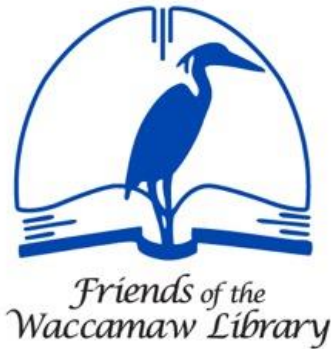


What's happening on the Waccamaw Neck ~ Compliments of the Friends of Waccamaw Library!



FOWL Community Connector

March 15, 2025

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

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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

fowlpawleys@gmail.com

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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.

www.thefowl.org

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Website

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 or 843.545.3349.

- **Toddler Time!** Mondays in March & April, 10:30-11:30 AM, Children's Area. Social time for little ones and their caregiver(s)!
- **Family Storytime**, Wednesdays in March & April, 10:30-11:30 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Read, play, sing, craft, make friends and have fun! **Ages birth to 4.**
- **Special Storytime**, Wednesday, April 16, 10:30-11:30 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Join us for a heartwarming spring celebration that combines the joy of Easter with the spirit of kindness! **Ages birth to 4.** Bring donations for All4Paws Animal Rescue.
- **Kids Crafternoon**, Wednesdays in March, 3-4:30 PM, Children's Area. Come get creative. **For ages 6-12.**
- **Myrtle Beach Art Museum Kids Class**, Wednesday, April 2, 3:30-5 PM, Children's Area. In the spirit of Forest Rogers, we will create sculptures out of air-dry clay. **Ages 6-12.**
- **Kids Treasure & Tactics**, Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23 & 30, 3-4 PM, Children's Area. Join Treasure & Tactics, where games, puzzles, and adventures help kids build smart skills for navigating the world! **Ages 7+.**
- **LEGO Free Build**, Fridays in March & April, 9 AM-5 PM, Children's Area. Build and play with our large LEGO collection. **All ages.**
- **BrightStar Theatre Performance**, Thursday, March 20, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Enjoy a production of George Washington Carver & Friends! **Best for grades preK-5.**
- **Lego Sorting Day!** Friday, March 21, noon-5 PM, Children's Area. Come and be a part of Lego sorting! **Ages 5+.**
- **Mommy Mica Interactive Performance**, Monday, March 24, 4-5 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Dive into weather-themed tales & songs about rain, sunshine, wind & clouds as Mommy Mica teaches about different types of weather through fun music, stories, and a craft activity. **Geared for ages 4+.**

- **Kids Pond Life** with North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Tuesday, April 29, 3:30-4:30 PM, Outdoor Patio. Join us for a hands-on exploration of the tiny creatures living in our library's outdoor retention pond! Fun for all ages!

Teen/Adult

More information contact, Donald Dennis, ddennis@gtcounty.org or 843.545.3343.

- **Game Night.** Wednesdays through May, 4 PM-8:30 PM, Teen Tech Room. Board Games, RPGs & Card Games. **For ages 10-adult.** We also have games to check-out! Questions: Ask in the Teen Room or email ddennis@gtcounty.org.

Adult 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**, Tuesdays, April 1, 10-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Prizes & snacks! Geared for 18+. All supplies included.
- **Adult Community Yoga**, Wednesdays through May (no class April 23), 5:45-6:45 PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. All levels welcome. Mats available upon request. Donation class.
- **Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center Tour.** March 18, 10 AM-4 PM, Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center. Space limited - please only sign up for one tour. Must drive own vehicle to South Island (10 miles south of Georgetown). Reservation required - call Ms. Washington at 843.545.3623.
- **Adult Laser Cutting & Engraving Training.** Tuesdays & Thursdays through May, Noon-1 PM, Teen Tech Room. Learn the software, cut something out, take it home! Five seats available each week. Reserve your spot ddennis@gtcounty.org.
- **Adult Craft Time!** Friday, March 21, 10-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Join us to make a carrot garland! Ages 18+. Registration required. Email or call: mallen@gtcounty.org or 843-545-3351.
- **Adult Craft Time!** Friday, April 11, 10-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. D.I.Y. Mini Faux Carrot Patch. Registration required - supplies limited. Email to register: mallen@gtcounty.org or sball@gtcounty.org or call 843.545.3351.
- **Southern Sip & Paint**, Friday, April 25, 10-11 AM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. **For ages 18+** - supplies limited. Registration required stop at Circulation Desk or call 843.545.3623.
- **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, Monday, March 31, noon-4PM, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Make an appointment: 1-800-RED CROSS or www.redcross.org

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-s1NZZgPfl14nl7-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).

Volunteer Opportunities

Friends of Waccamaw Library volunteer needs:

- **FOWL Secretary:** Do you love taking notes, keeping things organized, and would like to volunteer with the Friends of Waccamaw Library to cover Board and some committee meetings? We need YOU! Contact FOWL President Diane Stern at d.stern26@gmail.com.
- **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 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 deebranch1953@icloud.com.

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, March 15

8 AM-Noon - FOGL Annual Spring Community Yard Sale will be held in the Judicial Center (New County Courthouse) parking lot on the corner of Dozier Street and Highway 17 (Church Street) just behind the Georgetown Library. ***Come sell and support the Library....*** Want to hold a yard sale without all the hassle, signs, and crowds on your lawn? The Friends of the Georgetown Library have the perfect solution! Spaces are available at \$15 for a single space, or \$20 for a double space. Set-up for the sale will begin at 6:30 am. To purchase a selling space by credit card, please go to the Friends website at myfogl.org/our-events. Or if you wish, stop by the Georgetown Library at 405 Cleland Street to register at the front desk (cash or check only). ***Come browse and buy and support the Library....*** There will be no admission charge for buyers, and everyone is invited to browse and shop! Looking for antiques, clothing, tools, books, kids' toys, etc., etc., etc. at the ultimate discount? For those of you looking to shop, treasures and treats are always on hand at the sale, so please mark March 15th on your calendar. *Rain date Saturday, March 22.* For more information, please contact me at rwilley1019@gmail.com.

9 AM-3 PM – 2025 Garden Symposium Immerse yourself in the beauty and creativity of gardens at the 2025 Garden Symposium: Art in the Gardens on March 15, 2025, at Brookgreen Gardens. This inspiring event features renowned keynote speaker Jay Sifford, an award-winning landscape designer celebrated for his innovative approach to contemporary garden design. The symposium will explore the intersection of art and nature through a series of engaging presentations, including topics such as roses, historical gardens and design, contemporary garden aesthetics, and the museum perspective on garden artistry. The day will conclude with a dynamic panel discussion on The Art of Designing and Maintaining the Garden, featuring experts in horticulture, pest management , plants, and landscape design. Join us for this one-of-a-kind event celebrating the artistry, history, and innovation behind the world’s most extraordinary gardens. Spend the day at beautiful Brookgreen Gardens, exploring sustainable gardening through expert-led presentations, immersive garden tours, and hands-on experiences. Members, \$75 (early bird), \$100; Nonmembers, \$125. www.Brookgreen.org.

