



The Jekyll Journal

Winter 2022

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The President's Corner...

Rita Thompson

Dear Friends of Historic Jekyll Island,

Greetings and warmest wishes for 2022!

Thank you, members of FOHJI, for your continuing support. Your membership, contributions, and participation in our fundraising events and activities make it possible to support projects, big and small, that preserve beautiful Jekyll Island. FOHJI has committed to funding the replacement and installation of chimney caps on the cottages throughout the historic district. This work has begun, and the metals purchased for this project will mimic the 1930s metal; we love that we will be able to preserve the initial character to reflect the look of when the cottages were first built. Although most of the work on the Tiffany window has been delayed to accommodate previously committed events, I am pleased to report that the most immediate need for the window, the hurricane shutters, has been completed. We are looking forward to seeing the majority of the restorative work begin next January. We will be working with our JIA preservation partners to determine what our next projects will be. Stay tuned!

FOHJI winter activity has already begun with

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the recent and successful Jekyll Island 75th Soirée. This sold-out event celebrated the purchase of Jekyll Island to be used as a state park and in M.E. Thompson's words, "a playground that now belongs to every Georgian." An article about this extravaganza with photos is included in this issue of the *Jekyll Journal*.

We have several activities and events to look forward to this winter. Please make sure you read everything you need to know about this year's online auction later in this publication. You will also read about the upcoming monthly programs that Terry Frey has scheduled for you.

March promises to be an exciting month! The online auction runs March 11-20, and on March 10 we will have a special book event. I would be shocked if there's anyone reading this that hasn't read at least one of June Hall McCash's books. Dr. McCash's new book, *The Truth Keepers*, has just been released. It tells the story of Henri du Bignon, his wife Amelia, and his mistress Sarah Aust. The book is a sequel to her book *Marguerite's Landing*. I am thrilled to let you know that on March 10 Dr. McCash is going to talk to us about her new book. We will have it available for sale, and she will be here to sign it for you! We will also be selling our new guidebook, *Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District*, and we will kick off our exciting annual auction! Come enjoy a glass of wine and some light refreshments with us! I am looking forward to seeing you there!

We are so glad to have our winter guests and residents back with us. We have had a very cold few days with frigid temperatures, and we have had to bundle up to enjoy our spectacular sunsets. But as I write this, we have only 50 days to look forward to Spring!

The FOHJI Board is thankful to everyone who works so hard to help us achieve our work of preserving the heritage of Jekyll Island. Thank you for being a friend!

Rita Thompson

President, Friends of Historic Jekyll Island

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ANNUAL AUCTION


Barbara Stevenson, Auction Chair

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Annual Auction, beginning March 11 and ending at 8:00 P.M. on March 20. Because of the ongoing pandemic and because of the success of last year's online experiment, this auction is exclusively online. The auction will once again feature gift certificates from everybody's favorite restaurants, shops, and accommodations along with opportunities to enjoy amenities on Jekyll Island and surrounding areas that will include golf, tours, and other favorite activities.

If you do not live close to Jekyll, you will want to bid on one of the hotel or residential stays. If you do live close by, we ask that you share information about the auction with family and friends who wish to visit Jekyll.

Check out all the wonderful items for sale from our many generous donors at:
charityauction.bid/2022FOHJI.



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2022
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75th Soirée

By Rita Thompson

On the evening of Friday, January 28, the Jekyll Island Authority celebrated the 75th anniversary of Jekyll Island as a state park with a grand soirée, benefitting the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island. This spectacular event was in lieu of our Annual Dinner at the Club.

Always a treat to visit, the Grand Dining Room in the Jekyll Island Club Hotel provided the perfect atmosphere for hors d'oeuvres and beverages to begin the night of celebration. We then proceeded to the JIC pool where we were entertained by the glamorous Aqualillies, a synchronized swimming team. That incredible performance ended with a spectacular fireworks display on the riverfront. We ended the evening with a delicious gourmet meal and dancing to the one and only Jekyll Island Big Band. They delighted us with music from the 1940s, and we enjoyed seeing many of you take to the dance floor. Finally, the cake pull, in which FOHJI Board Members participated, promised us eternal beauty, strength, endurance, adventure, prosperity, and happiness! We celebrated way past “Jekyll Midnight.”

Thank you so much for those of you who were able to attend, and a huge thank you and shout out to our sponsors:

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Thank you all for your support!



