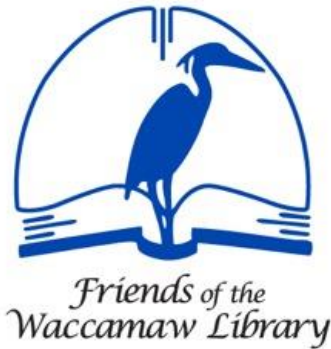


## What's happening on the Waccamaw Neck ~ Compliments of the Friends of Waccamaw Library!



### **FOWL Community Connector**

**April 1, 2026**

Dear Friends,

The hours at the **Waccamaw Library** are:

**Monday-Thursday from 9 AM to 6:30 PM**

**Friday & Saturday from 9 AM to 5:30 PM**

[www.georgetowncountysc.org](http://www.georgetowncountysc.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/Georgetown-County-Library-103748677057/>

The hours at the **FOWL Friends Center** are:

**Monday-Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM**

**Saturday from 11 AM to 2 PM**

[www.thefowl.org](http://www.thefowl.org)

[fowlpawleys@gmail.com](mailto:fowlpawleys@gmail.com)

843.545.3387

**This newsletter:** The Friends of Waccamaw Library's digital newsletter (sent on the first and 15th of each month) aims to let you know what's happening on the Waccamaw Neck and Georgetown (farther afield if it's library-related). This e-communication is sent to all Friends (whose e-dresses we have) and to all who ask to be added to the e-list.

In addition to the programming developed by the library system and the Friends (**in red**), we will cover other opportunities for quality experiences, education and entertainment. **In case we miss things, a list of websites for local organizations is located at the end of this newsletter. We recommend that you check the website links for possible updates, sold-out status, cancellations, and rescheduling information.** The information is organized by date, so scroll down to the date you are seeking. If you are part of a group or organization with news to share, send us your announcement. Keep it short; just the facts. We cannot reproduce an

elaborate pdf with graphics and photos. The key information needed includes: Title of event, Where held, When (date and time), BRIEF description, Benefit for (if applicable), Cost (if any), Contact (phone and email), Website (for more information).

To be added to the e-mail list or to submit an announcement, please send your information directly to the e-newsletter editor Linda Ketron at: [linda@classatpawleys.com](mailto:linda@classatpawleys.com).

[www.thefowl.org](http://www.thefowl.org)

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### Youth & Families at Waccamaw Neck Branch Library

Outstanding programs for kids, teens and families are updated on <https://www.facebook.com/Georgetown-County-Library>. Contact Kelley Anne McKenna, [kamckenna@gtcounty.org](mailto:kamckenna@gtcounty.org) or 843.545.3349.

- **Toddler Time!** Mondays thru April, 10:30-11:30 AM, Children's Area. Social time for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and their grown-ups! April 13 – Creative Movement with Miss Kate!
- **Family Storytime**, Wednesdays thru April, 10:30-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Stories, songs and early-literacy fun! For babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their caregiver(s). *Ages birth to 4.*
- **Kids Crafternoon**, Thursdays thru April, 3:30-4:30 PM, Children's Area. Hands-on art projects for *ages 6-12*. April 2 – Myrtle Beach Art Museum Visit!
- **LEGO Free Build**, Fridays thru April, 9 AM-5 PM, Children's Area. Open build all day with our Lego collection. *All ages.*
- **Pond Life w/NERR**, Tuesday, April 7, 3-4 PM, Outdoor Patio. Join us for a hands-on exploration of the tiny creatures living in our library's outdoor retention pond! Collect water samples & examine invertebrates up close under microscopes. Fun for *all ages!*

### Adult/Teen Programs at Waccamaw Neck Branch Library, 843.545.3623

- **Common Threads**, Mondays through April, 1-3 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!
- **Adult BINGO**, Tuesday, April 7, 10-11:15 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Prizes & snacks! *Geared for 18+*. All supplies included. Space limited to 75.
- **Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training**, Tuesdays & Thursdays thru April, noon-1 PM, Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, create something and take it home! Five seats available each session. For more information, [ddennis@gtcounty.org](mailto:ddennis@gtcounty.org) or 843-545-3343 or stop by.
- **Game Night!** Wednesdays through April, 4-8 PM, Teen Tech Room. Board Games, RPGs and Card Games! *For ages 10 to adult*. For more information, [ddennis@gtcounty.org](mailto:ddennis@gtcounty.org) or

843.545.3343 or stop by.

- **Understanding Watersheds Through Art**, Friday, April 17, 2:00-3:30pm, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Join this hands-on adult program (ages 18+) with Hayley from NERR in this guided watercolor class where you learn about local estuaries and paint using watercolor. Limited seating, reservation required. Register@ <https://northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/>
- **Adult Community Yoga**, Wednesdays through May (no class 4/8), 5:45-6:45 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

**Featured artist throughout the Waccamaw Library for March & April: Yvonne Smoak Knight.**

**Waccamaw Neck Branch Library** offers access to its archive of videotaped programs on the Georgetown County Library YouTube channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sINZZqPfl14nl7-faVD9Q?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-sINZZqPfl14nl7-faVD9Q?view_as=subscriber) These videos will be posted on Tuesdays at 10 AM under "In Case You Missed It" on the Georgetown County Library Facebook page and also on the FOWL Facebook page. This is a good opportunity to view adult programs and series that you might have missed (or want to see again) from the comfort of your home.

**The Friends of Waccamaw Library (FOWL) offers Kanopy streaming service free of charge to all Georgetown County Library patrons. (Details online at [www.thefowl.org](http://www.thefowl.org)).**

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Friends of Waccamaw Library (FOWL) volunteer needs:**

- **Storage Studs:** We are fortunate to have more books donated than we can keep in our space at the library. Our excess books are kept in boxes at a storage unit but we need help getting them there. If you can lift boxes weighing about 20-30lbs, are willing to pick them up from the library and deliver them to our storage unit or the dump, and be on call then WE NEED YOUR HELP! Contact Pat Robson at [pvr0417@aol.com](mailto:pvr0417@aol.com) or 704.516.2313
- **Waccamaw Library Garden Keepers.** As Cicero said, "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." We are looking for volunteers to "adopt" a small bed to maintain the weeds. The beds have already been cleaned and prepared. If you are a gardener and want to help care for the grounds at the Waccamaw Library, please contact Dee Phillips at [debranch1953@icloud.com](mailto:debranch1953@icloud.com).

**Friends of Georgetown Library (FOGL) volunteer needs:**

- FOGL has opened our new **Friends Book Centre** in the area at the front of the Library previously called the Heritage Center. In our Centre, we offer hardback and paperback books, as well as magazines at our usual prices of \$1.00 for hardbacks, 50 cents for paperbacks, and 10 cents for magazines. Plus, children's books are available at 50 cents for one book and \$1.00 for four books. There are chairs and tables to sit and relax. And it's the one area of the Library where you can bring a beverage to drink and food to eat. We want to have volunteers cover the Centre throughout the hours it's open, Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 5 PM. Our hope is to have volunteers cover those hours on two-hour

shifts, ideally in teams of two, on a regular basis. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Bradley, Friends Vice President, at [lbradley000@outlook.com](mailto:lbradley000@outlook.com).

## CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

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[www.road scholar.org/lecture25](http://www.road scholar.org/lecture25) Virtual Learning | Live Online Lectures for Adults

### Wednesday, April 1

**5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga** at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

### Thursday, April 2

**8 AM-Noon – Rice Fields Boat Tour.** To quote the book *Rice and Ducks*: “the largest manmade sculpture in the northern hemisphere is the rice fields of the Carolina lowcountry.” Come learn of the life and work of the enslaved at Hobcaw Barony. On the way to Hobcaw pier, participants will drive by the lone cabin in Alderly/Oryzantia Village. At the pier, they will join Captain Paul Kenny and Foundation staff to explore the abandoned rice fields of Alderly Plantation. Topics that will be discussed include the massive transformation of swamps into rice fields, plantation history, and the story of Carolina Gold. Once back on land, the group will explore Friendfield Village, the largest of the four villages at Hobcaw Barony. Snacks, water and PFDs provided. Bathrooms will only be available at Hobcaw House (before and after the boat trip). Please dress for the weather and bring sunscreen. If weather or wind conditions prevent safe travel, the program will be cancelled. (Exertion level: High impact – embarking/disembarking boat, standing, sitting) Reservations required. Please note that tour participants travel via a 12-person passenger bus on rustic roads comprised of sand and dirt. Often, the roads are extremely rough and rutted, a situation which will jostle riders on the bus. Although the staff at Hobcaw Barony tries to keep them smooth, due to changeable weather and other factors, the condition of the rural roadways cannot be guaranteed to be smooth. *Also offered April 16.* \$125 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**10 AM – FOWL First Thursday** presents Steven D. Smith (Research Professor/South Carolina Institute for Archaeology & Anthropology), “Francis Marion & the Snow’s Island Community: Myth, History, & Archaeology” (*Part of “A Glorious Cause: South Carolina and the American Revolution” / In partnership with Georgetown 250*) in the

DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium at the Waccamaw Library. Free and open to the public. Arrive early to enjoy piano music performed by the talented Tom Santopietro. If you miss a presentation, videos are available afterwards on the Georgetown County Library YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GeorgetownCountyLibr>.

**10:30-11:30 AM – Indigo: Material and Meaning** in Brookgreen Gardens' Jennewein Gallery with Jim Arendt, Professor Visual Arts and Gallery Director at Coastal Carolina University. Art, history, and science combine in the work of Jim Arendt, whose practice explores the deep cultural, economic, and symbolic significance of indigo. In this presentation, we will look closely at the nature of indigo production, from its roots as a vital export in colonial South Carolina to its role within a broader global economy shaped by agriculture, trade, and labor. Through this historical lens, participants will gain insight into the lived experiences of the people whose work made indigo possible, along with the lasting impact the crop had on the region and its cultural landscape. Jim will share how he uses indigo pigment within his own artwork to explore themes of work, resilience, and the value of handmade labor. Drawing from personal stories, studio practice, and research, he will demonstrate how material and meaning intersect, revealing new ways to think about the relationship between craft traditions and contemporary art. The session will include images, discussion, and a hands-on demonstration, offering a deeper understanding of both the artistry and the history behind this iconic blue dye. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

### **Friday, April 3**

**Noon-4 PM – Sweetgrass Basket Making** with Barbara McCormick at Hobcaw Barony! This exclusive program teaches participants how to make sweetgrass baskets from Gullah artist Barbara McCormick. Ms. McCormick and Foundation staff will host this program in the Discovery Center classroom. All materials will be provided, and each participant will be able to take home the basket afterwards. (Exertion level: Low impact – sitting, basket making) Reservations required. \$65 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

### **Saturday, April 4**

**10 AM-12:30 PM – Botany at the Peninsula Tract** (Black River Cypress Preserve) Guided by Maureen Mulligan, local botanist, you can join us for a spring wildflowers hike focusing on those plants that are emerging for spring. Participants will hike a

portion of the preserve and visit freshwater swamps and our new boardwalk running along the river. This 3-hour event will cover about 3 miles of either crushed granite or grassy trails, but going off trail into the woods is an option so wear good shoes. Bring your own water, wear sturdy shoes, and dress for the weather in comfortable layers. Limited to 15 participants. Free of charge with registration, [cypresspreserve.org/events](http://cypresspreserve.org/events)

**10:30-11:30 AM – Yoga in The Gardens** allows you to experience Brookgreen Gardens in a unique way. Connect your body, mind, and spirit in the tranquil setting of beautiful Brookgreen's Palmetto Garden. This Hatha-based practice is ideal for anyone who enjoys the opportunity to move one's body in an outdoor setting, breathe deeply, and simply feel better than you do today. Move through a series of gentle standing and seated yoga poses and guided breathing techniques to increase flexibility and mobility, decompress, and calm the mind. Please bring a yoga mat, a water bottle, and any props (strap and blocks) you'd like to use. We recommend bringing a towel and bug spray to make your experience more enjoyable. *Open to all levels, no prior yoga experience required. Also offered April 11, 18, 25.* Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**12:30-1:30 PM – Tibetan Sound Bowl Meditation** at Brookgreen's Palmetto Garden. Immerse yourself in the serenity of nature and the ancient art of Tibetan Sound Bowl Meditation with our Harmony in Nature series. The journey of this unique experience offers a tranquil retreat with gentle melodies and resonant vibrations of Tibetan singing bowls as you are guided into a state of deep relaxation and rejuvenation. Join us for an unforgettable journey of inner peace and harmony, where the beauty of the natural world and the healing power of sound unite to nurture your soul. \*\*Please note this event is held outside on the grass. Stadium cushions are provided. You are encouraged to bring a yoga mat or folding chair as needed. John Adams, Sound Healer & Energy Practitioner, bowls were made by the ancestors of his teacher Santa. *Also offered 4/21, 5/2, 5/12.* Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Monday, April 6**

**9 AM – Tidelands Photography Club** meets at the Waccamaw Library each month, usually on the first Monday. We provide a guest presenter, speaking about a photographic topic. Tidelands Photography Club also offers a Photoshop club to educate members in Adobe Photoshop and related post processing tools. This is a

Membership club, but guests are welcome. [ed.robidoux@icloud.com](mailto:ed.robidoux@icloud.com)

**1-3 PM – Common Threads** meets Mondays in DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

**5 PM – League of Women Voters of Georgetown County** meets at the Waccamaw Library DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Prospective new members are welcome to attend. The League is over 100 years old, non-partisan and all about Democracy. We register voters, educate voters on the voting process, sponsor candidate forums and lectures, work to get out the vote, and make positive contributions to our community. (*The next two meetings are Mondays, April 6 and May 4.*) Karen Rudio Ebbets, President, 508.397.2316 or <https://georgetowncountysc.lwv.org/>.

## **Tuesday, April 7**

**7-9 AM – Breakfast with the Birds** at Brookgreen's Lowcountry Center. Join Richard Costa for an insightful bird walk, meandering along the creek and Gardens, where he expertly identifies various avian species amidst the lush surroundings. Don't forget to bring your binoculars and comfortable walking shoes to fully immerse yourself in this experience. After the walk, indulge in conversation over freshly brewed coffee and scones, adding a delightful conclusion to your morning exploration. This session will include heavy walking on uneven terrain. Please wear appropriate footwear. Water is recommended. If you are unable to click the date you want on the registration calendar, the class is full. Space for this program is limited to 20 registrants. Richard Costa is a former dentist turned elementary science teacher. He has been a birder for 40 years, gaining his experience in Cape May, NJ, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and the Low Country of SC. He retired to Murrells Inlet and is also a birding volunteer at Huntington Beach State Park. *Also offered 4/21, 5/5, and 5/19.* Free with Garden admission and registration (must be reserved prior to the date), [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**9:30 AM-Noon – Villages of Hobcaw Barony.** Although Friendfield Village is the most frequented African American village at Hobcaw Barony, there are remnants of three additional villages rarely seen by the public: Alderly/Oryzantia, Barnyard, and Strawberry. Come tour places of interest including the Friendfield Village church, the ruins of a rice mill, a one-room schoolhouse, and land once owned by Joseph and Theodosia Burr Alston. Participants will hear stories of each village using historical

