of our Security Department. Major Warren Gaither is one of the many reasons our Security Department operates so well. Major Gaither has been an exceptional leader and mentor, from his personnel skills with his officers to identifying potential hot spots to focusing on technology. As you may know, Warren served in the Marine Corps as his first career, honorably leaving as an MP with the rank of Sergeant. During Warren's military career, he was stationed worldwide, helping keep us safe. Sometime in 2025, Warren may decide to retire. One of my many jobs will be to try to keep Warren on as long as possible so he can train his eventual replacement. We will have more on Major Gaither as we get into 2025.

Representing HHP

During the holiday season, Hilton Head Plantation takes on a special charm with its decorations, lights, and festive atmosphere. This time of year presents a unique opportunity to showcase the place we call home. The most valuable endorsement of HHP comes from you, our residents. It's our collective responsibility to advocate for our community. Here are a few key points for polishing up your “elevator speech” when talking about HHP:

- HHP is a residential community with an abundance of natural beauty.
- We boast four golf courses, 12 Har-Tru tennis courts, and a new state-of-the-art clubhouse at the Spring Lake Pavilion.
- We have 10 miles of leisure paths, excellent wireless service, and an airport just 10 minutes from our main gate.
- Our amenities include a full-service country club, the Lager-Head Tavern, a multi-generational pool complex, outstanding security, a marina, miles of beaches, the Bluff Walk, the Pine Island Boardwalk, Whooping Crane and Cypress Conservancies, and the all-new Dolphin Head Recreation Area.
- Our diverse range of house styles and price points caters to all, and we are entirely debt-free thanks to sound fiscal management.
- We offer activities for all ages, are family- and kid-friendly, and have one of the lowest annual assessments in the area.

These are just a few points to help you represent HHP with pride.

Holiday Safety

Please remember to stay safe this season. Always lock the doors to your vehicles and your home, and avoid leaving valuables in

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plain sight. When biking, jogging, or walking, wear bright clothing to ensure you're visible, especially at night. When shopping, park in well-lit areas, keep your keys in hand as you head to your car, and avoid carrying too many packages at once, as this can limit your awareness of your surroundings. If you own a weapon, please store it securely and never leave it in an unlocked vehicle.

Hilton Head Plantation Conservancy Foundation

This year's assessment mailing will include a letter from the Hilton Head Plantation Conservancy Foundation, asking you to consider making a voluntary donation. As always, your contributions are tax-deductible. Please look for this letter in your January 2025 assessment packet.

We also have beautiful note cards available for just \$12 for a package of 12. These make great stocking stuffers or housewarming gifts, and all proceeds benefit the HHP Conservancy Foundation. If you would like to donate before the end of 2024, you can make a check payable to the Hilton Head Plantation Conservancy Foundation (HHPCF) and either drop it off at the POA office or mail it to HHPCF, 7 Surrey Lane, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.

Coffee with Peter

Our next Coffee with Peter will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Plantation House. The candidates for the 2025 election will be introduced and share a few words. Please mark your calendars—our annual meeting for 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Plantation House.

Holiday Decorations

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has decorated their homes for Christmas and Hanukkah. Your efforts are a gift to your neighborhoods and help create a festive atmosphere that all of HHP can enjoy. I encourage all residents to get involved in the spirit of the season.

Please Enjoy Safely

As you enjoy the coming weeks with friends and family—whether in person or at a safe distance with a mask—please remember to celebrate responsibly. If you're going out to celebrate, consider designating a driver. We want everyone to return home safe and sound.

On behalf of the entire POA staff, I wish you and your families a joyous and safe Christmas and Hanukkah season. A special thank you to the Women's Club, the Avid Gardeners, and staffers Bo, Sean, and Jen for their outstanding work decorating the Plantation for the holidays.

I also want to express my gratitude to the hundreds of volunteers who gave of themselves throughout the year. It is thanks to their dedication that Hilton Head Plantation continues to be one of the finest residential communities in the Lowcountry.

Santa

I often receive inquiries from our younger residents about Santa's ability to get into HHP. Please reassure your children and grandchildren that Santa travels by sleigh, pulled by reindeer, and doesn't need to go through the Main or Cypress Gate. No guest passes are necessary, so please don't overwhelm our gate system with requests for "Gate Passes for Santa and his reindeer." And

no, Santa doesn't need to purchase a day pass or decal—he has a FOREVER DECAL from HHP, which, like our agreement with Uber, allows him unfettered access to our airspace.

Due to all the side streets and cul-de-sacs in HHP Harry Heron is always on hand to lead Santa's Team into HHP. Harry is a veteran at this so please quell any apprehension held by your young wards that Santa may not be able to find your home. I do know from my conversations with Harry Heron that Santa does enter HHP via either the 13th or 15th fairway of Bear Creek Golf Course and usually ends his criss cross run by departing over the Cypress. He also sometimes will stop for pizza at Mangiamo's on Main Street as this fine establishment borders the 14th fairway of Bear Creek. Brian Bambeck the owner of that fine establishment always leaves a hot pizza in one of his insulated carrying boxes for Santa to pick up on the restaurant's roof on his way into HHP. Brian is very good about keeping Santa well fed with hot pizza!

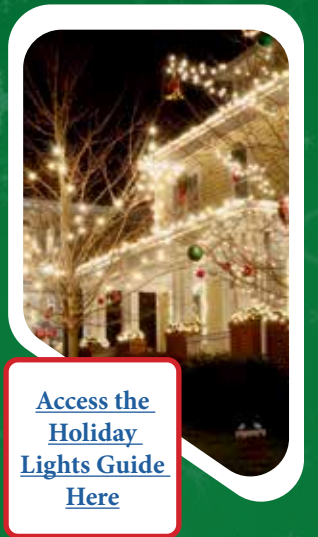
Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season. Stay safe, enjoy responsibly and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Stay Safe,

Peter Kristian

Holiday Lights Tour

Every year in Hilton Head Plantation we love to celebrate the homes that brighten the holidays with a festive light display. Simply scan the QR code to access a tour map to the light displays that promise a car full of oohs and aaaahs! If you missed being added to the list, don't despair. Email your address to communications@hhppoa.org and Pippi will add you to the tour map. You can also download the guide at hiltonheadplantation.com.



And yes, there are POA guidelines for outdoor decorations:

- White lights are preferred for outdoor decorations
- Blinking lights are discouraged
- If floodlights are used, point them towards your home
- Turn off music by 10:00 p.m. and outdoor lights by midnight
- All exterior holiday decorations are to be put away by Friday, January 17, 2025.

Santa's Mailbox

Drop a letter to Santa in the mailbox that has a direct line to the North Pole! The box is located in the outgoing lane at the Plantation House and letters can be posted right up to Dec 24th.



“Harry G, Heron” Master Covenants Bird

This month’s focus: The Most Wonderful Time of the Year



Hello, fellow community members! It’s Harry Giovanni Heron here, your feathered friend, always ready to ruffle up some updates with a sprinkle of humor. As we glide into December, a month brimming with festivities and frosty fun, it’s time to perch on the latest rules and regulations, ensuring we all soar into the New Year.

As we prepare to flock together for holiday parties, I’d like to offer a gentle reminder to keep gatherings cozy and considerate. My Italian mom always prepared plenty of fodder for all of her visiting guests to enjoy—no one was ever allowed to leave her nest hungry.

December is the perfect time to spread kindness, just as birds spread seeds. Whether it’s volunteering, sharing a meal, or simply chirping a kind word, let’s make our community a beacon of warmth and generosity. After all, a little kindness goes a long way in making spirits bright. By the way, check out the GM’s column on my official Santa duties on Christmas Eve.

Does Where You Live Influence What You Know?

Knowing your community is so important. My human friends often share their deep sense of belonging to our wonderful community. That sense of belonging is what connects us to the many relationships we develop. I chose this community to nest in because there is something indescribably lovely about being part of a group of people who share something more substantial than geography—something they feel enthusiastic about.

I have squawked with many new humans who have not experienced living in a deed-restricted community such as HHP. Living in HHP has many benefits and protections. These include all the amenities, security, programs, open spaces, and the protection of your greatest investment—your home. With all these benefits come obligations, including being familiar with and following the Covenants, Rules, and Regulations, and contributing to the upkeep of the community through your annual assessments.

Neighborhoods and Safety

Neighborhoods are full of folks who use the streets, sidewalks, and crosswalks in several ways. Drivers and cyclists alike need to be aware of pedestrians, and please remember, e-bikes with the motor engaged are not permitted on our leisure paths. Neighborhoods can be full of surprises, and drivers must remain constantly vigilant to avoid mishaps. A moment of carelessness or recklessness in a community could result in a costly accident.

Please drive at the speed limit! Just one more safe driver on the road can make an enormous difference. Security continues

to monitor traffic at our gates and patrol the community, conducting their essential duties. Please help us help you by following the Rules and Regulations that keep us all safe. We all run behind schedule some mornings, but it is always better to be safe than sorry. The best we can do is follow the posted speed limits and watch out for others.

A Note on Neighborly Disagreements

I know some of you think my human friends sometimes act like a yenta, singing like birds, at times looking like they mind someone else’s nest. My good friends at the POA are also sometimes put in untenable situations by neighbors with differing perspectives—such as one neighbor’s yard not being in compliance or dead trees that need to be cut down. Most neighbors get along famously, but on occasion, neighbor-to-neighbor disagreements can quickly escalate, leaving hurt feelings that may fester for some time.