Sat, Mar. 15, 7:30 PM and Sun, Mar. 16 at 2:30 PM – Swamp Fox Players present “Tracy Jones” at the Strand Theatre in Georgetown. Tickets \$20 can be purchased at www.swampfoxplayers.com or call 843-527-2924, ext 1.

Monday, March 17

1-3 PM – Common Threads at the Waccamaw Library. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group! Free and open to the public.

3:30 PM – For FOGL Friends, *especially parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles!* On St. Patrick's Day, the staff of the Children's Reading Area of the Georgetown Library are celebrating with a **St. Patrick's Day Cookie Decorating** party for the children. Space is limited. So to sign up, stop by the Library or call 843.545.3311. May the luck of the Irish be with you!

Tuesday, March 18

7-9 AM – Breakfast with the Birds at Brookgreen Gardens. Join Richard Costa on an informative 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 donuts, adding a delightful conclusion to your morning exploration. 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 April 1, April 22, May 6 and May 20.* Free with Garden admission (tickets must be purchased prior to the date), www.Brookgreen.org.

10 AM – FOGL's Tuesdays With... will feature a presentation by Thomas Rainwater of the Clemson University Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science and the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center. The title of his presentation will be *The Biology of the American Alligator in Coastal South Carolina*, based on his extensive research in the area. Held in the Georgetown Library Auditorium (405 Cleland Street). Free and open to the public, rwilley1019@gmail.com.

10:30-11:30 AM – Architecture and Archaeology of the 1904 Long Point African American Schoolhouse in Mt Pleasant SC. Held in Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium, The College of Charleston has been engaged in a multi-year archaeological and architectural project at Snowden Settlement Community. The primary focus has been a schoolhouse opened in 1904 to serve the growing African descendant population living in this area near Mt Pleasant, South Carolina. The research has uncovered many unique characteristics of this educational landscape and the building itself. Its history and architecture differ significantly from the more well-known Rosenwald schools built across the American South. Viewers will learn about a community built upon resilience and strength to overcome significant barriers to economic and social mobility during this time. Dr. R. Grant Gilmore III is a recognized leader in Heritage Management and Education with deep experience in developing diverse, equitable, and just policies and procedures based on research. He is the Director of the Historic Preservation and Community Planning Program at the College of Charleston, the largest such program in the United States. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

10:30 AM-1:30 PM – Imagine Arcadia. Travel with Lee Brockington and Capt. Paul Kenny by pontoon boat to the gorgeous 18th century rice plantation home of the Allstons, Hugers, and Wards, originally known as Prospect Hill. It became Arcadia in 1906 when Isaac Emerson bought the property and added several neighboring

plantations to his holdings. The terraced gardens extend from the front of the house down to a rice canal and dock that connects with the Waccamaw River. Imagine will dock at the terminus of the rice canal where passengers disembark for a guided tour of the grounds, including stables, a bowling alley, outbuildings, extraordinary gardens, retracing the steps of President Monroe and George Vanderbilt. Attire should include weather-appropriate outer wear and comfortable walking shoes. Limited to 6 passengers. *Also offered Tues, 4/1, 10:30 AM; Wed, 4/2, 11:30 AM; Wed, 4/16, 10 AM; Thurs, 4/17, 11 AM; Tues, 4/29, 9 AM; Wed, 4/30, 10 AM; Tues, 5/13, 8:30 AM; Wed, 5/14, 9 AM.* Additional charters available upon request. \$125 pp, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Teri Brown (*10 Little Rules for a Double-Butted Adventure*) and **Dawn Dixon** (*Rupert Three-Paws and His Amazing Alligator Adventure*) at Quigley's Next Door. Moveable Feast fans of **Teri Brown's** exquisite, award-winning historical fiction (*Sunflowers Beneath the Snow*, *An Enemy Like Me*, and *Daughters of Green Mountain Gap*) will celebrate her return with the true story she's shared bits with us over the years. Embark on an extraordinary journey across the United States on a tandem bicycle with Teri and Bruce! This heartwarming and insightful book explores the highs and lows of adventure cycling, unforgettable moments, and self-discovery after divorce as author Teri M. Brown navigates winding roads and unexpected detours. Filled with powerful, deeply personal anecdotes, the unexpected challenges of the open road, and cherished connections with those she met while riding 10.4 miles per hour, this book is not just a travel memoir—it's a personal story of healing through adventure, overcoming personal challenges, and personal growth, complete with a guided journaling experience designed to help you reclaim your own power and take on life's challenges with renewed vigor. Get ready to laugh, cry, and be inspired as you pedal through life's twists and turns with resilience, camaraderie, wisdom, and a healthy dose of humor that will inspire you to create your own rules for a truly adventurous life. **Dawn Dixon** is Rupert Three-Paws' mama. She insists he rescued her instead of the other way around. Rupert was by her side when she wrote the humorous murder mystery, *Faux Finished*, and is helping with the sequel, *Distressed to Kill*. *Rupert Three-Paws and His Amazing Alligator Adventure* highlights the rewards of animal rescue and proves disabled pets can thrive and, in Rupert's case, conquer. \$35, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

Wednesday, March 19

10 AM-Noon – Weave and Hang: Wall and Doorknob Basket Workshop in Brookgreen’s Learning Lab I. Craft a charming, versatile basket perfect for hanging on a wall or door! Using natural and hand-dyed reed, you’ll create a basket measuring approximately 6 inches wide by 8 inches tall (or 11 inches with the handle). In this hands-on session, students will master the essentials of basketry, from laying out the base and twining to shaping upright spokes and weaving in a continuous pattern. Customize with variegated reed options, and finish with a lashed rim and a decorative wooden medallion. This 3–4-hour class is limited to 8 participants for an intimate, supportive learning experience. There is a \$20 materials fee payable in class, to the instructor, via cash, Venmo, or Zelle. Tammy has been weaving baskets for over 30 years. After taking a beginner class in the early 1990’s with a friend in Maryland, she was hooked and has continued to improve her skills by taking classes at basket weaving conventions and making baskets on her own. While she has lived in various places worldwide, weaving baskets has remained a constant. Tammy teaches basket weaving with Coastal Carolina University’s OLLI program and enjoys sharing her love of basketry with new weavers. It’s so important to keep this ancient art form alive! \$50 members, \$60 nonmembers, www.Brookgreen.org.

