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FIPOA

The Election Committee is Seeking Candidates for the FIPOA Board of Directors

Special Election

We are seeking to fill 1 Non-Resident (partial term to end December 31, 2026).

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

Submitted by Rebecca Climer

Brooke Pearson is FICC Volunteer of the Year!

At the April Community Dinner, we announced that Brooke Pearson was named Volunteer of the Year. In addition to his other volunteer commitments with Fripp Island Friends of Music, Sea Rescue and more, Brooke has overseen the Island's Bingo games for several years. This involves setting the schedule, securing callers and, of utmost importance, ensuring compliance with State regulations. Bingo is enjoyed by our residents and visitors, especially the kids. Thanks, Brooke! We're grateful for your time and expertise!

May Community Dinner

The next Community Dinner, sponsored by the Fripp Island Yacht Club, is Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Menu features Fripp Favorites...

Fried Fresh Grouper

3- Cheese Mac

Succotash

Classic Slaw

Cucumber and Tomato Salad

Corn Bread

Gloria's Desserts

Reservations are \$35 per person and will be capped at 90 for this meal so please get your checks in early! Place checks in the collection box just to the left of the main entrance to the Community Centre. Please be sure to include any seating preferences. So that we may plan adequately for both food and seating, please have your reservations in by Sunday, May 10.

TREASURE SALE UPDATE

This year's Treasure sale will begin on Friday, June 19th, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and again Saturday, June 20, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. There will be a Preview Party for volunteers and patrons on Thursday evening, June 18th.

In addition to furniture, sporting goods, artwork, household goods, bicycles(!), we're looking for costume jewelry, designer/nice purses and scarves. We will have a special section for these items overseen by Alison Andreason and Lynn Russell.

As a reminder, we won't be taking Christmas trees, vacuum cleaners, electronics (televisions, stereo equipment, etc.) or upholstered items that are heavily stained or torn. As a fundraiser for the FICC, we need to accept things that are most likely to be sold.

In addition to the traditional 'treasures', there will be a bake sale and plant sale. We need lots of volunteers for the week of the sale (June 13 through 20) and especially need the use of trucks and trailers in the days leading up to the sale. Remember, volunteering for the sale for 8 hours gets you free admission to the Preview Party on Thursday evening. Admission to the party is \$25 per person for everyone else. More to come! In the meantime, mark your calendars for the sale and for volunteer opportunities.

Treasure Sale Coordinators

Carole Fahey, carolemfahey@gmail.com

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Looking at the types of calls that the Fripp Island Fire Department received this past year the Fripp Island Fire Department will be implementing a new program to keep the residents and visitors of Fripp Island safe.

This year we are providing homeowners of Fripp Island a Home Safety Visit. In this visit members of the fire department will visit with the homeowner to discuss home safety and look at specific items within the home that could possibly lead to injuries and or lack of notifications. With the importance of home smoke alarms fire department members will check to ensure the resident's home smoke alarms are working properly and that they are within date.

If you are part of a group on Fripp Island and would like a presentation about what the Home Safety Visit includes please contact us. We would be happy to come give a presentation to your community group about what we are offering. For a presentation for your community group or to schedule a Home Safety Visit please contact Captain Lewis by calling the Fripp Island Firehouse at (843) 838-4085.

We hope our owners on Fripp Island appreciate this service and we look forward to working along side you to help create a safer island.

The Fripp Island Fire Department is here to serve the residents and our visitors to the best of our ability and we understand that we can never remove or find every issue but we are striving to provide the best service we can to our great community.

FRIPP ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT HOME SAFETY VISIT

Submitted by Captain Chris Lewis

During 2025 the Fripp Island Fire Department saw an increase in call volume yet again. In an effort to continue to provide the best service that it can to the Fripp Island residents and visitors the Fripp Island Fire Department worked towards earning a Fire Safe South Carolina Community Designation.

