



# The Jekyll Journal

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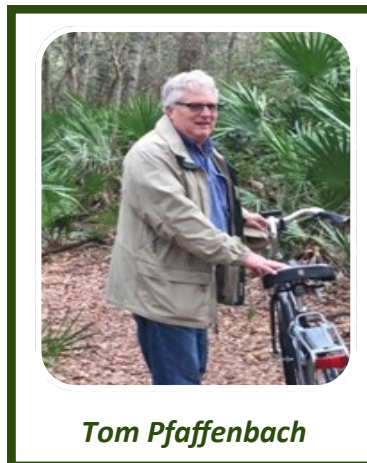
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## The President's Corner...

*Ruthmary Williams*

### Happy New Year!

The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island had a Fall filled with interesting programs and events. The season started in September with meeting Mark Williams, the new JIA Director. In October, about 36 of us enjoyed a tour of Sapelo Island. It was not only a beautiful day, but we also learned a lot about the island's history. Mosaic organized two trolley tours in November to Indian Mound Cottage where attendees met J.P. "Jack" Morgan, Jr. Jack hosted a tour of the cottage and shared many interesting stories about the house and Jekyll Island. December marked our Members Only Holiday Gathering at Hollybourne. The Hospitality Committee outdid itself with delicious food and festive decorations. Attendees enjoyed a relaxing time socializing with friends.



*Tom Pfaffenbach*

The FOHJI Annual Gala Dinner kicked off the new year. The dinner was held in the Grand Dining Room of the Jekyll Island Hotel and honored the memory of past president Tom Pfaffenbach. Pamela Harris, Dinner chair, and

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*The President's Corner continued...*

her committee did a wonderful job planning an enchanted evening; her full summary follows.

Bruce Piatek, Program Chair, has more interesting programs planned for 2024. Be sure to read his report that's included in this journal. Once again we are pleased to announce a special concert by Thom Schuyler on February 29, a great way to celebrate Leap Year! Proceeds from the concert will go towards the Chuck Diefenderfer Internship Program. **(Please note that the concert has been sold out).** FOHJI's online auction, our biggest fundraiser, will be March 8 – 17. In addition to some of our favorites, we have some new items in the catalog. The Members Only Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 18 at Mosaic's Outdoor Classroom; we're looking forward to using this new space that FOHJI helped finance.

We are pleased to welcome many new members to the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island, and we are always thankful for our loyal, continual members. Thank you all for your support. We look forward to seeing you at future programs and events.

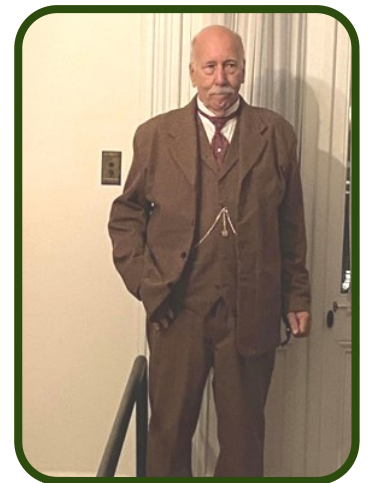
Respectfully,  
Ruthmary Williams, *FOHJI President*



Mark Williams, JIA Director, answers questions at the September program.



Visitors listen to Nick of the University of Georgia Marine Institute on Sapelo Island.



J.P. "Jack" Morgan, Jr. takes attendees on a tour of Indian Mound Cottage.

**Holiday Gathering at Hollybourne**



## Spring 2024 FOHJI Programs

*Bruce Piatek*

### March 21

Lucy Hatcher of Mosaic will present the program “Glynn County at War” (WWII).



### April 18

Members Only Annual Meeting at the Mosaic Outdoor Classroom

### May 16

This is the last meeting before the summer break. We will tour the historically significant site of Horton House. Not only will we learn about the house itself, but also about the international diplomatic meeting between Spanish and English delegations prior to the outbreak of the American Revolution. We will also tour the surrounding site to evaluate the erosion that is destroying its history, which will only increase with sea level rise.



