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FROM TOWN HALL

Barry Goldstein

Earthquakes and Seabrook Island

South Carolina has a seismic past. Earthquakes are not an uncommon occurrence in South Carolina. There is no question that Seabrook Island area will experience an earthquake at some time in the future.

The most famous earthquake to occur in our area is the Charleston earthquake of 1886. It occurred at about 9:51 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 1886. People had no way of knowing that a large earthquake, with an estimated magnitude of 7.3 to 7.6, would occur. There were no warnings. It is hard to imagine how confused and unnerving they must have been as the earth trembled and buildings swayed, and some collapsed. Many of Charleston areas brick and masonry buildings crumbled to the ground. Many other structures that remained standing were damaged. It is estimated that about 60 people did not survive the earthquake. It was reported that ground shaking damaged structures as far away as 200 miles from Charleston. Shaking from

the earthquake was felt from Maine to Florida and as far west as the Mississippi River, covering an area of more than 5 million square kilometers. The earthquake — estimated to have been at least a magnitude-7 event with an epicenter near Summerville, S.C. — was the most powerful and destructive in recorded history to strike in the southern United States. Although the earthquake of 1886 was not the first to shake the region. In our area large earthquakes occur infrequently, but many residents are unaware of South Carolina's shaky past. Historical accounts of earthquakes in the state go back as far as 1698.

Twenty-seven years after the 1886 Charleston earthquake, another strong earthquake occurred in South Carolina. This earthquake occurred on the afternoon of January 1, 1913, at about 1:28 p.m. near the town of Union in Union County. The earthquake had an estimated magnitude of 5.5. Reports from this earthquake indicated damage was minimal and no deaths resulted.

When will the next strong quake occur? The ability to accurately predict when and where earthquakes will occur is not yet available. Seabrook Island Residents need to realize that we face the possibility of a strong earthquake

having its epicenter near us. We also need to realize that a major earthquake anywhere in the Eastern United States could adversely affect us, causing damage.

What you can do to be prepared for the next Earthquake, according to the South Carolina Geological Survey:

BEFORE

- Learn how to shut off all utilities in your home and have the necessary tools on hand.
- Keep emergency items on hand, including first-aid kit, supply of important medicines, flashlight, battery-powered radio, batteries, three-day supply of water and nonperishable food, and a fire extinguisher.
- Use bolts or straps to secure heavy items that might topple over, such as a bookcase, china cabinet, or water heater.
- Avoid placing heavy objects on shelves or heavy pictures on walls where they could fall onto a bed.
- Learn first aid procedures.

DURING

- If at home, avoid windows and objects that could fall. If possible, get under a sturdy table, desk, or bed, or stand in a doorway.
- If in a public building, avoid stairways and elevators and don't run for exits.

Get under a desk or table and avoid outside walls, especially glass walls.

- If outside, move to an area where you will be safe from falling trees, utility poles, or debris from buildings.
- If driving in a car, avoid bridges, underpasses, and overpasses. Safely bring the car to a stop and turn on the radio for emergency broadcasts.

AFTER

- Check for injuries to others and aid as needed.
- Check for and extinguish fires and check for and correct conditions such as spilled gasoline that could lead to a fire.
- Check appliances and gas, electric, and water lines for damage, and shut off utilities that are damaged.
- If outside, watch out for downed power lines.
- Use the telephone only for emergencies.
- Be prepared for aftershocks.

What would be the results of an earthquake with a similar magnitude as the 1886 earthquake if it occurred today? According to a scientific study commissioned by the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, an earthquake today of similar intensity (7.3) and location to the one in 1886

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Secretary for COVAR

As you read this article, COVAR, the Council of Villa Associations and Regimes will have held their annual Board of Directors Elections for the 2022-2023 year.

We are pleased with the candidates who volunteered to continue to support COVAR's purpose: "To provide a regular forum for villa property owners to share and discuss common concerns, to collaborate with the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, the Town of Seabrook Island and the Seabrook Island Club in matters of mutual responsibility and interest and to provide a single official voice for all villa property owners".

Of the 2569 homeowner units allowed to vote in the recent Seabrook Island Property Owners Association, 1335 homeowner units are in the 41 COVAR Associations and Regimes. Our Council represents more than one-half of Seabrook Island homeowners. The total number of sales within the villas, cottages, and townhome members of COVAR from January 2021 through December 2021 was approximately 163 homes valued at over \$78 million dollars. These numbers do not include pocket listings

sold through Seabrook Island Real Estate. In addition, Salt Marsh Townhomes are in the final phase of their buildout and three new homes are currently under construction in The Village at Seabrook.

To continue to advocate for our membership, COVAR is seeking new and returning members for the following committees:

Beachfront Committee

Seeking two or more members to advocate on behalf of COVAR to Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA), The Seabrook Island Club, (SIC) and the Town of Seabrook Island (TOSI) on issues that affect our beachfront. The Beachfront communities are Atrium Villas, Beach Club Villas, Dolphin Point Townhomes, Spinnaker Beach Cottages, Oystercatcher Cottages and Pelican Watch Villas. We currently have one volunteer each from Atrium Villas, Beach Club Villas and Spinnaker Beach Cottages.

During the annual Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) meeting, held on February 19, 2021, multiple public questions were submitted to the Executive Board regarding the proposed plans for a 140-foot boardwalk and seating platform along the berm that stretches from the current Boardwalk 8 seating platform towards the Pelican's Nest restaurant. In addition, a boardwalk would be constructed from the passenger drop-off area to the BW 8 seating platform. Additional public questions submitted to the board expressed concern over the LSV parking area adjacent to Boardwalk 7 and improvements to the beach stairs at BW7. These issues are currently being reviewed by SIPOA's Long Range Planning Committee (LRP) and General Operating Maintenance Committee (GOMC) according to Ray Hoover, outgoing SIPOA Board President.

COVAR Outlook for 2022-2023



Sealoft Villas - Seabrook Island

Communication and Community Engagement

Seeking two or more members to advocate on behalf of COVAR to SIPOA, SIC and TOSI on issues that affect the quality of life of the membership that reside in the 41 Associations and Regimes on Seabrook Island.

This committee will continue to represent COVAR as the "Stakeholder" in discussions with both TOSI and SIPOA. Recent TOSI Ad Hoc Committee meetings have been investigating potential changes to TOSI Ordinance 2020-14, which governs Short-Term Rentals on Seabrook Island.

Drainage and Environmental Committee

Seeking two or more members to advocate on behalf of COVAR to SIPOA and SIC in relation to the multi-year island wide drainage project, which was adopted by SIPOA and SIC in 2020. In addition, the committee will identify environmental issues that may impact the Associations and Regimes.

The initial Drainage Study, conducted by Thomas and Hutton, identified multiple projects to be undertaken on Seabrook Island. Commencing in 2021, the projects in the study were prioritized, with the most urgent needs addressed first. Remaining drainage proj-

ects, budgeted at \$5.6 million dollars, will take place through 2030.

Safety and Security Committee

Seeking two or more members to advocate on behalf of COVAR to SIPOA, SIC and TOSI in all matters relating to Safety and Security on Seabrook Island as it impacts our 41 Associations and Regimes. This committee will be tasked with continuing to advocate on COVAR's behalf in all matters regarding the ability of the short-term renter to request and receive gate passes more than those allowed by their STR rental agreement contract. The committee has been working on this project since January 2018. Currently, SIPOA contracts with an outside security company, Norred Associates, (recently acquired by Allied Universal), to provide gate Access services. SIPOA does not currently employ a Safety Officer. Rather, they rely on a Security Manager to function as a liaison between SIPOA and Norred.

COVAR continues to maintain a large presence on Seabrook Island and looks forward to the successful attainment of our goals for 2022-2023.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these committees, please email joanne.fagan@comcast.net ▲

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The Seabrooker will report regularly on Island happenings, as well as newsworthy events that affect property owners and residents. As Seabrooker volunteers with a common objective, we are committed to securing the facts and reporting to you in a forthright, honest and unbiased manner.

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DEATH NOTICES

Death notices include basic information about the deceased: the person's name, age, occupation, date of death and place of death information. Notifications can be sent to theseabrooker@yahoo.com



Miriam Elsie Gates Carter, 81, of Seabrook Island, SC, died Friday morning, March 26, 2021 at her home. A Graveside Service was held Monday, March 29, 2021 at 4:00 pm, in the Johns Island Presbyterian Church- yard.

Mrs. Carter was born March 21, 1940 in Lexington, SC. She is the daughter of the late Eva Mae Shealy Gates and Lonnie Harold Gates. On July 30, 1966 she married Joe Marshall Carter, Jr. She is survived by her husband; her children, Eva Carter Schaefer (John) of Greer, SC, John Harrison Carter (Keta) of Rock Hill, SC, and Marshall Gates Carter (Rachael); and her granddaughters, Nettie Adele Carter and Neva Belle Carter of Seabrook Island, SC.

She was a member of Johns Island Presbyterian Church. If you wish, please send memorials to Johns Island Presbyterian Church, 2550 Hobicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455.



Earle Johnson Davis, 86, of Summerville, South Carolina, entered into eternal rest on Monday, February 14, 2022. His Funeral Service will be held Saturday, February 19, 2022 in the J. Henry Stuhr Inc., Downtown Chapel, 232 Calhoun Street, at 2:00 pm. The family will receive friends prior to the service in the Downtown Chapel beginning at 1:00 pm.

Erle was born June 4, 1935 in Savannah, Georgia, son of the late Arthur Curtis Davis and Mildred Johnson Davis. Erle graduated from The Citadel in 1957 and served in the U.S. Army. He was a passionate distance runner

and in his earlier years, after his shift at the gas station on the Ashley River downtown, would run from there to Mullet Hall, (a distance of about 18 miles!) where he would camp overnight with friends. Erle was also an avid daylily gardener and state Table Tennis Champion who also competed in the U.S. Open.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Fryman Davis; his children, Kevin Davis (Hazel Lee), Kathleen Mills Beck (Clinton), and Chad Davis (Kara); and his grandchildren, Gary Davis, AnnaLee White, Noah Beck, EmmaLynn Davis, Hadley Claire Beck, and Madeleine Davis. In addition to his parents, Erle was preceded in death by his sisters, Sue Jackson and Diane Van Middleworth.