Harry will advise on applying the Covenants and Rules and Regulations for all such disputes, but Harry and my good friends at the POA are looking for harmony, not discord among neighbors. We are not tree experts, surveyors, barristers, nor do we have PhDs in sociology. Establishing private property lines is the responsibility of each property owner, and legal advice is beyond our realm (you get my drift on the sociological aspects). Staff will observe and apply the governing documents as appropriate, but do not expect Harry or the POA staff to take sides in a neighbor-to-neighbor dispute where professional advice is warranted.

For our new transplants from the North and West: When your discussion with a native southerner or long-term transplant to the South ends with “Have a Blessed Day,” it is, for the most part, a sign of sincerity and a compliment. But when it ends with “Well, bless your heart”—well, let’s just say, you’ve been unctuously marginalized.

Wrapping Up December

So there you have it, my human friends! December is sure to be a month filled with joy, laughter, and a few unexpected gusts of wind. Let’s navigate it together, wing by wing, ensuring our community remains a nest of harmony and happiness.

Until next time, keep your beaks high and your hearts light. And by the way, “Have a Blessed Day!”

Flapping off,
Harry Heron

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Hilton Head Plantation

Notable Neighbors

A Remembrance by Cara Baskin & April Van Name

“Do you have a story to tell?” Karin gently asked her 103rd foster baby this summer, cradling the newborn and soothing him back to sleep. The 93-year-old and the baby shared a moment, a lifetime of care and wisdom meeting a new life eager to receive.

Karin Van Name’s story began on Staten Island in 1931, with a life of caregiving ahead. Perhaps her devotion began with her love of dolls, babysitting, or visiting the kittens that lived under her father Hugh’s desk at his neighborhood grocery and deli. Or maybe it came from her mother, Matilda, who worked as an aide at Willowbrook State School, caring for individuals with severe mental illness.



After finishing Catholic school, Karin trained as a surgical operating room nurse in El Salvador, staying with her aunt and uncle and working at their friend’s hospital. A summer plan turned into two years of caring for patients and her first foray into love, infamously, with a man named Raul. But at her father’s insistence, she returned to the U.S. to attend Wagner College on Staten Island, where she met her future husband. Married in 1952, she worked at a veterinary virus research lab at Cornell while her husband completed veterinary school. When she was laid off while nine months pregnant, Karin returned to her roots. She cared for her first child, Dawn, born in 1953, while pregnant with her second, April, who arrived on the same date in 1954. And in 1959, little sister, Kim, was welcomed into their cozy home. To help pay the rent, she also cared for seven other children in Ithaca whose parents owned the store below their apartment.

The years brought moves to Buffalo, Massapequa Park, and eventually Nassau Shores, where Karin raised her three daughters—Dawn, April, and Kim. She also worked as an ophthalmic therapist, babysat other children, and kept a beautifully decorated home, always with a kitten or two. After divorcing in 1967, she supported her family by working for the Massapequa Post and the Amityville Record, advancing from advertising sales to Advertising Director. And yet, while boasting her share of impressive career titles, Karin always said her best job ever was as a foster mother.

Karin’s daughters followed her nurturing example, all pursuing careers in the medical field. Dawn became a Medical Technologist and raised her family in Pennsylvania, giving Karin two granddaughters, Hana and Cara. Kim and April became Radiologic Technologists, with Kim eventually moving to Hilton Head, SC, and April traveling the world with Club Med before settling back home. In 1987, Karin and April responded to an ad for

foster parents, becoming certified and welcoming their first foster baby, AJ. Karin’s boundless energy and readiness to say “yes” defined her decades-long journey as a foster parent, even taking middle-of-the-night emergency calls.

Despite the demanding routine of caring for infants, Karin’s life remained full of joy. She traveled extensively with April and the babies, enjoying sunny getaways in the Caribbean and Mexico. At home, she loved hosting gatherings, dressing up, and creating over-the-top holiday decorations. In 1992, Karin fostered a two-day-old boy named Bret. After two years of care, she encouraged April to adopt him, making her 17th foster baby her grandson.

In 2002, Karin, April, and Bret moved from Long Island to Hilton Head Island, SC, where Karin became a beloved figure. Known as “the lady with the babies,” she strolled the island with her foster children in a 1959 English pram, charming residents who stopped to admire her dedication. Seven of her foster children stayed in contact over the years, a testament to her lasting impact.

Few have as ambitious a life goal as Karin did: fostering 100 babies or



100 years old, whichever came first. Karin surpassed her goal, fostering 103 little ones by her 93rd birthday. Even then, she wasn’t ready to stop, telling her granddaughter, “I want just one more.” She believed the secret to a long life lay in caring for others, finding purpose in the

daily routines shared with her foster babies—quiet mornings, shared meals, and tender moments. Up until the day she took ill, she was caring for both a 2 month old and a 2 year old. A nonagenarian and two babies sharing a day together, each putting the life in each other’s lives.

In her final days, Karin was cared for by her family in a home filled with reminders of her life’s work—baby clothes, toys, bassinets, and strollers, all symbols of her immense love. She passed peacefully, surrounded by the comfort of a life well-lived, leaving behind a legacy of selflessness, love, and care.



Editor’s Note: With over 4,000 children in need of foster care in South Carolina, Karin Van Name’s inspirational story may be a spark for others to carry on her legacy. Explore these sites for helpful information:

DSS.sc.gov/child-well-being/foster-care
fosteruskids.org/usa/southcarolina

PHOTOS:

Karin and her parents, Matilda & Hugh, 1930s

Karin and her 101st foster child, 2024

Karin & her entire family (left to right: daughter Kim Van Name, granddaughter Hana Baskin, daughter April Van Name, sister-in-law Janet Van Name of Sun City, Karin, grandson Bret Van Name, granddaughter Cara Baskin, daughter Dawn Baskin, son-in-law Andy Baskin), 2017



Winter Tree Care: Landscape Prep Now for a Healthy Spring

Pro tips from the tree experts at TreeWisemen

As winter approaches, many homeowners wonder when the best time is to trim their

trees and prepare their plants for the cold months ahead. Proper tree care is essential not only for the health of your trees but also for preserving the beauty and vitality of Hilton Head Plantation’s lush, natural environment. While timing varies by tree species, fall and early winter are key to ensuring your landscape stays healthy through the winter and thrives in the spring.

Best Time to Trim Trees in South Carolina: Dormant Season

For most trees in South Carolina, the optimal time to trim is during the dormant season, which generally runs from late fall through early spring. During this time, trees are not actively growing, which reduces the risk of stress and damage. Pruning during dormancy allows for healthier, more effective tree care, with minimal risk of spreading diseases.

Pruning in winter offers several benefits:

1. **Better Visibility:** Without leaves, it’s easier to assess the tree’s structure and identify branches that need removal.
2. **Less Stress:** With no active growth, pruning is less taxing on the tree, making it easier to trim without harming it.
3. **Promotes Healthy Growth:** Proper winter pruning prepares the tree for a strong growth spurt in the spring.

Avoid trimming during periods of rapid growth, as this can disrupt the tree’s natural development.

Pruning Tips Based on Tree Type

Different trees have different pruning needs:

- **Deciduous Trees:** Trees like oak, river birch, maple and willow benefit from winter pruning. Avoid pruning too early in fall, as this can leave trees vulnerable to pests.
- **Evergreens:** Pines, eastern red cedar, arborvitae and magnolia, can be trimmed year-round, but avoid excessive pruning from the canopy, as this can make them susceptible to disease.
- **Hedges:** Viburnum, ligustrum and podocarpus benefit from light pruning to maintain shape and health.
- **Young Trees:** Wait until young trees have completed at least two growing seasons before pruning. Never trim more than 25% of the foliage as this can stress the young tree and hinder its growth.

Fall and Early Winter Care: More Than Just Pruning

In addition to pruning, take these steps to prepare your trees for winter:

- **Mulch:** A thick layer insulates roots and conserves moisture.
- **Watering:** Deep watering ensures hydration throughout winter.
- **Fertilizing:** Use a slow-release formula to provide essential nutrients.
- **Pest Protection:** Wrap tree trunks with protective guards and clear away fallen leaves to prevent pests from nesting.

A Word from the Expert

“Now is the time to focus on pruning, mulching, and watering to give your trees the best chance of thriving through winter and bouncing back stronger in the spring” says Drew Bedingfield, owner of TreeWiseMen. “As a local company with over 10 years in the industry, we’re your trusted expert in tree and plant health care. Give us a call if there is anything we can do to help ensure your landscape thrives through every season!”

For more information visit treewisemensc.com.

Security Spotlight

Planning for a Safe and Secure 2025

Keep HHP Security and POA up-to-date by downloading, updating and submitting the following forms:

- **Emergency Information Card** - very important for security to have this information.
- **Pet Registration Card** - to ensure your furry, feathered or scaly friends are safe as well!
- **When going out of town**, be sure and download, fill out and submit the Out of Town Information Form.

Help our First Responders help you!

- **Make sure to fill out your “File of Life”** and place it on the side of the refrigerator. This allows first responders to quickly assess who may need rescuing in an emergency situation. “File of Life” kits can be found in your New Homeowners Packet or can be picked up at any HHI fire station.

Forewarned is forearmed.

- Visit hiltonheadplantation.com/security for outstanding tips on:
 - Keeping your home safe while out of town
 - Guarding against scams
 - Preventing crime
 - Helpful general information and our Community-Policing Philosophy

Stay in the Know

- Be sure and sign up for e-blasts so you receive the important Safety Alerts and Urgent Information sent out by the HHPPOA.

A little tech can go a long way in keeping you safe in your home.