The Fire Safe South Carolina program through the State Fire office is a Community Risk Reduction program that helps bring consistent messages about home fire safety. Through the work that was put in during 2025 we are pleased to announce that we have achieved a Fire Safe South Carolina Community Designation!

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Southeastern Summer Theatre comes to Beaufort

Written by Addison Alberda

For nearly two decades, the Southeastern Summer Theatre Institute has built a reputation as one of the most ambitious and professional-caliber theatre training programs in the country. What began as a class project for founder Ben Wolfe during his sophomore year of college has evolved into a nationally recognized institution, bringing together emerging artists and working professionals from across the United States to create professional-caliber musicals for the Lowcountry.

For its nineteenth season, SSTI brings that experience across the river to Beaufort County, performing at Beaufort High School while its longtime Hilton Head High venue undergoes construction. For audiences on Fripp Island and surrounding communities, it offers a rare opportunity: to experience productions of a scale and quality more often associated with major regional theatre.

At its core, SSTI operates as both a training ground and a producing company. Each summer, the organization mounts two fully staged musicals, complete with a New York-based orchestra, large-scale scenic builds, custom costumes, and a full technical operation. More than 40 working professionals travel to the Lowcountry to lead the work; directors, designers, electricians, carpenters, and musicians. These professionals work alongside a highly selective company of rising college performers and technicians from across the country to bring productions to life.



The result often catches first-time audiences off guard.

"I love talking to audience members at intermission who perhaps arrived skeptical, and maybe even a little scarred from sitting through a typical 'high school musical,'" Wolfe says. "Their jaws are on the floor." He offers a comparison to the world of sports: "Attending an SSTI show is like going to a minor league baseball game. You're watching the future of the art form on our stage." It's that quality that's earned the group legions of local fans, and the distinction of being named Lowcountry's Best Live Theatre three times in recent years.



Performers from recent SSTI productions can now be found starring on stage and screen across the globe, even currently leading the Tony Award-winning production of *The Outsiders* on Broadway.

It's not just the talent, but the scale of the work itself that defines the SSTI experience. Longtime Scenic Designer and Technical Director Matthew Imhoff describes life backstage: "At any given moment, around every turn, there is something interesting happening. Onstage you might have a 40-foot, two-story rotating set, and then in the next room you've got 10,000 custom wooden rivets being painted and prepped to cover the side of an ocean liner for the next show. It's a theatremaker's dream and it's realized work on a scale that many of us don't get to work on during the rest of the year."

That level of ambition carries into this season's productions at Beaufort High

School. The season opens on June 25th with the Elvis-driven *All Shook Up* and closing with Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!*, opening on July 25th. At the helm of each show will be two of Broadway's best: Jelani Remy (*Ain't Too Proud*, *Back to the Future*, *The Lion King*) and Tony Award nominee Jenn Colella (*Suffs*, *Come From Away*, *Chaplin*).



For Wolfe, the move also carries a personal resonance. "I spent every vacation growing up on Fripp Island, staying at my Aunt Patsy Anderson's condo at Captain John Fripp Villas," he says. "I remember the area so vividly, even going to the old Lady's Island Cinema in the same parking lot where we'll be performing this summer. It feels incredibly full circle."

For the Fripp Island community, SSTI offers not just an evening of theatre, but an opportunity to experience something larger: the scale, the process, and the passion behind it.

For tickets, dates, and more information about SSTI productions, visit summermusicals.com or call the box office at 866-749-2228.





Welcome Aboard!

WE ARE YOUR **911 ON THE WATER**

Communication's Officer, Mary Jacobs

FISR members have reviewed and revised various ways for volunteers to serve. We agreed the best way to utilize the talented folks on the island is to develop different levels to serve in the organization. Please review the four areas and decide which one is the best fit for you: Support Staff, Scheduled Crew, Rescue Crew or Affiliate Member

For more information, please contact Paul Brown at 803-422-4747 or Harold Waller at 404-668-4774.