Memorial donations may be made in Erle's honor to Trinity United Methodist Church, where he was a member as a boy and then returned in his senior years. It is there that he met his wife Jan and married her on their shared birthday.

Janet Fryman Davis was a member of the Seabrook Island Club.



Dear Cap'n Sam,

I write this letter as the number of Short Term Rentals (STRs) on Seabrook Island has increased by over 10% since June 2021 when the Town summarily rejected the call to create an independent citizens' commission to study the impact of STRs on our community. Today there are 510 STRs on Seabrook Island, and the number continues to grow.

The rejection by the Town for a study commission in the Spring was followed by repeated dismissals and finally another rejection in November 2021 when the Mayor and all but one Town Council member said NO to over 300 voters who signed a petition to put before voters a non-binding referendum on a proposal to cap the number of STRs. The stated basis for rejecting the petition was that a referendum on STRs was unfair to the non-registered voters who own STRs and don't reside on Seabrook Island.

To placate voters, the Town created a two member committee of council members to gather additional data on STRs. Of note is that both of these individuals voted in opposition to the non-binding referendum and expressed no objection to the earlier dismissal of the proposal for an independent citizens' commission to study the issue of STRs. The committee members say they are "data driven" without a stated purpose, goal or hypothesis; however, when facts, studies and data are presented that reveal the negative impact STRs have on communities like Seabrook, this information is dismissed as not being pertinent to Seabrook.

This committee meets in private and provides no written summaries or even a meeting schedule for the public record. And, it has no written mandate for its purpose. It's just a committee.

It is important to state at the onset that the Preserve Seabrook group is not looking to eliminate STRs on Seabrook Island. Rentals have long constituted a portion of the housing on the island. Nevertheless, in the view of the Preserve Seabrook movement, we believe there are two questions that need to be asked:

1. Is the unbridled growth of STRs a net positive for Seabrook's economic well-being and the quality of life on Seabrook?

2. What is the tipping point before there are too many STRs on Seabrook?

Two independent research studies that are now in the hands of the committee answer these questions. It's NO for the first question! As one published research paper by a housing economist at Florida State University found, "regardless of the type of rental, adding additional rental units to the neighborhood or increasing its' neighborhood share at the expense of single family-family owner-occupied homes, lowers home values...." This makes perfect sense because how many Seabrookers would purchase the home they live in today if it was surrounded by STRs?

As for the economic benefit, another independent study by a highly regarded think tank in Washington, DC found the net gain to communities for having STRs is grossly overstated and not supported by the data. Further, the false economic benefit claim assumes owners of homes don't pay taxes, don't buy goods and services from nearby businesses 24/7, etc. In reality, it is the full time residents that keep the local economy in business. Equally important, STRs do not contribute, "social capital" (time and money) to programs and services that strengthen the fabric of the community. STR guests simply come and go, which is what vacationers do. Finally, the study points out STRs are nothing more than "mini-hotels." Any benefit is going exclusively to the owners of the mini-hotels, not to the community.

As for the second question, unless the Town soon acts to cap the number of STRs at 20%, Seabrook will forever change, and not for the better. Seabrook could easily have 600 STRs by next summer. We believe having 500+ STRs has already brought us to the tipping point. The Town leaders have no idea how to determine whether the tipping point is 500, 750 or 1000 STRs. And, it is not even clear whether the Town's two person committee is considering any tipping point. They clearly do not believe voters should have a say on whether 500 is the tipping point.

Setting aside the data and research, think about last summer and how many property owners felt compelled to stay away from the Lake House and Club facilities and consider the amount of money spent for the repairs, replacements, restorations, staffing and other expenses associated with last summer's onslaught. What will these facilities and the associated expenses be like as the number of STRs grows?

Most communities in the greater Charleston area (the City of Charleston, James Island, Daniel Island, Mt. Pleasant, Sullivan's Island, Kiawah and Isle of Palms) have already enacted stricter STR ordinances than Seabrook Island. The Committee's response when this data is presented is: These municipalities are not Seabrook. Of course they are not, but these municipalities have decided to preserve their communities by employing stronger measures than what Seabrook enacted last year, including capping the number of STRs. Also, their elected leaders care about their communities and are responsive to those who elect them.

There is no reason to believe what we experienced in 2021 won't be as bad or more frustrating for Seabrookers this upcoming summer.

One thing is certain: If the unchecked growth of STRs on Seabrook persists, the quality of life will be impacted and what drew us to live here will be gone forever.

If you agree and wish to join the 300 plus citizens who already have gone on record, write an email to the Mayor and Council and tell them to cap STRs to "Preserve Seabrook: It's Our Home." Paul D. McLaughlin for Preserve Seabrook and the 300 plus Seabrook Voters Who Want A Voice preserवेशabrook@gmail.com

Dear Ruth Kirkwood and Cap'n Sam, I am writing on the matter of your "Gone Gators" article in the February Seabrooker. I am pleased you noticed the absence of Seabrook Island alligators and you cared enough to write the article. Your list of possible reasons for this scarcity was comprehensive. I believe however, that a more accurate explanation would be "lawyer speak".

Historically, my neighbor decided that her grandchildren should not be subjected to 3 or 4 alligators sunning on the bank of our adjoining pond. She went to the POA demanding change. They in turn went to the Club to get their opinion. This resulted in a concerted effort to eliminate all gators. This purge took place at the Lakehouse, the golf courses and my backyard pond.

I say if one doesn't like alligators, go back to where there aren't any! Sincerely, Mike Patterson 3004 Eliza Darby Ln. 401-533-6776

Reminder- Seabrooker Policy

The Seabrooker does not have an editorial page. But as in the past, we welcome our gentle readers to submit letters to "Cap'n Sam" on current Seabrook issues. Ad hominem attacks are the exception to this open forum and will not be published.



"GATOR SIGHTING"

by Ruth Kirkwood

I captured a photo of this light-skinned alligator while it floated near the pool deck in the Lagoon by the gatehouse on Seabrook Island in early February, 2022. Is this alligator covered in pluff mud or is it a rare albino, one of about 200 ever recorded in the world?

*Pluff mud is the bottom layer of low marshes. SC has the most marshland of any state along the East Coast.



GREEN SPACE HEROES



Seabrook Island is a community that thrives because of our sense of volunteerism across many organizations. The Seabrook Island Green Space Conservancy (Green Space) has been fortunate to have many visionary, hardworking, and generous volunteer leaders over our 20+ year history. One such "Green Space Hero" is Jeri Finke.

When she and her husband Fred moved to Seabrook in 2010 after she retired from her legislative career on Capitol Hill, she got a question many of us get: "Don't you miss the hustle and bustle of the city?" Jeri says she missed it for about 2 weeks, then she settled right in at Seabrook and all its natural beauty. She also ignored the common wisdom about taking a long break after retirement before she became involved and joined the Green Space board in 2011 at the invitation of friend Pat Greubel.

Jeri viewed serving on the Green Space board as an opportunity to leverage her past educational background in life sciences (and as a teacher of the subject) and her personal interest in the environment. Early in her board tenure, she was asked to co-chair the Gala, the organization's primary fundraising event. Under her leadership and the work of many others, the Gala expanded greatly in its organizational efficiency and fundraising results. Sponsorship broadened, and each year new ideas brought a sense of fun and increased awareness of Green Space's mission. Seeking to

make the best use of donated funds, greater focus and effort was placed on criteria for evaluating how potential lots fit into Green Space's priorities. Jeri would go on to serve 7 years on the board, serving as Gala chair throughout and for 4 years as president.

Asked which of Green Space's properties have the most personal impact on her, Jeri points to the horse pasture with our grazing and galloping equine friends - 6 acres of which was acquired and conserved by Green Space in 2007 for use as a pasture, and she highlights the canopy - a collection of 6 adjacent lots just past the Lake House that were acquired over time and provide a welcoming invitation to the natural beauty of Seabrook Island.

Looking forward, Jeri sees how quickly the remaining lots are being developed and knows that opportunities to acquire lots will soon become more difficult. Also, she appreciates the current board's expectation that Green Space's mission will eventually shift to more focus on education and remediation to improve the health of our natural vegetated areas throughout the island.

We are grateful to our donors, volunteers, and community partners - many Green Space Heroes have contributed to our successful conservation of 30 acres of our natural environment. To donate to Green Space, please visit our website at www.sigsc.net.

Rich Boss



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could have the following results (from the South Carolina Earthquake Guide, S.C. Emergency Management Division):

- An estimated 45,000 casualties, of which approximately 9,000 (about 20 percent) would be major injuries requiring hospitalization; fatalities would number about 900. A daytime event would cause the highest number of casualties.
• Nearly 70,000 households, or about 200,000 people, would be displaced, with an estimated 60,000 people requiring short-term shelter.
• More than 250 fires would burn, primarily in the tri-county area. The lack of operational firefighting equipment and water due to the earthquake would be a major concern.
• About 80 percent of urban households in the affected tri-county area

would be deprived of water. It would take weeks, if not months, to restore the water systems to normal operation.

- Hospitals would likely suffer significant building damage that could result in up to 30 hospitals out of the 108 (about 30 percent) being non-functional.
• More than 220 schools and more than 160 fire stations would have significant damage. In addition, extensive damage is expected to the large inventory of relocatable school buildings.
• Close to 800 bridges would be damaged beyond use, thus hampering recovery efforts.
• About 63 electric power facilities (51 substations out of 380, and 12 power plants out of 53) would suffer at least moderate damage; about 300,000 households would be without power.

More than 36 million tons of debris would be generated.

Besides being aware and prepared for an earthquake, homeowners should consider purchasing earthquake insurance. Most people don't buy earthquake insurance because they think it's too expensive and an earthquake will never happen to them. In South Carolina, the entire state is considered to have a moderate to high risk for earthquakes. Most homeowner and rental insurance policies DO NOT cover damages caused by an earthquake. Following a damaging earthquake, unless you have purchased an earthquake specific insurance policy, you will have to pay for all losses to your home and possessions. Information contained in this article courtesy of: South Carolina Geological Survey - South Carolina Emergency Management Division www.sceemd.org



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Science on the Beach

Article by Bob Mercer

Blessed with a relatively quiet and natural beach, Seabrook Island provides a haven for migratory shorebirds. Scientists from SC Department of Natural Resources, US Fish & Wildlife Service and University of South Carolina's Senner Lab conduct formal studies of the Red Knots and Piping Plovers that live around Captain Sams Inlet. Those studies include capturing, tagging, and counting Red Knots; counting and monitoring wintering Piping Plovers; and sampling our beaches for the clams and worms that make up the bird's diets. The use of spotting scopes and high-powered telephoto lenses keep the birds safe from disturbance. Those doing the research received training on the subtle bird behavior which indicates how close a researcher can approach the birds without disturbing them.