photographs. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes and bring sunscreen, bug spray and water. If weather conditions prevent safe travel, the program will be cancelled. (Exertion level: Moderate impact – standing and walking on uneven terrain) Reservations required. Please note that tour participants travel via a 14-person passenger bus on rustic roads comprised of sand and dirt. Often, the roads are extremely rough and rutted, a situation which will jostle riders on the bus. Although the staff at Hobcaw Barony tries to keep them smooth, due to changeable weather and other factors, the condition of the rural roadways cannot be guaranteed to be smooth. *Also offered April 10 & 21.* \$35 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**10-11 AM – Get to Know Trees**, Harmony in Nature Series at Brookgreen’s Lowcountry Center. Join us at Brookgreen Gardens for Tree Walks led by Dominique Werboff, Ph.D. of Coastal Carolina University. Learn about tree anatomy, physiology, identification, and care, and how they function in landscapes and ecosystems. Whether you're a nature enthusiast seeking to deepen your understanding or simply looking for a fun and educational activity, our Tree Walks offer something for everyone. Registration is required. NOTE: This session will include heavy walking on uneven terrain. Please wear appropriate footwear. Water is recommended. Dr. Werboff oversees the CCU Arboretum, which covers the entire 322-acre main campus of the university. This is a project that she began with her students in 2019 to protect a 1.5-acre stand of native trees, now celebrated as the Native Species Collection. Today, the campus-wide arboretum has ArbNet Level II Accreditation and is recognized as a Tree Campus by the Arbor Day Foundation. The collection includes over 2,500 trees that can be explored in person or online through the interactive tree map on the arboretum website. *Also offered 5/5 and 6/2.* Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**6 PM – “A Glorious Cause”: South Carolina and the American Revolution:** Dr. Nicholas Cole, *Quill Project/University of Oxford*, “Re-examining Founding Documents of the Revolution” (*\*In partnership with Coastal Carolina University HTC Honors College*) in the DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium at the Waccamaw Library. A Public History Initiative of the Georgetown County Library. Supported by an LSTA grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Sciences administered by the South Carolina State Library. Free and open to the public, [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org).

**Wednesday, April 8**

**11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Susan Boyer** (*Trouble's Turn to Lose*) at The Hot Fish Club. After a slew of Lowcountry "B's," Susan is into her third Carolina Tale with South Carolina sleuth Hadley Cooper on a thrilling Lowcountry adventure as she tackles her next case with her quirky brand of wit, a whole lot of gumption, and a little help from her girlfriends... The first book in this series, *Big Trouble on Sullivan's Island*, won the 2024 Independent Publisher Book Award silver medal in Southeast Regional Fiction. Each of the Carolina Tales can be read as standalones. \$40, <https://www.mysistersbooks.com/products/moveable-feast-april-2026-tickets>

**1-2 PM – Taak Dat Taak (Talk That Talk)** at Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium. Author, Emmy-nominated Performing Artist, and Cultural Interpreter Ron Daise examines four values and qualities that give meaning to why Gullah Geechee people talk the way they talk, live the lives they live, and value sustaining their culture. Aspects of Gullah Geechee wisdom are relayed through songs, poetry, excerpts from cultural writings, and personal insights. "Cotch de laarnin," that is, receive awareness about the significance of a living culture that exists in communities along the southeastern coast of the United States and connects with communities of the African Diaspora. Ron Daise, a St. Helena Island, SC native, is a prominent author, performer, and cultural preservationist. As the former Vice President for Creative Education at Brookgreen Gardens, he's received the 2019 SC Governor's Distinctive Achievement Award for his impactful contributions. *Also offered April 22, May 6 & 20.* Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**2-4:30 PM – Ecology Tour of the Barony: A Journey Through Time.** Join Hobcaw staff to explore remote areas of the Barony and learn about the valuable ecological resources that Belle Baruch worked to conserve. Highlights include stops at Tar Kiln Swamp, a mature longleaf stand with Red-cockaded Woodpecker cavities, and the beautiful North Inlet salt marsh. Along the way, visitors will learn the importance of the many ecosystems that make up Hobcaw Barony's 16,000 acres, as well as how historic land use on the property has affected the present-day ecology and management. This is an opportunity to journey through ecological time, from Indigenous Peoples to colonial-era logging, rice plantations, Baruch-era duck hunting, and conclude with Belle's vision of conservation, education, and research. This tour will require more walking than the typical introductory tour. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes, and bring bug spray and water. This is a rain or shine event. (Exertion Level: High impact – standing for long periods,

walking on uneven terrain) Reservations required. Please note that tour participants travel via a 14-person passenger bus on rustic roads comprised of sand and dirt. Often, the roads are extremely rough and rutted, a situation which will jostle riders on the bus. Although the staff at Hobcaw Barony tries to keep them smooth, due to changeable weather and other factors, the condition of the rural roadways cannot be guaranteed to be smooth. \$35 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

## Thursday, April 9

**10-11:30 AM – FOWL Writing the Tide: Waccamaw Library Writers Group Writing Workshop Series – Nonfiction/Memoir (DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium): Diana Kayla Hochberg** is the author of *Connected: Finding My Truth* (2025), which recounts her uncovering of her own secret-shrouded past, including her adoption as a black-market baby and shadowy genealogy, with a little mafia and CIA thrown in for good measure! The book reflects Diana’s journey through resilience, identity, and reconnection. Through her writing, she hopes to encourage others to explore their own stories and to discover what connection truly means to them. Free and open to the public, [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org).

**10:30-11:30 AM – Weed Smarter, Not Harder** at Brookgreen’s Ron Daise Auditorium. Weeds are inevitable, yet we constantly battle them in pursuit of a clean, pristine landscape. Join Brad Fowler for a discussion on how and why weeds grow and gain a deeper understanding of effective weed management. With this knowledge, you may find some relief from the frustration that comes with trying to maintain a weed-free landscape. Brad Fowler serves as the Urban Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator for Horry and Georgetown counties through Clemson Extension. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## Friday, April 10

**9:30 AM-Noon – Villages of Hobcaw Barony.** *April 7 entry for details. Also offered April 21.* \$35 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**10:30-11:30 AM – How to Forage for Mushrooms without Dying** at Brookgreen’s Ron Daise Auditorium. Join us for an engaging talk by Frank Hyman, author the essential book he wishes he’d had when starting out. This comprehensive guide covers 81 species, including edible, medicinal, artisanal finds, and a few to avoid.

With nearly 60,000 copies sold, it ranks in the top 5% of all printed books, and expert forager Sam Thayer calls it simply “excellent.” Reviewers praise Frank’s humor, approachable language, memorable safety rhymes, and captivating essays on the foraging lifestyle. The book also features recipes, stunning photos, and practical tips to help you safely begin your own mushroom-foraging adventures. In his 20s, Frank Hyman was a very successful college dropout who decided to forgo a traditional career and get paid for his hobbies. Foraging mushrooms is the ninth hobby he has turned into a profession—the other eight being horticulture, carpentry, stone masonry, sculpture, design, politics, photography, and writing. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**1-3 PM – Improv 101: Play, Connection and Creativity** at Brookgreen’s Ron Daise Auditorium. Step into a lively, welcoming space where creativity takes the lead, and there are no wrong answers. This improv workshop invites you to play, explore, and tap into the creativity you already have. Through simple, engaging exercises, you’ll practice thinking on your feet, building on ideas, and supporting one another using the core principle of “Yes, and.” Whether you’re completely new to improv or just looking to loosen up and have some fun, this experience is designed to be low-pressure, energizing, and full of laughter. Come as you are, connect with others, and leave feeling more confident, open, and ready to say yes to new ideas. Benjamin Sota is an Associate Professor of Physical Theatre, Movement, and Circus at Coastal Carolina University. \$40, members; \$45, non-members, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Saturday & Sunday, April 11 & 12**

**9 AM-4 PM – Art Under the Oaks** at the Litchfield Market Village (corner of Ocean Hwy and Willbrook Blvd). The highly anticipated arts and crafts fair, featuring 80 local artisans and authors, nestled among the beautiful oak trees, is a major fundraiser for All 4 Paws, the non-profit beneficiary of Chris & Lisa John’s (Seaside Framing & Photography) amazing bi-annual event. Continuous live (and really good!) music, plus food vendors and terrific raffle items.