11:15 AM-2:15 PM – Imagine Arcadia-FULL. *See March 18 entry for details.* Limited to 6 passengers. *Also offered Tues, 4/1, 10:30 AM; Wed, 4/2, 11:30 AM; Wed, 4/16, 10 AM; Thurs, 4/17, 11 AM; Tues, 4/29, 9 AM; Wed, 4/30, 10 AM; Tues, 5/13, 8:30 AM; Wed, 5/14, 9 AM.* Additional charters available upon request. \$125 pp, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

1-2 PM – “Here Today, Gone Tomorrow” with Ron Daise in Brookgreen’s Jennewein Gallery. Inspired by historical events from the Reconstruction Era, this reader’s theater presentation by Ron Daise portrays the lived experiences, beliefs, and dreams of a Gullah man, Prince Rivers. Rivers’ life and words from before, during, and after the Hamburg Massacre, an incident of notable racial and political violence, are poignant and riveting. The presentation, moreover, showcases historical and contemporary similarities. Singalong to American patriotic, Civil War songs, and spirituals that are interspersed with poetry and first-hand testimonies from a U.S. Senate Report to learn about the 1876 South Carolina event that altered U.S. history. Ron Daise, a St. Helena Island, SC native, is a prominent author, performer, and cultural preservationist. As former Vice President for Creative Education at Brookgreen Gardens (2004-2022), he's received the 2019 SC

Governor's Distinctive Achievement Award for his impactful contributions.
Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

10-11 AM – Chair yoga at Brookgreen's Leonard Pavilion is a gentle practice that can be enjoyed by anyone with an interest in elevating spinal health and flexibility, practicing mindfulness, or learning to harness the power of their breath. In this class, yoga postures are performed while seated and/or assisted by a chair. Chair yoga is also a great exercise option for individuals with mobility issues. Students of all experience levels are invited. When you click to the registration calendar, if you are unable to click the date you want, that means the class is full. Lauren Evanousky is the Coordinator of Outreach Programs in the Education Department at Brookgreen Gardens. Lauren is a Yoga Alliance certified yoga instructor and is passionate about promoting mind-body wellness. *Also offered March 26, April 23 & 30, May 21.* Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

4 PM – “Shared Traditions” Series features Natalie Daise, “Becoming Harriet Tubman.” Natalie Daise will put on her inspired and inspiring one-person show, *Becoming Harriet Tubman*. The performance tells the incredible story of Tubman's life, from her time as an enslaved child, to her role as a leader in the abolitionist movement. Daise plays five characters, including Harriet herself, her first mistress, and a field hand who injured Tubman. The “Shared Traditions” series will feature an array of exciting presenters and performers, who will share Gullah heritage, Black Southern musical traditions, as well as significant figures and episodes from African American history, among other fascinating subjects connected with our region. Programs will be held in the new auditorium at the Georgetown Library, located at 405 Cleland Street, Georgetown, SC 29440. www.gtcounty.org.

5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga at the Waccamaw Library, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium, Wednesdays through May. All levels welcome. Mats available upon request. Donation class.

Thursday, March 20

10:30-11:30 AM – Intro to Mushroom Cultivation at Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium. This event will introduce three basic methods of growing mushrooms including bucket cultivation, log inoculation, and wood chip cultivation. In addition to the basic process behind each of these methods, we will also discuss the materials and supplies needed for at-home mushroom cultivation as well as where

to source these supplies. Time-permitting, we will also discuss basic mycology and the health benefits of mushrooms. Sam Haab is the Community Garden Manager at the Charleston Parks Conservancy. Originally from Vermont, she has a degree in Conservation Biology from St. Lawrence University where she studied pollinators and sustainable food systems. Prior to joining the Conservancy in 2021, she spent years doing seasonal conservation work in Vermont, Maine, and Hawai'i. In her role at the Charleston Parks Conservancy, Sam manages their three community gardens, new food forest, apiary, and mushroom cultivation program. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

6 PM – FOWL Musicians Series: Pawleys Island Concert Band Jazz Band presents "Jazz in the Stacks." Free and open to the public, DTurner@gtcounty.org.

Friday, March 21

1-4 PM – Stained Glass with Kathy Welde. This 6-week course is for beginners and seasoned artists using the copper foil and solder method of stained glass art. You will choose appropriate level projects to work on. Basic tools are provided (glass cutters, grinders, and soldering irons) along with scraps of glass for use in your projects. Beginner kits containing solder, copper foil and flux are available for purchase from the instructor. There is also a limited supply of stained glass that can be purchased. The classes are structured in a relaxed atmosphere working at your own pace. Individual attention and instruction is provided. Classes limited to 8. Students will be working with soldering irons, grinders, and sharp edged glass, requiring dexterity, steadiness, and the ability to stand for long periods of time. There will be a \$3 fee payable to the instructors to help cover costs of tools for the class. A former math teacher and military spouse, Kathy has been creating stained glass works of art almost 40 years. She has been teaching this art form more than 20 years, starting in this area at CLASS in the Litchfield Exchange, then 15 years for CCU's OLLI. The location for this class will be the Parrish Hall at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church, Baskervill. (No class 4/11 and 4/18), \$120, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

2:30 PM – FOWL Classic Film Series presents *The Sixth Sense* (1999) in the DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium. Introduced by local movie buff Bill Harvey, with audience discussion to follow. Arrive early to enjoy piano music performed by Tom Santopietro. Free and open to the public, DTurner@gtcounty.org.

Saturday, March 22

9 AM-5 PM – Trail Ride with Your Own Horse at Hobcaw Barony. See March 8 entry for details. \$35 per rider, www.HobcawBarony.org.