For the last few years, several local residents have worked with the scientists through "citizen science" projects. As people walk along the beach, most often in the stretch from Board Walk #1 to the tip of North Beach, they may find people poised with long lens cameras or spotting scopes pointed at a flock of birds. But these birders and photographers are not taking pretty pictures, and they keep their distance from the birds so as not to disturb feeding and resting. Their objective: reading & photographing tiny, brightly colored flags attached to bird's legs. Through the wonders of digital photography, they create an image where the little flags are visible and legible. Each flag with code indicates a unique individual bird. With a clear picture of a flag, this information of color and code gets posted on a website (bandedbirds.org/) accessible by the scientists. Reviewing the flag data reveals patterns that describe the migrations of birds, how long they live and what habitats need protection.

Between January 2019 and July 2021, these Citizen Scientists sent reports of 267 individual Red Knot. The study illuminated some interesting trends. Most of the Red Knots seen on Seabrook Island belong to a cluster of Red Knots that winter in the Southeast United from North Carolina to Texas from January through May. Another set of Red Knots spend our winter along the northern coast of South America. The third group winters in Tierra del Fuego on the southernmost tip of South America. Birds from the South American groups may show



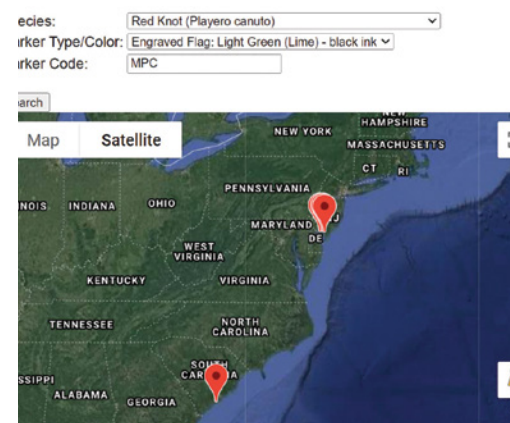
Seabrook's "citizen scientists" photographing Red Knot bands - from a distance! - Photo by Ed Konrad



University of SC students & SCDNR scientists studying Red Knots on North Beach



MPC on North Beach - Photo by Bob Mercer. MPC's travels recorded on www.bandedbirds.org/.



up on Seabrook Island from mid-April until mid-May. They spend just a few weeks here before completing their long journey to the central Canadian Arctic Islands.

Some interesting observations have occurred with the Red Knots of Seabrook Island. Red Knot with a light green flag with black lettering coded MPC received its flag when captured on 5/18/2004, in New Jersey as an adult bird. When seen on Seabrook Island, this elder bird clocked in at least 16 years old when seen on April 20, 2020. The oldest known Red Knot was 19 years old. Interestingly, this bird avoided observers for years having been seen only in 2004 and 2008 before found on Seabrook Island alive and well.

Another long-distance traveler was Orange LKJ, who was banded in Argentina sometime before January 29, 2007, when it was reported in Tierra del Fuego, Chile. It showed up on Seabrook Island on May 20, 2021. Assuming this 13-year-old bird made the 9,000-mile migration each way, every year, it traveled 234,000 miles (almost enough to reach the moon 238,900 miles). Traveling those huge distances require a strong, healthy body that packed on gobs of fat to burn through the long journey. A rest and feed spot somewhere along the way proved the difference between life and death. Seabrook Island is one of those critical locations for many birds.

The number of Red Knots seen on Seabrook Island has been as high as 8,000 birds, which is 20% of the current estimate of the entire population. These birds need Seabrook Island as a safe location where they can pack on the fat without expending unnecessary energy flying away from disturbances. For this reason, the Seabrook Island Shorebird Steward ask people to "Share the Beach, Give them Space." In addition to the Red Knots, these Citizen Scientists also record the flags on Piping Plovers and American Oystercatchers. Earlier articles in The Seabrooker highlighted some of these special birds.

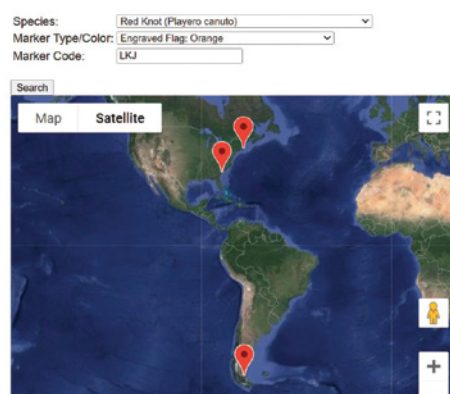
As Seabrook Island residents and visitors walk the beach, please understand the important work being done in the name of science to learn more about the birds that spend time here. The best thing beach walkers can do is to walk around any birds on the beach and go behind any of the scientists observing or taking images of the birds.▲



LKJ in North Beach flock through the 600mm long lens - Photo by Mark Andrews



LKJ's band in cropped photo, 18K mi annual journey - www.bandedbirds.org/



2300 Red Knots reported on North Beach, May 3, 2021 - Photo by Ed Konrad

SIB Evening Program – Lake House

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Stephen Schabel, Center for Birds of Prey Director of Education, once again brings the Center's amazing raptors to the Lake House. We'll witness the interesting and important world of raptors through this unique indoor program. Stephen's engaging discussion, along with watching the birds in action, will give us a wonderful education of these majestic creatures and the significant role they play as apex avian predators.

The program is limited to 100 SIB Members. SIPOA COVID protocol will be followed - masks required in Live Oak Hall, masks & physical distancing recommended while traversing other indoor space. No refreshments will be served. If COVID conditions change prior to March 22, we may expand attendance or need to postpone.

Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2022
Registration starts 7:00 pm - Program starts 7:30pm
Location: Live Oak Hall at the Lake House
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Aussie Open Color War Event at Racquet Sports



(L-R) Paul Minch, Michael Unthink, Jon Tallman, Charles Scepter, Warren Feder, Guy Gimson, Herbert Boehm, David Stein



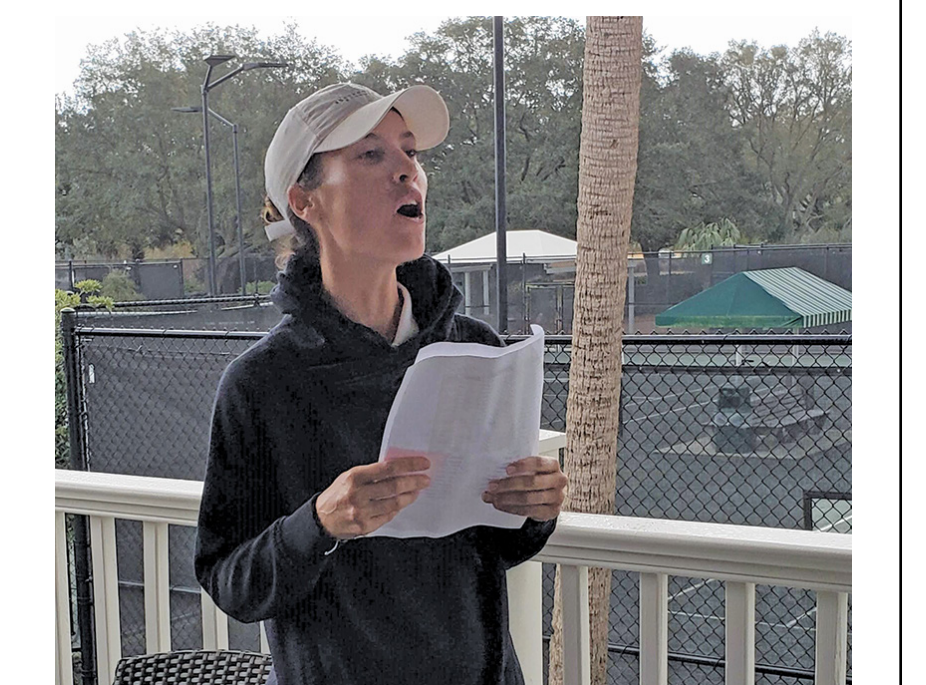
(L-R) Margaret Ewald, Rose Septer, Teaching Pro Klein Evans, Cat Russo, Judith Feder, Diane Lanio, Miriam Burich, Ellen Smith



(L-R) Ron Lanio, Charles Russo, Bob Leggett, Susan Leggett, GM Mitchell Laskowitz, MaryAnne Rayfield, Andy Boukydis, Scott Smith, Peter Smith, Bob Young

The first event of the 2022 Racquet Sports Social Calendar timed to coincide with the first tennis Grand Slam in Australia had a similar bumpy start! The visa dispute around world #1 tennis player Novak Djokovic in Australia was replaced by locally sub-freezing temperatures causing the Racquet Sports event to be both postponed and the format altered! Originally structured as a Men vs. Women mixed doubles event wherein "Women" were to defend their title, the revised event was a Color War sporting the colors of Australia Day: Green (last represented by "Men") and Yellow (last represented by "Women"). Twenty tennis players and 9 pickleball players were divided into Color Teams playing a round robin format. Seabrook Island Club GM Mitchell Laskowitz dropped by to encourage the players. Rains came near the end of play but all players enjoyed color-themed snacks and beverages as Director of Racquet Sports Laura Ferreira announced the winners: YELLOW! ▲

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Sneaky Owls

By Paul Tillman



There are over two hundred species of owls living on all continents on Earth, except Antarctica. On our island, in any given season, we can see eagles, osprey, cranes, storks, vultures, crows, egrets, herons, doves, woodpeckers, gulls, pelicans and a whole forest full of smaller birds too numerous to mention. But the one bird we seldom see are owls. Owls remain hidden in tree tops and are mostly silent during the day. All we have is their mournful hoots in the evening to let us know they are among us.

The Seabrook Island Birders organization informs us that there are three types of owls found on Seabrook: the Great Horned Owl, the Barred Owl and the Eastern Screech Owl. Their day begins when night comes. They are well suited for their life at night because the creatures they prey on are out at night too. To be successful hunting in the dark the owl must be super sneaky and, as we might suspect, they are.