## **Saturday, April 11**

**10:30-11:30 AM – Yoga in The Gardens.** *See April 4 entry for details. Also offered April 18, 25.* Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Monday, April 13**

**1-3 PM – Common Threads** meets Mondays in DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Knitting,

Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

## **Tuesday, April 14**

**9:15 AM – The Low Country Herb Society** meets at the Waccamaw Library in Pawleys Island. The guest speaker is Pam Moracci of Live Oak Farmstead in Loris, SC. The topic of her presentation is "Springtime Herbs." Membership to the Low Country Herb Society is open to all and no experience is necessary. A "meet and greet" social time to welcome guests and members is held prior to the meeting with refreshments provided by LCHS members. Every regular meeting includes a guest speaker and information on the Herb of the Month. Throughout the year an annual picnic is held, a holiday luncheon, fundraisers for a scholarship fund and a field trip. LCHS meets from September through May, and the annual dues are \$25 with a quarterly newsletter included. For more information, look for us on Facebook or contact us at [sclchsnews@gmail.com](mailto:sclchsnews@gmail.com).

**10:30-11:30 AM – Looking Back in Time: The Oldest Creatures on the Planet** at Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium. This engaging presentation explores the remarkable history of some of the ocean's most enduring life forms. By tracing modern seashells and marine species back to their evolutionary origins, the talk reveals how many of these organisms have existed for hundreds of millions of years. Participants will discover how certain shells and sea creatures found along today's coastlines are directly connected to some of the earliest life on Earth, with lineages dating back as far as 600 million years. Through this lens, the familiar becomes extraordinary, offering a deeper appreciation for the ancient world still present within our oceans today. Speaker George Hummel's lifelong interest in seashells began in 1976 while working on Nantucket and grew over the years of collecting along the Outer Banks of North Carolina. After retiring to Myrtle Beach in 2017, his interest evolved into a deep passion for the rich coastal ecosystems of the Lowcountry. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Gary Jackson** (*small lives*) at Caffe Piccolo. A graphic novel in verse that blends Afrofuturism with superhero myth-ology, exploring themes of otherness, power, and identity through original and remixed Black superheroes in a unique metropolis. The book uses prose poems, erasure, and other inventive forms to create a narrative that blurs genre lines, examining what it means to be celebrated and destroyed simultaneously within a nation's imagination. A

tender, gritty, and formally inventive work that is both a poetic and cultural statement. Born and raised in Topeka, Kansas, Gary Jackson is the author of the poetry collections, *small lives* (University of New Mexico Press, 2025), *origin story* (University of New Mexico Press, 2021), both part of the Mary Burritt Christiansen Poetry Series, and *Missing You, Metropolis* (Graywolf, 2010), which received the 2009 Cave Canem Poetry Prize. He's also co-editor of *The Future of Black: Afrofuturism, Black Comics, and Superhero Poetry* (Blair, 2021). His poems have appeared in numerous journals and several anthologies. He's been a guest on the BBC News World Service: The Cultural Frontline, and given readings and craft talks for Carnegie Hall, Folger Theater, and various venues across the country. In 2023, he was selected to serve as part of the Cave Canem Cultural Preservation Project Team to record the oral histories of the first-year fellows and founders of Cave Canem. He's taught classes and led workshops everywhere from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Charleston, South Carolina. He is the Toi Derricotte Endowed Chair of English in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Director of the Center for African American Poetry and Poetics. To see what's scheduled for upcoming Moveable Feasts, visit [www.ClassAtPawleys.com](http://www.ClassAtPawleys.com) or call 843.235.9600. \$40, to register for the feast <https://www.mysistersbooks.com/products/moveable-feast-april-2026-tickets>.

### **Wednesday, April 15**

**5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga** at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

### **Thursday, April 16**

**8 AM-Noon – Rice Fields Boat Tour.** See April 2 entry for details. \$125 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**10-11:30 AM – FOWL Writing the Tide: Waccamaw Library Writers Group Writing Workshop Series – Poetry: Hastings Hensel** teaches at Coastal Carolina University and owns River Reader Kayaking in Murrells Inlet. He is the author of the poetry collections, *Ballyhoo* (Johns Hopkins University Press) and *Winter Inlet* (Unicorn Press). His magazine articles appear frequently in *South Carolina Living*. He has covered stories on shrimping, fossil hunting, sailing, oysters, chicken bog, dock dogs, crabbing, mullet tossing, World War II airplanes, grist mills, square dancing, rodeos, and much more. He is currently editing *The Winyah Bay Watershed: A Literary Field*

*Guide*. Free and open to the public, [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org).

**10:30-11:30 AM – From Slavery to Shipwright** at Brookgreen’s Jennewein Gallery. Join local author Steve Williams for a discussion about his most recent book, *From Slavery to Shipwright*, the story of John Mashow. Mr. Mashow knew a whaler ship like a race car driver knows his automobile. That's why he could design and build them so well. Mashow is credited with having crafted over one hundred ocean vessels, including sixty whale ships and fourteen schooner ships. John had to know different woods and understand how and in what capacity they function best. After years of being enslaved in Georgetown, he left South Carolina determined not to let his past dictate his future. In 1831, he built his first ship near New Bedford, Massachusetts. Over the next 30 years, he received numerous accolades from whaling captains, owners, and crew members, who praised his ships as some of the “best in the waters.” The names of these vessels have become a part of nautical history and include *Cape on Pigeon*, *Morning Light*, *Sea Queen*, *A. R. Tucker*, *Henry H. Crapo*, *Benjamin Tucker*, *Matilda Sears*, *Jireh Swift*, and many others. Steve Williams will highlight the life and legacy of this spectacular shipwright. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**4-9 PM – Battle of the Bands Fundraising Event** sponsored by Helping Hands of Georgetown at The Quad in Pawleys Island (1067 Petigru Drive). The public is invited to come and vote for your favorite local band. Radio host Jeff Benton of Gator107.9 will be the MC. Refreshments will be available via five food trucks PLUS Gilberts Ice Cream Truck! Funds raised will support Helping Hands of Georgetown's Food Pantry, Utility Assistance, Free Dental Clinic, and Youth Empowerment Program. Free to attend, \$5 per vote. Bring your lawn chair. For more information, contact Lynne Ford at 843.527.3424 or [www.helpinghandsofgeorgetown.org](http://www.helpinghandsofgeorgetown.org).

### **Friday & Saturday, April 17-18**

**10 AM-5 PM – The Low Country Herb Society’s** semi-annual Scholarship Fundraising Event at the Inlet Culinary Garden located at 5071 Hwy 17 Bypass in Murrells Inlet. The Society offers grants/scholarships to high school seniors in Georgetown and Horry counties who plan to pursue studies involving the use of herbs. Members of the LCHS will offer food tastings, raffles, and expert gardening advice and education on the use and planting of herbs. Free to browse, [scchsnews@gmail.com](mailto:scchsnews@gmail.com).