Support Staff

Ideal for: Volunteers with limited time, a preference for behind-the-scenes roles or physical limitations.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Attend planning and operational meetings
- ✓ Serve on committees (e.g., Fundraising, Marketing, Sponsorship, Grant Writing)
- ✓ Coordinate or support logistics for events (Golf Tournament, Education Days, etc.)
- ✓ Help with administrative tasks:
 - Roster updates
 - Training matrix tracking
 - Meeting documentation
 - Ordering supplies
- ✓ Assist with communication and outreach:
 - Email campaigns
 - Website content updates
 - Newsletter creation
- ✓ Serve as support during drills or missions (from shore only)

Commitment Expectation: 1–4 hours per month; seasonal flexibility; year-round support welcomed.

Scheduled Crew

Ideal for: Volunteers interested in both support duties and occasional water-based activity, such as weekly US Coast Guard (USCG) helicopter drills.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ All Level 1 Admin duties (optional)
- ✓ Participate in **Monday USCG Helo Support Missions**
 - Act as boat crew during USCG helo drills
 - Help stage the boat and safety gear
 - Communicate with USCG crew and coordinate logistics
- ✓ Act as standby boat crew for training events or drills
- ✓ Assist with crew training simulations (man-overboard, safety protocols)

Commitment Expectation: 4–8 hours per month; consistent participation in Monday drills; flexible additional support.

Rescue Crew

Ideal for: Physically capable, highly engaged members focused on **on-water rescue operations**.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Serve as **primary** or **secondary responder** for all types of rescue missions (day or night)
- ✓ Commit to **boat and rescue training** (certifications, drills, USCG coordination)
- ✓ Lead/assist in USCG Helo and community training exercises
- ✓ Maintain operational readiness of vessels:
 - Fuel, equipment checks, electronics testing, cleanup
- ✓ Report mission data and participate in post-event debriefs
- ✓ Assist with onboarding/training of new operational crew

Commitment Expectation: 6–12 hours per quarter on average (varies seasonally); available for call-outs.

Affiliate Member

Ideal for: A Fripp Island resident with a USCG certification or a Fripp Island Resort staff member who may be asked to participate in FISR operations on an emergency basis.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Serve as **primary responder** for all types of rescue missions (day or night)

Commitment Expectation: 3–5 hours per quarter on average (varies seasonally); available for call-outs.

"Fripp Island Sea Rescue offers a wide range of roles allowing everyone to participate"



Welcome Aboard!

WE ARE YOUR **911 ON THE WATER**

Vision Statement

To be a highly respected, fully equipped, and professionally operated volunteer sea rescue team—ensuring the safety and peace of mind for all who navigate the waters surrounding Fripp Island and our neighboring sea islands.

Mission Statement

Fripp Island Sea Rescue is a volunteer organization that provides emergency water response services across 100 square miles surrounding four sea islands. Our mission is to assist boaters in distress, support other first responder agencies and Department of Natural Resources, and educate the public about water safety.

Core Values

- ✓ **Commitment:** We serve with purpose and urgency.
- ✓ **Integrity:** We operate with transparency, safety, and respect.
- ✓ **Reliability:** We are ready, prepared, and dependable.
- ✓ **Volunteerism:** We proudly serve without compensation.
- ✓ **Community:** We protect and educate our neighbors and visitors.



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FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



Coastal Cup - Fripp vs. Dataw

Our Spring season has started off with two big Wins for the Fripp Islands Women's Golf Association (FIWGA). First, March 24th on a cold and blustery day, the women won the "Battle of the Sexes." We retained our bragging rights for best golf league on Fripp!! Conditions were barely playable but we hung in there and brought our "A" game. WGA 14-1/2 MGA 12-1/2. Pretty tight match!!

Then, on April 21st, Fripp women brought the Coastal Cup back to Fripp! Beating Dataw 17.5 to 12.5. Way to go, TEAM FRIPP!!! What a great effort to win and bring the trophy back to our showcase.