There are three reasons why owls are successful night hunters: wing construction, vision, and hearing. Owls are terrific gliders; their wings are broad which gives them lift and maneuverability at low airspeeds. They can glide down from their high perches and weave through the trees without making a sound, none at all; their quarry being unaware of their imminent demise. Their wings feathers are constructed so that the trailing ends of their flight feathers are frilled, diffusing the sound of the air passing over them.

Owl eyesight is remarkably unusual. They don't have eyeballs! They only see straight ahead through eye tubes. They can't move their eyes in their sockets left and right like we do. To see what is on either side of them, they rotate their head 135 degrees left or right not all the way around. They have excellent far vision but poor near vision. To counter this, their beak and feet are equipped with fine feathers that sense the movement of prey close at hand. Their eyes are constructed with three eyelids—one they close to sleep, one to clean and one to blink.

An owl's sense of hearing is remarkable too. They do not have ears positioned on their skulls like we do. Their ears are slightly offset to enable them compare sounds and precisely locate the place from which the sound came. Owls can hear a mouse scurry-

ing on pine straw seventy-five feet away. Those round, inquisitive looking faces are actually designed to funnel sounds to their ears. The "horns" on the Great Horned Owl are not horns at all but actually tufts of feathers which also aid in detecting sound.

Owls are unusual in other ways. They have, like all birds, four talons but the owl, to better secure their prey, have two talons facing forward and two facing back. What is unusual is that they can move one of their backward facing talons forward for a firm grip on a branch. Owls have a range of hoots for several reasons. First, to let nearby birds know that the tree they are in belongs to them. Second, they hoot to warn a predator is near. Owls also hoot to communicate with their mate. Owls are surprisingly romantic, when courting they are known to perform a soft duet with their new partner.

Few animals prey on healthy owls. Eagles, hawks, snakes and domestic cats have been known to take owl eggs, owlets, and sick or injured owls. Unfortunately, the deadliest threat to owls comes from humans. We destroy their habitat with new construction and use poisons as a means of control pests. We change the land and food chain without considering the ultimate consequences of our actions.

For example, on our islands, there has been an effort to control the wood

rat population. The wood rat population has increased because construction has interrupted the natural predator/prey balance by reducing the animals, not only owls, that held the rat population in check. Some residents have used poison to kill the rats but it doesn't always kill them right way. The rats grow weak and slow which makes them easy prey for owls. The owls eat the poisoned rats and die. The poisoning process reduces the numbers of owls and makes it easier for the rat population to increase. It is difficult to replace all the good owls do in controlling rats. We need to ensure the long range environmental impact is understood before we take actions that affect the owl's food chain.

Owls have been part of the human experience for thousands of years. Archeologists have uncovered owl fossils dating back seventy million years. Owl images have been discovered in cave paintings over thirty thousand years old. Owls have been found in Egyptian hieroglyphics. Ancient Grecian theology holds the owl as a symbol of Athena the goddess of wisdom.

The concept of an owl is still very much present in western cultures. Today owls represent wisdom, knowledge, perspicacity and erudition. I hope we wise up and plan carefully so the owl's survival will be secure for centuries to come.

Whooo needs the owls? We do. ▲

Armadillos are Increasing Their Presence in South Carolina

By Tut Underwood



Although harmless to humans, armadillos use their powerful claws to dig up yards and burrow holes in property searching for the ground-dwelling insects on which they feed.

The nine-banded armadillo can now be found in all 46 counties of the Palmetto State.

An increasing number of holes is being found in yards and fields across the Palmetto State. The source of those holes is an animal that has been working its way into the state from Florida and Central America for decades: it's the armadillo.

Armadillo means "little armored one" in Spanish. It's well-named, because the nine-banded armadillo — the species that is spreading throughout South Carolina — is easily recognized by the bony plates of armor on its back. Naturalist Rudy Mancke said that on its journey to the Palmetto State, the Savannah River would not present much of a barrier, and observed how scientists noticed their growing numbers.

"They can swim, they can walk on the bottom of shallow water," he said. But to get across the Savannah River at wider parts, Mancke said armadillos would likely do the practical thing, just like people would. "Just go over the bridge like the cars." He added that roadkill specimens were the way a lot of the early records were noticed. "You see them dead on the road, D.O.R. specimens, we call them. And you learn a lot about ranges and expansion of ranges by looking at D.O.R. specimens."

Armadillos have spread from Texas east to North Carolina and north to Nebraska, as well as moving up from South Florida. Mancke believes that the animals are moving farther north as a result of a warming climate. "I think that's the reason for a lot of South-

ern species moving farther north. And we've been noticing that for a good long time, and never really thought much of that as a problem. But I'm seeing a lot of Southern species that you would not normally see in as large numbers."

Because armadillos have the unique trait of reproducing always in the form of identical quadruplets, they have been used in comparative studies to seek cures or treatments for various diseases such as leprosy, said Mancke. According to Jay Butfiloski of the Department of Natural Resources, armadillos are no threat to humans, but can do extensive damage to property. "They primarily eat insects and soil insects, so they do a lot of digging. And they do a lot of burrowing," said Butfiloski.

"Obviously, we get a lot of complaints at DNR about them rooting up the lawns. Because they do, and it's a mini-roto-tiller, and you'll see all of a sudden, you've got a bunch of holes in your yard. Those usually show up in the late afternoon. They've got really strong claws and they can burrow pretty quickly," he added. "It's a lot of lawn damage, and from a farmer's standpoint, burrowing activity with hogs could be a potential danger for livestock, or even equipment if it falls in, into any places where they're dug out."

The strange looking critters also can damage other animal populations in the state, said Butfiloski. "They will eat some ground nesting birds, so some of those places that might manage for quail and turkey, they may be concerned about armadillos on their property."

The DNR specialist named some things people can do if they find their land invaded by armadillos. "The whole reason they're there is for soil insects, so the more insects you have, the more likely you'll have burrowing, or at least extensive digging in your yard. So controlling soil insects may prevent a lot of

the digging. Outside of that they can be trapped, using live traps with 'wings' to kinda guide 'em into it." Though they have a keen sense of smell, armadillos don't see very well. Butfiloski noted. "Or, what we would typically do when someone calls DNR is we refer them to a private sector trapper who can come and trap their property for them."

Armadillos also have natural predators. Mancke said. "A coyote will take it. Wild hogs would. A wild hog will eat anything. I guess bobcats. Fox might give it a shot. Any predator that eats small mammals and has the ability to kill it and flip it over, yeah, they could feed on 'em."

Humans sometimes hunt armadillos for food, said Butfiloski, but that was probably more common during the Depression, when they were called "Hoover hogs," and many impoverished people ate whatever they could find.

Mancke said if armadillos moved into his area, he would tend to leave them alone and let nature take its course. "I, as a general rule through simple observation over the years, have realized that when humans try to fiddle with the natural world, more often than not, you end up with more problems than you had before you started fiddling."

But there are times when people must take action, he added. "When it threatens your house, or the foundations of your house, then you've got to do something," Mancke said. "But I don't see herds of armadillos killing all the invertebrates in the state of South Carolina," he cautioned.

If faced with armadillos in his own yard, Mancke said he would probably live with the situation.

However, he added, he could not guess what reaction his wife would have. ▲

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Baron Clay

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Baron Clay grew up in St. Louis, Mo. where at The Muny he was really bitten by the theater bug. He has performed in many productions such as Evita, Miss Saigon, and the world premiere of White Christmas: The Musical. He moved to Chicago for college and continued to build his musical theatre career. He's worked with various local companies as well as being a teaching artist for the Joffrey Ballet Company in Chicago. Some other productions include the national tour of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, The Who's: Tommy with White Horse Theater, and was also a backup singer for the Judds. After moving to Charleston 4 years ago, he began to work with the theatre community, including Footlight Players and WHAT IF? in productions of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Hair, and the 80's Cabaret. Baron is also a proud husband and father. He's so excited to be working with Charleston Playhouse.



Brad Bass

Saturday, April 23, 2022
7:30 - 8:30 PM
College of Charleston Chapel Theatre
172 Calhoun Street

Brad Bass was born and raised on a tobacco farm in Ringgold, VA. After high school, he moved to New York City to train at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. After working regionally for a few years, he joined the Chicago production of Wicked and within a year took over the role of Fiyero. His Broadway credits include Wicked, the original cast of Memphis and Jersey Boys. Brad has performed on such television programs as Good Morning America, The CBS Morning Show, The View, and The Tony Awards. He was also in the feature film of Memphis and is a singer on the original cast albums of Memphis and Andrew Lippa's A Little Princess. After performing for 14 years, Brad realized that teaching and writing were his new creative passions. Currently, Brad is developing three musicals with his writing partner Cari Joy - The Collins Boy, A Million Precies, and The Infinity Symbol. The Collins Boy was a semifinalist for the Eugene O'Neill Center's National Music Theatre Conference and it was also chosen as a finalist for the Atlanta Musical Theatre Festival. Recently, Bass and Joy were commissioned to write the music and lyrics for a new film adaptation of the Hansel and Gretel story entitled Gretel + Hansel. This past year they won an Award of Excellence for Individual Achievement in Music and Best Musical at the Southern Shorts Awards as well as a Global Music Award for their work on the film.

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Daniel Doyle Named New Executive Chef at Seabrook Island Club



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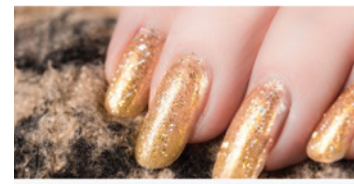
Chef Doyle is an award-winning chef with two decades of successful experience and a passion for innovative southern cuisine. As a graduate of Johnson & Wales University, he served as the Executive Chef and Managing Partner of Poogan's Porch in downtown Charleston. Most recently, he was the culinary director of the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina.

Chef Doyle takes pride in locally sourcing meat, produce, and grains from the Charleston area whenever possible. With his expertise in Lowcountry cuisine, he will bring a contemporary approach to traditional southern dishes to Seabrook Island.