- Install a video doorbell to monitor who is trying to access your home.
- Install motion-sensor lights to expose any after-dark movement on your property.
- Install remote-viewing cameras that allow you to monitor your home when out of town.
- Install a smart lock to allow keyless entry and monitoring of who comes and goes.

Plantation Golfing by Jerry Cutrer

COUNTRY CLUB OF HILTON HEAD

The Country Club of Hilton Head held its annual Member-Member Tournament, a one-day event with play organized into five Flights for men and two Flights for women. Men’s Flight winners were Flight 1 – Brad Suchecki & Jerry Murphy, Flight 2 – Peter Greene & George Koetter, Flight 3 – Brian Stirrat & Chris O’Hare, Flight 4 – Bill Ennis & Skip Hendrix, and Flight 5 – David Walsh & John Steinberg. Women’s Flight winners were Flight 1 – Mary Shanahan & Pauline Fiala, and Flight 2 – Denise Hirsch & Kathy Butcher.



Member-Member Men’s Flight 3 Winner Brian Stirrat (Not pictured – Chris O’Hare).



(L-R) Member-Member Men’s Flight 4 Winners Bill Ennis & Skip Hendrix.



(L-R) Member-Member Men’s Flight 5 Winners David Walsh & John Steinberg.



(L-R) Member-Member Women’s Flight 1 Winners Mary Shanahan & Pauline Fiala.



(L-R) Member-Member Women’s flight 2 Winners Denise Hirsch & Kathy Butcher.



Ninety-six CCHH golfers played in one-day tournament that raised \$14,465 to support relief efforts for North Carolina hurricane victims.

(L-R) CCHH Staff organizers of the Hurricane Relief event – Golf Professional Bruce Hodgkiss, Member Experience Director Christi Spriggs, General Manager Matt Thomas and Director of Restaurants Karlo Corona.



Eight CCHH members played in the Osprey Village Charity Tournament at Golden Bear Golf Club helping raise funds to provide accessible housing options for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The team of David Walsh, David Magdalenski, Andy Paterno & Joe Perota finished second in the ninety-six player field.

(L-R) Osprey Village participants: 1st Row Jerry & Loretta Cutrer, Shelley Sant & Joe Perota; 2nd Row Andy Paterno, Stee Sant, David Walsh & David Magdalenski.

The CCHH held its final 2024 Twilight Mixer at the end of October. With the large field organized into two Flights. The event featured a nine-hole scramble followed by a buffet dinner in the Club Room.



(L-R) CCHH Twilight Mixer Flight 1 Winners Teresa Lawrence, Tom Raming & Megan Rishel.



(L-R) CCHH Twilight Mixer Flight 2 Winners Chip & Nancy Miller and Bonnie & Tim Guest.

Nineteen Women’s Nine-Hole Golfers Association members traveled to the Fripp Island Resort for the WNHGA’s Annual Fall Trip. The group enjoyed a two-day, two-night trip with golf on two courses and plenty of food, fellowship and fun.

WNHGA members at Fripp Island.



DOLPHIN HEAD GOLF CLUB

The Dolphin Head Women’s Golf Association held a “Ringer Tournament” in which players recorded their best score on each hole over two days of play. Lynn Lenning and Bonnie Short tied for first place in the event.

DHGC Ringer Tournament Co-Champions Lynn Lenning & Bonnie Short.



WELCOME TO THE CLUBHOUSE

This Month's Featured Club Columns



craft beer club

After years of complaining that I could not find the seasonal beers I like on HHI due to the strict Beer Distributor laws in SC (Oktoberfests, Pumpkin, Christmas Ales, etc.) my wife told me to start a Craft Beer Club....so I did! It was slow going with only 22 people at the first meeting in 2019 but the variety of beers was exactly what I envisioned!

With most residents not "from here" and who travel outside SC or have family and friends visit from outside SC it was the perfect solution to supplying Craft Beer from around the country. The



DECKED OUT IN UGLY CHRISTMAS ATTIRE!

premise of the club is to share beer at each meeting, travel to local breweries or restaurants with a great selection of Craft Beer and make an occasional overnight "Pilgrimage" to cities with a great variety of Craft Breweries. Some members traveled to Sierra Nevada Brewing and Asheville in the early years and we recently went to Charlotte for a "Hop On-Hop Off" visit of 10+ breweries along their light rail system.

Monthly meetings at Spring Lake Pavilion on the 4th Monday of each month now have attendance in the 80+ count. Beers brought by members are placed in ice filled containers for anyone to sample. I easily estimate there are 200+ bottles/cans at our meetings. Members have an HHPCBC logo 5 oz. tasting glass to sample beer styles they may have never seen and were reluctant to buy/try in a typical 16 oz. glass. No records are kept but we have likely had beer from breweries in every state in the country!

While every meeting is different there are a few "Main Events" each year such as a Mardi Gras theme in February (on sight homemade Beignets by a member!), "ZEE WURST" Oktoberfest meeting in September with seven varieties of homemade Wurst and a Christmas

meeting replete with Ugly Christmas Sweaters and sing along Beer Carols (The 12 Beers of Christmas)! Members are overly generous when asked to provide food selections based on the general theme of a particular meeting...and they can COOK/BAKE like they own a restaurant! I was told it is the best club in HHP...because nobody ever complains about anything!! Thank you Craft Breweries for expanding our beer palates....it's such a NEAT HOBBY!! For more information contact Steve Yingling via email at: stevehhi@kw.com.

KARAOKE

The HHP Karaoke Club is on a roll! Come enjoy the fun every third Thursday at Spring Lake Pavilion, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.



A Hilton Head Plantation resident for almost ten years, Jim Peresta started missing one of the loves of his life: KARAOKE. So, he decided to put a toe in the water and see if HHP might be missing that particular splash of fun, too. When he realized Spring Lake Pavilion had a huge screen and large hospitality room available, he and John Gorman, the "Executive

Entertainment Director," started the monthly club with a handful of attendees. They use an online karaoke app, and any song requested is available at the click of a few keys. At last count, the Karaoke Club has around twenty-five attendees. Attendees may bring their own snacks and beverage (including alcohol) of choice! Ice is available in the kitchen area.

"We really enjoy the opportunity to pick out our favorite songs, crank up the volume, and let ourselves go! It's all about enjoying the process, and it makes no difference if you can carry a tune or not. We even have people that come to watch the fun!" Jim says. John Gorman, EED, readily agrees. His high kick and Journey "strut" have become legendary.

We will have no club meeting in December 2024. Our 2025 meeting dates are the following Thursdays. Make a note!

- January 16th
- February 20th
- March 20th
- April 17th
- May 15th



No reservation needed. Bring your friends! The room is set up with six-foot tables, plenty of chairs, and pens and paper for requests on each table. Requests should be brought to the DJ table and put into the jar. The room lights are dimmed to take full advantage of the disco ball performance arena! Send the Karaoke Club your email address in order to be added to the announcement list. See you there!



For more info, contact: Jim Peresta, jamesmichaelperesta@gmail.com or text/call (443) 558-6126.

MEN'S CARDS

Per the schedule listed on the POA Monthly Activities Calendar (insert can be found inside *Plantation Living*), Men's Card Groups play at the Spring Lake Pavilion at 6:00 PM on Tuesdays.

We encourage you to stop by and watch the games played to determine if you are interested in joining the group.

TUESDAY LADIES BRIDGE

Ladies Intermediate Level Bridge that meets every Tuesday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm at the Plantation House. If you are interesting in joining our group as a player or substitute, please contact **Barbara Mainenti** at: **843-682-3475** or mainentihhi@gmail.com.

**BACKGAMMON CLUB**

Interested in the ancient exciting game of backgammon? Are you experienced? Never played? Want to learn or do you want to play in friendly tournaments with other players? Well, there's a club for all that right here on Hilton Head

Plantation. THE BACKGAMMON CLUB meets **the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm** at Spring Lake Pavilion. No dues, officers or meetings. Just backgammon. We do ask that you sign up so we can keep you up to speed on any announcements that might need to be made. Bring your board if you have one but don't worry if you don't. We have extras.

Contact **Mary Montour** at **651-247-7445** or email marylontour@hotmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

OPEN MAH JONGG (MJ) CLUB

The MJ club is for anyone with an interest in Mah Jongg. Guests and New members are welcome!

Regular Open Sessions are normally held on **Tuesdays at Dolphin Head, starting at 12:30 PM**. (Please see note below for dates that Dolphin Head is not available for MJ Club use.)

Players are now using the NMJL 2024 card, which are available at: <https://www.nationalmahjonggleague.org>.

An MJ set needs to be brought for each table pre-planning to play in Open Session. Several players do bring MJ sets and will be happy to accommodate drop-ins as available.

Those players interested playing traditional NMJL game, should arrange their own tables of 4, cards and MJ set. Those who enjoy a more "social" game are welcome as well. Single players are encouraged to participate and arrange to join an open table.

No dues, No fees, No Committees.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please send your name, email and phone number to: Andrea Fister at fisterandrea@gmail.com.

KNOWN Dates the MJ Club will be unable to use Dolphin Head

November 19, 4th Tuesday of the month (sessions will be held at the Plantation House)

EUCHRE CLUB

The Euchre Club meets TWICE PER MONTH. They meet on the third Friday of each month at the Spring Lake Pavilion at 6:15 PM and on the first Tuesday of each month at the Dolphin Head Recreation Center at 6:15 PM.