We also had two new "Top Gators". For March, Top Gator goes to Kathy Lynch with the overall Low Net of 70. And for

April, Top Gator goes to Joanne Aldrich with a Net of 73.

We also had several other Tournaments. The Fripp Cup/Member/Member was held on March 10th and 12th again in very windy conditions. Jeri Mifflin and Allison Baker were the overall net winners for the Fripp Cup - Member/Member Event. Also Kathy Lynch and Joanne Aldrich won the gross division. The Memorial Match Play Tournament started on April 2nd and currently the semifinals are being played. Stay tuned for the final results.

Everyone is looking forward to our Ladies Member/Guest tournament. Our theme this year is "Red, Wine and Brews" - A USA Extravaganza!

April 30th (optional practice round) with

a two day tournament May 1st and 2nd The format is One Best Ball of partners played from the Combo Tees using Stableford Scoring with a Shoot Out to determine the Ultimate winner.

We will have a Flighted Competitive Division and a Fun Division, which was very popular last year.

Parties and Celebrations will start with a Welcome Party on April 30th at the Cabana Club. On May 1st we will have a Dinner featuring a culinary trip around the USA and an open bar. An Awards Celebration will be held immediately following the

Shoot Out on May 2nd, plus lunches and breakfast treats served at the course both days. Hope you all will be joining us!!

Summer points play starts on June 2nd through August 25th. The player with the most points will be our "Summer Gator"

Fripp Island WGA welcomes new members and hopes that anyone with an interest in playing will come out and join us. For further information, you may contact Michelle Proser, President, 410-733-3336 or email mproserpe@gmail.com or either of the two Pro shops.



Fripp Cup-Member/Member Winners



March "Top Gator" Kathy Lynch



Battle of the Sexes



April "Top Gator" Joanne Aldrich



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ROMEO

MEN'S LUNCH CLUB



Fripp Island ROMEO Men's Lunch Club for fellowship
at a Casual, Catered Lunch with Noteworthy Special Guests

Contributed by Bart Lehman

The assembly is at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is only \$15 (CASH ONLY), including a drink, served at Noon. RSVPs using TeamReach! Select YES or NO for Attendance - Links below

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ROMEO hosts a monthly Special Guests. 2026-2027 Guest Speaker Schedule

2026

May 26	Christian Gonzales Chief of Security, Fripp Island POA, with special guest Duffie Stone, 14th Circuit Solicitor
Sept 22	TBD
Oct 27	TBD
Nov 24	TBD
Dec 15	TBD

2027

Jan 19	TBD
Feb 23	Frank Davis "Plastic: The Very Good and the Very Bad"
Mar 23	Lewis Tabb - TBD
Apr 20	TBD
May 18	TBD

Captain Ralph's

FISHING REPORT



SPRING IS HERE AND THE FISHING IS GOOD
By Captain Ralph Goodison

The weather has been great and the fishing has been Good. The ground hog Punxsutawney Phil was correct we had 6 weeks of winter but wow Spring has been great and boy great beach days and "Good Fishing" Spring has put away the winter clothes and brought out spring and summer wear.

The marina is ready and the weather is here and best of all, The Fishing Is Good.



Top: Good catch but good cleaning but Great eating Bottom: I am dreaming of great eating this Sheepshead.

FISHING REPORT:

INSHORE: The truth fishing has been slow Inshore. Fair catches of Black bass, Sheepshead and some Trout and Sharks are showing. This can change fast as the water warms,

NEAR SHORE: Tire/Fripp Reef, Drydock and 6HI as well with bottom fishing is good, Sheepshead, Vermilion, Spottailbass, Blackbass and Blackdrum are being caught.

OFFSHORE and GULF STREAM: heating up with good Wahoo and Tuna and Mahi are showing up.

The Marina and Marina store are ready for the fishing and boating season. The Ships store with great sandwiches and fishing needs. It also is a mimimart for shopping and sporting goods.