In 2012, he was first invited to cook at the prestigious James Beard House in New York City and returned four additional times. He has made multiple media appearances, including Food Network's Chopped, Travel Channel, BBC Canada, USA Today, Sirius XM, and more. Visit seabrookisland.com for additional information. ▲



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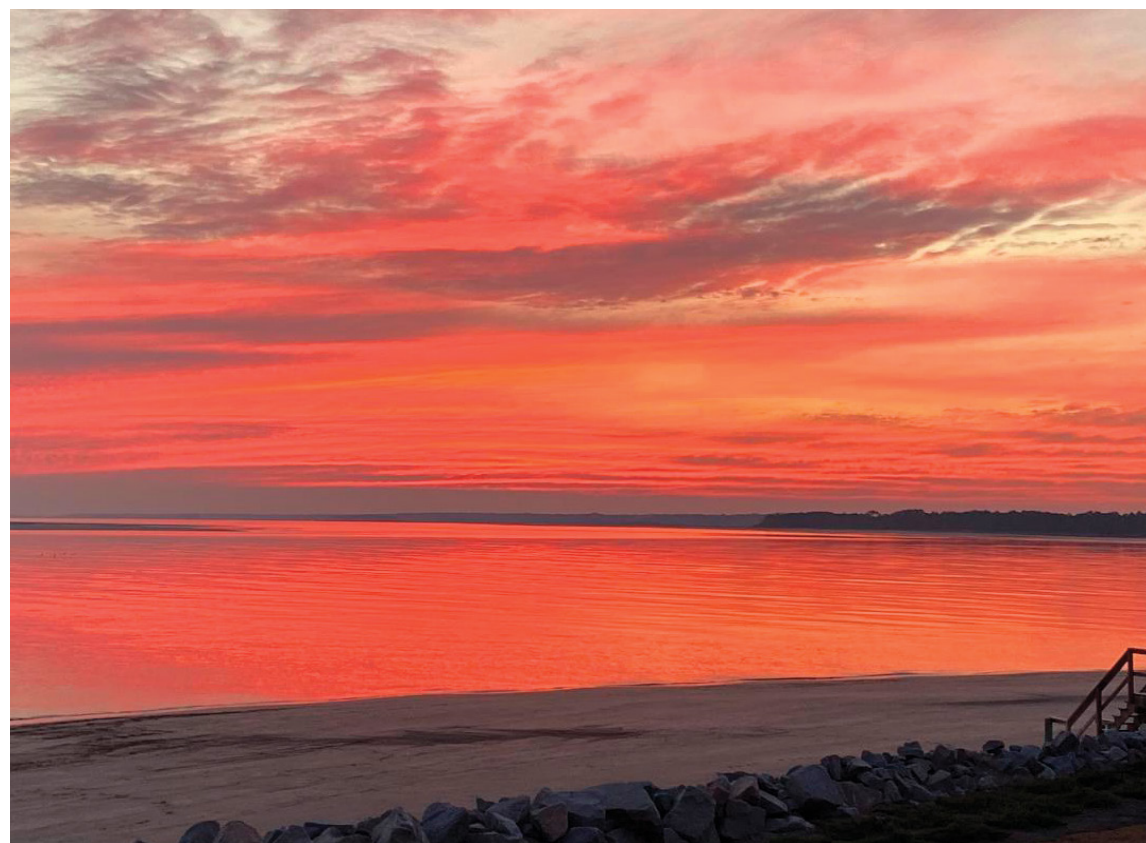
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HEALTHY AGING

Jerry Reves, MD

Thank you to my co-author, Paul Pritchard, MD, who is a neurologist at MUSC.

Questions Concerning Stroke Convalescence

One of the many health problems that increases as we age is stroke which is for the brain what a heart attack is for the heart. It is common: Almost 800,000 persons in the United States experience a stroke each year, of which approximately 80% represent new strokes. The majority (90%) of strokes are caused by the sudden loss of blood supply to a part of the brain. A much smaller percentage (10%) are caused by bleeding into the brain. Both result in potentially devastating loss of normal movement and/or cognitive function. Every stroke is individualized and may cause little or a great deal of disability. We have written many articles about cause, prevention, and treatment of stroke. This column addresses the concerns, uncertainty, and questions of the patient and care giver about convalescence from a stroke.

Time Course of Improvement

The brain is a resilient organ. It can improve after injury and this is one reason why the elapsed time from first appearance of symptoms to treatment is so important. If blood flow can be speedily restored to the injured area of the brain, more function will return and more quickly. In most cases there is a return of lost function in the first few days and weeks after the stroke. This plateaus around six months but can continue for up to two years. In general, the initial pace and degree of recovery tend to be predictive of the ultimate outcome: significant return of function soon after the stroke is usually a good prognostic sign.

Rehabilitation

Early and frequent rehabilitation in

and out of the hospital begins as soon as possible and involves a team of professionals including physical, occupational, and speech therapists, neurologists, and physiatrists (physicians who specialize in rehabilitation.) Often a social worker joins to facilitate the move from the hospital. Initial rehabilitation addresses those important things that fall into the category of activities of daily living such as personal hygiene, dressing, toileting, eating, transfers, and walking. Later and more prolonged attention is required to work on cognitive function and emotional stability.

Lingering Effects of a Stroke

The long term consequences of a stroke vary with each patient. It is very common, however, for patients to have neurological sequelae that may include impairment of higher-order functions like thinking, concentrating, memory, and speech. There is often physical weakness that affects walking, arm movements, and swallowing. It is also common for patients to be depressed or have impulsivity and alterations in their previous personality. All of these problems are addressed by professionals as part of the rehabilitation.

Preserving Dignity

Stroke patients and their care givers are keenly sensitive to the loss of independence that may occur after a stroke. This is a particularly important concern. The patient with a stroke is the same as the person without the stroke, but much has changed in this person's life. Help with things including toileting may now be required. The best way for the patient and care giver to deal with this

is to respect the patient and include the patient in all decision making and elicit the patient's preferences they about the required care. The greater the extent to which patients can control or specify aspects of their care and the assistance they require, the more likely their dignity will be preserved.

Socialization

Moderate stimulation in the form of seeing others, ambulating, and being out of the confinement of a room is helpful to patients in rehabilitation. They will be seeing professionals, of course, but seeing family and friends in moderation is important as well. There are also support groups for patients and care givers that for many patients are helpful. Driving around the community is another option. There are a number of types of private vehicles that may facilitate car transportation. (Five are reviewed: <https://www.stroke4carers.org/>) One thing that is not helpful is sensory overload from talk radio or TV and too much visitation or disruption. Planning a very regular daily schedule with variability built in it is recommended for the patient and care giver.

Prognosis

Again, as with all aspects of rehabilitation and recovery, where one starts will likely dictate where one ends. A natural fear is another stroke: around 20% of people who have a stroke will have had one before. The temporary loss of function known as a transient ischemic attack is a warning that more serious stroke may occur. Your physician should be notified at once. Preventing strokes involves controlling high blood pressure, maintaining

TABLE 1
Life Expectancy after First Stroke

Age	Lifespan
60-69	6.8 years M, 7.4 years W
70-79	5.4 years M, 6.4 years W
80+	1.8 years M, 3.1 years W

M=Men | W=Women
Age=Age at first Stroke

a healthy weight, exercising regularly, significantly limiting alcohol intake, controlling diabetes, no smoking, and following a Mediterranean Diet.

Another natural question is what does this stroke mean for the patient's lifespan? Data on this point are related to gender and age. These data appear in the table. As with many chronic diseases, having a stroke increases the chance that it may lead to further illness or death. This does not mean at all, however, that if someone has a stroke her/his life will likely be ended by another one in the near future. Thus, the patient and care giver are advised to focus on improvement in the areas of disability and work with the rehabilitation team for a long and satisfying life.

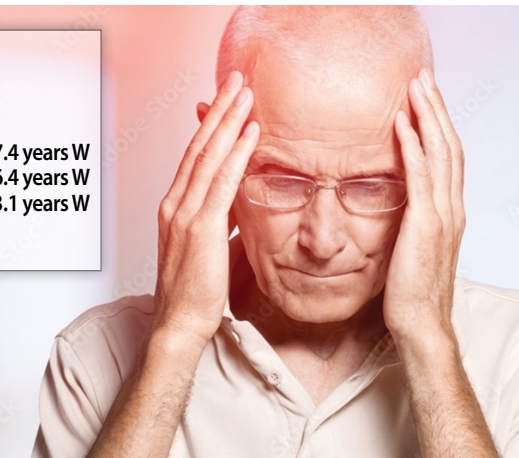
Financial Considerations

Stroke tends to require intense medical care that can be expensive. In-patient care and in-hospital rehabilitation expenses are covered for patients enrolled in Medicare. For younger patients most insurance will cover the same costs. After a stroke Medicare covers the medical and rehabilitation costs incurred in the hospital or in a skilled nursing facility. Medicare will also cover durable medical equipment (e.g., walkers) prescribed

by your physician and skilled nursing care if you meet skilled nursing facility requirements. If the patient is a veteran and meets the eligibility requirements (<https://www.va.gov/health-care/>) services may be covered by the Veterans Administration. Medicare does not cover such services as having someone to assist with bathing, feeding, and toileting over a prolonged time. These costs for continuing care in the home vary according to need, amount of time, and expertise required. Commercial agencies will provide the care on an hourly basis that varies widely from about \$20 to \$130 per hour. Hopefully once out of the hospital or skilled nursing facility, patients will not require excessively burdensome assistance.

The Bottom Line

Stroke is common. In most cases it is the result of a life-long process of atherosclerosis that involves the intracranial arteries and can cause life-altering disability. However, today rehabilitation often leads to improvement. We can adjust and accommodate to the new life situation as we have at earlier stages and times in our lives when unpleasant surprises meet us.▲



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Enter 103 East Bay St. — also known as the Joseph Dulles House. Ringing in at \$3,395,000, this breathtaking five-bedroom, three-and-a-half-bathroom home recently hit the market. Constructed in 1787 and renovated in the 1930s, the home boasts 3,800 sqft — including a full basement and a separate guest dwelling unit — with modern renovations throughout. Hello natural light, high ceilings, second-floor drawing room, and kitchen banquet.

Now, you're probably wondering: what's the story behind the Joseph Dulles House? 103 East Bay St. was built in 1787 by Joseph Dulles, an an-



cestor of former Secretary of State under President Eisenhower John Foster Dulles + CIA founding director Allen Dulles. The home was constructed to serve as a family home and counting house and remained in the family until 1836 — 36 years after Dulles moved to another residence on Church Street.