### **Friday, April 17**

**10 AM-Noon – Celebrate National Haiku Day** at the Waccamaw Library learning more about this classic poetic form, with roots stretching back to 13th century Japan. Local author Sylvia Kelly will be on hand in the Library lobby to meet and talk with interested patrons about the merits and delights of this beautiful, time-honored verse. Kelly has published two collections of poetry based in haiku, *Haiku from the Heart: Extra Love Inside* and *The Upward Climb: Into the Light of Day*. Copies will be available for sale in the Friends Center, and Kelly will be happy to sign and personalize these for patrons. The haiku is a three-line poem containing seventeen syllables; the first line contains five syllables, the second has seven, and the third line has five. This creates a remarkably concise, direct, and balanced poetic expression. Traditionally, haiku focus on nature and reveals a sense of reflection and immediate enlightenment. This program is sponsored by our Friends of the Waccamaw Library, and is free and open to all. The National Haiku Day celebration is part of the Library's celebration of April as National Poetry Month. Free and open to the public, [dturner@gtdcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtdcounty.org).

**10:30-Noon – Workshop: Intro to Cyanotypes** at Learning Lab I in Brookgreen's Lowcountry Center. Participants are invited to explore the magical process of cyanotype printing in this hands-on introductory workshop. Cyanotype is a historic photographic process that uses sunlight to create rich blue images, often made with botanicals, found objects, or simple negatives. During the workshop, participants will learn the basics of the process, experiment with composition and exposure, and create a series of cyanotype prints. Each participant will leave with finished prints as well as a set of original greeting cards created from their own cyanotype designs. This workshop blends art, science, and nature, offering a creative and approachable introduction to one of photography's most beautiful alternative processes. *Advance registration is required, and space is limited. Workshops are subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment is not met. In the event of cancellation, participants will be notified and refunded.* Instructor Natalie C. Jones is a native of South Carolina. She loves to weave different hues, materials, and historical cultural elements to her work in a contemporary style. Natalie's artwork has been on display in museums, galleries, and community art centers, respectively. \$60, members; \$70, non-members, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Saturday, April 18**

**9:30 AM-2 PM – Spring Plant Sale** at Brookgreen's Arboretum next to the Leonard

Pavilion. It's spring and time for planting! Visit us to purchase native plants, perennials, shrubs, edibles, and annuals! Many of our plants are propagated in-house, so you are bringing a piece of Brookgreen Gardens home to your garden! The sale is orchestrated by on-site horticulture staff and volunteers who can help answer questions. Pro Tip: Bring your own wagon! Free with Garden admission, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**10 AM-12:30 PM – Biking the Swampside Tract.** Using single speed bicycles and a guide supplied by Black River Cypress Preserve (BRCP), participants will bike the preserve and visit some of the diverse ecosystems it has to offer! Freshwater swamps and upland forests await those who want to explore by bicycle. This 2.5 hour event will traverse on either crushed granite or grassy trails with plenty of stops along the way. We have 2 men's bikes with toddler seats and a range of bikes suitable for children 6 years and up. Bring your own water and dress for the weather in comfortable layers. Gates open at 9:30, ride starts at 10 AM. *Also offered May 16.* Limited to 15 participants, free of charge with registration, [cypresspreserve.org/events](http://cypresspreserve.org/events)

**10:30-11:30 AM – Yoga in The Gardens.** *See April 4 entry for details. Also offered April 25.* Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**11 AM-3 PM – Earth Day Festival** at Brookgreen's Leonard Pavilion. Join us at the Leonard Pavilion as we *Party for the Planet* and celebrate Mother Nature this Earth Day at Brookgreen Gardens! This exciting, family-friendly event is filled with engaging activities and educational experiences for all ages. Adults can explore the importance of native plants, conservation practices, and simple ways to "Go Green," from responsible recycling to everyday eco-friendly habits. Children will enjoy hands-on nature crafts, interactive yard games, and fun activities designed to spark curiosity about the natural world. We're also thrilled to welcome community partners, including Hobcaw Barony, Huntington Beach State Park, EdVenture, Clemson University's Baruch Institute and more, who will share educational resources, conservation insights, and interactive experiences throughout the day. Come celebrate, learn, and be inspired to help protect our planet! Free with Garden admission, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**11 AM-1 PM – An Earth Day Indigo Dye Experience** during Earth Day Festival at Brookgreen Gardens with a hands-on indigo dyeing experience inspired by one of the world's oldest and most fascinating natural pigments. Throughout the day, visitors

are invited to participate in a community dye session using natural indigo to create their own, blue-dyed cotton tote bag. Indigo has deep cultural roots around the world and a long history in the Lowcountry, where it was once one of South Carolina's most valuable crops. Participants will learn about the history of indigo, see a traditional dye vat in action, and dip their tote bag into the vibrant blue dye bath. As the fabric meets the air, it will magically transform from green to deep indigo blue, creating a unique pattern each time. This drop-in activity is part of the Brookgreen Gardens' Earth Day celebration and highlights the beauty of natural dyes and sustainable materials. Visitors of all ages are welcome to participate while supplies last. Free with Garden admission, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

### **Monday, April 20**

**1-3 PM – Common Threads** meets this Monday in John & Libby Charles Conference Room. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

### **Tuesday, April 21**

**9:30 AM-Noon – Villages of Hobcaw Barony.** See April 7 entry for details. \$35 per person, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**10 AM – FOGL's Tuesdays With...** presentation will feature Christina Stewart, District Archaeologist, Francis Marion National Forest, speaking on *Sacred Landscapes of the American Archaic: Exploring the Sewee Shell Ring*. Join us at the Georgetown Library Auditorium (405 Cleland Street) to hear her presentation regarding a fascinating archaeological site and an important part of our local history.

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**12:30-1:30 PM – Tibetan Sound Bowl Meditation** at Brookgreen's Palmetto Garden. See April 4 entry for details. Also offered 4/21, 5/2, 5/12. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

### **Wednesday, April 22**

**11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: The Winyah Bay Watershed: A Literary Field Guide** (edited by Hastings Hensel, Donna Jones & Jennifer Plunket) at Quigley's Next Door. With contributions from local artists, poets and literary non-fiction writers, the editors (contributors themselves) share the bounty of this ecological region – the third largest on the Eastern coast – on Earth Day. The flora and fauna

unique to each of seven distinct land or water features are revealed with a reverent blend of art, science, and creative writing. A book to walk with, rock with, kayak with or enjoy in a hammock! To see what's scheduled for upcoming Moveable Feasts, visit [www.ClassAtPawleys.com](http://www.ClassAtPawleys.com) or call 843.235.9600. \$40, to register for the feast <https://www.mysistersbooks.com/products/moveable-feast-april-2026-tickets>.

**1-2 PM – Taak Dat Taak (Talk That Talk)** at Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium. See *April 8 entry for details*. Also offered April 22, May 6 & 20. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**1-3 PM – Earth Day Labyrinth Walk Wednesday.** We celebrate our wonderful planet on this day. Enjoy a calming Labyrinth Walk while enjoying the Brookgreen Earth Day Celebration. *All walks will take place on the Brookgreen Gardens outdoor labyrinth by the creek unless specified otherwise.* Free with Garden admission, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga** at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

## **Thursday, April 23**

**8:30-11:30 AM – Birding on the Barony.** Hobcaw Barony has every habitat found on the coast of South Carolina. Join staff and volunteers to explore the salt marsh for shorebirds, longleaf pine forest for Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and the grounds of Bellefield Plantation for various woodland species. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear closed-toe shoes, and bring binoculars. Program is weather dependent. (Exertion level: High impact – standing, walking on uneven terrain) Reservations required. Please note that tour participants travel via a 12-person passenger bus on rustic roads comprised of sand and dirt. Often, the roads are extremely rough and rutted, a situation which will jostle riders on the bus. Although the staff at Hobcaw Barony tries to keep them smooth, due to changeable weather and other factors, the condition of the rural roadways cannot be guaranteed to be even. **\$38 per person**, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**10 AM – “A Glorious Cause”: South Carolina and the American Revolution:** Beth Yarbrough, *Author*, “Preserving Colonial South Carolina’s Historic Buildings” in the DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium at the Waccamaw Library. A Public History Initiative of

the Georgetown County Library. Supported by an LSTA grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Sciences administered by the South Carolina State Library. Free and open to the public, [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org).