Fripper 111 is ready for a new season of cruising but hang on the news is Fripper 11 has been commandeered by pirates and will be operated as a Pirate ship around Fripp Island. Blackbeard is Back. It's also a great time to book your charters or rent a boat. The marina also has a Paddle board Center and what a way to see our waters around Fripp. A golf cart and equipment center is located on Tarpon road and besides golf carts they rent bikes and have a Golf cart repair shop.

We are blessed on Fripp with great boating and fishing. Great Captains and equipment but most of all a Great Island and one of the Best on the Atlantic Coast. ENJOY and remember. "Fripp Island Is Not Perfect But Darn Close"



I am dreaming of great eating this Sheepshead. Gals catch fish to on Miss Leah 111. He caught it and says he will clean it and eat it. February was cold but April wow Great weather.



Quote of the month:

“It doesn’t matter what road you take, hill you climb, or path you’re on, you will always end up in the same place, learning.”

By: Ralph Stevenson

Dear Readers:

Dear Readers:

In this edition, I will be focusing on comprehension questions to ask your young readers. There are several different types of comprehension levels, but I will focus on the literal comprehension.

The following questions typically require readers to recall specific details explicitly stated in a passage.

These questions are for grades 1-3.

Step1: Prior to reading the book ask the questions so your reader will have a bit of knowledge about the questions.

Step 2: Read the book to your child.

Ask the following questions:

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
2. Where does the story take place? (setting)
3. Describe the main characters.
4. What time of the year does the story take place?
5. How does the story end?

Learning around the table!

- The next time you have dinner please discuss books you have read with your children and ask the above questions.
- Even after watching a TV show ask these questions.
- Encourage your children to ask you questions.

Remember, 2026 is the year for reading!

Happy Reading and I will see you at the Beach Club having ice-cream!

Fripp Audubon Club

Submitted by John Wellborn

May is the final active month of Fripp Audubon's 25/26 season and 2 events are planned:

- May 6th - Outing - Edisto Botany Bay Plantation WMA

The wildlife management area of Botany Bay Plantation is one of the most unique destinations on Edisto Island. The 4,000+ acre property boasts historical buildings, maritime forest, beach, and freshwater ponds. Historically it was two plantations (Bleak Hall and Sea Cloud), that grew sea island cotton and timber. The property is covered in pine, palm, and live oak trees, dripping with Spanish moss.

This is an excellent and accessible birding hotspot with a 3-mile driving loop which we will cover from the Botany Bay trailer.

For registration information contact Pam Floyd @ p_b_floyd@hotmail.com.

- May 28th - Ten Eyck Lecture at the Fripp Island Community Center, - Tim Evans, Land Conservation Director, Audubon SC

Timothy is a TWS Certified Wildlife biologist responsible for the oversight of Audubon's Silver Bluff and Francis Beidler Forest sanctuaries. Come to hear about Audubon's challenges and successes in managing South Carolina's Important Bird Areas.

The May meeting is also the Club's Annual Meeting. The financial and program results for the year will be presented and new board members elected. In that regard, we are seeking a number of volunteers for board and committee assignments. They include:

- Membership chair
- Meeting Set-up
- Guest Speaker Scheduling
- 'Adopt a School' committee

Finally, joining Fripp Audubon is now easier than ever. Check out our web page, <https://frippaudubonclub.org> to see link to new on line payment method to join or renew membership.

Happy Birding!

FRIPP ISLAND



PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Jane Marquart

The Fripp Island Pickleball Association, or FIPA for short, is still growing! Weekly play is on Mondays, 5-7pm, with one week of Sunday play each month. FIPA provides a variety of games and formats suitable for all skill levels. It's a great place to share your love for the sport with your neighbors as well as meet new people.

In addition to weekly play, FIPA sponsors and/or supports special events. In March, 48 FIPAers put on their best pink outfits and brought their smiles to Dink for Pink, raising \$3500 for breast cancer. Lots of fun and tutus! Thank you to the sponsors A&D Builders, Fripp Island Resort, Diadem, and Vanessa Penaherrera who pulled it all together!