HHP Euchre Club



For more information, please contact Chuck Stewart at chuck.stewart@e3partners.org or **330-283-2827** or **Bill Leahy** at bleahy48@gmail.com or **404 232 5011**. Bill will be filling in for Chuck while he is out of town. No reservations necessary if you know how to play!

The club also offers FREE one-hour lessons by appointment only.

BUNCO IS BACK!

Meet at the 'new' Dolphin Head Pavilion. Third Monday of the month) at 7:00 PM. BYOB, small snack to share & \$5 towards prizes. Bunco is lots of fun and easy to learn. Questions? Call **Sue Henderson** at **585-734-3806**.

HHP BOARD GAME CLUB

Come join the fun and play interesting and exciting board games!

We meet the second Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Dolphin Head Rec Area. We play until about 9:00 pm. Address is 171 Dolphin Head Drive.



Bring any games that you like (if you want). If you bring a game, it's better if you already know how to play! The group decides what games to play and everyone is included. Bring a friend!

For more info and/or to be added to the mailing list:

Contact **Bill Leahy** **404-232-5011** or bleahy48@gmail.com

With 2024 coming to a close, we would once again like to thank all the crafters, shoppers and volunteers who support our organization! Our Spring and Holiday sales were very successful, and we are so grateful for all the support. Proceeds from our sales are donated to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry.



We will be taking a break for the holidays, but we will be meeting again in January to begin planning for the 2025 Spring Sale! The HHP Crafters meet at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Thursday each month at Spring Lake Pavilion.

If you would like to join Crafters, get email updates on craft sales or have donations of craft materials, please contact either Margot Gilbert at 843-342-9996 or Deanna Collins at 937-829-0611. Our members have many different crafting abilities and we always welcome new members, whether full or part-time.

Happy Holidays!

Laurie Arnold

arnold3909@yahoo.com

WOODCARVERS

Are you looking for a hobby that allows you to create beautiful keepsakes or practical items without spending hundreds of dollars just on getting started? Wood carving checks all of those boxes. It



is a type of woodworking in which people use knives, chisels, and other hand-held wood carving tools to create figures or designs in pieces of wood.

Come and visit with us at the Plantation House on Thursdays from 12:30 to 2:30. See if you might be "cut out" to be a woodcarver. Your grandkids will benefit from your newfound skill.

Contact Jan Gantzhorn • 302-528-3475

The Tee Timers

The Tee Timers are a group of women, who enjoy playing golf at several of the courses on Hilton Head Plantation, Bear Creek, Dolphin Head and Oyster Reef.

So join us! We play each Wednesday afternoon. Members play either 9 or 18 holes and can choose to walk or ride. Our members, who play at all experience levels, enjoy the golf and the opportunity to meet and play with others in our community.

So, if you are a woman golfer and you have an interest in joining a fun golf group, please contact us at theteetimers@gmail.com for more information.

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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the HHP Artists Association!

The HHP Artists Association is a group of visual artists comprised of painters, photographers, sculptors, jewelry, fabric artisans, and more. We have monthly meetings and various events from October through May. Stop by our Art Gallery in the Plantation House or the POA building to see our latest works.



"Ready for Shrimp"
Judi Drummond



"Two-By"
Marklyn Champagne

Our painting group meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-12:00 at Dolphin Head. The welcome mat is always open for drop ins or the curious. If you would like more information about us, please email us at hpartistnews@gmail.com to receive our quarterly emailnewsletter.

Mary Elizabeth Sullivan
HHP Artists Association



Don't Miss the LAST Market of the Season!

Saturday • December 21 • 9-11 AM
Seabrook Farm • cash/check only, no cc

GARAGE BAND

The 'Garage Band' is a place for musicians (beginner to experienced) who want to play 'classics' that are rock, country, blues (and even pop). The Garage Band wants **YOU** to come and listen, play, and/or sing!! Don't be embarrassed – it's like singing in the shower only with clothes on.

WE REALLY NEED A KEYBOARD.

We meet almost every Wednesday of the month at the Plantation House from 7:00 until 10:00 pm – check the monthly activities calendar. **For more information you may contact Ric Blaine at 706-373-8204 or rcb3771@gmail.com.**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND LISTEN!! SIT INSIDE OR ON THE DECK. BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

We now have an acoustic spinoff group which meets on various days at the Plantation House, for those who enjoy playing soft rock, blues, folk, country, bluegrass, and standards. **Contact Carol at carolkajano@gmail.com for more information**, and to gain access to our current acoustic song list and schedule.



HHP KARAOKE CLUB

The HHP Karaoke Club keeps getting better and better. We had a blast at our November club meeting! Lots of new members, great participation! So much fun! We meet the third Thursday of every month at the Spring Lake Pavilion from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.



We will have no meeting in December 2024.

Going forward in 2025, here are our meeting dates:

January 16th • February 20th

March 20th • April 17th

May 15th

No reservations needed. BYOB and/or your own food/refreshments!

For more information, contact Jim Peresta – email: jamesmichaelperesta@gmail.com - or call Jim at 443-558-6126

Tables will be provided. The kitchen will have ice!

Please invite any and all of your HHP friends as "the more the merrier".

THE HAPPY TIMES PARTY

Happy Times has moved back to the loveliest spot, Dolphin Head. No reservations, RSVP, no meeting, no agenda, no dues. Just a good time. Bring your own beverage and a contribution to the finger food table.

Date: Fourth Sunday of every month (**except December**)

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Dolphin Head Recreation Center

For more information, call Schatzi Khalifa at 315-382-17277. To get a monthly reminder, email Ezz Khalifa at hekhalf@gmail.com

Craft Beer Club

The club meets the 4th Monday of each month at the Spring Lake Pavilion at 6:30 PM unless there is an offsite event. Sign up to receive details about meeting events and you will be glad to learn about the events before the meeting date. New activities are planned for 2025 you will not want to miss!

Our January meeting will be a celebration and "toast" to our 6th BEERversary! February is our annual Mardi Gras event with Cajun culinary selections to make your mouth water.

Members are encouraged to bring craft beer from the area, their out of state travels or from visiting friends to share with the group. Our sharing provides craft beer aficionados opportunities to try other styles and flavors of beer to expand their beer palates.

Contact Steve Yingling via email at stevhehi@kw.com with questions or to indicate your interest in becoming a member.

NEWCOMERS



The Newcomers Club is a fun social group that gets together usually on the third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM at the Plantation House to mingle, share a catered meal, make connections and learn more about our community. Events are BYOB. And you don't have to be "new" to come to Newcomers! All residents are welcome.

Members pay nominal dues and receive an email around the first of each month with details on the upcoming event and a link to register and submit payment. Advance registration is necessary for planning purposes and we cannot accept walk-ins.

Our January 21 event will be a Winter Warm Up, with a tropical resort theme! Attendees are encouraged to wear bright colors or resort casual attire. Come beat the winter blues with us! Check out our website at HHPNC.com for more information. Questions? Email us at membership@hhpnc.com.

SOFTBALL CLUB



The Softball Club continues its alternative 10 AM Monday practice schedule. If you are looking forward to some healthy exercise on the POA field with a great group of people, come on down and shag some fly balls, field some grounders and take some swings at the plate. If there are enough players, a scrimmage will take place. This is a co-ed club. All are welcome! If you have any questions, you can call me at the number below for any other information.

Remember, "SOFTBALL IS FUN"!
Bob "Bonzo" Huisman • 843.715.2516

FRIENDLY FOODIES SIPS & BITES SUPPER CLUB

Do you delight in cooking, trying new recipes, entertaining in a more formal style, and regularly sharing wonderfully prepared food with three other couples? Then the Friendly Foodies Gourmet Cooking Club may be just the group you are looking for. We offer formal, full course, home-cooked dinners for dinner parties of 8 during the first half of the month and more casual and relaxed gatherings of four couples, sharing delicious Appetizers/Hors d'oeuvres paired with wine during the second half of the month. You can choose to participate in either or both types of events monthly. (The club does not meet during July, August, and December).



Please contact **Joni Boehm** at jnboehm@gmail.com if you are interested.

Java Thursdays

HHP Men's Group

Looking for an opportunity to get together with men from HHP for some good old fashioned male conversation and a cup of coffee? Well, join us every Thursday morning at Dolphin Head from 8:00 – 9:00 AM. We'll have the coffee, a bite to eat and lots of things to talk about!

If you have any questions or would like to get on our mailing list, please **contact Ray Makalous** at rmakalous@gmail.com or **John Prange** at j2prange@gmail.com.

Look forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN'S JAVA: Coffee, Conversations with Common Grounds

Just like the men, HHP women now have their own coffee time. Here's a way of getting together with HHP women for a casual morning of conversation and a cup of coffee or tea. We meet every Tuesday morning at Spring Lake Pavilion from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM for coffee or tea and a snack to share with inspiring talk. If you have any questions or would like to get on the mailing list, please contact **Beverly Silber Rogers** at bevsilber@bellsouth.net



Women's Java is off to a great start with wonderful women. Join us for a great way to bond and get to know each other!