10 AM-4 PM – Meet *Celebrating Talent* exhibit artists who will be available to discuss ‘making art,’ their artworks, and volunteering at Brookgreen, too. The thirty-seven artworks in the exhibit encompass paintings, sculpture, textile art, woodworking, glass and pottery art, nature art, and photography. Brookgreen's missions and beauty inspired many artworks. The three artworks pictured in this announcement reflect the artistry, creativity, craftsmanship, and diverse styles, materials, and techniques of the artworks in the exhibit. *My Grandmother's Dresses* is a design by quilter Gilma Caslin in memory of her grandmother. Jeff Weis' *Birds of Paradise*, an acrylic on wood painting, measures 30 x 54 inches. *Robin Salmon, Curator of Sculpture*, is a medal designed and sculpted by artist Dan Kraus honoring Brookgreen's curator. Held in Lowcountry Center Discovery Room, Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Monday, March 24

1-3 PM – Common Threads at the Waccamaw Library. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group! Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 25

9 AM-Noon – Imagine PeeDee Plantations. Come aboard canopied pontoon boat *Imagine* and travel the storied rivers and tributaries feeding Winyah Bay with licensed Captain Paul at the helm and local treasure Lee imparting histories, mysteries, and tidbits of wisdom from the stern. Attire should include weather-appropriate outer wear. Limited to five passengers. Also offered Wed, 4/9, 9 AM; Wed, 4/23, 8:30 AM. Additional charters available upon request. \$100 pp, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

9:30 AM-Noon – The 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. Places of interest include 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 learn the history of each village through oral interpretation and historical photographs. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear comfortable 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 8.* \$35 per person, www.HobcawBarony.org.

10:30-11:30 AM – Conway Architectural Salvage and Heritage Project. Horry County is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country, which has led to unprecedented construction and demolition. As older structures are rapidly demolished and cleared for new construction, the local area's inherently valuable used building materials, structural histories, and expert trade skills are unnecessarily lost to the landfill. In contrast, the economic model of deconstruction provides a ready solution to this unnecessary waste and loss. Deconstruction is the careful disassembly of structures, an alternative to traditional demolition. In this process, building materials can be salvaged and reused, histories researched and archived, and traditional skills revived for future generations. Alan Todd will discuss the process of establishing a deconstruction industry in our area and the environmental and economic benefits it brings. Alan Todd is Executive Director of Conway Architectural Salvage and Heritage Project, a nonprofit organization that focuses on building material reuse and trades preservation. A professor at Coastal Carolina University and trained archaeologist, Alan's life's work culminates in saving old-growth lumber from landfills, archiving the histories of family homes, and reviving traditional building crafts through education and community development. Held in Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium, free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Brian Livingston (*Folkston*) and Nancy Udell (*So Many Beeps in This House!*) at Caffè Piccolo. Following his delightful true adventure thru-walking the Appalachian Trail in his first book, *The Habits of Squirrels*, versatile author **Brian Livingston** takes us to a fictional legal world where the trial of Ethan McDaniel's lifetime will happen outside of the courtroom. Ethan is

a young Charleston attorney eager to embark upon a prosperous legal career when his first trial takes him to Folkston, a small town in the rural South Carolina mountains. There he discovers he has prepared for everything but life. He's put up in a seedy motel, ignored by the other attorneys, and disillusioned by the slow, plodding pace of a trial. But he also makes friends with some extraordinary locals, and discovers his best skills in court will not help him when the harsh realities of the law interfere. As the trial sputters and his local adventures lead to dark and unfortunate conclusions, Ethan comes to understand that to be a great lawyer is nowhere near as important as being a great person, and he has in him the potential to be both. In this engaging and provocative examination of ambition, unlikely friendships, and socioeconomic hierarchies, Brian Livingston taps into the common desires, hurts, and short-fallings that unite us all. Colorful illustrations by the author **Nancy Udell** depict an after-school visit between Nana and her grandson Marco. While waiting for their cookies to bake, a mysterious sound sends them on a wild hunt through Nana's new house searching for the source of the beeping. A totally relatable "grand" experience! \$35, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

1-3 PM – Mahjong at the Georgetown Library. A meeting of those interested in Mahjong, *from experts to novices, and those who are just curious*, is held each month at the Georgetown Library. Participants don't need to bring anything except themselves. And an instructor is available to teach at all skill levels. For additional information, contact Kaylan Wellborn, Adult Services Librarian at 843.545.3388, or kwellborn@gtcounty.org.

Wednesday, March 26

9 AM-Noon – *Imagine Hasty Point*. Travel across the great Waccamaw River on canopied pontoon boat *Imagine* to its newest destination with Captain Paul sharing river ecology from the helm and local treasure Lee Brockington imparting the past, present and future plans for Hasty Point. Disembark for an informative tour of the property. Attire should include weather-appropriate outer wear and comfortable walking shoes. Limited to five passengers. *Also offered Tues, 4/8, 9 AM and Thurs, 4/24, 8:30 AM.* Additional charters available upon request. \$125pp, www.ClassAtPawleys.com or 843.235.9600.

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5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga at the Waccamaw Library, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium, Wednesdays through May. All levels welcome. Mats available upon request. Donation class.

Thursday, March 27

10:30-11:30 AM – Dirt ‘n Details: Greenhouse Tour. Join our Horticulturists – Kerry Rapp and Devin Ravencroft – for a tour of Brookgreen Gardens’ greenhouse and nursery complex. Kerry will discuss how staff and volunteers manage the production of over 40,000 plants each year, including the warm/cool season annuals for the Garden, the fall and spring plant sales, and poinsettias for Nights of a Thousand Candles. And Devin will share a behind-the-scenes look at Brookgreen's new and expanding orchid collection and how it will support the future orchid display wall, as part of The Purdy Center that will open next year. There are currently nearly 450 orchids, with plans for the collection to grow to well over 1000. \$10, plus Garden admission. www.Brookgreen.org.

11:30-1:30 PM – Anna Hyatt Huntington Woman of Vision Award Luncheon: Robin R. Salmon - 2025 Award Honoree. Join us for an inspiring celebration of women in the arts! This special occasion brings together art enthusiasts, community leaders, and supporters of Brookgreen Gardens to honor Anna Hyatt Huntington’s lasting impact on the arts and recognize individuals who are shaping the next generation. We are thrilled to welcome Thayer Tolles, the Marcia F. Vilcek Curator of American Paintings and Sculpture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, as our keynote speaker. Her captivating address will delve into the contributions of women in the arts with a special focus on the treasures of the Brookgreen Gardens Collection. Witness the presentation of the 2025 Anna Hyatt Huntington Woman of Vision Award, recognizing an extraordinary individual whose work reflects the spirit of innovation and vision in the arts. This year’s recipient is Brookgreen’s own nationally recognized curator and art historian, Robin R. Salmon, who has dedicated 50 years of her career to the organization. Additionally, celebrate the awarding of the Next Generation Scholarship, supporting a current Coastal Carolina University student in an arts-related area of study. Held at the Leonard Pavilion, \$65, members; \$75 nonmembers. www.Brookgreen.org.

