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The President's Corner...

Ruthmary Williams

Welcome to a new Friends of Historic Jekyll Island season!

As Tim Kinsey noted in the Spring/Summer Jekyll Journal, FOHJI has reached a milestone by contributing over **one million dollars** to preservation and education projects throughout the island. We thank you, our members, and others for the generous donations and support that made this accomplishment possible.

Bruce Piatek, Program Chair, once again has an interesting and diverse slate of programs planned for 2024-2025. Historic Resources Director Will Wagner will be our first presenter on September 19. The December members-only holiday gathering is in its planning stage as is the January annual gala dinner. Stay tuned for details.

Over the summer break, FOHJI's new and improved webpage went "live". If you haven't checked it out, please do! Thank you to Bradley Hoyt, Larsen Anderson, and Michelle Anderson for being a part of the webpage committee and going through the training provided by H2O Creative...Friendsofhistoricjekyll.org

In July, Pamela and I did a presentation for the Jekyll Rotary Club. We discussed each part of our mission statement: volunteerism, fundraising, and educational programming in

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addition to FOHJI's awards, publications, and membership perks. We're happy to present this program to other organizations.



In closing, on behalf of the Friends of Historic Jekyll Island, I want to thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

Ruthmary Williams, *FOHJI President*

Preservation Report

Taylor Davis, Preservationist

Construction of the Lost Buildings Trail, which will go from the 31• 81 Retail Store to near the FOHJI marker on Pier Road, has been delayed due to the recent rains. FOHJI has offered to pay for the interpretive signage.

Window improvements are scheduled to start in the winter on the **Baker-Crane Carriage House**. Volunteers will assist with the project.

2024/2025 FOHJI Programs

Bruce Piatek, Program Chair

All Programs are the third Thursday of the month at the Tack Room of Mosaic, unless noted otherwise. Programs start at 6:30 PM.

September 19, 2024:

FOHJI kicks off the program season with a meet-and-greet with Historic Resources Director Will Wagner.



October 17, 2024:

Mid-Century Modern on Jekyll Island

Preservationist Taylor Davis will discuss the Mid-Century Modern architecture of Jekyll Island, including its history, current examples found throughout the island, and Jekyll's lost structures.

November 2024: TBA

December 12, 2024: Members-only Holiday Party; location to be determined.

January 16, 2025: TBA

February 4, 2025: Annual Gala Dinner

February 20, 2025:

Gullah Geechee Talk presented by Griffin Lotson

Mr. Lotson will discuss the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor that was created by the National Park Service and includes Jekyll Island. He will discuss the history of the Gullah Geechee people and their significant role in the history and culture of the coastal region of the SE United States.

March 8 - 16, 2025: Online Auction



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March 20, 2025:

Photographer Carol Ann Wages will present the history and ecological diversity of Crane Trail.

April 17, 2025: Members-only Annual Meeting; location will be announced later.

May 15, 2025:

Historic District Projects/Needs - Tour of FOHJI Projects

We will meet at the Tack Room and tour the historic district via trolley to visit the many project locations that FOHJI has supported in the past. We will also learn about future projects and needs in historic district which we may want to support in the future.

Auction Report

Ruthmary Williams, FOHJI President

It's time to start planning for the 2025 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.

Currently the following Auction Committee positions need assistance:

Solicitors - We have a great veteran group of volunteer solicitors, but we can always use more. Solicitors contact potential donors and distribute the donor packet, which is provided by the auction chair.

Auction Webpage assistance – at least one person needed

If you can volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Auction Chair Ron Franke via email at ronaldjfranke@mindspring.com.

Membership Report

Pamela Harris, Membership Chair

We currently have 129 memberships which translates to 220 total members. Five new memberships have been added.

In April, the Board voted for some Membership changes that will go into effect on November 1, 2024:

- The Individual and Family levels will be combined into a Supporting Partner with 4 trolley passes and annual dues of \$50.
- The Preservation Partner will increase to \$150 and will continue to include 6 passes.
- You can renew your membership at the current rates if you do so prior to November 1.**
- Any questions can be directed to jevyllfriends@outlook.com.

Membership perks include:

- 10% discount at Mosaic and Remember When; the discount is valid on gift shop purchases as well as all tours, programs, and admissions
- First notice for FOHJI programs and events
- Member-only events like the Holiday Social
- Three editions of *The Jekyll Journal*

As you meet new friends, please remember to offer them a membership pamphlet.

Call me at **404-510-4544** if you want some brochures to share.

Treasurer's Report

Tim Kinsey, Treasurer

The Friends of Historic Jekyll Island ended its fiscal year, June 30, with \$260,359.47 in available funds: \$28,821.66 in checking and \$231,537.81 in the money market.

Taxes have been filed, and FOHJI's charity status renewal has been submitted to the state.

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

-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.

Memories From The Recent Past

Ruthmary Williams



FOHJI Day Trip
to Sapelo Island
October 2023



Alan and Marlee Price
with "Jack" Morgan
Indian Mound Tour
November 2023



Randy Gardner,
bartender extraordinaire
2023 Holiday Party at
Hollybourne



Pamela Harris,
Shelly Gardner,
and Natalie Wilbur
2023 Holiday Party



Current Treasurer Tim Kinsey
and Past Treasurer Ted Fleshman
2024 Gala Dinner

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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.

2024-2025 Board of Directors

President— Ruthmary Williams
Vice President—Thom Schuyler
Secretary—Debbie Boyd
Treasurer—Tim Kinsey

Members

Term 2025: Tom Alexander, Pamela Harris, David Lodge, Bruce Piatek, Justin Wilbur, Susan Williams
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Term 2027: Larsen Anderson, Debbie Boyd, Jim McKenna

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