## 2024 Online Auction Ruthmary Williams

The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island is happy to announce the 2024 Online Auction will begin on March 8 and end March 17 at 8:00 PM. Once again, we have some wonderful items, and we thank our donors for their generosity. Item categories include accommodations, sports activities, adventures, food & beverages, and family fun. Plus, we have some interesting physical items for LOCAL PICK-UP (items will **not** be shipped). Stay tuned for when the auction catalog will be available



**2024 ONLINE AUCTION**  
 Online Bidding: March 8-17  
<https://charityauction.bid/2024fohji>

- Accommodations
- Adventures
- Sports & Activities
- Food & Beverages
- Merchandise
- And Much More!!

All proceeds support historic programs and preservation projects sponsored by the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island.

## Thom Schuyler Benefit Concert February 29



The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island is pleased to announce a special concert by musician and songwriter Thom Schuyler. This is a benefit concert at Villa Ospo with all proceeds going directly to the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island's Chuck Diefenderfer Internship program. Doors open at 6:30 and the concert will start at 7:00. Bites and Libations will be served. General seating is limited to 64; tickets are \$70 each.

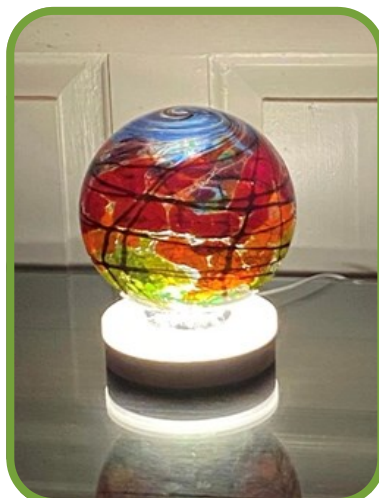
**SOLD OUT!!**

## FOHJI Annual Dinner

*Pamela Harris*

January was the time to kick off our annual fundraisers and celebrate our accomplishments. The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island were thrilled to be back in the newly redecorated Grand Dining Room! The evening was lovely, and attendees enjoyed a social hour prior to a delicious five-course dinner. We were pleased to give the dinner in memory of our past president, Tom Pfaffenbach, who lost a brave and long battle with cancer. A heartfelt thank you to Tom Alexander and Taylor Davis who gave us a glimpse into the restoration of the Tiffany Window. How wonderful to see the FOHJI proceeds go to this magnificent piece of art! Tom and Taylor also reviewed all the Faith Chapel projects FOHJI has assisted with financing over the years. Many thanks to Mark Ellinger of Glass Quest who donated a Tiffany-inspired globe for our successful raffle, and congratulations to Priscilla Fleshman who won it. Thank you to the hotel chefs and wait staff who made the evening special. The proceeds from the dinner will go towards Phase 2 of the Baker-Crane Carriage House project. The Board thanks all who attended; we appreciate your continued support. We also want to thank those who were unable to attend the dinner but supported FOHJI with donations.

### *ANNUAL DINNER PHOTO GALLERY....*



## From the Preservationist's Desk

*Taylor Davis*

The outdoor classroom at the Mosaic Museum, The Paddock, has been completed and is currently being utilized.

The Tiffany window has been reinstalled at Faith Chapel after conservation efforts were completed on the window itself and the wooden structural surround that houses the window. This was accomplished with the help of Restoric LLC and Jekyll Island Authority staff and volunteers. There will be a rededication ceremony this Spring.



The foundation reconstruction and stabilization efforts have been completed for the Baker-Crane Carriage House. Fourth Street Design reconstructed new footers and piers in addition to replacing the deteriorated sills and tying the wall and floor structure back together.



**-Before-**



**-After-**

## Membership Report

*Pamela Harris, Membership Chair*

FOHJI has had a strong year of Membership. Currently, there are a total of 143 memberships that includes 235 members. Twenty-one new memberships have been added this year. Our new brochure with updated photos and highlighting the impact of FOHJI has been distributed in hotels and shops across Jekyll. We encourage members to have friends, family, and visitors join in supporting our mission. The membership runs from July 1-June 30; renewal letters will start going out the end of May via email for the 2024-2025 season.