5:30-7:30 PM – Supper and a Talk – FDR at Hobcaw Barony: Fresh Insights into President Franklin Roosevelt’s 1944 Visit. Come to Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony

for a barbeque dinner catered by Hog Heaven followed by a presentation by Dr. David R. White. He will recount his recent eighteen-month journey in search of details regarding President Franklin Roosevelt's 1944 four-week stay at Hobcaw Barony. Information was discovered by visiting eleven libraries and archives stretching from Georgia to New York. Dr. White will share publicly, for the very first time, documents he discovered that reveal new and interesting facts about FDR's secret visit to South Carolina that ended only one month before D-Day. (Exertion level: Low impact – sitting) Reservations required. Dr. David R. White is the Neal D. Thigpen Professor of Public Affairs at Francis Marion University and a 2023-2025 Harry M. Lightsey, Jr., Visiting Scholar Fellow at Hobcaw Barony. \$40 per person, www.HobcawBarony.org.

Friday, March 28-Sunday, March 30

Noon-10 AM – Women's Weekend Retreat at Sea View Inn. For more than a decade, local treasure Lee Brockington has been celebrating history, ecology and sisterhood at the Sea View Inn twice a year. You can be one of the limited number invited to join her at "girls camp," eating Gullah meals prepared and served by Gullah women, and learning lessons of time and tide. Talks on the front porch, back porch, deck and dock are complemented by walks on the beach and along the creek to enhance your understanding of Waccamaw Neck history and Pawleys Island ecology. Plan to arrive at noon on Friday to get settled and meet your new sisters, the dinner bell will chime at 1:15, depart after a leisurely breakfast on Sunday. Breakfast, mid-day dinner and light supper provided. *\$475 per person, double occupancy; \$550, single.* Reserve by phone (843.235.9500) or online (www.ClassAtPawleys.com).

Monday, March 31

1-3 PM – Common Threads at the Waccamaw Library. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group! Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 1

7-9 AM – Breakfast with the Birds at Brookgreen Gardens. *See March 18 entry for details. Also offered April 22, May 6 and May 20.* Free with Garden admission (tickets must be purchased prior to the date), www.Brookgreen.org.

11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Susan Middleton (Magdala) and Donna

Thornton (*The Easter Donkey*) at Pawleys Tap House & Grill. Forced from home by circumstances beyond her control, beautiful young Magdala finds herself tasked with the care of a widower's infant daughter and boarding house kitchen. Driven by a survivor's instinct, she demands a dead-bolted door to her quarters, securing a place of safety where she settles into a restful routine of heating bottles and changing diapers that allows time for reading, reflection and healing. The sweet comfort of domestic routine is punctuated by a grim repetition of indignities, abuses and downright horrors – all of which Magdala strives to overcome. Author of *Under the Circumstances*, Susan Middleton has created another page-turning read whose heroes and heroines approach the racial realities of the American southeast in the late 1800s with courage and candor. PLUS, Donna Thornton, author of the beloved *Christmas Donkey*, shares Drupelet's continued adventures in *The Easter Donkey*. \$35, www.ClassAtPawleys.com.

5 PM – Yoga classes begin at the Georgetown Library (405 Cleland Street). Please bring your own mat. The classes are free but donations are accepted. For additional information, contact Kaylan Wellborn, Adult Services Librarian, at 843.545.3388 or kwellborn@gtcounty.org.

Wednesday, April 2

10 AM-Noon – Photo Walks in the Garden. Join photographers Anne Malarich and CJ Uricks for a 2-hour walk through Brookgreen Gardens with cameras in hand! There will be various subjects discussed each month such as flowers, butterflies, and birds. You will discuss photographic topics along the way such as exposure and composition. It will be a learning experience for all! You must have a good working knowledge of your camera. Meet at Keepsakes, Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

1-2 PM – Spiderwort, Root Medicine and Spiritual Healing at Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium. Ron Daise discusses Gullah Geechee culture and history as depicted through characters and scenes in *Raptors in the Ricelands*, his first historical novel. Set in a twenty-first century fictional community within Georgetown, SC, a story unfolds, revealing family secrets and conflicts that challenge cultural beliefs. The book is conveyed in four acts and with chapter names that follow the production stages of Carolina Gold Rice, and the program's themes are intertwined in historical accounts that include the Orangeburg Massacre; Black church life, particularly in Oconee County, SC as begun during

slavery; the launch of White supremacy in Fort Mill, SC; the Reconstruction Era; and Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association. Ron Daise, a St. Helena Island, SC native, is a prominent author, performer, and cultural preservationist. As Vice President for Creative Education at Brookgreen Gardens since 2004, he's received the 2019 SC Governor's Distinctive Achievement Award for his impactful contributions. Daise, along with his wife Natalie, created the "Gullah Geechee Wisdom Cards Guidebook," earning the 2017 SC African American Heritage Commission's Project Award. Former stars of Nick Jr. TV's "Gullah Gullah Island," they received the 2019 Foundation for Leadership Education Lifetime Achievement Award and other honors. Daise is a respected figure in Gullah Geechee cultural heritage, having served on the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission and presented at the United Nations. A Hampton University graduate, he actively contributes to community and educational initiatives in Georgetown, SC. *Also offered April 16, May 7 and May 21. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.*

1-2:30 PM – FOGL offers Free Group Guitar Lessons with Dan Sachs in the Georgetown Library Auditorium. Please note that you need to bring your own guitar. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Kaylan Welborn, Adult Services and Reference Librarian, at 843.545.3388.

5:45-6:45 PM – Adult Community Yoga at the Waccamaw Library, DeBordieu-Cross Auditorium, Wednesdays through May. All levels welcome. Mats available upon request. Donation class.

Thursday, April 3

10 AM – FOWL 1st Thursday Speaker Series at the Waccamaw Library (Cross-DeBordieu Auditorium) will feature Chip Smith (Conservationist/Author of *A Pocket Wild: Notes from a South Carolina Marsh*) on "Keeping Our Coast Wild & Clean." Free and open to the public, DTurner@gtcounty.org.