MEN'S COOKING CLUBS

Men's 2nd Wednesday Cooking Club

We are a collegial group of guys who love to cook, yet don't create stressful competition. Our mission is to get to know each other and have fun. We have a Chef of the Month selected from the membership who cooks for the group. In September, we are going to start up a new program covering cooking techniques, cooking tools, and possibly some guest speakers. Each member only has to cook once a year. We currently have one opening and would welcome an expression of interest. **Please contact Rick Dean @ 770-354-3340.**

Men's 4th Tuesday Cooking Club

Our Cooking Club consists of men who enjoy cooking new and interesting full course meals for lunch once a month. The meal is prepared at the Spring Lake Pavilion or frequently at the member's home. We enjoy each other's company and the opportunity to improve our skills. **For further information please contact: Steve Strom @ 843-342-2838.**



HHP YACHT CLUB

AHOY and Seasons Greetings from the Hilton Head Plantation Yacht Club! For those of you who long to cast away the winter doldrums, consider setting sail with our club as a new member in the new year. No boat, you can still float. We welcome those with or without access to a boat to join our convivial club of coastal cavorters in both on and off the water events. On October 26, 2024 we got on the May River for an Eco/History tour by May River Excursions followed by lunch in Bluffton.

**Upcoming Club Event:**

January 23, 2025- The Club will celebrate our annual Change of Watch Dinner at the Hilton Head Country Club with the installation of new Officers. The theme will be "Fair Winds and Following Seas".

HHPYC always appreciates any suggestions for future boat trips, lectures, and social events. **Email commodore@hhpyc.org with all suggestions.** Explore our website at hhpyc.org. All residents of HHP are eligible to join the Club. Social memberships are available for non-boat owners. **Contact Membership with any questions at membership@hhpyc.org.**

KAYAK CLUB

Come join the Kayak Club and paddle with a group that varies from beginner to experienced.

Are you looking to learn more about kayaking in the lowcountry? Join us at our next meeting on March 17 at the Plantation House starting at 7:00 PM. Please note that our 2025 meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month. We will begin to plan trips for of 2025, so bring your ideas. We will also be soliciting ideas for future kayaking locations and outside speakers.

For all the latest information, check out our website at kayakclubhhp.weebly.com.

If you are not yet a member of our club or have a question about the club or our activities, **contact Janis Agnew or Ellen Killberg at kayakclubofhhp@gmail.com.** Check out our website for photos and descriptions of our past excursions. You must be 21 or over to join and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over 21 if joining us as a guest on any kayak trips.

**SOLO DINING GROUP FOR MEN & WOMEN IN HHP OVER 60**

A social group for widowed and unattached single men and women over 60 years old who do not wish to dine alone but would like to socialize and dine at local restaurants once or twice a month. *For more information, email Pat Lucas at patvghi@aol.com or call 843-301-6600*

Farmers Club

The Farmers' Club provides members with an opportunity to plant and cultivate food crops and flowers inside the fenced-in Seabrook Farm area, adjacent to the POA Office.

Dues for all members are \$20 per calendar year. Individual 25' x 25' plots are available for an additional \$30. Planting and maintaining a plot is not mandatory, social members enjoy volunteering at the farm and market and attending potluck dinners.

Contact: Joan LaBoiteaux – President at: president@hhpfarmers.com

Winter Garden Tip

In December and January, it is a great idea to have a plan for protecting your tender plants from a freeze. You can purchase frost blankets, but old bedsheets, blankets, towels, or any cloth when a threat of freeze is predicted will work well. Make sure you bring the cover all the way to the ground, and if you can, elevate it above so that it does not rest on your plants. Avoid plastic unless you are putting it over your cloth to protect against moisture. Plastic transfers too much cold or heat and can damage plants quickly if it is touching them. When the temperature warms up, remove the coverings as soon as possible to allow your plants sunshine and air circulation.



The Avid Gardeners
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

The Avid Gardeners have been busy making our community festive for the holidays. Each year, members join with the POA in December to decorate community entrances, and this year, we have also decorated the interior of our beautiful Dolphin Head for the holidays.

In January, our guest speaker is Dr. Louise Simpson-Cohen, who will speak about the mission and history of the Gullah Museum and explore how we could enhance the museum with native island plants.



Are you interested in being a member?

Contact: Christine Thumm at thumms@aol.com

PARTY FOR ONE CLUB

Party for One, HHP's single ladies' club, will hold its annual holiday party at a group member's home on Saturday, December 14, from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Advance registration is required, but there is no charge to attend.

Gals are asked to bring their beverage and an appetizer for eight people. The Yankee Gift Swap will be back by popular demand!

For more information on the club or to register, **contact Lesley Kyle: lesley.kyle@gmail.com/914-671-9524.** Participation is free.

PORSCHE CLUB OF HHP

The Porsche Club of Hilton Head Plantation is a social club that enjoys getting together to view and discuss the various Porsche vehicles that members bring to our events. We meet about 4 times a year at either the Plantation House or at a local restaurant for lunch. The Club also sponsors an "ALL SPORTS CAR DAY" event a few times a year inviting all sport car owners to join us for an enjoyable afternoon chatting about our cars. If you would like to join our club, please send us an email with your contact information and the type of Porsche you own to: porscheclubhhp@gmail.com.



THE CONVERTIBLE CAR CLUB of Hilton Head Plantation



THE DROPTOPS Convertible Club of HHP is a social car club with no dues, fees or meetings, just cruises and the occasional fun in the sun meet and greet. Any make, model, year or condition convertible is welcome. If your car top drops, retracts,

is removable or snaps off, we would love to have you join us on the next cruise! We have 85 club members on our distribution list representing about 60 DROPTOP vehicles. Come join the fun!

Please contact Nick Donato at ndickonato@gmail.com or 610.909.5027 to be added to the club member list.



In November we caravanned to the marine base for a tram tour, lunch at Traditions (an on base restaurant) and a museum visit. The base said they would drive us around if we parked the cars in a designated area so on base personnel can go by to see the show!

In December the club will cruise to the Callawassie Island Plantation to attend their monthly car meet then out to dinner at Jim 'N Nick's Barbecue.

Check our Facebook page for our past events at Hilton Head Plantation Corvette Club.

If you want to get on the email list, contact Dale Pena at dpena1@yahoo.com or call 585-704-2386.



SEND US PICS OF YOUR HOLIDAY SPARKLE SO WE CAN SHARE THE JOY ON INSTAGRAM! EMAIL TO PITKOR@HHPPOA.ORG



The Dog Club is open to all HHP dog lovers, whether you currently have a pet or not. We host fun and educational activities throughout the year.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us at these upcoming events:

Sat., Jan. 18 – All About Therapy Dogs and Service Dogs
11 am Plantation House (inside, no pets please)

Local representatives from two national organizations that train and certify these types of dogs will discuss their differences and the training and certification processes and answer your questions.

Sat., Feb. 22 – How to Read a Dog's Body Language – Ashley Douglas, Paws On Learning
11 am Plantation House

Have you struggled to understand what your dog wants or needs? Join us for this fun and informative session to learn how to decode your dog's body language.

For more information, contact Club Facilitator Betty Souders at: btsouders3455@gmail.com, (804) 212-6956.

CORN HOLE CLUB

Do you enjoy playing Corn Hole? Interested in joining a Corn Hole Club in HHP?

If anyone out there might be interested in playing some Corn Hole, (singles or doubles), you can get in touch with Bill Moore at: hhiscmoore@roadrunner.com or call 843-422-8281.

MODEL TRAIN

This club is for anyone who has an interest in trains. Members include modelers, history buffs, railfans, and others. Model train members use O, HO, and G gauges, to name a few. The club has a permanent layout in the Plantation House, both O-gauge and HO-gauge.



We provide running trains for plantation functions, for example, July 4th, for the Holiday Hayride and for the Children's Holiday party. We assist anyone who needs help or just wants information about the hobby. Our club members or guests do presentations on various train topics. On occasion, we may visit another train club in the area, attend area train shows, visit a train museum or a member's home.

Regular meetings are normally held at the Plantation House, at 2:00 PM, on the second Wednesday of the month from October to June. Guests and new members are always welcome. For additional information, contact Bob Gluszik at rgluszik@yahoo.com.



The Fishing Club will not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be in January when we will return to our normal schedule of Dinner Meetings with a slate of speakers on a variety of subjects (not only about fishing!). As always, members will receive detailed meeting information via e-mail.

Our Club welcomes new members. You can get an idea of our many activities at our website (HHPFishingClub.com). While fishing is slow at this time of the year, remember that the Spring Spawn is only three months away!

FRIENDS OF THE SALT MARSH CONSERVANCY

Did you know that HHP is home to a unique ecosystem called the Salt Marsh Conservancy? Our Salt Marsh Conservancy begins as a unique blind estuary at the end of Pine Island, and flows in and out of the tidal marsh that includes Park Creek, into the heart HHP.

In an effort to preserve our Salt Marsh Conservancy for generations to come, interested HHP residents are working to prevent irreparable damage to this fragile ecosystem and its natural beauty. If you're interested in learning more through articles and presentations by guest speakers, please **email your name and contact information to salt.marsh.conservatory@gmail.com**.

GLOBAL TRAVEL CLUB

This is a club that shares member experiences, plans and wish lists for European and other countries. We meet every other month to give recommendations, tell stories, enjoy food and drinks as well build relationships around our love of travel. Many of our 50+ members have either lived abroad or have traveled extensively and have insights on the places, cultures and people from various European and international regions. If you would like to join our club and be on our distribution list, **please e-mail Brian at brian.s.bules@gmail.com**.



HH Plantation Pickleball Club (H2P2)

H2P2 In Action:



- H2P2 is over 500 players strong and remains focused on building a vibrant HHP Pickleball community and serving as a voice for new recreational amenities like Pickleball.
- Despite being one of the only area communities without dedicated courts, H2P2 members try to find opportunities to play outside the plantation. These include weekly groups playing at Adriana (round robins) and a coordinated event on Sunday mornings.
- Saturday mornings from 9-11 there is a Pickleball social at the Dolphin Head Recreational area. This is being hosted by SLRC and all players are invited.