In the 1930s, art historian Anna Wells Rutledge teamed up with architects Simons and Lapham to renovate the home, raising the roof to create the home's off-center gable roof — aka, the slightly uneven slant that we see today — and place the front and garage door openings at the front elevation.

The history and charm of this historic Rainbow Row home speaks for itself. I mean, a home that was constructed in the late-1700s and still stands in 2022 deserves some serious recognition.

We'll be daydreaming about this one for a while, Charleston. ▲

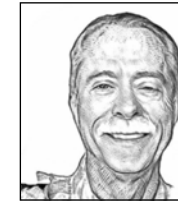


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"Is The Bull Market Ending?"

Based on the title of my column, readers may expect an evaluation of the potential longevity of the powerful equities Bull Market from the COVID Pandemic lows of 2020 to the current S&P 500 all-time high reached on the first trading day of 2022. While that is certainly critical to our portfolios, I'm going to dodge that question for the time being.

Instead, I plan to discuss the Bull Market in bonds that began four decades ago in 1981. While there have been periods of rising bond yields over that time frame, the trend was to lower and lower yields. The benchmark 10 Year US Treasury Bond (10UST) yield peaked around 16% 40 years ago and was as low as 0.5% in 2020 at the depths of the brief and brutal Pandemic recession.

It's now back up to about 2%. The question for investors is whether yields will continue higher and I will tell you there is significant disagreement among economists and bond market strategists on that topic!

Before I weigh in with my humble opinion, I will explore the wonderful world of bonds for those of you who are less familiar with it.

The Wall Street Journal's daily bond market column almost always notes that "bond yields rise as bond prices fall", or the reverse if yields are falling. I find this editorial decision humorous, because nearly everyone who reads about bonds in the WSJ is well aware of that relationship. Likewise, less knowledgeable investors won't be helped because they don't understand the concept of "bond yields".

Here is a disclaimer to many of my readers: the following Bond Markets 101 lecture is greatly simplified and focused only on fixed income bonds rather than bond types such as variable rates, floaters, inflation adjusted, etc.

Issuing a bond is taking on indebtedness. The issuer promises to pay back the buyer at a specific date (the maturity date) and to make specific interest payments until then. Typically a bond will be issued for \$1,000 (the par value) with a stated interest rate (the coupon). For example, a 10UST with

a 2.0% coupon will make annual interest payments of \$20 per year (2.0% x \$1,000= \$20). Assuming you paid exactly the par value of the bond, the "bond yield" (annual interest payment divided by the bond price) will be 2%.

Unlike stocks, similar bonds will be priced at similar yields. Going back to our 10UST example, what if bond investors demand a higher yield? If their expectations are that inflation will average 3% over the ten years, bond buyers are very unlikely to be satisfied with a 2% yield.

In our simplified example, we note the bond's coupon does not change, but the yield does, so something else MUST change. That "something else" is the market price of the bond. However, it usually won't change a lot. Here's why: The key concept of calculating your return from a bond purchase is the promise of being repaid the stated \$1,000 par value when the bond matures (when it reaches its stated maturity date). At low interest rates such as we have experienced in recent years, the par value will greatly exceed the total interest payments received over the life of the bond.

For example, ten years of income on a bond with an interest rate of 2.0% is \$200 (2.0% times \$1,000 = \$20 per year times 10 years of payments=\$200). The total return to maturity is based on this \$1200.

So, let's consider the impact of an increase in 10UST bond yields from 2.0% to 2.5%. That 25% increase in the bond yield does NOT cause a 25% decrease in the bond price because 10 years of yielding 2.5% versus 2.0% only adds another \$50 of return (\$5 per year x 10 years) to the total return calculation. Since the total return to maturity that will now be reflected in the bond price only increases to \$1250 from \$1200, only a minor decrease in the bond PRICE is required. In bond parlance, the bond will be priced at a minor "discount" to par value until it eventually matures at the \$1,000 par. That is how a bear market erodes the value of the bonds in your portfolio.

During the bond Bull Market of the past four decades, total returns (price changes plus interest income) have



been positive. In the words of the WSJ "bond prices rose as yields fell!" However, in 2021 bond market total returns were negative. Interest rates rose due to the threat of inflation and the probability of Central Bank tightening. I am concerned that this is a sign that the bond Bull Market will, at the least, be interrupted.

If you believe inflation is mostly transitory or that the Fed is too cowardly to raise rates to normal levels expected during an ongoing economic expansion, you might be willing to accept a 2.0% yield from the 10UST.

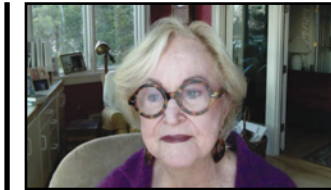
If you think the current CPI rate of nearly 8% will continue (or worsen), the current 10UST yield will guarantee you a NEGATIVE return of -6% after inflation. Bond prices must fall significantly so that higher yields may provide a neutral real return. If you are in the "Inflation is Here to Stay" crowd, the Bond Bull Market is over.

Another reason to be bearish is the likely reversal of the Fed's Quantitative Easing (QE) bond buying program. Purchasing \$120 Billion of bonds monthly has expanded the Fed's balance sheet to \$9 Trillion, or roughly 1/3 of our country's annual GDP. In the pre-QE world, bond investors determined the price of bonds based primarily on factors such as expected inflation and GDP growth, but during QE the Fed overwhelmed the "wisdom of the markets" and suppressed bond yields.

The Fed has stated it will increase short term interest rates in 2022 and will end QE. If it actually begins to reduce its balance sheet by selling some of the \$9 Trillion of bonds it holds in a belated attempt to control inflation, I believe bond yields could rise to levels unseen in recent years.

The Bond Bull Market of the past 40 years is endangered and I think it may be over. I would suggest you keep in mind a well-known investment adage: Don't Fight The Fed!

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES
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WellAged
SEABROOK ISLAND
Barbara Burgess

Thank you Villagers!



I was filling in a form a recently about Seabrook Island Village and I found the form required that I look at what our experience had been of the offering of services since our inception. You all know Seabrook Island Village, Neighbor helping Neighbor, is the organization in Seabrook that allows you to stay in your home as long as you want to, by providing you with the services you need to do so.

I must say, as I looked back on the number of activities we have been involved with since our inception in 2019, we have done quite a lot.

1. We have served 78 members, which includes 31 former members and 42 current members
2. We have completed 977 service requests taking 1,119 hours of service from volunteers
3. We currently have 60 volunteers who have provided 256 basic home chores
4. We have fulfilled 477 transportation requests
5. We have also performed 103 friendly home visits.

This is a phenomenal output in just 3 short years, considering we had to discontinue many services when the pandemic first hit. What we did at that time, was offer what services we could for free.

I have talked to some Seabrookers, who are members of the village, i.e.

those receiving services. Judy McAbee who had several dental visits requiring medication. She also had a colonoscopy and the driver volunteer took her to the hospital and waited to take her home. Barbara Willis has had the use of home visits to replace high up light bulbs, grocery shopping, chores around the house, like taking down some window treatment, only to come back and replace it when the work on the window was completed.

All members report the volunteer helping them out was extremely professional, easy to talk to, arrived on time and was very attentive to the needs of the member.

What did we do before we had Seabrook Island Village? Who took care of those 977 service requests the Village did? Did we rely on kindly neighbors or did we pay high prices for transportation? Probably both.

I am thanking the Village publicly for all they have done for all of us. I too am a member of the Village and have had rides to dental appointments where at the conclusion I was highly medicated. I've also had rides to doctor appointments. The village has taken me to get all four of my COVID shots. I personally don't know how I would have gotten along without them. ▲

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article does not necessarily reflect the view of The Seabrooker.

Pope Francis Appoints Father Jacques Fabre the New Bishop of Charleston

The Vatican announced the 66-year-old priest's appointment on Feb. 22.

Fabre was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In the early 1990s, he was a chaplain at a Haitian refugee camp at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He has served as an administrator at the San Felipe de Jesus Mission in Georgia for the past 12 years.

He will succeed Bishop Robert Guglielmo, 76.

The Vatican concluded that the allegation lacked the "semblance of truth" and was unfounded.

Fabre moved from Haiti to New York City when he was in high school. After graduating from St. John's University in New York, he joined the Missionaries of St. Charles, also known as the Scalabrinians.

Fabre studied in Rome at the Pontifical Urban University, where he earned a Master's in Divinity and a Licentiate in Human Mobility (migration).

He was ordained to the priesthood in Brooklyn, New York, in 1986 at the age of 30. He served as chaplain to Haitian refugees in Guantanamo Bay from 1990 to 1991 and pastor of a parish in the Dominican Republic from 1991 to 2004.

After arriving in Georgia in 2006, Fabre served as the parochial vicar at St. Joseph's parish in Athens and Holy Trinity parish in Peachtree City.

While acting as the administrator at San Felipe de Jesus Mission in Forest Park, Fabre also served as the director of the Hispanic Charismatic Renewal



and a member of the Archdiocese of Atlanta's finance council. He is fluent in English, French, Italian, Spanish, and Creole.

Guglielmo served as the bishop of Charleston for 13 years. Before Benedict XVI appointed him bishop in 2009, he was rector of the cathedral of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

As bishop of Charleston, Guglielmo issued restrictions in November 2021 on the use of the Traditional Lat-

in Mass which said that priests can no longer administer confirmation or the anointing of the sick in Latin using the pre-Vatican II Roman Missal and cannot offer midnight Mass at Christmas or during the Triduum in Latin.

The Catholic Diocese of Charleston was established in 1820 and covers the entire state of South Carolina. More than five million people live within the diocese, an estimated 10% of whom are Catholic. ▲

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TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2022**

Minutes:

Mayor Gregg called the meeting to order at 2:35PM. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Financials: For the Month of December 2021

Mayor Gregg reviewed the December Financials as follows:

- Total fund balance for the period ending December 31, 2021 was \$6,967,017 an amount about \$1,358,346 more than the balance as of December 31, 2020 and about \$1,811,564 more than for the same period of 2019.
- Unrestricted revenue for December totaled \$351,968 and unrestricted revenue for the year totaled \$1,761,097, the year-to-date amount representing about 132% of the 2021 annual budget and being about \$348,317 more than for the same period of 2020.
- Expenditures for December totaled \$183,937 and expenditures for the year totaled \$1,056,130, the year-to-date amount about 75% of the 2021 annual budget.
- Expenditures for the year were about \$152,343 more compared to the same period of 2020.
- Excess of unrestricted revenues over expenditures was \$168,031 for the month of December and excess of unrestricted revenues over expenditures for the year was \$704,967 compared to an excess of revenues over expenditures of about \$508,993 as of December 31, 2020, reflecting the significantly greater unrestricted revenue in the period this year as compared to the same period of 2020.