10:30-11:30 AM – Never Had the Sun Shown So Brightly: Emancipation and Black Lives in South Carolina. This talk, held in Brookgreen's Ron Daise Auditorium, is designed to explore the meaning of freedom and how it was achieved during and following the Civil War in South Carolina. Emancipation was achieved at different places and at different rates during and after the Civil War. Furthermore, while many know about the Emancipation Proclamation, which conferred legal freedom

on former slaves, what it granted was only theoretical liberty. The initiatives taken by Black people themselves and what they created made freedom real and meaningful. These efforts at creating new institutions, ways of working, seeking education, and determining status will all be explored in examining the contours of black freedom in South Carolina during this most fraught and unprecedented time. Bernard E. Powers Jr. earned a Ph. D. in American history at Northwestern University. He is professor emeritus of history at the College of Charleston and the College's founding director of the Center for the Study of Slavery in Charleston. His "Black Charlestonians: A Social History 1822-1885," was designated an "Outstanding Academic Book" by *Choice Magazine*. Powers is co-author of *We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel*, which contextualizes the city's racially motivated murders of 2015. Most recently, he edited "101 African Americans Who Shaped South Carolina" (USC Press, 2020). Powers have appeared in African-American-oriented documentary films, including the PBS production, "The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross" and "Emanuel: The Untold Story of the Victims and Survivors of the Charleston Church Shooting." He was the founding president of the Charleston Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 2019, that organization recognized his commitment to "research, writing, and activism in the field of African American life and history" with the Carter Godwin Woodson Scholars Medallion. Powers also served on the board of Charleston's recently opened International African American Museum.

11 AM – Freewoods Farm: Blessed Be the Ties That Bind book talk, signing, lunch and farm walk at Freewoods Farm (9515 Freewoods Road, Myrtle Beach). Welcome back the long-awaited reprint of O'Neal Smalls (Founder and Chairman of Freewoods Farm) memoir of the community in the 1950s. 11 AM – book talk and signing (\$30/copy, cash or checks, please). Noon – farm lunch catered by Layla B's (\$20/plate, cash or checks), followed a walking tour of the farm. Please RSVP by March 27, 843.650.9139. <https://www.freewoodsfarm.com/>

Saturday, April 5

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 Gardens. 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 12, 19, 26.* Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Saturday & Sunday, April 5 & 6

10 AM-4 PM – Art Under the Oaks at the Litchfield Market Village (Willbrook & 17). More than 100 artists, artisans, authors, crafters in this hugely popular outdoor festival on the Waccamaw Neck. Musicians all day. Food trucks and snacks.

Monday, April 7

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

1-3 PM – Common Threads at the Waccamaw Library. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group! Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 8

9:30 AM-Noon – The Villages of Hobcaw. See March 25 entry for details. \$35 per person, www.HobcawBarony.org.

10-11 AM – Get to Know Trees (Harmony in Nature Program). 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 and the program is free with garden admission. 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. March program: Long Leaf Pines, park in Parking Field B (Beech Allee) and meet the group in the parking area. *Also offered May 6, June 3.* Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

11:30 AM-12:30 PM – Tibetan Sound Bowl Meditation at Brookgreen’s Leonard Pavilion. 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. It is recommended that participants bring their own folding chair or yoga mat. John Adams, Sound Healer & Energy Practitioner, bowls were made by the ancestors of his teacher Santa. Santa’s family has been creating these bowls, each designed with a blend of 7 metals mined in the Himalayas for thousands of years. Each bowl is artfully blended and hand-shaped to produce a specific vibration. John has been playing Singing Bowls for over 20 years. *Also offered April 8, May 13, June 10.* Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Wednesday, April 9

2-4:30 PM – Ecology Tours of the Barony: Research – The Bounty of Belle’s Legacy. Belle Baruch’s vision was to preserve the 16,000 acres of Hobcaw Barony for research and education. She couldn’t have imagined the knowledge gained from her gift since her death in 1964. Take this opportunity to learn about recent research projects in the salt marsh, longleaf pine forest, Friendfield Village, and Bellefield Plantation grounds. Meet scholars from the three Baruch Institutes (Clemson, University of South Carolina, Francis Marion/Coastal Carolina) and Hobcaw Barony staff who will educate you on their findings. Participants will need to dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen, bug spray and water. This is a rain or shine event. (Exertion level: Moderate impact – walking on uneven terrain, standing) 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.

Thursday, April 10

6 PM – The 2025 Litchfield Tea & Poetry Series will come to an exciting conclusion with an evening reading by two highly regarded poets, welcoming native Georgetown writers Libby Bernardin and Marlanda Dekine. In addition to coediting *Coast Lines*, Bernardin is the author of *House in Need of Mooring* (Press 53) and *Stones Ripe for Sowing* (Press 53) as well as two chapbooks, including *The Book of Myth*, which was selected by Kwame Dawes. Her poems appear in journals, such as *The Asheville Poetry Review*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and *Kakalak*. Bernardin has won poetry awards from the Poetry Society of South Carolina and the North Carolina Poetry Society, and she is a Life Member of the Board of Governors of the South Carolina Academy of Authors. Marlanda Dekine is the author of *Thresh & Hold* (Hub City Press) and *i am from a punch & a kiss* (unnamed LLC). Her work has been anthologized in *This is the Honey: An Anthology of Contemporary Black Poets*, *What Things Cost: An Anthology for the People*, and *Ecological Solidarities: Mobilizing Faith and Justice in an Entangled World*. She has received awards and fellowships from the South Carolina Arts Commission, South Carolina Humanities, Tin House, Hub City Press, and the Palm Beach Poetry Festival. Her poems have been set to music by composers, performed by chamber ensembles and singers, and published by literary magazines worldwide. Dekine is the founder of the national non-profit, Speaking Down Barriers. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from Furman University, an M.S.W. in Social Work from the University of South Carolina, and an M.F.A. in Poetry from Converse University.

Friday & Saturday, April 11 & 12

10 AM-5 PM – Low Country Herb Society's Spring Scholarship Fundraiser. Food tasting, cookie samples, cookbook sales. Raffle tickets (\$1 each or six for \$5) for delightful microgreens tray, herb bowl, lettuce bowl, bird lover's basket, garden tools basket. Free educational materials on purchasing, growing, using herbs and other plants. A portion of proceeds benefits the Low Country Herb Society Scholarship/Grant Fund. Proceeds from our "For Sale" items help with the

maintenance of the organic garden at the Waccamaw Library. Sandra Adkins, 704.577.8287 or sandra923adkins@gmail.com

Friday, April 11

10 AM-Noon – Brookgreen U Intensive: A Collage Playshop in Learning Lab I. Did you know that creating art lowers the level of the stress hormone cortisol in the body? Art is good for you and fun, too! Come join this playshop (we're not working, we're playing, so why call it a workshop?) and see how you feel at the end of this two-hour creative splurge of words and images! All the tools -- and an embarrassment of supplies -- are provided. You don't need to bring anything except your close-up glasses. Kate Stockman, a native of Charleston, designs art to honor Nature and the Self. A self-taught assemblage artist, Kate creates one-of-a-kind TouchStones Anecdotal Art (each piece tells a story; perhaps it touches your story) blending antique and vintage sterling, semi-precious stones, and handmade lamp work glass beads into remarkable jewelry combinations. Her Treasures ReCovered journals and photo albums revive antique and vintage book covers otherwise destined for the recycle bin. Her passion includes designing and teaching playshops where participants can enjoy creating their masterpieces in a safe, non-judgmental setting. \$45, registration required, www.Brookgreen.org.