Today's Lesson:

- Unfortunately many people think of Pickleball as competition to Tennis. This isn't true as despite the exponential growth of Pickleball, Tennis continues to grow as well. In other words, racquet sports in general are benefiting from Pickleball's growth.
- It is true that nationally 10% of tennis courts have been converted to Pickleball and that new Pickleball courts are outpacing tennis court growth. Driving this trend is how economical Pickleball is, with 4 courts fitting in the same space as one tennis court. In addition, in the same amount of space that tennis accompanies 4 participants, Pickleball holds 16 players.
- With both sports experiencing growth, Lew Sherr, CEO of the USTA, points out, "Participation is not zero-sum, but the court space is." Simply swapping one sport for the other isn't a solution.
- It's clear that both sports are here to stay, and communities across the country are being challenged to find ways to accommodate the growing demand of both.

Get Involved:

- H2P2 membership is the best way to get the latest information on Pickleball specifically, please email us at h2p2club@gmail.com to join (it's free).
- Many of you have asked where you can learn the basics of pickleball through a Beginners Program. Millie Marks is a PPR Certified Coach and concentrates on helping you learn and love the game of pickleball. She will focus on teaching you how to keep score, the serves/returns and court positioning. Please contact Millie at mjmarks54@gmail.com with your questions and to set up a time!

Follow us on Facebook -- HHP Pickleball Players





Exciting News for HHPPOA Members!

As a valued annual dues-paying member of HHPPOA, you automatically become a member of the Spring Lake Racquet Club! This means you can enjoy booking Tennis, Pickleball, or Bocce court times, and join in on our fun weekly programming or private lessons.

Court Costs

- Tennis: \$24/hour (book up to 3 days in advance)
- Pickleball: \$20/hour (book up to 7 days in advance)
- Bocce: \$10/hour (book up to 7 days in advance)

Court Packages

If you love playing often, check out our fantastic court packages:

Full Court Package

Enjoy FREE bookings (up to 7 days in advance) for all court sports at Spring Lake and Dolphin Head Recreation Areas (Tennis, Pickle ball, and Bocce).

Additional Perks:

- Free Ball Machine Rentals (Tennis)
- Free Weekly Round Robins
- Discounts on Clinics, Events, and USTA Fees
- Options for Contract Court Times

Costs:

HHP Resident: \$951.00/year (Individual) or \$1,617.00/year (Family)

Dual Impact Package

Get FREE bookings (up to 7 days in advance) for Pickleball and Bocce at Spring Lake and Dolphin Head Recreation Areas.

Additional Perks:

- Free Weekly Round Robins
- Discounts on Clinics and Events

Costs:

HHP Resident: \$70.00/year (Individual) or \$140.00/year (Family)

Bocce Only Package

Enjoy FREE bookings (up to 7 days in advance) for Bocce at the Spring Lake Recreation Area.

Costs:

HHP Resident: \$35.00/year (Individual) or \$70.00/year (Family)

For more information, please call the pro shop at 843-681-3626 or visit app.courtreserve.com/portal/SLRC. We can't wait to see you on the courts!



The fall season playoffs came to an exciting end with the Buckeyes rolling past the Rolling Rocks for a repeat championship win. Congratulations to our fall champions, Merv and Karen McCoy of the Buckeyes. Our season was topped off with a festive banquet featuring medals for our champions, awards for our runners-up and division winners as well as door prizes and baskets of cheer. The delicious dinner was catered by Limoncello's.



Many thanks to Roy Powers and Sun City for hosting an intercommunity single elimination bocce tournament complete with a picnic for all and nice trophies for the champions and runners-up. Four communities participated in the event and your HHP Bocce Club took home first and second place! Congratulations to the champions, Steve Yingling and Craig Merritt of the Rolling Rocks and runners-up, Lou Brusciannelli and John Hupchick of Sicilian Rollers.

Visit <https://app.courtreserve.com/Online/Portal/Index/7345> for information on spring season signups and clinics or find our link under Clubs on the HHPPOA website.



HHP Women's Club

A Message From the President

We have some very exciting activities upcoming for 2025. Our speaker series will begin to focus on our individual health and wellness.

Thank you to all the residents who donated to our Food Drive in late October and also the Toy Drive December 4th. Your generosity will help brighten the season for many families in our area. Happy Holidays!

Julie B Brumbelow



Our sold out Evening Social was so much fun! Listening to our members & providing more ways to connect is an integral part of our mission. If you missed this one, don't worry... We have more on the horizon!



FEATURED SPEAKERS



Jan 14 • Debbie Luther

Feb 11 • Dr. Debi Lynes

Debbie Luther
Symbios Health
New Year, New You
Get healthy, fit, and beautiful for life

Debbie Luther is an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with 30 years of Nursing and Clinical experience. She works alongside her husband Dr. Stephen Luther and a team of dedicated doctors, physician's assistants and nurse practitioners at Symbios Health on Hilton Head Island.

Debbie specializes in family medicine, women's health and bioidentical hormone therapy with a special interest in nutrition and fitness.

Dr. Debi Lynes
Freudian Slipcovers
More Sleep and Less Stress—
but HOW?
Strategies For Self Care

Debi Lynes serves as hosts to local television programs on Hilton Head Island including "Lynes on Design," an interior design show; and "Healthy Living," where she interviews doctors and examines the environments in which healing occurs.

Her business, Freudian Slipcovers, incorporates three facets of healthy living: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Insomnia (CBT-I), Private Practice, and Facilitative and Supportive Interior Design.

FEATURED WC GROUPS



Book Clubs

HHPWC has many book clubs each with its own meeting schedule, format, and genres. The Book Club organizer/leader helps any new member locate open book club spaces. No fee.

Note: Only new members need to register.

Contact: Marsha Thatcher • mdmjthatcher@gmail.com



Happy to Help

The Happy to Help Group, a group focused on charity work, recently collected gift cards totaling \$1,365 for the Boys & Girls Club Giving Tree to help spread holiday cheer. The group also contributed numerous baked goods for the HHP Crafters Bake Sale benefitting Hospice of the Low Country. The sale made \$1,132.

Start A Club!

We have lots of members who have great ideas and talents to share. If you have an idea for a new group, or you'd like to start an existing group at a new time, simply email Diane Mills, our Activities Chair, at DianeJMills@aol.com.

FOMO? YOLO!

HHPWC Membership is currently at 596!! Join or renew today at hhpwc.org to get plugged in to this amazing, friendly community of women who can't wait to meet YOU!!!

“GROUNDBREAKING MEDICAL NEWS” SEMINAR

Please join the Activities Department and Mr. Russell Baxley, President & CEO for Beaufort Memorial Hospital, on Monday, January 27, at 11:00 AM at the Plantation House for a FREE seminar about Ground-breaking Medical News for our area. Learn about the development of new health-care facilities across Beaufort County as well as Care Delivery Partnerships in the area. Mr. Baxley will also discuss the state of healthcare systems and some of the challenges faced across the nation.



Date: Monday, January 27
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Plantation House
Cost: FREE!
Presenter: Mr. Russell Baxley, President & CEO
 Beaufort Memorial Hospital
RSVP: Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090 or
 Email: scheduling@hhppoa.org

If interested in attending, please contact Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited so sign up today!

“FIVE WISHES®” SEMINAR

Making care decisions for someone can be a difficult task, but also rewarding if the decision-maker knows they are honoring their loved one’s wishes. The process of Advance Care Planning allows your voice to be heard even when you can’t express your wishes on your own.



Please join the Activities Department and LaNelle Fabian, CVA, Director of Community Engagement for Friends of Caroline for a free seminar on “Five Wishes®” on Thursday, January 23, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House. Five Wishes® is an easy-to-complete form used by anyone 18 or older to discuss their personal, emotional and spiritual needs, as well as their medical wishes. Once properly signed, it becomes a legal document used in all 50 states. So join us for a discussion on Five Wishes® and give a gift to those you care about by sharing your values, goals, and preferences.

When: Thursday, January 23 • 10:00 AM
Where: Plantation House
Cost: FREE!
Presenter: LaNelle Fabian, CVA
 Dir. of Community Engagement
RSVP: Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090 or
 Email: scheduling@hhppoa.org

If interested in attending, please call or email Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. Be sure to include your phone number if responding via email. Light refreshments will be provided. Space is limited so sign up today!

“SENIOR LIVING VS. HOME CARE” SEMINAR

Please join the Activities Department and Heather Gibbon, a resident of HHP, on Wednesday, January 29, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House for a free seminar on “Senior Living vs. Home Care.” Heather will provide an overview of Senior Living and Home Care and how you might consider each as you formulate a plan for your future needs. Some topics to be discussed include:

- Pros/Benefits of Senior Living - Health Care, socialization, lifestyle, peace of mind, ability to age in place, continued independence, healthy meals, etc.
- Cons of Senior Living - Cost, the need to greatly downsize, adjusting to change
- Pros/Benefits of Home Care - Staying in your familiar home environment/neighborhood, keeping a pet, avoid a move
- Cons of Home Care - Cost, managing the service, isolation, lack of health care, having people you don’t know in your space

Date: Wednesday, January 29
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Plantation House

If interested in attending, please contact Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited so sign up today!



PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING FOR “SHADES OF IRELAND” TOUR

For those individuals who have registered to join us for one of the upcoming trips to Ireland in March, we will be hosting a Pre-Departure Meeting at the Plantation House on Wednesday, February 12, at 11:00 AM. Marianne Kraft, Collette’s Business Development Manager for South Carolina, will be onsite to answer any questions and review the itinerary and flight details. This is not a mandatory meeting, but we will have important information to share with both groups, so we encourage those signed up to join us if possible.

