



The Jekyll Journal

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The President's Corner...

Tom Pfaffenbach

Welcome to the start of another year of service by the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island. I am humbled to be the president of such a great organization.

First, I would like to recognize Rita Thompson, Barbara Stevenson, Ted Fleshman, and John Gross as their FOHJI board membership comes to an end after many years of service and their giving of their time talent and treasure. As the past president, Rita will continue to serve as a non-voting member of the board. Ted and Barbara have agreed to accept advisory positions. We are grateful for their continued support. We are pleased to welcome David Lodge, Susan Williams, Pamela Harris, Bruce Piatek and Justin Wilbur to the Board of The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island.

Second, it is with a heavy heart that we lost Chuck Diefenderfer after a long and determined battle with various health issues. Chuck was an integral part of every aspect of FOHJI. Our sympathy pours out to Linda.

Third, we are excited about the coming year. Major projects for this year include completing the Mosaic educational wing, completing the work on Faith Chapel's Tiffany window, and continued work on the Baker-Crane Cottage. We

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have some interesting programs scheduled for this season, and we look forward to seeing you at these events. Additionally, we hope to plan one or two “field” trips. These educational lectures and other projects are just a few of the reasons we exist.

Fourth, nothing would be possible without the amazing support of our members, the Jekyll Island Authority, and the community at large. Our primary sources of revenue are the online auction, the formal banquet, membership dues, and the historical book sales; we are always open to pursuing new revenue opportunities as they arise.

Finally, thank you to every member of this great organization.

Respectfully,
Tom Pfaffenbach



Robin Spielberg, Concert Pianist

By Ruthmary Williams

The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island is pleased to promote Robin Spielberg’s upcoming concert on October 15. Robin has been hailed as one of America’s most popular contemporary female pianists/composers and one of the most expressive pianists of our time. Her concerts intertwine accomplished musical performance with humor and stories that inspire. Her discography includes original piano solos, arrangements of American standards, original pieces for piano, holiday recordings, Americana melodies, and lullabies. In addition to her multi-faceted work in music, Robin Spielberg is a celebrity spokesperson for the American Music Therapy Association and a founding member of the Mindful Music Association.

The concert will be at the J.P. Morgan Center on October 15. A reception will be held from 6 until 7 PM with the performance starting at 7:30. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/robin-spielberg-in-concert-tickets-398290937917?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

In addition to the performance, tickets include heavy hors d’oeuvres and one drink. Attire is Island Elegant.

To hear a sample of her music, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziiic8X8-6E>



2023 Online Auction
Ruthmary Williams, Auction Chair

It's time to start planning for the 2023 Online Auction.

The auction is the **most important fundraiser** for the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island. The proceeds go to maintaining Jekyll Island's historic structures; maintenance of these structures is quite expensive, which is why the auction is so significant. For our auctions to be successful, we rely on the support of our volunteers.

Currently the following Auction Committee positions need assistance.

Auction Co-chair – Work with the chair with the goal of becoming the 2024 auction chair

Donor/Solicitation Coordinator – Send packet to solicitor volunteers. (Packets are already prepared.) Send reminders to volunteers to submit donor information by set deadline.

Solicitors - Volunteers to contact potential donors and distribute donor packet

Auctria Team member – Work with Rob Stewart and Ruthmary Williams on the auction website: send emails to solicitors, donors, bidders; print gift certificates; credit card activation; observe website and auction catalog development.

Entry of donated items – Assist Debbie Boyd with data entry of donated items and donor information to Auctria.

If you can volunteer for one of these positions, please contact me via email at 927rwilliams@gmail.com.

Thank you.



2022-2023 Programs and Events

Terry Frey



The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island have a great line-up for the 2022 – 2023 programs. Once again Bonnie Householder will kick-off the season on September 15 at 6:30 PM in the Mosaic Museum Classroom. This year's presentation will be "The Goodyears of Jekyll Island". Here's a teaser.

Like many of us, the Goodyear family came to Jekyll Island to see what it was all about. The first time they visited was in February 1902, and they stayed at San Souci. But with the two parents, 12-year-old Frank, Jr., the valet, and a maid, it was crowded. Within a month of his arrival, Frank was approved for Club membership. Stay tuned, and you'll learn more about where the family stayed while on Jekyll Island, how long it took to build their new home, and how he found the spot he fell in love with.

Please register for the event through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-goodyears-of-jekyll-island-tickets-405558675917>

This helps us know how to prepare seating and refreshments. Thank you.

Upcoming Programs

Thursday, Oct 20, 2022	Bruce Piatek: "First People of Jekyll Island"
Thursday, Nov 17, 2022	Elizabeth DuBose, Executive Director, Ossabaw Island Foundation: "Revealing the Voices and Mystery of Ossabaw Island"
December 2022 TBD	Holiday Gathering
January 2023 TBD	Annual FOHJI Dinner at the Jekyll Island Club
Thursday, Feb 16, 2023	Pamela Bauer Mueller, local award-winning author <i>The Sky Is My Home, The Story of Hazel Jane Raines</i>
Thursday, March 16, 2023	Michael A Seibert, Chief of Resources for Fort Frederica NM and Cumberland Island NS: "Reinvigoration of Archeology- Fort Frederica"
Thursday, April 20, 2023	Annual Meeting – Villa Ospo
Thursday, May 18, 2023	Dave Hanson, Retired Senior Pastor, St Simons Island United Methodist Church: "John and Charles Wesley in Georgia"

Financial Report

Tim Kinsey, Treasurer

As of July 31, 2022, Friends of Historical Jekyll Island had \$202,915.89 in checking and money market accounts. A checking balance of \$7,564.68 is maintained in a separate Faith Chapel account. A total of \$54,230 is committed for the following projects: Tiffany Window Conservation (\$30,230), Chimney Caps (\$9,000), Internships (\$10,000) and Pump House Rehabilitation (\$5,000), leaving a balance of \$148,685.89 for the funding of new projects.