Let me know if you want some brochures or have questions about your membership:  
attention Pamela Harris at [jekyllfriends@outlook.com](mailto:jekyllfriends@outlook.com).

## Financial Report

*Tim Kinsey, Treasurer*

As of January 31, 2024, the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island had a total of \$272,252.91 between the checking account and money market. A third money market account specified for the conservation of the Tiffany Window at Faith Chapel has a balance of \$7,630.24. After considering committed funds for various projects, \$197,715.04 uncommitted funds remain. In January, FOHJI received \$600 in donations for the Chuck Diefenderfer Internship Program. The Annual Gala Dinner netted approximately \$5,576; these monies are earmarked for the Baker-Crane Carriage House Project. The Thom Schuyler Benefit Concert on February 29 sold out quickly. There are 65 reservations with two complimentary tickets going to Thom for a gross of \$4,410. All proceeds go towards the internship program.

Each issue of the *Jekyll Journal* will include  
a summary of FOHJI finances.

As a member, you are entitled to know all details about  
the operation of the organization. Should you wish to  
receive a financial report or minutes from a  
FOHJI board meeting, send a request to:

[jekyllfriends@outlook.com](mailto:jekyllfriends@outlook.com)

**-LEGACY PROGRAM-**

FOHJI now has a LEGACY PROGRAM for planned giving that makes it possible for you to donate through your will, investment portfolio, charitable trust or other beneficiary designations. We encourage you to support FOHJI's mission of preserving the historical nature of Jekyll Island through these tax deductible avenues.

One of the easiest ways to give is a one-time donation of a specified amount that may be provided through a single or multi-payment structure. Donors have the flexibility of providing contributions as a recurring monthly automatic disbursement to FOHJI.

Additional avenues of giving include:

- Designating FOHJI as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy;
- Providing for a distribution to FOHJI from your charitable trust;
- Transferring stocks, bonds and other securities to FOHJI for sale and the benefit of FOHJI's projects;
- Providing a restricted contribution to a specific FOHJI project that you would like to see move forward;
- Designating FOHJI to benefit from the sale of real estate or specified personal property.

Thank you in advance for considering these avenues of supporting FOHJI's mission. If you are interested in one of these methods of providing support, please consult your financial planner and/or tax consultant, if needed. Then contact FOHJI's Treasurer, Tim Kinsey at 912-635-3620 or e-mail Tim at [773trk@gmail.com](mailto:773trk@gmail.com).



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### REMEMBER YOUR RENEWAL.....

The FOHJI Board has changed our membership year to the fiscal year starting July 1. All of our money goes toward historic preservation endeavors and we need your continued participation. You might consider increasing your level of membership. The various levels are:

- Single Membership \$ 25.00
- Family Membership \$ 40.00
- Preservation Partner \$ 100.00
- Business /Sponsor \$ 250.00
- Patron \$ 500.00
- Benefactor \$ 1,000.00

There would be a tax advantage to upping your membership. If you are not now a member of FOHJI, we welcome you to become a part of our group. Make checks payable to FOHJI and mail to P.O. Box 13031, Jekyll Island, GA, 31527 and you will receive membership information by return mail.

### 2023-2024 Board of Directors

President— Ruthmary Williams

Vice President—Justin Wilbur

Secretary—Debbie Boyd

Treasurer—Tim Kinsey

### Members

**Term 2024:** Debbie Boyd, Carol Fritz, Rob Stewart

**Term 2025:** Tom Alexander, Pamela Harris, David Lodge, Bruce Piatek, Thom Schuyler, Justin Wilbur, Susan Williams

**Term 2026:** Ronald Franke, Shelly Gardner, Bradley Hoyt, Tim Kinsey, Ruthmary Williams,

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