Date: Wednesday, February 12
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Plantation House

For questions, you can also reach out to Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090 or Chrissy at 843-681-8800, ext. 226.

Hatha Yoga Class – New 6-Week Session

The Activities Department is excited to introduce a new 6-week session of Hatha Yoga taught by Mary Montour. Hatha Yoga combines a gentle asana (posture) practice that emphasizes core strength, flexibility, balance, concentration, and breath control. Mary feels alignment is key to staying safe and getting the maximum benefit from the poses. Mindful, slow flow coupled with the breath and longer holds compliment the active alignment cues. Props will be utilized to help with alignment so students of all abilities can participate. Restorative poses and meditation close out the class. This class is suitable for students that are newer to yoga with some yoga experience, as well as experienced students interested in a lower intensity flow and refinement of alignment.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays at the Spring Lake Pavilion from 2:30 – 3:30 PM. The session will run January 22 through February 26, and the cost is only \$45/person for the entire session.

Dates: Wednesdays
January 22 – February 26
Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM
Place: Spring Lake Pavilion
Cost: \$45/person
Instructor: Mary Montour

If interested, sign up at the Scheduling Office with Jen or Sean. Your check or cash payment IS your reservation. A maximum of 20 participants will be permitted to sign up for this class.

For questions, call the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090.


Qigong Class – New 6-Week Session

Qigong (chee gong) is an ancient Chinese health care system that was developed before the written word in Chinese monasteries, hospitals and imperial courts. It integrates movements, breathing techniques, focus attention and self applied massage. Qigong means cultivating or working with energy and is practiced for health maintenance, increased vitality and inner peace. Our instructor, Bénédicte Gadron, will be teaching a six-week session beginning Monday, January 6. Classes will be held on Mondays at the Spring Lake Pavilion from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. The new class session runs from January 6 through February 10, and the cost is only \$45/person for the entire session. If interested, please sign up with Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. Questions? Call 843-681-8090.

Dates: Mondays
January 6 – February 10
Time: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Place: Spring Lake Pavilion
Cost: \$45/person
Instructor: Bénédicte Gadron

Qigong’s great appeal is that anyone can benefit from practicing it, from the very young to the very old. The movements are easy to learn. They can be performed standing or sitting and can be adapted for physical limitations. No special equipment or clothing is required. A minimum is needed in order to have this class so sign up today!

UNIVERSAL FITNESS CLASSES

Program	Instructor	Days	Time	Place	2024 Fees
Low-Impact Aerobics	Louise Lund	Mon • Wed • Fri	8:30 - 9:30 AM	SLP	1 ticket • \$7 10 tickets • \$65 20 tickets • \$120 30 tickets • \$165 40 tickets • \$210 Check out the 2025 Fitness Waiver. Just scan the QR Code right over THERE! 
Total Body Conditioning	Louise Lund	Mon • Wed • Fri	9:30 - 10:30 AM	SLP	
Chair Yoga	Gayle Caporale	Mondays	3:00 - 4:00 PM	SLP	
Pilates	Holly Wright	Tues • Thurs	8:30 - 9:30 AM	SLP	
Core, Strength, & Balance	Louise Lund	Tues • Thurs	9:45 - 10:45 AM	SLP	
Gentle Yoga	Gayle Caporale & Nick Donato	Tues • Thurs	5:30 - 6:30 PM	SLP	
Country Line Dancing	Jackie Spindel	Mon • Wed	5:30 - 6:30 PM	SLP	

You must use a 2024 Universal Fitness Ticket in order to attend the above classes. Tickets are available for purchase at the POA Service Center and the Plantation House.

Sign-up for POA Activities at the Scheduling Office in the Plantation House. Questions? Call Jen or Sean at 843.681.8090

KIDS’ NIGHT OUT

The Activities Department is hosting a fun-filled Kids’ Night Out on Friday, January 17, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM for all kids in grades K-5th for \$10/child. The festivities will include a pizza dinner, fun games, and conclude with the showing of the movie, “Inside Out 2.” To register, please see Jen or Sean at the Plantation House with your \$10 BEFORE the deadline on Monday, January 13. We will be limiting this event to the first 40 kids that sign up so don’t wait. Sign up today! Questions? Call 843-681-8090.

Movie: “Inside Out 2” (Rated PG)
Date: Friday, Jan. 17
Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM
Place: Plantation House
Cost: \$10.00 per child
Deadline: Monday, Jan. 13
Questions? Contact Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090 or Email: scheduling@hhppoa.org



Movie Description: Disney and Pixar’s “Inside Out 2” returns to the mind of newly minted teenager Riley just as headquarters is undergoing a sudden demolition to make room for something entirely unexpected: new Emotions! Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust, who’ve long been running a successful operation by all accounts, aren’t sure how to feel when Anxiety shows up. And it looks like she’s not alone.

Community Blood Drive

The Activities Department is teaming up with OneBlood for another community blood drive on **Monday, January 13, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.** OneBlood is a not-for-profit community asset serving hospitals in the South Carolina Lowcountry and Coastal Empire region. Blood donated with OneBlood stays in our community to help the needs of our local patients. Did you know – about 38% of the population can donate blood but less than 10% actually do? Share your power!

When: Monday, January 13
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Where: Plantation House Parking Lot (inside the OneBlood Big Red Bus)
RSVP: Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090

To schedule an appointment, call Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090 today! Not sure if your travel or medications will impact your eligibility, **visit www.oneblood.org/donate or call 1-888-9DONATE (936-6283).** Please remember to eat, hydrate, and bring an ID. Wearing masks are optional on the bus. Also, all donors will receive a OneBlood gift and a \$20 eGift Card PLUS a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse, and cholesterol screening. If you are not feeling well and healthy the day of the blood drive, please do NOT come to the blood drive. Thank you!

2025 Universal Fitness Tickets available for purchase NOW!

For those HHP residents who attend any of the Universal Fitness Classes, the new 2025 tickets are now available for purchase. The 2025 tickets CANNOT be used for classes until January 2025.

- 1 ticket - \$7.50
- 10 tickets - \$70.00 (\$7.00 each)
- 20 tickets - \$130.00 (\$6.50 each)
- 30 tickets - \$180.00 (\$6.00 each)
- 40 tickets - \$230.00 (\$5.75 each)



The Activities Department will accept exchanges of up to 5 Universal Fitness Tickets from 2024 for 2025 tickets.

No refunds will be given. For questions, please contact Chrissy at 843-681-8800, ext. 226. Tickets can be purchased at the POA Service Center or the Plantation House.

Fusion Fitness – New 6-Week Session

The Activities Department is excited to be offering another 6-week session of Fusion Fitness with instructor Mary Grogan in the new year. Fusion Fitness is a fusion of Pilates and light weights for all levels. The goal is to empower you to tone, strengthen and move your body with confidence, strength, and awareness. All sports will be enhanced as you improve your posture, balance, increase energy, and decrease stress. Participants should bring a mat, water, and a set of light weights (2-3 lbs.).

This new 6-week session will be offered on Wednesdays in the evenings from 6:45-7:45 PM at the Spring Lake Pavilion (upstairs) starting January 8 and continuing through February 12. Participants should be prepared to get down and up off the floor for some of the exercises.

Dates: Wednesdays • Jan 8 – Feb 12
Time: 6:45 – 7:45 PM
Place: Spring Lake Pavilion
Cost: \$45/person
Instructor: Mary Grogan

A maximum of 20 participants are permitted to sign up for this class. If interested, sign up with Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. **For questions, call the Scheduling Office at 843-681-8090.**

January Art Classes with LouAnne Barrett

Start your New Year celebrating creativity! Bring a previously started yet unfinished work or start something fresh and new! Artists of all skill levels work at their own pace enjoying the social connections and encouragement from other artists while improving their own skills. We are fortunate to create in the beautiful environment and inspiring scenery of Dolphin Head Rec Center.

Instructor provides materials for new artists to experiment and try other mediums. You're encouraged to bring your own photos of whatever is inspiring you currently or you can browse through the instructor's various files of photos for inspiration. If you have a particular interest in learning something, please email the instructor before the first class. Class maximum: 10 artists; class minimum: 4 artists. Visit the website labarrettartist.com to view instructor's work.

When: Monday, January 13 • Friday, January 17 • Monday, January 27

Time: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Place: Dolphin Head Rec Center

Cost: \$160 for entire session of three 4-hour classes OR \$60.00/class

If interested, sign up at the Scheduling Office with Jen or Sean. Your check or cash payment IS your reservation. For questions, call 843-681-8090 or contact LouAnne Barrett via email: 1ladesignsonhhi@gmail.com.

Artist/Instructor Education:

AA from Mesa College, San Diego, Ca.
BFA from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
M.Ed from Lesley University, Cambridge, MA

Artist/Instructor Experience:

Designer/Owner of Interior Design Firm - 17 years
Middle & High School Art Teacher - 20 years
Adjunct Professor of Interior Design - 10 years



January Art Classes with LeAnn Kalita

Artistic Deep Dive in 2025

Start the New Year right...Kick off 2025 with ARTISTIC DEEP DIVE classes with LeAnn Kalita. This month of FOUR FULL-DAY sessions will provide you with the inspirational space to explore new depths of creativity, self-expression, growth, and more. Possibly your focus will be experimenting with different mediums/styles, expanding your skills/techniques, following core steps when planning/executing a painting, or simply giving yourself dedicated time to paint...you decide what's right for you. LeAnn will discuss, guide and demo along the way in addition to emailing relevant articles. And to encourage full commitment, these sessions are offered at a highly discounted rate so the deeper you dive, the more you paint, and the more you save. Take the "Dive" in 2025 and elevate your work to the next level! Open to all levels of acrylic and watercolor painters. Supply list given at registration. *Note: No session on Jan. 23.

