



The Jekyll Journal

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The President's Corner...

Rita Thompson

The arrival of fall feels like the start of all things new for FOHJI. We say goodbye to our summer hiatus and hello to a new wave of energy. It is the time for launching our exciting monthly programs, planning our holiday event, looking forward to our Annual Dinner and moving forward with our exciting plans for this year's auction. Your Board has learned many things about navigating through challenges and restrictions and is committed as ever to making this year exciting and brand new!

I am very excited that Bonnie Householder is once again kicking off our monthly program calendar! She has delivered wonderful programs in the past and her upcoming presentation on the Maurice family and the Hollybourne Cottage promises to do the same. You will be surprised at some of the connections she has made and the fascinating facts her research has uncovered. In an effort to keep everyone safe, we have decided to deliver our September program via YouTube and Facebook instead of our typical in-person event. Details on how to access the program will be released later. We are looking forward to reestablishing live programs in the very near future.

I am excited to announce the finalized plans for our Holiday event on December 2. We will start in Faith Chapel with Dr. Barbara Stevenson speaking to us about Tiffany's stained-glass window, "David Set Singers Before the Lord." If you were fortunate enough to attend her presentation on the Maitland Armstrong window, you know what a treat awaits you. From Faith Chapel we will move to Villa Ospo to hear Mike and Joy Cook perform

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on pan flutes while we enjoy wine and refreshments provided by our in-house chef, Rob Stewart. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fabulous afternoon on December 2nd from 3:00-5:00PM.

You will read more about our program schedule later in this publication. Terry Frey has a fabulous year lined up for you!

The Annual Dinner at the Club will look a lot different this year. It still remains a fundraiser for FOHJI, but we will team up with the JIA to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Jekyll Island becoming a state park. Instead of our traditional fourth Tuesday in January, this kick-off event will be held Friday, January 28th. Plans are still being formalized, but we will inform you of the details once they are completed.

I hope you can see that the Covid-19 Pandemic has not deterred us! Unfortunately, it has been necessary for our projects to be put into a "holding pattern" due to the restraints and limits put upon those responsible for implementing them. I will keep you updated as we make progress on our current projects and as we determine new projects that we will support throughout the upcoming year. Our glass is still half full, we have not lost sight of our goals, and we are committed to our mission of preserving and interpreting the natural and historic heritage of Jekyll Island.

Thank you so much for your loyalty to Friends of Historic Jekyll Island. We are so grateful for your generosity and we are so appreciative for your ongoing contributions through membership dues, donations and fundraisers.

I am looking forward to working with you to preserve the history of Jekyll Island.

Rita Thompson

President, Friends of Historic Jekyll Island



Maurice family papers – UNC Archives



Hollybourne Cottage—Front Entrance

**2021-2022 FRIENDS OF HISTORIC JEKYLL ISLAND
TENTATIVE PROGRAM SCHEDULE**
Terry Frey, Program Chair

Our first program will be online because the resurgence of Covid prevents us from having an in-person program. We hope the pandemic subsides soon so that our subsequent programs can be open to the public. We will keep you updated.

September 2021

Bonnie Householder, "The Bridge Builder, Charles Stewart Maurice and his Family" (Because of the ongoing pandemic this presentation will be streamed with no live audience)



*Guest Speaker,
Bonnie Householder*

Thursday, Oct 21, 2021

Robin White, "Sapelo Island"

Thursday, Nov 18, 2021

Cliff Gawron, "Historic Gardens and Landscapes of Jekyll Island"

Thursday, Dec 2, 2021

Barbara Stevenson, "Tiffany Window,"
Faith Chapel, 3:00 PM
Holiday Party, Villa Ospo, 4:00 PM

Friday, Jan 28, 2022

Annual FOHJI Dinner at the Club and Celebration of
Jekyll State Park's 75th Anniversary

Thursday, Feb 17, 2022

Stacey Cole, "They Had Names: African Americans in
Early Liberty County, Georgia"

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Bruce Piatek, "First People of Jekyll Island"

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Annual Meeting and Members-Only Party

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Andrea Marroquin, "History of Golf on Jekyll Island"

JIA Historic Resources Programs
Allison Dupuis, Museum Educator

Manifesting Memorials: Louis C. Tiffany's Ecclesiastical Work

Jennifer Perry Thalheimer, Curator and Collection Manager

The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art

October 1, 2021

3:00PM

Convention Center

Ballroom H (Marshside)

Some of the most remarkable art created by Louis C. Tiffany's studios can be found in local places of worship. By the 1880s a full-fledged revival was occurring in the United States and Tiffany sought to beautify as many of the ecclesiastical structures then under construction as he could. Ms. Thalheimer will present Tiffany's vast religious works, the variety of decoration offered, and discuss specific commissions...including Faith Chapel's magnificent window.

Jekyll Island Before the Europeans

Sundays through December

11AM

Mosaic, Jekyll Island Museum

Tack Room

Who were Jekyll Island's earliest residents? Join Mosaic to learn about the Timucua tribe and what their lives were like on Jekyll Island. You'll make Timucua-style pottery, try "black drink," and learn to hunt with an atlatl. This program is approximately an hour long and takes place both indoors and outdoors. Please meet in the Tack Room of Mosaic, Jekyll Island Museum.