**10:30 AM-Noon – Philip Simmons Artist Blacksmith Guild** with Pat Walters and Ed Lawson at Brookgreen’s Leonard Pavilion. The ancient art of blacksmithing is still practiced today. Join blacksmiths Pat and Ed as they demonstrate their talents by keeping an old art alive. The gates in our Palmetto Garden were designed by the famous Charleston blacksmith Philip Simmons, who mentored the South Carolina Artist Blacksmith Association at its start in 1994. Walter Hill then created the gates. PSABG is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that was started in 1994 in the State of South Carolina with about 30 charter members. It was first known as the South Carolina Artist Blacksmith Association (SCABA). In the beginning, Philip Simmons, the "Charleston Blacksmith" mentored our organization and in 1998 the name was changed to honor him while he was still alive. We now have around 200 members located in the State and a few members from surrounding states. We are organized exclusively for educational purposes to encourage and facilitate the training of blacksmiths, expose the blacksmith craft to the general public, and serve as a center of information about blacksmithing. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Friday, April 24**

**10 AM-Noon – Workshop: Calligraphy Writing 101** in Brookgreen’s Learning Lab I. In this hands-on calligraphy workshop at Brookgreen Gardens, guests will be introduced to the art of modern pointed-pen calligraphy in a relaxed, inspiring garden setting. Participants will learn foundational strokes, letter formation, and simple techniques to create beautifully balanced words and phrases. With guided instruction and personalized tips, students will leave with the confidence to continue practicing at home and the skills to address envelopes, create place cards, or add elegant handwritten touches to gifts and stationery. The class blends artistry and mindfulness, inviting attendees to slow down and enjoy the rhythm of writing by hand. No prior experience is needed—just a love of beautiful lettering and a willingness to try something new. Students do not need to bring anything other than themselves! If you have anything that has inspired you to learn calligraphy – like an old letter, a wedding invitation, a quote, etc. – please do bring to share and get direction. Advance registration is required, and space is limited. Workshops are subject to cancellation if minimum enrollment is not met. In the event of

cancellation, participants will be notified and refunded. Instructor Catherine “Cacky” Park is a Charleston-area calligrapher and artist known for her elegant, expressive lettering and love of meaningful details. Through her studio, Love Letter Gray Calligraphy, she specializes in envelope addressing, heirloom pieces, place cards, and live event calligraphy for weddings, celebrations, and special gatherings. \$70, member; \$80 non-member, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Saturday, April 25**

**10-11 AM – Walk with a Doc: Tidelands Health** at Brookgreen’s Jennewein Gallery. Brookgreen has partnered with Tidelands Health to encourage you to take the first step to better health. Join us each month as we *Walk With a Doc*. Learn more about a health topic from a Tidelands Health medical professional and then lace up your shoes and walk about one mile on Brookgreen Gardens paths. Walk With a Doc is held on the fourth Saturday of every month at 10 AM at Brookgreen Gardens (for complete schedule, visit [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org)), and walkers must pre-register to participate. We gather at Jennewein Gallery to hear from our speaker. We walk rain or shine, but Walk With a Doc will be canceled in the event of severe inclement weather. No pets allowed. This is a free event, but registration required at <https://www.tidelandshealth.org/walk-with-a-doc/>.

**10:30-11:30 AM – Yoga in The Gardens.** See April 4 entry for details. Also offered May 2, 9, 16, 23. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**1-4 PM - Brookgreen Gardens 6th Annual Spring Wine Festival.** Get ready for an unforgettable experience at the 6th Annual Spring Wine Festival, where spring comes alive in the Gardens! Enjoy an afternoon of wine tasting, live music, and mouth-watering dishes from local food trucks, all set around The Fountain of the Muses and Pegasus Lawn. Bring a chair and enjoy the beauty of Brookgreen Gardens, along with exclusive entry into the new Purdy Welcome Center and Conservatory Gardens! It’s an event you won’t want to miss! A selection of refreshing beers available for purchase; exclusive opportunity to purchase featured wines at a special discounted rate. \$60, members; \$70, non-members; \$165, VIP, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Monday, April 27**

**1-3 PM – Common Threads** meets this Monday in John & Libby Charles Conference Room. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group!

## **Tuesday, April 28**

**10:30-11:30 AM – Saving Sea Turtles** at Brookgreen’s Ron Daise Auditorium. How can we ensure the safety, health, and longevity of sea turtles as their habitats face growing threats from coastal development? Since 1990, the South Carolina United Turtle Enthusiasts (SCUTE) has been a 501(c)(3) all-volunteer charitable organization devoted to protecting sea turtles and educating both adults and children about their preservation. Join SCUTE member Mary Schneider for an engaging presentation on SCUTE’s volunteer efforts along the beaches and discover how you can become a champion for saving these remarkable creatures. Speaker Mary Schneider is a former teacher holding Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from the University of Tennessee. In 1994, she moved to Pawleys Island when her husband accepted a teaching position at Coastal Carolina University. Shortly after, she joined the South Carolina United Turtle Enthusiasts (SCUTE) and, in 1996, was authorized by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to coordinate SCUTE’s conservation activities on Pawleys Island. Free with Garden admission and registration, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

## **Wednesday, April 29**

**10:30 AM-12:30 PM – Workshop: Floral Design** at Brookgreen’s Leonard Pavilion. Immerse yourself in the delicate beauty of nature's bounty with a floral arranging workshop at Brookgreen Gardens led by master florist George Fain. Surrounded by an array of fresh, vibrant blooms, participants are greeted by a skilled instructor ready to guide them through the intricacies of floral arrangement. Participants will learn essential techniques, from selecting complementary blooms to mastering the art of balance and proportion. With hands-on demonstrations and personalized feedback, novices and experienced arrangers alike hone their skills and discover new tricks of the trade. With all materials provided, attendees are free to let their imagination run wild. Whether crafting a whimsical bouquet, a graceful centerpiece, or a striking floral display, every arrangement reflects personal style and inspiration. \$75, members; \$85, non-members, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Brookgreen Gardens Giant Water Lily (edited by Team Lily) PLUS English Hurteau & Billy Baldwin (Southern Places)** at Kimbel’s, Wachesaw Plantation. Two amazing books to celebrate spring! “Team Lily,” comprised of five Brookgreen Gardens volunteers, has assembled a chronicle of the introduction to Brookgreen Gardens of the Giant Water Lily in a passionate narrative

illustrated by scores of photographs. The night-blooming phenomenon of foot-long blooms and leaf platters capable of supporting a child will be on display from May through November and featured during Brookgreen's Summer Lights. **PLUS**, "*An absolute treasure of a book!*" (Josephine Humphreys, author of *Rich in Love*). With Hurteau's luminous photographs and Baldwin's front porch rocker commentary, the best of both worlds is yours for the browsing. For three decades with the SC Ports Authority of Charleston, the last seven years of which she served as staff photographer, English had access to visual treasures which she has captured and forever claimed as her own, and as the rightful heir to Rutledge's state poet laureateship, Billy never fails to find the right word/note/tone, exactly as one would expect of an award-winning novelist, poet, photographer, biographer, and historian. To see what's scheduled for upcoming Moveable Feasts, call 843.235.9600 or visit [www.ClassAtPawleys.com](http://www.ClassAtPawleys.com). \$40, to register for the feast <https://www.mysistersbooks.com/products/moveable-feast-april-2026-tickets>.