Guests enjoying drinks and appetizers in the Grand Dining Room

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The amazing Aqualillies entertained the crowd...

Fireworks lit up the sky...



Cake pull with FOHJI Board members...

FOHJI HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDEBOOK

JEKYLL ISLAND
NATIONAL HISTORIC
LANDMARK DISTRICT
SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR



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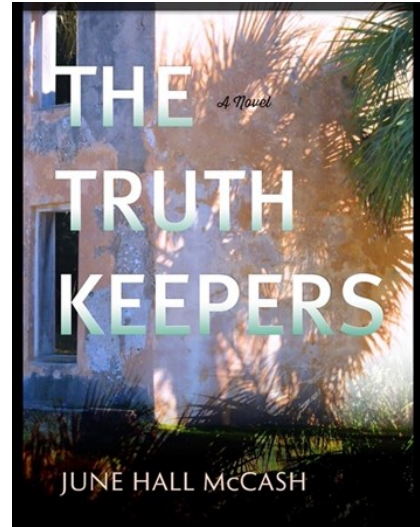
FOHJI Board members Barbara Stevenson, Bradley Hoyt, and Tom Pfaffenbach are pleased to announce the publication of a guidebook that they produced entitled *Jekyll Island National Historic Landmark District: Self-Guided Walking Tour*. This publication guides visitors through the Historic District, providing information on each structure, and includes interior and exterior photos of the Cottages. For the text, Barbara updated and expanded upon a 1990s visitors booklet. Bradley photographed the interior of the Cottages, and historic photos of the Cottage exteriors came from the museum archives. Tom is responsible for the printing and sale of the book.

Proceeds from the sale of the guidebook go toward FOHJI projects.

The book is available for sale at the Mosaic Gift Shop, and it will also be available for sale for \$10 at the March 10 book signing by June Hall McCash.

June Hall McCash Book Signing

June Hall McCash will discuss her new book, *The Truth Keepers*, on March 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Mosaic Museum Classroom. After her presentation, books will be available for purchase, and Dr. McCash will sign copies.



Programs Report

By Terry Frey, Program Chair

Past Programs



September 2021 Program presented by Bonnie Householder: "The Bridgebuilder: The Maurice Family and Hollybourne Cottage"

View the video:

https://youtu.be/dG6HwCJSK_4



October 2021 Program: "Sapelo Island" presented by Robin White.

The Program can be viewed on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/FJCyFIU5vjU>



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November 2021 Program:
“An Evening With William Horton”
 (aka Dr. Jim McKenna)

View the video:
<https://youtu.be/2mA45eMHQyY>

December 2021 Holiday Event

In Faith Chapel Barbara Stevenson presented an interesting program on the history and Symbolism of the Tiffany Window.



Mike and Joy Cook performed on pan flutes in Villa Ospo while FOHJI members enjoyed refreshments prepared by Rob Stewart

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Upcoming Programs

Programs begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Mosaic Museum Classroom
unless otherwise announced

Thursday, Feb 17, 2022

Helen R. Ladson, “St. Andrews Community:
The Success that Trauma Birthed”

Thursday, March 10, 2022

June Hall McCash, *The Truth Keepers*
Book Signing (7:00 PM)

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Members-Only Party and Annual Meeting
(6:30 p.m. in Villa Ospo)

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Andrea Marroquin, “History of Golf on
Jekyll Island”

Financial Report

By Ted Fleshman, Treasurer

FOHJI has a total of \$144,864 in checking and money market accounts. A total of \$57,230 is committed for projects, such as Tiffany Window Conservation (\$30,230), Chimney Caps (\$9,000), Pump House Rehabilitation (\$5,000), Internships (\$10,000), and the Historic FOHJI Guidebook (\$3,000), leaving a balance of \$86,633 available for new projects. The \$7,561 in Faith Chapel's account is committed to the Tiffany Window Conservation project.

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

I am pleased to report we have equaled last year's membership level of 156. We have added 23 new memberships, and a number of those were past members who have not been able to spend time with us for the past two years because of Covid.

We have reprinted the tri-fold membership brochures that we can distribute at any of our functions. Please contact me if you need brochures so you can make them available to your friends and neighbors. You can contact me at jekyllfriends@gmail.com.

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HERE'S HOW EASY IT IS:

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.

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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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