Many more events are in the works, including a Challenge Cup with Dataw, a golf/pickleball biathlon, Dinks and Drinks, and more, so stay tuned!

If you'd like to join in the fun, contact Jane Marquart at marquart54@gmail.com. Just \$25/year. All skill levels welcome. Hope to see you on the courts!

*Fripp Island Women's Club Annual Spring Luncheon
Presenting Paris, New York and Fripp Fashion Week*



*Stylist: Debbie O'Hearn & Tara Carlson
Asst: Lori Mackey*



*Jane Marquardt
Swingin' away*



*Nola Wood
Walkin the Red*



*Therese Mac Phee
Gorgeous in Green*



*Carol King
Fabulous!*



*Mary Carden
Tres Jolie!*



*Karen Ruzowski
Struttin' it*



*Carol Willke
Not in the Kitchen!*



*Deb Tucker
Cherie!*



*Sue Ranieri
Magnifique!*

The Water is Wide
2026 Scholarship Winners
Honored at FIWC Spring Luncheon



Through the generosity of Fripp Islanders and the Fripp Island Women's Club, FIVE \$1000 scholarships were given this year in honor of Pat Conroy, who wrote about his experiences as a young teacher on Dafuskie Island. Nicholle and Yasha grew up on Dafuskie



Lauren Gomez & Cassandra King
 Construction Management, TCL



Nicholle Tate & Kathy C. Harvey
 Nursing, TCL



Illyasha O. Price & Mike Conroy
 Nursing, USCB



Bryan Glover, Nursing, TCL



Alyssa Hooks, Nursing, TCL

Also Honored but Unable to attend due to Clinicals



FRIPP ISLAND ART GUILD

JOIN. INSPIRE. CREATE

By Barbara Grunden

There's something uniquely Fripp about finding art by golf cart—salty air, Spanish moss, deer crossings, and friendly conversation. Recently, the Fripp Island Art Guild invited members and guests to experience just that with a lively golf cart crawl across the island to visit three distinctive artist studios. The event offered a glimpse into the spaces where creativity and just plain hard work go into every piece of art. Each stop showcased an artist's working studio and the personal stories and processes behind the art.

Kathleen Stables

The first stop brought guests to the Ocean Creek home of Kathleen Stables, whose artistic journey started as a simple hobby that gradually grew into something much more involved. What was once a large, utilitarian garage has been thoroughly transformed into a bright and welcoming studio, complete with beautiful rugs, soft painted walls, proper lighting and climate control. The space reflected Kathleen's wide-ranging talents. A sewing station showcased a beautiful and meaningful quilted bed runner crafted from her mother's clothing while nearby, an expansive painting space gave proof of her talents in that area. But it was the stained-glass studio that captured everyone's attention and served as the centerpiece of the tour.



About eight years ago, Kathleen set out to learn how to create her own stained-glass pieces, initially motivated by the high cost of purchasing finished art. She now laughs, admitting that the investment in tools and materials likely surpassed those original price tags. However, gained knowledge and the ability to sell her own work has rewarded the effort. The group was fascinated as Kathleen walked them through the meticulous steps behind each piece. Using a lightboard on top of her workbench, she carefully selects colors to match a template design. Each section of glass is then cut and scored to fit within the pattern. The glass is then ground smooth for safe handling before being cleaned, foiled, and prepared for soldering. The process requires patience, precision, and an eye for detail. Seeing the process first-hand made it clear: the beauty of stained-glass takes many hours of careful work and planning, and that effort shines in Kathleen's hands.