We are grateful for the six plus years that Ted Fleshman served as Treasurer of FOHJI and thankful for his computer programs which make my duties lighter.

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

Pam Harris
Membership Chair

Membership as of August 16, 2022, is at 88 member units. Last year ended with 165 units. A recent renewal reminder is getting another wave of returning members.

There was a meeting with Tom Alexander, the Director of Historic Resources from the Jekyll Island Authority, that was very beneficial to our members. He offered to raise the number of trolley passes that are given out to each member level for the year. JIA provides FOHJI with the passes and membership cards. Discounts of 10 % can be used at the Mosaic Store for merchandise or on extra trolley tickets as well as at the Remember When store.

Thank you for your continued support of FOHJI and remember to renew your 2022-2023 membership.

You may contact me at jekyllfriends@outlook.com

IN MEMORIAM
CHUCK DIEFENDERFER

Barbara Stevenson

FOHJI lost a treasured friend and an invaluable supporter with the passing of Chuck Diefenderfer on July 10, 2022, at his home on Jekyll. Chuck was a longtime member of FOHJI, who served on the Board 2014-2020 and was President 2016-2018. He was a kind, wise, cheerful person who will be deeply missed.



Chuck bidding the Fiore collection farewell in 2019

He played a significant role in FOHJI's success. During his presidency, FOHJI raised a record amount of funds for a single project--\$100,000 for the Mosaic, the Jekyll Island Museum. Aside from being president, Chuck chaired the Auction Committee for many years, and in fact he was diligently working on the Auction this year despite his illness. FOHJI inherited the exquisite, extensive Fiore sculpture collection in the 1980s but struggled to locate the right venue for its display. It was Chuck who solved this problem by arranging to have it moved to Valdosta University where it is on display in one of the campus's art galleries. FOHJI flourished under Chuck's leadership.

Chuck was born March 3, 1943, in Delano, PA. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in electrical engineering and then received a master's degree from New York Polytech. He worked for Honeywell for 35 years and served as manager in development engineering. After retiring, Chuck and his wife Linda moved to Jekyll where he enjoyed photography, tennis, and golf, in addition to his volunteer work for FOHJI.

We extend our sympathy to Chuck's wife, Linda, and son, John. The family requests that memorial donations be made to Coastal Hospice, 1700 Frederica Road, Suite 205, St. Simons Island, GA 31522, or Friends of Historic Jekyll Island, P.O. Box 13031, Jekyll Island, GA 31527.



FOHJI President Chuck Diefenderfer with wife Linda enjoying a FOHJI program in 2017

National Historic Landmark District (NHLD)

Tom Alexander, Director of Historical Resources

The spring and summer were very busy in all aspects of the NHLD. We saw visitation and revenue at an all-time high, and Mosaic and its tours and programs concluded its first \$1M+ fiscal year EVER.

We saw numerous improvements to structures in the Historic District, most notably the completion of the paving phase of the Chichota Ruins.



Work being done on Chichota Ruins

Materials were delivered for the construction of Mosaic's outdoor paddock classroom. This much awaited project, partly funded by FOHJI, will greatly increase classroom space for guests at Mosaic and will also add potential venue space.

*Olivia Kirkland,
a FOHJI-funded intern*



Thanks to the generous support of FOHJI, Taylor Davis, our preservationist, was able to employ two summer interns who assisted with numerous projects such as cleaning and organizing materials stored inside the Gould Casino, rehabilitation of the back porch of Moss Cottage, rehabilitation of the lift station structure behind Goodyear Cottage, and numerous other smaller restoration projects. **Having two interns greatly facilitated the completion of much needed work this summer, and FOHJI is much appreciated for making this happen.**

National Historic Landmark District continued...

Much was done in the area of programming during this period, and Mosaic hosted guests at two immersive experiences: Dolphin Club Days and Pistols & Privateers.

Dolphin Club Days was the second iteration of a program presented in February that allowed guests to learn and experience the musical history of the Dolphin Club and the turbulent era that was the 1960s. In addition to a trolley-based presentation of the time, guests were entertained by Ace Winn, a local musician that performed many of the tunes popular when the Dolphin Club entertained African American guests.



Ace Winn, Dolphin Club Days musician



*Fisher Calame & Arthur Haber
Pistols & Privateers Living History Characters*

Pistols & Privateers took guests on a trolley ride back in time to Horton House where guests were entertained by tales of Christophe DuBignon and his young Scottish sidekick, Jaime. In addition to Christophe's narration, guests experienced a Colonial-era weapons firing demonstration by Jason Baker of Ft. Morris.



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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, Tim Kinsey at 912-635-3620 or e-mail Tim at 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:

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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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