**3-5 PM – Reception for *Brookgreen Gardens Giant Water Lily*** (edited by Team Lily: Linda Ketron, Anne Malarich, Cindy Clark, Linda Ueland and CJ Uricks) in Brookgreen's Jennewein Gallery. Brief presentation at 3:15, refreshments, book sales and signings. Free with Garden admission, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga** at Waccamaw Library's DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats & blocks available upon request. Donation class.

## Thursday, April 30

**10 AM – "A Glorious Cause": South Carolina and the American Revolution:** Dr. Elizabeth Chew, *CEO/South Carolina Historical Society*, "Art & the American Revolution" in the DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium at the Waccamaw Library. A Public History Initiative of the Georgetown County Library. Supported by an LSTA grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Sciences administered by the South Carolina State Library. Free and open to the public, [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org).

## LOOKING AHEAD!

**FOWL Writing the Tide: Waccamaw Library Writers Group Writing Workshop Series – Mostly Thursdays, 10-11:30 AM**

- Thursday, May 21, Creative Nonfiction: Daniel Cross Turner
- Thursday, June 18, Poetry: Marlanda Dekine
- Thursday, July 23, Poetry: Marlanda Dekine

- Thursday, August 20, Poetic Forms: Daniel Cross Turner

**FOGL** cordially invites you to the unveiling and dedication of the sculpture created by Wesley Wofford celebrating the relationship between Harriet Tubman and James Bowley at the Georgetown Library (405 Cleland Street) in Georgetown, South Carolina, on Thursday, May 28, at 4:30 PM.

**THRU JUNE - "A Glorious Cause: South Carolina and the American Revolution,"** a grant-funded series of free public educational programs that will take place at each of the Georgetown County Library's five branches from March 2026 through June 2026 (Waccamaw Library programs will be in April). In connection with ongoing 250th anniversary celebrations of the United States, of South Carolina, and of Georgetown County, "A Glorious Cause" programs will feature experts from far and near who will expand our community's understanding of the Revolution and South Carolina's central role in forging the new nation. Details will be available in future issues of the FOWL Community Connector or by contacting Dan Turner, [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org). Below is the schedule of dates, locations, and presenters for "A Glorious Cause: South Carolina and the American Revolution" programs.

**"A Glorious Cause": South Carolina and the American Revolution**

**A Public History Initiative of the Georgetown County Library**

*\*Supported by an LSTA grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Sciences administered by the South Carolina State Library April-May 2026: "Resilience & Revolution: Native Peoples in 18<sup>th</sup> Century South Carolina" exhibit at Georgetown Library*

**Andrews Library 105 North Morgan Avenue, Andrews, SC 29510**

**May 2026 / Wednesdays at 10am**

- Wednesday, May 6: Paige Sawyer, *Chair/Francis Marion Interpretive Center*, "Fascinating Facts about Francis Marion"
- Wednesday, May 13: Dr. Lee B. Wilson, *Associate Professor of History/Clemson University*, "Treason as Political Weapon in the American Revolution"
- Wednesday, May 20: Keith Gourdin, *Francis Marion Descendant*, "Family History & Connections with Francis Marion"

**Southern Georgetown Library 4187 Powell Road, Georgetown, SC 29440**

**May 2026 / Thursdays at 2pm**

- Thursday, May 7: Victoria A. Smalls, *CEO/Smalls Cultural Resources*, "The Social & Cultural Life of Gullah People in the SC Lowcountry during the Revolutionary Era"
- Thursday, May 14: Sallie Ann Robinson, *Chef & Author*, "Lowcountry Gullah Cuisine during the American Revolution"
- Thursday, May 21: Jennifaye Singleton, *Sweetgrass Weaver*, "Traditional Gullah Artforms of the Revolutionary Period"

**Registration required...email [dturner@gtcounty.org](mailto:dturner@gtcounty.org):**

- Friday, May 29 at 11am: Hastings Hensel, *Guide/River Reader Kayaking*, "Kayak Tour of Battle of Black Mingo Site"

**Carvers Bay Library 13048 Choppee Road, Hemingway, SC 29554**

**June 2026 / Thursdays at 2pm**

- Thursday, June 4: Steve Williams, *Author*, "African Americans and the Revolutionary War"
- Thursday, June 11: Pelor Richards, *Cultural Interpreter*, "Roots & Resilience: Gullah Life in the Revolutionary Era"
- Thursday, June 18: Lee G. Brockington, *Author*, "Patriots & Loyalists: The Battle at Home"

•June-July 2026: "The American Revolutionary War in South Carolina" exhibit at Georgetown Library

## ONGOING!

Check out the routinely re-stocked shelves of "**Bargain Books to Benefit FOWL**" at the Litchfield Exchange (14363 Ocean Highway behind Applewood House of Pancakes). Browse through organized hardcovers and paperbacks (all books \$1 each) and find recent releases and older treasures you always meant to read. Your donations can be placed in the envelopes provided and slipped under the door of Unit#5 (catercorner from the book shelves). Many of the "best" recycled books are being shelved at the Exchange.

**Daily through April 19 – The Art of Ezra Tucker.** Step into a world where wildlife roars to life and the untold stories of the American West unfold in vivid color. Ezra Tucker's nationally acclaimed traveling exhibition, curated by David J. Wagner, Ph.D., arrives at Brookgreen Gardens, showcasing his masterful blend of natural realism and cultural narrative. From majestic animals to evocative portraits of Black pioneers, Tucker's work invites viewers of all ages to connect with nature, history, and heritage. On view daily, 9:30 AM-5 PM in the Rosen Galleries. Free with Garden admission, [www.Brookgreen.org](http://www.Brookgreen.org).

**Daily through April 11, then weekends through May 10 – WNAA (Waccamaw Neck Arts Alliance) Spring Show** at Pawleys Island Old Town Hall (East end of the North Causeway), featuring 40 local artists and authors. Great Pawleys-themed work for spring gift giving (birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, Mother's Day). Support your local talent!!! Mondays-Saturdays, 9 AM-4 PM; Sundays, Noon-4 PM. Free to browse, [www.SCWNAA.org](http://www.SCWNAA.org).

**April & May - "A Glorious Cause": South Carolina and the American Revolution:** "Resilience & Revolution: Native Peoples in 18<sup>th</sup> Century South Carolina" exhibit at Georgetown Library (405 Cleland Street). A Public History Initiative of the Georgetown County Library *\*Supported by an LSTA grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Sciences administered by the South Carolina State Library.*

**Mondays-Fridays, 10 AM and 11 AM and 2:30 PM – Discover Hobcaw Tour.** This two-hour tour requires little walking and includes highlights of Hobcaw Barony's 16,000 acres of history, ecology and research. A privately owned research reserve, the property represents every environment and century of the Lowcountry. The bus stops for a tour inside Bernard Baruch's c.1930 home that played host to politicians, generals and newspapermen, as well as Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt. In addition to Hobcaw House, tours include a drive by the home and stables of Bellefield Plantation, the home of Mr. Baruch's oldest daughter Belle Baruch who owned all the property by 1956, as well as a stop in Friendfield Village, the last 19th-century slave village on the Waccamaw Neck. Information shared will include coastal ecosystems, native wildlife and endangered species. Tours are not recommended for children under 7. Reservations required, \$30 pp, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**Saturdays, 10 AM – Explore Hobcaw Barony Tour.** Enjoy an expanded seasonal tour of Hobcaw Barony for opportunities to see and experience more than what is offered on the daily Introductory Tour. With stops at the North Inlet salt marsh, the grounds of Bellefield Plantation, Friendfield Village, and the main floor of Hobcaw House, participants have a chance to spend more time at each location than offered on the daily tour. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen, bug spray, snacks, and water. (Exertion level: Moderate impact, walking, standing for long periods). Reservations required, \$40 pp, [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org).