Louis Comfort Tiffany at the Jekyll Island Club

Saturdays and Tuesdays through December

11AM and 2PM

Mosaic, Jekyll Island Museum

Tack Room

In celebration of the 100th anniversary of Faith Chapel's Tiffany window, learn about the life of Louis Comfort Tiffany and the time he spent at the Jekyll Island Club. Explore Tiffany's creative and glassmaking processes through a look at his studio and create your own stained glass-inspired craft to take home. This program is approximately forty minutes long and includes craft materials. Please meet in the Tack Room of Mosaic, Jekyll Island Museum.



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1. Online go to:
https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_se_dshb_bk_smi
2. Make sure that "Friends of Historic Jekyll Island" is designated as the charity of your choice where you have the option that says "Supporting" with a down arrow.
3. Then shop to your heart's content.

-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 Ted Fleshman at 912-635-3620.

2022 Auction Report

Barbara Stevenson, Auction Chair

Because the auction is FOHJI's most important fundraiser, we decided not to cancel our last auction due to the pandemic, but instead we held it online. To our astonishment, it was an enormous success. We typically average about \$20,000 in profits from the auction, but the online auction garnered over \$32,000! Since the pandemic is ongoing and since the online version was such a success, our next auction will also be online.

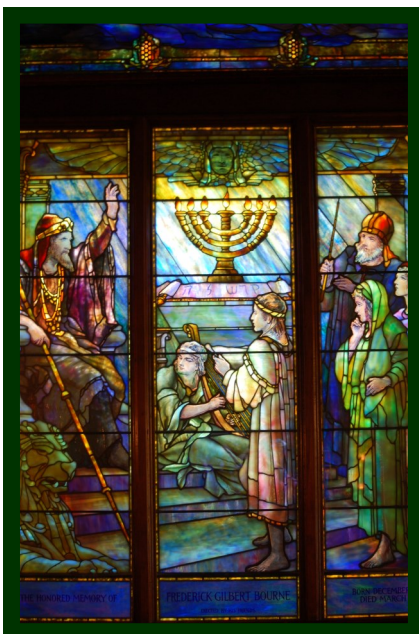
The 2022 auction will run over two weekends, starting on Friday, March 11, and ending on Sunday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m. We will be bringing back the popular 50/50 raffle, with the winner being announced online at closing on the evening of March 20.

A primary reason for the auction's resounding success was the generosity of those who donated stays at their rental properties. Their generosity is deeply appreciated, and we hope to have good luck with rental stays again at the upcoming auction. Of course, for years the auction has been a beloved event because of the availability of gift certificates to popular restaurants and businesses, and we hope to offer those again as well. If you are willing to donate a stay here on Jekyll or elsewhere, or if you are willing to donate a gift certificate, please let me know: Barbara Stevenson at jekyllfriends@gmail.com. Thank you, everyone, and we look forward to holding another exciting auction.

From the Director of Historic Resources

Michael Scott

With the dog days of summer finally behind us, I think we all are looking forward to the coming cooler months of the fall. This summer has seen the Historic Resources division working to keep up with unusually high visitation over these months, which we hope is a welcome sign for things in the future. The additional cottage and landmark tours have given our guests the opportunity to enjoy so much of what our district has to offer. Many have also been enjoying the new programming developed by our museum educator Allison. If you haven't had a chance to meet her, I recommend signing up for her "Jekyll Island before the Europeans" or her "Louis Comfort Tiffany and the Jekyll Island Club" programs and get to know her.



Jekyll Island Chapel—Tiffany Window

We finally got the Archivist position refilled with a great addition to the department in Faith Plazarin. We've been busy wrapping up the last bits of the Hollybourne concept study which is scheduled to be presented at the September board meeting. We've also been enjoying the exhibit and opportunities to share and celebrate the centennial of the Louis Comfort Tiffany window. We're wrapping up the details on the next phase of the window's conservation and expect to be starting the next steps going forward after the holidays. We'll be hosting two programs for the ***Tiffany Centennial Celebration*** with speakers Jennifer Perry Thalheimer from the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art and Barbara Stevenson, Professor Emerita of Kennesaw State University. We will also be offering our Macabre Tales and Holly Jolly Light Trolley as we move into the cooler months. Whether at a program, meeting, or just walking the district, I hope that we'll see you all soon.

Treasurer's Report *Ted Fleshman*

We began this fiscal year on July 1, 2021, with \$144,804.71 in our checking and money market accounts. We have received approximately \$4,400 in membership dues, leaving \$150,136 in our checking and money market accounts as of the end of August. We have committed \$35,000 to the restoration of the Tiffany window in Faith Chapel, \$10,000 to Hollybourne, \$8,000 to Baker Crane, \$3,000 to develop the FOHJI Historic Guide, and we have agreed to invest \$10,000 in partnership with the JIA for the 75th Anniversary Celebration of Georgia's purchase of Jekyll Island. We have \$84,136 to invest in new projects for the preservation of historic Jekyll Island.

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@gmail.com

Membership Report *Tom Pfaffenbach* Membership Chair

FOHJI's new year began on July 1, and since then 92 members have renewed and 1 new member has joined, for a total of 93 memberships. We hope that as the pandemic subsides and as we meet again in person, many more will join FOHJI.

In 2020, before the start of the pandemic, FOHJI membership reached an all-time high with 200 memberships. That number of memberships equates to over 350 members since many of the memberships are for families.

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC JEKYLL ISLAND

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REMEMBER YOUR RENEWAL.....

The FOHJI Board approved a plan to change our membership year to the fiscal year starting July 1, 2014. 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:

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| • 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.

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