Patti Orchell

From there, the group continued to the Davis Love area and the custom engraving studio of Patti Orchell, a space as inviting as it is functional. The large, meticulously organized studio featured gleaming epoxy floors, softly painted walls, and thoughtful touches that made it feel warm and welcoming—including comfortable seating and a big-screen TV—where members and guests were treated to goodies, wine, and cake. At the heart of Patti's workspace is the Xtool P2 engraver and cutter, a laser machine that uses a powerful beam of light to cut through or burn designs into materials. It is the true workhorse behind her creations. While the machine performs the engraving itself, the artistry begins long before that. Patti uses specialized software to program each project, carefully determining elements such as depth and power levels needed for the various materials she uses which include wood, acrylic, leather, metal, glass, and slate. The machine also has two cameras that give a live preview of the work area so it is evident exactly where the design will land on the project. Her work spans a wide range of components from wooden platters, tumblers, glassware, slate coasters, metal items, and leatherwork. Each piece is transformed into something personal and meaningful, tailored to the individual story behind it.

Patti shared that her interest in engraving began with a simple desire: to create thoughtful handmade gifts for family and friends. What started as a hobby quickly grew as others recognized the beauty and uniqueness of her work. Encouraged by that response, she turned her passion into a small business, launching Lowcountry Gifts and Engraving. Patti enjoys collaborating with customers to design custom pieces for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries,

and those “just because” moments that call for something special. Her work is a reminder that even in a technology-driven process, it is the personal connection that truly makes it meaningful, and her exuberance and joyful spirit resonate through every piece.



Kari Cornwell

Meandering across the island beneath a clear, starlit sky, the art guild ended the evening tour at Kari Cornwell’s home in the Fiddler area. As the final stop on the tour, her studio offered a peaceful and fitting close to the day. Kari’s studio is brand new and still evolving, much like her artistic journey. Having recently moved into their newly built home, the space is a work in progress—yet already filled with light, openness, and touches of elegance. Expansive views of the marsh flood the studio with natural light, providing both inspiration and a tranquil backdrop for her work.



Kari shared that she has been painting for just two years, beginning simply to create something that brought contentment to her life. What has grown from that intention is a deeply personal body of work. She described her process as storytelling through paint, often guided by God as to what to share. Her studio currently features a collection of angel paintings alongside Lowcountry landscapes and oyster shell creations. In a uniquely local touch, Kari sometimes incorporates sand from the Fripp beach into her paintings, adding depth and movement. One of her pieces now hangs in the Fripp Island Welcome Center—a meaningful milestone in her growing interest to share her art. Kari named her studio Chatty Dragonfly, being a fan of the whimsical creatures, and the space matches the name perfectly. It was a lovely

place to end the evening where the art seemed less about process and more about connection. The event was a reminder that on Fripp Island, creativity isn’t confined to galleries. It lives in garages turned studios, in new places taking shape, and in the artists who open their doors and share their story.

Upcoming Art Show Event

Please join us Sunday, June 7, 2026, from 10am to 6pm for the Fripp Island Art Guild’s first juried fine art show, Reflections of Fripp. We are also excited to host a VIP Preview Night on June 6, welcoming our members, sponsors, and donors for an exclusive first look at the show. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or donor, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at frippislandartguild@gmail.com or visit www.frippislandartguild.org and a member of our team will reach out to you. Guests needing a gate pass are kindly asked to RSVP online in advance. We hope you can join us for this exciting inaugural event!