Council clarified the financials for the year end close out with Town Administrator Cronin.

Council discussed the expenditures for Beach Patrol, court expenditures, increase in code enforcement, and timing of the audit process (activity of Mauldin Jenkins, the Town's audit service provider).

Citizens/Guests Presentations, Comments: - None.

Reports of Standing Committees, Commissions, Boards:

Community Promotions & Engagement Committee

Councilwoman Fox updated council on the communications from the Town in the Seabrooker and Tidelines.

Councilwoman Fox noted the first meeting of the Community Promotions & Engagement Committee will be on January 27th, 2022, at 1:00PM.

Environment & Wildlife Committee

Councilwoman Finke noted the first meeting of the Environment & Wildlife Committee will be on February 10th, 2022, at 1:00PM. Councilwoman Finke also noted that the committee will meet monthly on the second Thursday at 1:00PM.

Public Safety Committee

Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the first meeting of the Public Safety Committee for Council Members.

Council clarified when the Disaster Recovery Committee meeting will be held later this year.

Public Works Committee - None.

Planning Commission - None.

Board of Zoning Appeals - None.

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:

Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee

Councilwoman Finke updated Council Members on the meetings the committee has had with various stakeholders. Councilwomen Finke and Fox added a written report with the committee's findings is anticipated for March this year but will keep Council posted.

Reports of Town Officers:

Mayor - John Gregg
o Nomination to name Jeri Finke as Mayor Pro Tem for a two-year term

Councilman Kortvelesy moved to appoint Councilwoman Finke as Mayor Pro Tem with a term ending in January 2024; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

Councilwoman Finke was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

Discussion on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) final rule

Mayor Gregg summarized for Council Members the differences between the final rule issued on January 6, 2022, and the interim final rule for uses of ARPA funding.

Mayor Gregg further asked Town Administrator Cronin to work with Councilman Goldstein for projects the town can now fund with ARPA funds with this final rule.

Town Administrator
o Updates to Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Town Code

Town Administrator Cronin summarized that owing to the extent of desirable the text amendments to Chapter 2 (Administration) of the Town Code it is now expected that the update will be a comprehensive revision of the entire chapter. He added the proposed ordinance will be presented to Council in February.

Strategic Planning meeting

Town Administrator Cronin noted that the Town has not held a Strategic Planning meeting since 2019, and it was time to identify the current strategic priorities for the Town over the next two years. He added this meeting can be facilitated in two ways: by a representative of MASC or in house by himself and Town Clerk Watkins.

Council discussed potential dates and to have the meeting facilitated in house by the Town Administrator and Town Clerk.

Council also discussed including stakeholders to give input for creating the strategic priorities, and the flow of the meeting.

Zoning Administrator - None.

Town Council Members - None.

Utility Commission

Commissioner Vancini summarized the Utility Commission meeting of January 19th, 2022, the December financials and year end 2021 position, and the water usage and distribution for December, and for 2021. Commissioner Vancini noted for council some potential uses for ARPA funding through the utility commission.

Petitions Received, Referred or Disposed of: - None.

Miscellaneous Business:

Resolution 2022-01: A resolution directing the expenditure of general fund revenues in excess of budgeted amount.

Councilwoman Finke moved to approve Resolution 2022-01; Councilwoman Fox seconded. All voted in favor.

Resolution 2022-01 was approved.

Public Comments: - None.
Adjourn

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.▲

*Katharine E. Watkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer*

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2022**

Mayor Gregg called the meeting to order at 1:00PM. The Town Clerk confirmed that notice of the meeting was properly posted, and the requirements of the SC Freedom of Information Act had been met.

Mayor John Gregg

Update from Mayors meeting with Mayor Tecklenburg concerning status of US Army Corps of Engineers perimeter protection (Charleston peninsula)

Mayor Gregg summarized the video conference of February 2, with Mayor Tecklenburg, mayors of other local municipalities and a representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE"). Mayor Tecklenburg provided information concerning the status of the USACE storm risk management study begun in 2018 for which a final report is expected to be delivered to Congress this year. In April 2020, a draft report identified several risk reduction measures including a perimeter storm surge wall, pump stations and nonstructural measures. The currently estimated project cost is \$1.1B, of which 65% will be federally funded. Information concerning the proposed risk reduction measures is available at:

<https://www.sac.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Charleston-Peninsula-Study/>

Update from meeting with Representative Spencer Wetmore.

Mayor Gregg summarized a meeting on January 28, with representatives of the Towns of Kiawah and Seabrook met with State Representative Spencer Wetmore. Representative Wetmore acknowledged interest of the Towns in potential for distributions from the recently enacted Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and indicated that while the State has identified uses for the funds by the State it has not defined a path for distributions to municipalities of any amounts the State will receive. She commented in respect of the status of South Carolina House Bill 4547 directed to prohibiting municipalities and other local governments from enacting regulations that prohibit rental of residential dwelling to short-term guests. Representative Wetmore noted that the bill has been referred to the Judiciary Committee on which she serves. Representative Wetmore acknowledged interests of local governments in being free to regulate short-term rentals.

Council clarified whether the Federal infrastructure funds were going to be distributed to local governments by the State.

Town Administrator Cronin commented that Representative Wetmore indicated it was not likely that any major legislation would be enacted during the current term of the State legislature.

Town Council Members:

Jeri Finke

Councilwoman Finke reminded members that the Environment and Wildlife Committee will meet on February 10th at 1:00PM.

Councilwoman Finke also updated Council on the next STR ad hoc committee meeting with more stake holders on Friday.

Councilwoman Finke discussed with Council and Town Administrator Cronin, how information is disseminated to the public, how the Town can improve on this distribution, and where the information from the Town is available.

Council discussed the weekly "e-Blast" of the Seabrook Island Property Owners Association (SIPOA) and working with the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee to get the Town information out as well.

Council discussed a brochure with SIPOA on what each entity is responsible for working with the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee.

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.▲

*Katharine E. Watkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer*

Patricia Fox

Councilwoman Fox summarized the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee meeting on January 17th and the communications from the Town on the Seabrooker and Tidelines. Councilwoman Fox noted the next meeting for the Community Promotions and Engagement Committee will be on February 17th.

Councilwoman discussed potentially changing the Town's form of government.

Barry Goldstein

Councilman Goldstein summarized the Public Works Committee meeting of February 7th and noted the next meeting will be held on the first Monday at 12:00PM.

Councilman Goldstein updated Council on recent discussions on raising Seabrook Island Road and different options with costs for Council to report during the March meeting.

Council discussed when the alternatives would be presented to Council in March and if the Public Works Committee would have a recommendation for Council.

Council discussed obtaining a quote from an architect for the garage at Town Hall and the next steps in the process.

Council clarified that the quote from the architect would address both concept and construction for the building design.

Council discussed potentially engaging using some of the retired professionals on the island who may volunteer their time as an aid to the Town in reviewing proposals for the contemplated garage project.

Dan Kortvelesy

Councilman Kortvelesy summarized the upcoming Public Safety Committee on February 15th and scheduled a Disaster Recovery Council meeting on March 10th with another exercise in May.

Council discussed the logistics for the Disaster Recovery Meeting via zoom or in person with regards to COVID restrictions.

Town Administrator Cronin noted that it has been a couple of years since the last Disaster Awareness Day which the Disaster Recovery Council has been a part of, and when would this be scheduled with the Town of Kiawah.

Town Administrator Joe Cronin

Action Items for February 22, 2022 meeting:

o Ord. 2022-01: An ordinance amending the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; Chapter 2, Administration; so as to update and modify the general administrative policies and procedures of the town

Town Administrator Cronin summarized the edits made to Chapter 2, Administration of the Town Code.

Other Items:

o Buildings & Grounds Manager Update

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the interviews that were conducted throughout the week and will schedule the 2 finalist interviews with the Mayor for next week and have an offer by the end of next week to 10 days. He added that this position would anticipate beginning within 4 to 6 weeks.

Code Enforcement

Town Administrator Cronin noted that he and Zoning Administrator Newman will have an updated job description of the part time Code Enforcement Officers to be posted soon.

o DSO Update

Town Administrator Cronin updated Council on the next steps of the DSO after the Planning Commission sends their recommendations to Council.

Adjourn

Councilwoman Finke moved to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Kortvelesy seconded. All voted in favor.▲

*Katharine E. Watkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer*

Charleston's Charming Cobblestone Streets



You're driving in Downtown Charleston and all of a sudden your car begins to violently shake as if you haven't had an alignment in 15 years. Chances are your alignment is fine, you must have just found your way onto one of Charleston's cobblestone roads. The roads that help keep local mechanic shops in business and will flatten your LaCroix in less than 10 seconds!

Charleston's beautiful cobblestone roads offer the opportunity to take a step back in time as you explore these historic streets. Although filled with history, there are sadly just a few cobblestone streets left here in the Holy City.

Today we're going to take a look at the history of Charleston's cobblestone streets and which ones still remain today if you want to take a stroll.

The History
In the 17th and 18th centuries, England wanted to utilize the resources and trade goods of the Lowcountry. Ships would sail across the Atlantic Ocean to the ports of Charleston, and the cobblestone streets were a "side effect."

The stones you walk on were actually used as weights by the ships coming overseas to make them denser and drop them further in the water to make them less susceptible to rough conditions. Once the ships arrived here in Charleston to load up their goods, they had no room for the stones and tossed them overboard.

The tide pushed the stones into the wharf and, after a while, colonists now had a means to make a road! At the time the streets were nothing more than dirt lined paths so the thought of smoothing out the stones to create a road seemed like a huge upgrade.

The old ballast stones have added character to the streets of Charleston and a great contribution to the history of the city. But as you may have noticed, there are very few of those streets remaining these days. Why is that? The simplest answer is progress.