1-3 PM – Brookgreen U Intensive: Light Up Your Intentions in Learning Lab I. In this de-“lightful” playshop, you will learn all the buzz about those blessed bees, hive culture, and what goes into the creation of beeswax. Once we appreciate all the sweet, fierce, fiery, feminine energy that has created the beeswax, we'll learn how to hand roll a beeswax candle that will support you in focusing on a special intention. You'll leave with a finished candle and resources for how to create more. Blessed Bee! Kate Stockman, a native of Charleston, designs art to honor Nature and the Self. A self-taught assemblage artist, Kate creates one-of-a-kind TouchStones Anecdotal Art (each piece tells a story; perhaps it touches your story), blending antique and vintage sterling, semi-precious stones and handmade lampwork glass beads into remarkable jewelry combinations. Her Treasures ReCovered journals and photo albums revive antique and vintage book covers otherwise destined for the recycle bin. Her passion includes designing and teaching playshops where participants can enjoy creating their masterpieces in a safe, non-judgmental setting. \$45, registration required, www.Brookgreen.org.

Saturday, April 12

9:30 AM-12:30 PM – Members Only Eggstravaganza in Brookgreen’s Butterfly Field. Guests will enter the showcase of Barnyard Friends, as delightful characters come to life in a forest full of surprises, treats, and fun. The search for eggs and other seasonal goodies will feature a trip around the Enchanted Storybook Forest and Lowcountry Zoo. Children and their guardians will receive a map at the registration table leading them to areas where items for their spring baskets can be found. Families will enjoy meeting and taking photos with favorite Barnyard characters, such as a Duck, Fox, Frog other friendly animals, and of course a Rabbit! The sightings of live animals throughout the Lowcountry Zoo and playground structures in the Storybook Forest will be fun and exciting for all. Please remember to bring a basket for each child as we’re sure every child is going to find lots of goodies! Don’t forget your cameras. Limited reservations are available for this members-only event. Each child is \$20 (ages 12 and under, please). *You only need to purchase tickets for the children you will be bringing.* www.Brookgreen.org.

10:30-11:30 AM – Yoga in The Gardens. See April 5 entry for details. Also offered April 19, 26. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

11 AM-2 PM – Tea Tasting at Keepsakes. Sample Hibiscus Tea with The Republic of Tea. Hear about the fantastic health benefits of this flavorful drink that is delicious, hot, or iced. Enjoy a taste and explore the many other flavors in our expanded collection. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Monday, April 14

1-3 PM – Common Threads at the Waccamaw Library. Knitting, Crochet, Needlepoint, Cross Stitch and more. Bring your current project to our casual needle craft group! Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, April 15

9:30 AM-1:30 PM – 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 claiming of the 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 conditions prevent safe travel, the program will be cancelled. (Exertion level: High impact – embarking/disembarking boat, standing, some sitting) 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. \$125 per person, www.HobcawBarony.org.

10:30-11:30 AM – Bats of South Carolina in Brookgreen’s Ron Daise Auditorium. Fifteen species of bats in our state play an important role in our ecosystem and our economy, yet these unsung heroes are often feared and misunderstood. Join us as Jennifer Kindel, the Statewide Bat Biologist for SCDNR, demystifies these truly fascinating and beneficial flying mammals that call SC home. Jennifer Kindel grew up on a farm in Klamath Falls, Oregon, and graduated with a MS in Wildlife Biology from Oregon State University working with Greater Sage-Grouse. For 10 years she contributed to various avian ecology projects around the US and in Western Australia. During her travels, Jen was amazed by the size of some of the world’s largest bats, the flying foxes, and inspired by the sight of thousands of Mexican free-tailed bats filling the evening sky as they emerged from Carlsbad Caverns at sunset. When she moved to SC in 2012, she worked with wading birds, rusty blackbirds and other passerines before moving over to the bat world in 2016 and has enjoyed monitoring these fascinating mammals ever since. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Wednesday, April 16

11 AM-1 PM – The Moveable Feast: Linda Lovely (*Beyond the Gates*) at Litchfield Country Club. While majoring in journalism at Northwestern University, Ms. Lovely (yes, her real name!) got her first paid writing job with *Plymouth Traveler Magazine*. Her editors were hoots and she was hooked. Since then, she’s written hundreds of trade & business magazine features, freelanced for ad agencies (excellent training for fiction writers!), penned speeches for execs, produced marketing materials, scripted videos, and written Help for tech products. But nothing compares with researching and writing mystery/suspense novels. Her

latest is the fourth in the HOA Mystery Series where managing HOAs can be murder, then there are three in the Brie Hooker humorous mysteries, two Smart Women, Dumb Luck romance-suspense novels, two Marley Clark traditional mysteries, and one historical mystery. As secretary of the Southeast chapter of Mystery Writers of America, a long-time member (and local chapter president) of Sisters in Crime, and a member of the Authors Guild and International Thriller Writers, Lovely recommends these organizations to all aspiring mystery writers. \$35, www.ClassAtPawleys.com.

4 PM – Shared Traditions will feature an array of presenters and performers sharing Gullah heritage, Black Southern musical traditions, and stories about significant figures and episodes from African-American history. Programs will take place in the Georgetown Library’s Auditorium. All programs are free and open to the public. This series is made possible by a \$30,000 Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the S.C. State Library. Glenis Redmond, the First Poet Laureate of Greenville, will celebrate the life and work of David Drake, known as Dave the Potter. Born into enslavement in South Carolina, Drake produced hundreds of works of pottery, often inscribing these with his original poems. An award-winning poet who has written works in Drake’s honor, Redmond will present the artistic legacy of one of the most well-known Black potters, and one of the most innovative and underappreciated enslaved poets, of the nineteenth century.

LOOKING AHEAD!

“Shared Traditions” Series Celebrates Lowcountry African American Heritage *Grant-Funded Series at Georgetown Library from February to May*

The Georgetown County Library is honored to announce an engaging new series of programs called “Shared Traditions” that will explore and celebrate the profound enrichment of American life through African American cultural experiences, with a particular emphasis on South Carolina and Lowcountry contributions. The “Shared Traditions” series will feature an array of exciting presenters and performers, who will share Gullah heritage, Black Southern musical traditions, as well as significant figures and episodes from African American history, among other fascinating subjects connected with our region. Programs will be held in the new auditorium at the Georgetown Library, located at 405 Cleland Street, Georgetown, SC 29440.