FRIPP ISLAND ART GUILD PRESENTS

REFLECTIONS OF FRIPP

JUNE 7TH, 2026

1ST ANNUAL SUMMER FINE ART SHOW
COMMUNITY CENTRE, 205 TARPON BLVD, FRIPP ISLAND

Kari Cornwell

Darlene Stroud

Vanessa Mitchell

Athena Taylor

Wilfray Shanon

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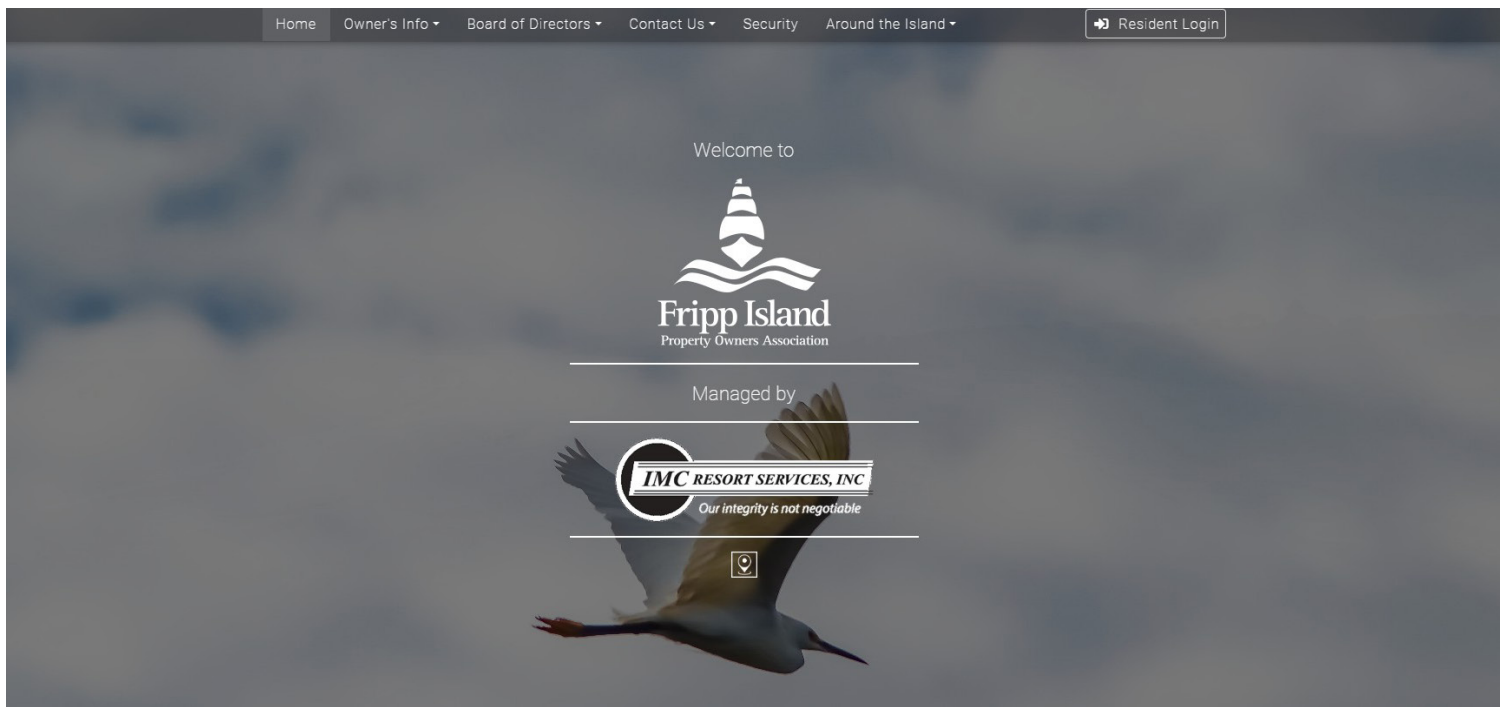
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- 2D & 3D ART
- TAKE HOME THAT PERFECT PIECE

- MEET THE LOCAL ARTISTS
- JURIED SHOW
- OYSTER ART CONTEST
- LIVE DEMOS

06/07/2026

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**Thursday: tournament play with a
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Often meet for lunch after play

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No Cost. Registration Required
- May 13th Community Center Dinner
FIYC will sponsor the FICC Dinner
Come learn more about the FIYC. Limited Seating
- June 6th Daufuskie Boat Trip
For those without a boat, we will be traveling on the Fripper. Limited Seating, details to follow.
- July-August Happy Hour on the Beach
- September 1 Jekyll Island Over Night Trip to Historic Village
Limited accommodations! Travel by bus
- October Annual Golf Tournament
- Oct/Nov St. Phillips Island Excursion
Limited Seating
- November Annual Meeting
- Jan/Feb 2027 Commodore's Ball

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