While cobblestone streets were an upgrade from the dirt roads they previously walked on, Charleston's residents wanted something that wouldn't make them spill their groceries or sprain their ankle every time they walked down the street. So, despite their allure and aesthetics, the cobblestones were removed in many streets and replaced with smoother surfaces.

5 Cobblestone Streets in Charleston to Explore
Want to explore the cobblestone streets of Charleston for yourself? You still have plenty of great opportunities to do so. Here are 5 cobblestone streets in Charleston that remain:

1 Chalmers Street is one of the most photographed streets in South Carolina. It's located in the French Quarter

and is said to have been so bumpy that it led to a woman going into labor. Take note of the Bermuda stone used in the construction of the older buildings, primarily the Pink House on Chalmers Street. This stone was also brought on the ships to the docks.

2 Adger's Wharf is South of Broad and runs straight to the water. Its current name comes from James Adger II who had a shop on the street and became one of the richest men in the country. The street was once lined with shops and was an integral cog in the shipping industry.

3 Gillon Street was named after Commodore Alexander Gillon and is at the foot of Broad Street. This street was one of the first cobblestone streets in the area.

4 Longitude Lane sits off of East Bay. The area was first built up in the 1690s through 1720s. The alleys still have cobblestone streets and offer a beautiful walk, with stone walls and beautiful homes.

5 Philadelphia Alley was host to many of the cities duels back in the 17-1800's and is rumored to be haunted by the souls that lost their lives on those very stones.

These beautiful cobblestone streets add so much character to our city and are just a small part of Charleston's rich history. We highly recommend you see them first hand!▲



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WE ARE FOLLOWING SIPOA REGULATIONS CONCERNING COVID.



Seabrook's Community Blood Drive is scheduled for **March 10th at the Lake House from 10:30AM to 3:30PM** and you all are invited to attend.

All you have to do is contact RedCrossblood.org and select your appointment time. This notice is for our many regular donors as well as new residents who may not be aware of this vital service we provide quarterly for the folks desperately needing our blood. Should you need additional information or encouragement about the event contact Kathy Rigrup krigrup2@aol.com or 973-715-3005 who will answer any questions you may have. Also our donors have found that using RedCrossblood.org/RapidPass the day of the drive speeds up the intake process and saves waiting time.

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This recital is presented without an intermission. A special Question and Answer session with Midori will take place at the conclusion of the recital.

This recital was originally scheduled for March 24, 2020, but was postponed due to the pandemic. In the meantime, Midori stayed in touch with Charleston through virtual programming such as workshops and a masterclass, in addition to having an overriding influence on Chamber Music Charleston's educational programs. We hope you will join us at Sottile Theatre as we give a warm welcome to this extraordinary violinist.



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KIAWAH ART AND HOUSE TOUR

APRIL 8, 2022



The 20th annual Art and House Tour, presented by Arts, etc., will take place on Kiawah Island Friday, April 8 from 1-5 pm and will feature five unique homes never before opened to the public. They vary in architectural style and their settings are exceptional.



In the Preserve is surrounded by marsh views and filled with creations by South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee artists. The deep walnut walls and woodwork are accented by sleek stone-like concrete. Panels of sheer glass allow the interior to flow seamlessly outside where the living area is a sequence of decks and boardwalks with a charming curved bridge crossing an infinity pool. A walkway leads to a two bedroom guest house with its own spectacular views.

Near the Ocean exemplifies the Kiawah lifestyle with nautical design and serene colors in artwork and furnishings. At the top of the house is the expansive master suite, including an exercise room and office. Below is a spacious living area filled with spectacular stone from kitchen to fireplace, and includes several family and entertaining areas. Four guest rooms, a comfortable living area and a deck with a beautiful pool and kitchen are on the first level.

In the Settlement on the Kiawah River has a great room with eleven foot ceilings and hand hewn beams, a pecky cypress curved dining room ceiling and an emerald green veined quartz bar. A distinctive nautical-themed media room with a ship's ladder leads to a children's playroom, also accessed from a second floor bedroom. The spacious porch and decks look out to the Kiawah River.

Also in the Settlement is a dignified home adjacent to the Kiawah Island Club River Course featuring stunning island vistas and state-of-the-art technology. The masterfully crafted two-story, barrel-vaulted ceiling allows front to back views on both floors. The kitchen showcases a custom fruitwood and quartz island. Overlooking the infinity pool and the 18th fairway, the outdoor area encourages entertaining and leisure with two welcoming screened porches. The serene style continues on the second floor through the office, media room and

the College of Charleston Children's Opera. Using a well known children's story, the joys of dance are introduced by Palmetto City Ballet. Dance Matters blends dance, theatre and poetry to enhance social studies of the Reconstruction and Civil Rights eras. Leadership, entrepreneurship and financial literacy are taught by Engaging Creative Minds. Pure Theatre coaches various skills through improvisation. New program partners this year are the Charleston Jazz Orchestra, Yo Art which instructs website design and coding, and Art Smart which provides voice lessons.

Oceanfront is a stately home with an expansive seascape. The panoramic view sweeps from the cozy living room, the dramatic white kitchen, the formal and informal dining areas, the outdoor deck as well as from the owner's suite. The lower level is a guest's dream with a large gathering room surrounded by four spacious guest rooms and ensuite baths overlooking a large pool and spa.

The proceeds from the tour and auction benefit the organization's program partners, which provide arts related initiatives for students in schools on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Some partners sponsor music programs such as Chamber Music Charleston and

In addition to ticket sales for the tour, another element of the fundraiser is the online auction of Looking to Wadmalaw, a stunning painting donated to support Arts, etc. by renowned Charleston artist, West Fraser. The auction will open several weeks before the tour and include other premium items.

Information on the tour, the auction, and ticket sales is available at kiawahartsetc.org. Limited tickets are for sale and are \$75. ▲



March Artist of the Month Rob Bavier

Reception March 2, 4:30 to 6:30 pm
The Lake House



Seabrook Island Artist Guild Welcomes International Watercolor Artist Dwight Rose

Dwight Rose, a professional watercolor artist and watercolor teacher, will offer a demonstration of his working process on Monday, March 14th, 1:30-4:00, Oyster Catcher Community Building. Dwight will offer 2-day workshop on March 15th and 16th, 9:30-4:00, Oyster Catcher Community Building.



His words describe his work:

It's a magical process with rewarding outcomes: I surmise an idea, collect my inspirational references, grab my tools, and go to work. I sketch by using the blocking in method, crucial for accepting and forming the ideas for my paintings. The first mark is the instigator, the spark, the embryo. Then I ponder, block in some more, ponder again and then – okay, the idea is complete! The final sketch may incubate and if needed, adjustments are made or, sometimes, the process is repeated. I must be committed to accepting my composition before moving on to the final phase of creating the painting. Then it's just me, light and form.

Living in Doha, Qatar from 2001-2007, Dwight traveled internationally, capturing images of the Middle East, China, Thailand, India, and many other countries. He graduated with a BFA from the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. He also taught at Ringling College, along with courses in community and museum programs.

He moved to Spartanburg, South Carolina in 2008, exhibiting solo in our region. His work has been seen in the SC Water Media Society Traveling Exhibition, Converse College, Blowing Rock History and Art Museum, Peacock Gallery at Middle Georgia State University, USC-Aiken, and The Art Station, Stone Mountain Georgia.

Dwight has taught at the Greenville Center for the Creative Arts, Spartanburg Art Museum, and many regional workshops.

He is collected by City of Greer, Spartanburg County Public Library, the Hobeaw Barony and private collectors. He is a member of the Salmagundi Club, National Watercolor Society, The Florida Watercolor Society, The Mantatee Art Center, and is a signature member in excellence at the SC Watercolor Society.

To register for the workshop, please send a check for \$100.00 for the one-day workshop or \$200.00 for the 2-day workshop made out to the artist, Dwight Rose. Please mail the check to our Workshop Coordinator, Monique Boissier Sporn, 1404 Nancy Island Drive, Seabrook Island, SC 29455. The payment must be received to confirm registration. Monique will give the checks to the artist at the end of the workshops.

You must be a member of SIAG to register. To join SIAG, send a check for \$30 (annual dues) made out to SIAG tour Treasurer, Ann Demitruk 2460 The Haul Over, Seabrook Island, SC 29455. These dues allow non-members to join SIAG giving them the ability to participate in other SIAG activities at the member cost.▲



For more information on the Seabrook Island Artists Guild, its membership, classes, events and workshops, please visit our website at www.seabrookislandartistguild.com

Rob Bavier grew up on the water. He comes from a family of sailors, with both his father and grandfather having participated in The America's Cup. His father skippered the Constellation in 1964 in a successful Cup defense. His summers were spent racing in some of the renowned races such as the Block Island races. Rob no longer races, but the captivating seas with their infinite beauty has inspired his artwork.

Trained as an architect, Rob did many watercolor renderings of his designs during his career. He developed it into an art form and now paints in oils, watercolors and pastel. He now presents in his ocean community of Seabrook Island where he holds the vice president position in the Seabrook Island artist guild. Most Thursdays he can be found gathering other artists to join him on his beloved Plein air painting days.

Some of Rob's accolades to note. He has received best in show awards as well as best in watercolor awards in various juried shows. He was invited by the Marlborough Arts Center to present one man show titled "Sea Change".

Rob is member of The American Society of marine artists and of oil painters of America. He most recently had his work accepted into their ▲

OPERA 101

A new opera club, Opera 101, led by Jose Rafols, will debuted January 4, 2022. All classical opera lovers from Kiawah Island, Seabrook Island, Johns Island, and neighboring communities are invited. Both beginning and experienced opera fans are welcome.

The group meets at The Sandcastle on Kiawah Island every Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Participants in Opera 101 will enjoy watching superb opera video clips from selected DVDs or movies with opportunities to discuss music passages as well as singing and drama virtuosity.

For the 2022 season, the following works will be presented in March:

- March 1 Don Carlo (Verdi)
- March 8 Tannhäuser (Wagner)
- March 15 Die Walküre (Wagner)
- March 22 Elektra (R. Strauss)

Please check the KICA calendar of events to see which opera will be showing and to review the synopsis and to verify the location of the meeting. For more information, contact Jose A. Rafols at jrafols@aol.com. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED



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Please note, students' health and safety is our first priority. Current CDC, City and State COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. Explore details: <https://charlestonstage.com/education/>

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