- Wed, April 23 at 4:00 p.m.: Dr. J. Drew Lanham, “African Americans’ Role in Saving the Ecology”
- Wed, April 30 at 4:00 p.m.: Kelvin A. Waites, Sr., “Favored: From Last to First”
- Wed, May 7 at 4:00 p.m.: Dr. Gillian Richards-Greaves, “Gullah Shared Traditions”
- Wed, May 14 at 4:00 p.m.: Dr. Millicent E. Brown, “My Civil Rights Journey in Charleston”
- Wed, May 21 at 4:00 p.m.: Dr. Kameelah L. Martin, “Family Histories: Tracing Black Genealogies”

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 (\$1) and paperbacks (50 cents) 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 ART BOX (down the hall toward Applewood's). Many of the "best" recycled books are being shelved by Berni and Chuck Bader at the Exchange.

Pawleys Island Festival of Music & Art 2025 Fall concert tickets are on sale. If you plan to purchase tickets to more than three performances, consider a Membership Package, which is more economical and can be purchased now at www.PawleysMusic.com, 843.626.8911 Ext 701 or susan@pawleymusic.com.

Art After Hours at Brookgreen Gardens, Wednesdays and Saturdays, March 1 through May 28, extended hours until 8 PM. See beautiful art under an evening spring sky and indulge in dinner at Harvest Restaurant (reservations recommended). Lowcountry Zoo still closes at 5 PM, and the Gardens will be open until dusk. Gates close at 7:45 PM. www.Brookgreen.org.

Daily, through March 28, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM – Celebrating Talent: Brookgreen Volunteers Art Exhibit. Thirty-seven visual artworks encompass paintings, sculpture, textile art, woodworking, glass and pottery art, nature art, and photography. Many artworks were inspired by the history and beauty of Brookgreen Gardens and the Lowcountry. Several artworks were made just for this exhibit. All artists are active Brookgreen volunteers. Wonder at the nature art crafted from shells from local beaches. Appreciate the medals honoring Brookgreen, which were made by artists who learned medallion art and sculpting at Brookgreen's 'open to the public' art classes. Marvel at the design and craftsmanship talents of textile, glass, and woodworking artists. Be amazed at the artistry, beauty, and diverse styles, materials, and techniques of the paintings and sculptures in the exhibit. Held in the Lowcountry Center Discovery Room, Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

Daily, through April 20, 9:30 AM-5 PM – *The Genius of Archer Milton Huntington* in Brookgreen's Rosen Galleries delves into the visionary life and legacy of Archer Milton Huntington, one of the founders of Brookgreen Gardens. Renowned for his extraordinary contributions to the arts, humanities, and philanthropy, this exhibit brings to life Huntington's passion for preserving the varied collections of the institutions he founded or supported. It features objects and images from The Hispanic Society of America in New York City, The Mariners Museum in Newport News, VA, and the Chair of Poetry at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC, in addition to Brookgreen Gardens. Archer Huntington owned, selected, or acquired the objects on view. Free with Garden admission, www.Brookgreen.org.

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.

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.

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM – Hobcaw Barony Volunteer Recruitment: Please join us any/every Wednesday to learn about all of the wonderful volunteer opportunities at Hobcaw Barony. A 30-minute introductory session will be held in the Hobcaw Discovery Center seminar room (22 Hobcaw Road, Georgetown). All questions can be sent to alex@hobcawbarony.org. To learn more about Hobcaw, please view our website at www.hobcawbarony.org.

IBIS – Inlet & Bay Stewards is a volunteer organization that supports South Carolina's [North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve](http://www.northinlet.sc.edu). 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.

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	www.TheArtsGrandsStrand.org
Avian Conservation Center	www.TheCenterforBirdsofPrey.org
Brookgreen Gardens	www.Brookgreen.org
Burroughs & Chapin Art Museum	www.MyrtleBeachArtMuseum.com
Chamber of Commerce, Gtn Co	www.VisitGeorge.com
CLASS (art courses, boat tours)	www.ClassAtPawleys.com
Coastal Carolina University	www.Coastal.edu/culturalarts
Freewoods Farm	www.FreewoodsFarm.com
Georgetown Business Association	www.GeorgetownSeaport.com
Georgetown County Museum	www.GeorgetownCountyMuseum.com

Georgetown County Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services	www.GTCounty.org
Georgetown Library System	www.GeorgetownCountySC.org
Georgetown Walking Tours	www.OldGeorgetownWalkingTours.com
Grand Strand Arts Calendar	www.TheArtsGrandStrand.org
Hampton Plantation	www.SouthCarolinaParks.com
Hobcaw Barony	www.HobcawBarony.org
Hopsewee Plantation	www.Hopsewee.com
Horry County Museum	www.HorryCountyMuseum.org
Huntington Beach State Park	www.SouthCarolinaParks.com
Kaminski House Museum	www.KaminskiMuseum.org
Keep It Green	www.KeepItGreeninSC.com
Litchfield Books	www.LitchfieldBooks.com
Long Bay Symphony	www.LongBaySymphony.com
The Moveable Feast	www.ClassAtPawleys.com
Murrells Inlet 2020	www.MurrellsInletSC.com
Myrtle Beach History Trolley Tours	www.MyrtleBeachHistoryTours.com
Myrtle Beach State Park	www.MyrtleBeachSP.com
My Sister's Books	www.MySistersBooks.com
North Inlet-Winyah Bay NERR	www.northinlet.sc.edu/upcoming-events/
Pat Conroy Literary Center	www.PatConroyLiteraryCenter.org
PI/Litchfield Business Association	www.JoinPilba.com
Pawleys Island Concert Band	www.PawleysIslandConcertBand.com
PI Festival of Music & Art	www.PawleysMusic.com
The Rice Museum	www.RiceMuseum.org
Robin McCall's Storehouse Tours	www.StorehouseTours.com/destinations
SC Maritime Museum	www.SCMaritimeMuseum.org
Sewee Visitor Center	www.SeweeCenter.fws.gov
Strand Cinema	www.StrandCinema.org
Swamp Fox Players	www.SwampFoxPlayers.com
Theatre of the Republic	www.TheatreOfTheRepublic.com
Tidal Tales of Georgetown	www.GeorgetownTidalTales.com
Tidelands Photography Club	www.TidelandsPhotographyClub.com
Visitors Center, Gtn Co	www.VisitGeorge.com
Friends of Waccamaw Neck Library	www.TheFOWL.org
Waccamaw Audubon Society	www.WaccamawAudubon.org
Winyah Rivers Alliance	www.WinyahRivers.org

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