**Black River Cypress Preserve** is a 1300 acre nature preserve in Andrews, SC. We host families, private groups, businesses, schools, and youth programs for adventures biking and hiking along the Black River. We offer Saturday Community Events to explore the hardwood swamps, upland forests, and beautiful floodplains of the Black River. Advance registration is required. Find our Events at [cypresspreserve.org/events](http://cypresspreserve.org/events)

**Storehouse Tours** Spring schedule for Pontoon Boat Tours to Pee Dee Plantations, Port of Georgetown, Hasty Point and Sandy Island are available and filling online at <https://www.storehousetours.com/pontoon-river-tour-details>. Day trips can be found at <https://www.storehousetours.com/day-trip-details>.

**IBIS – Inlet & Bay Stewards** is a volunteer organization that supports South Carolina's [North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](http://NorthInlet-WinyahBayNationalEstuarineResearchReserve.org). Located at historic Hobcaw Barony, our Reserve is a vital local resource for environmental education, science, and data that promotes community resilience to storm surge and flooding. To find out more, visit these websites: <https://northinlet.sc.edu> and <https://www.inletandbaystewards.org>. If you are interested in joining IBIS as a member, IBIS is also on Facebook (@NIWBIBIS), Twitter (@bay\_inlet) and Instagram (NIWBIBIS). Or email: [inletandbaystewards@gmail.com](mailto:inletandbaystewards@gmail.com).

**Tuesdays, 5-6 PM – T.O.P.S.** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at Oaks Bible Church (5487 Wesley Road, Murrells Inlet). Annual Fee \$70 new members, then \$5 monthly. Sarah Cathey, [tinkerforgiven@gmail.com](mailto:tinkerforgiven@gmail.com).

**For accurate and up-to-date information from the "horse's mouth," about favorite venues, hosting sites, and organizations, please visit their websites:**

Art & Cultural Events	<a href="http://www.TheArtsGrandsStrand.org">www.TheArtsGrandsStrand.org</a>
Avian Conservation Center	<a href="http://www.TheCenterforBirdsofPrey.org">www.TheCenterforBirdsofPrey.org</a>
Black River Cypress Preserve	<a href="http://www.cypresspreserve.org/events">www.cypresspreserve.org/events</a>
Brookgreen Gardens	<a href="http://www.Brookgreen.org">www.Brookgreen.org</a>
Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum	<a href="http://www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.com">www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.com</a>
Chamber of Commerce, Gtn Co	<a href="http://www.VisitGeorge.com">www.VisitGeorge.com</a>
CLASS (art courses, boat tours)	<a href="http://www.ClassAtPawleys.com">www.ClassAtPawleys.com</a>
Coastal Carolina University	<a href="http://www.Coastal.edu/culturalarts">www.Coastal.edu/culturalarts</a>
Freewoods Farm	<a href="http://www.FreewoodsFarm.com">www.FreewoodsFarm.com</a>

Georgetown Business Association [www.GeorgetownSeaport.com](http://www.GeorgetownSeaport.com)  
Georgetown County Museum [www.GeorgetownCountyMuseum.com](http://www.GeorgetownCountyMuseum.com)  
Georgetown County Parks,  
Recreation & Leisure Services [www.GTCounty.org](http://www.GTCounty.org)  
Georgetown Library System [www.GeorgetownCountySC.org](http://www.GeorgetownCountySC.org)  
Georgetown Walking Tours [www.OldGeorgetownWalkingTours.com](http://www.OldGeorgetownWalkingTours.com)  
Grand Strand Arts Calendar [www.TheArtsGrandStrand.org](http://www.TheArtsGrandStrand.org)  
Hampton Plantation [www.SouthCarolinaParks.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaParks.com)  
Hobcaw Barony [www.HobcawBarony.org](http://www.HobcawBarony.org)  
Hopsewee Plantation [www.Hopsewee.com](http://www.Hopsewee.com)  
Horry County Museum [www.HorryCountyMuseum.org](http://www.HorryCountyMuseum.org)  
Huntington Beach State Park [www.SouthCarolinaParks.com](http://www.SouthCarolinaParks.com)  
Kaminski House Museum [www.KaminskiMuseum.org](http://www.KaminskiMuseum.org)  
Keep It Green [www.KeepItGreeninSC.com](http://www.KeepItGreeninSC.com)  
League of Women Voters, Gtn Co [www.georgetowncountysc.lwv.org](http://www.georgetowncountysc.lwv.org)  
Litchfield Books [www.LitchfieldBooks.com](http://www.LitchfieldBooks.com)  
Long Bay Symphony [www.LongBaySymphony.com](http://www.LongBaySymphony.com)  
The Moveable Feast [www.ClassAtPawleys.com](http://www.ClassAtPawleys.com)  
Murrells Inlet 2020 [www.MurrellsInletSC.com](http://www.MurrellsInletSC.com)  
Myrtle Beach History Trolley Tours [www.MyrtleBeachHistoryTours.com](http://www.MyrtleBeachHistoryTours.com)  
Myrtle Beach State Park [www.MyrtleBeachSP.com](http://www.MyrtleBeachSP.com)  
My Sister's Books [www.MySistersBooks.com](http://www.MySistersBooks.com)  
North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR [www.northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/](http://www.northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/)  
Pat Conroy Literary Center [www.PatConroyLiteraryCenter.org](http://www.PatConroyLiteraryCenter.org)  
PI/Litchfield Business Association [www.JoinPilba.com](http://www.JoinPilba.com)  
Pawleys Island Concert Band [www.PawleysIslandConcertBand.com](http://www.PawleysIslandConcertBand.com)  
PI Festival of Music & Art [www.PawleysMusic.com](http://www.PawleysMusic.com)  
The Rice Museum [www.RiceMuseum.org](http://www.RiceMuseum.org)  
SC Maritime Museum [www.SCMaritimeMuseum.org](http://www.SCMaritimeMuseum.org)  
Sewee Visitor Center [www.SeweeCenter.fws.gov](http://www.SeweeCenter.fws.gov)  
Storehouse Tours [www.StorehouseTours.com](http://www.StorehouseTours.com)  
Strand Cinema [www.StrandCinema.org](http://www.StrandCinema.org)  
Swamp Fox Players [www.SwampFoxPlayers.com](http://www.SwampFoxPlayers.com)  
Theatre of the Republic [www.TheatreOfTheRepublic.com](http://www.TheatreOfTheRepublic.com)  
Tidal Tales of Georgetown [www.GeorgetownTidalTales.com](http://www.GeorgetownTidalTales.com)  
Tidelands Photography Club [www.TidelandsPhotographyClub.com](http://www.TidelandsPhotographyClub.com)  
T.O.P.S. (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) [www.TinkerForgiven.com](http://www.TinkerForgiven.com)  
Visitors Center, Gtn Co [www.VisitGeorge.com](http://www.VisitGeorge.com)  
Friends of Waccamaw Neck Library [www.TheFOWL.org](http://www.TheFOWL.org)  
Waccamaw Audubon Society [www.WaccamawAudubon.org](http://www.WaccamawAudubon.org)  
Waccamaw Neck Arts Alliance [www.SCWNAA.org](http://www.SCWNAA.org)  
Winyah Rivers Alliance [www.WinyahRivers.org](http://www.WinyahRivers.org)

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