When: Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, and 30

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Place: Plantation House

Cost: Normal Full-Session Rate is \$90

January Deep Dive DEAL:

- Buy 1, get 10% off - \$81
- Buy 2, get 20% off - \$144
- Buy 3, get 30% off - \$189
- Buy 4, get 40% off - \$216



If interested in signing up for any of LeAnn's classes, please stop by the Scheduling Office. Your check or cash payment IS your reservation. For questions, call 843-681-8090 or contact LeAnn Kalita via email: kalitart@gmail.com or check out her website at www.leannkalita.com.

“Turning 65 Medicare Tips” Seminar

Please join the Activities Department and Jennifer Hughes Cooner of The Cooner Insurance Agency for a free seminar entitled “Turning 65 Medicare Tips” on Thursday, February 6, at 11:00 AM at the Plantation House. Join us for a relaxed morning filled with delicious pastries and coffee, as we dive into essential tips for transitioning to Medicare. Whether you’re approaching 65 or helping a loved one, this event will cover the key things you need to know about enrolling in Medicare, understanding your options, and how to avoid common pitfalls. This event is a perfect way to connect with neighbors, enjoy some treats, and get prepared for the road ahead with Medicare!

Date: Thursday, February 6
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Plantation House
Cost: FREE!
Presenter: Mrs. Jennifer Hughes Cooner
 Agency Owner/Broker • The Cooner Insurance Agency
RSVP: Call Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090 or
 Email: scheduling@hhppoa.org



If interested in attending, please RSVP to Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. Light refreshments will be served. By attending, you also have a chance to win a raffle prize for a wellness-themed gift basket. Space is limited so sign up today!

Presenter bio: Jennifer Hughes Cooner brings a deep-rooted commitment to service and community, shaped by a lifetime in the Lowcountry. With nearly six years of experience in the insurance industry, Jennifer founded Cooner Insurance Agency to provide personalized, comprehensive health insurance solutions. Recognized annually by CMS for outstanding client enrollment assistance, Jennifer has quickly become a respected figure in the Health Insurance and Medicare industry.

“Latest Advances in Cardiac Technology” Seminar

The Activities Department will be teaming up with Novant Health and Dr. Timothy Alikakos with Hilton Head Heart for a free seminar entitled “Latest Advances in Cardiac Technology” on Thursday, February 13, at 10:00 AM at the Plantation House. Join Dr. Alikakos as he explores the latest advances in cardiac technology. This engaging seminar will focus on the latest in heart health monitoring, advances in stroke prevention, and the latest technologies in cardiac interventions. Plus bring any cardiology-related questions and concerns for a Q & A after the presentation.

When: Thursday, February 13 • 10:00 AM
Place: Plantation House
Cost: FREE!
Presenter: Dr. Timothy Alikakos • Hilton Head Heart
RSVP: Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090 or
 Email: scheduling@hhppoa.org

To register, please call or email Jen or Sean at the Scheduling Office. Seats are limited so sign up today!

Presenter bio: Dr. Timothy Alikakos is board certified in Interventional Cardiology and Cardiovascular Disease. He specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease such as heart defects, coronary artery disease, heart rhythm disorders and heart failure. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Chicago and has been practicing for more than 20 years.

Volunteers Needed!
 Tuesday, January 7 • Wednesday, January 8 • 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Spring Lake Pavilion (1/7) • Plantation House (1/8)

What goes up, must come down. On Tuesday, January 7, and Wednesday, January 8, the Activities Department will be taking down the Christmas decorations at the Spring Lake Pavilion and the Plantation House from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

If you would like to help, please call Chrissy at 843-681-8800, ext. 226. Light refreshments will be provided!

Thank you!

HHPPOA HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

IT'S TIME TO
wrap up for the Holidays!

Closure Dates:
25TH DECEMBER, 2024
26TH DECEMBER, 2024
1ST JANUARY, 2025

Savannah Ghost Pirates Hockey – Group Discounted Tickets



The Activities Department is excited to offer an evening of fun with the Savannah Ghost Pirates Hockey team in early 2025. Join us on Saturday, February 1, at 7:00 PM as the Ghost Pirates take on the Jacksonville Icemen. We are offering a limited number of group discounted tickets. The cost is \$30/ticket, and the seating will be in Section 111. The theme for the evening is “90’s Retro Party,” so feel free to come dressed up in your favorite 90’s outfit.

Please note: The Enmarket Arena is a CASHLESS facility, and they have a clear bag policy. Outside food/drinks are not permitted. The tickets will be transferred via email as the tickets are digital. Transportation is not provided to the Enmarket Arena, however, there are various options for parking. Parking closest to the arena in Lot J will range from \$20-\$25. Parking at the Savannah Civic Center located on W Liberty Street is also an option that provides shuttle services to and from the Enmarket Arena.

- When:** Saturday, February 1 • 7:00 PM
- Team Opponent:** Jacksonville Icemen
- Seating:** Section 111
- Cost:** \$30/ticket

For more details about the Enmarket Arena, check out their A-Z guide at <https://enmarketarena.com/a-z-guide/> Or explore the Savannah Ghost Pirates website at: <https://www.ghostpirateshockey.com>

If interested, stop by the Scheduling Office with payment. We will accept cash or check only (check payable to HHPPOA).

For questions, call Jen or Sean at 843-681-8090. Please be sure to provide your email address at the time of registration so we can email you your tickets. Thank you!



Thank you to our Holiday Decorating Volunteers!!

A special thanks goes to all the wonderful volunteers who helped us decorate the Plantation House, the Spring Lake Pavilion, the Dolphin Head Rec Center, the Community Signs, the Surrey, and the Security Gates for the holidays!! Everything looked so beautiful, and we appreciate each and every one of you for taking the time to help spread a little holiday cheer!

THE HHP FAQs FORUM:

DID YOU KNOW?

THE SECURITY EDITION:
IN ADDITION TO WELCOMING YOU THROUGH THE GATES, IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 2024...

The Security Department plays an integral role in keeping our community financially healthy.

Security officers interacted with 34,197 commercial vehicles at the gates, collecting over \$550,000 in fees, which benefits residents by keeping the HHPPOA annual assessments low.

Having a Security Department that is available 24 hours a day can literally be life-saving.

Resident calls for assistance the past 11 months resulted in 1,391 visits by security officers. Of these, 544 were medical calls, providing help to those in need.

Statistically, preventive patrolling has been proven to significantly reduce crime.

Hilton Head Plantation has 72 miles of roadway. This year-to-date, security officers have completed 139,581 patrol miles, working 24/7 keeping residents safe.

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Debra Reece • *The Bluff at Sunrise*



Mary Sheridan • *I'll Be Back*



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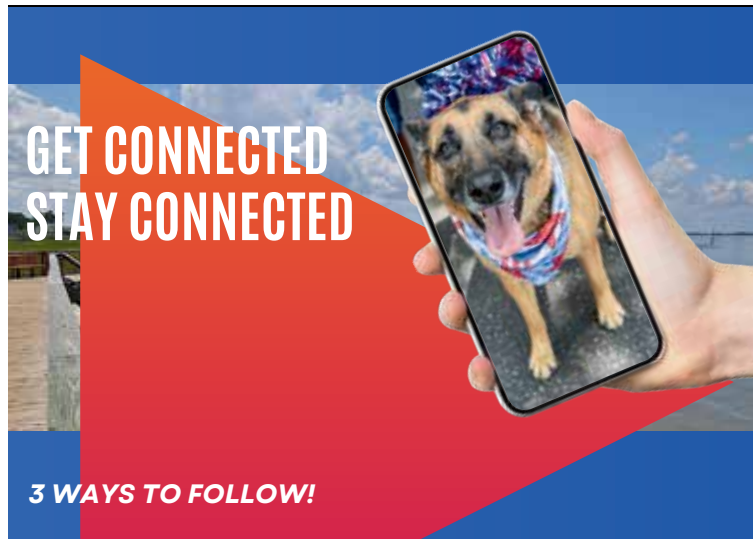
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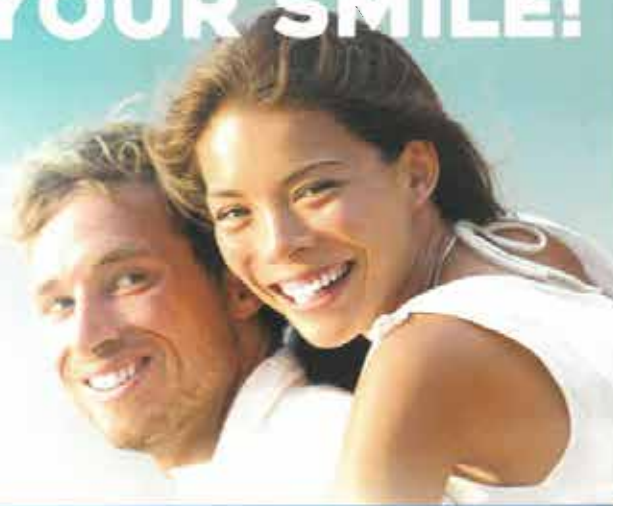
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