

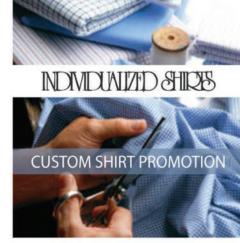


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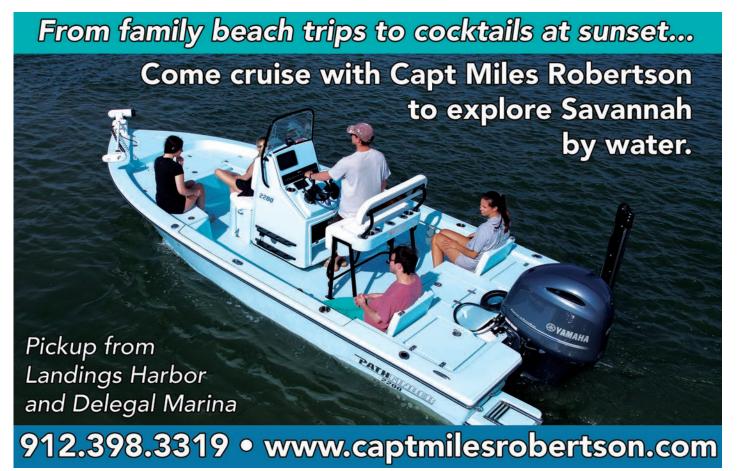




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I washed my car (myself, by hand) on Saturday. It looks great, I swear. I haven't taken it out of my garage since I buffed the last drop dry. It's Tuesday as I write this.

A few hours after I sequestered the spotless auto, the sky exploded. Violent thunderclaps, lightning flashes all around, a downpour direct hit on top of my daughter's engagement photo shoot. Saturday at 6 seemed filth. like the end of the world...until it was sunny at 7:30 and I was sipping coffee outside. Sunday afternoon delivered more of the same. Monday, too – with the extra drama of falling trees, flooded streets, and a power outage disruption to my nighttime TV routine. Conscious subtly toxic bouquet of lingering tire shine spray.

spotless car sits in a garage, hidden from human eyes, does it matter that you cleaned it? The question might not be as provocative as Schrodinger's* enduring (and - hopefully - untested) Cat Experiment (Look it up), but it highlights a sad irony: The moment we complete a thing satisfactorily, the conditions surrounding the thing begin to degrade it, which tends to transform the joy of the accom-

plishment into a fleeting memory rather than suspend ly bold assertion, but I'll take it, and so will my car. it in a state of perpetual bliss.

*I left the umlaut off the "o" because I can't figure out itching to go for a ride. But I am. how to make one in Word on my Mac.

So, it's decided. Today is the day I surrender to the again. Until next time... inevitability of entropy, the fundamental acting variable in the Second Law of Thermodynamics (Look it up, perhaps in the same reference material as you found Schrodinger's Cat), more colloquially interpreted as the propensity for stuff, left to its own devices, to go off the rails.

My car is perfectly beautiful in this moment, though

it is not doing the work it was designed to do. Pretty but useless. Proud but hidden. Soon, I will get behind its wheel and steer it straight to its inevitable state of

If this essay seems like this is a nihilist rant, let me try another angle. A more hopeful one. For now, I love the way my car looks. It will still look pretty darn good when I put it back in its resting place after taking it of the daily-repeating pattern: increasing heat, rising for a spin. And I own a bucket, soap, wash mitt, and humidity, thundershowers, big puddles - I've driven hose. There is a solution, sometimes a simple, soapy my dirty pickup truck instead of my gleaming testa- one, to every problem I face. There is always a thing to ment to my own labor, that sits silently, emitting the do. I just need to do it. The outcome will take care of itself. There will be puddles. There will be dirt. Eventually, I'll be bent over, dripping with sweat, shining the If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound? If a last spoke on the fourth wheel, pleased with my effort

> and anxious to admire my work. In that moment of accomplishment, I'll be at once content and cognizant that I have something else that I need to get to, and grateful that I have the choice, will, and ability to get to that thing, and the thing after that.

I just looked at my weather app: No rain through Saturday! Which seems like an impossibly optimistic and imprudent-

I'd type a few hundred more words now if I weren't

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(HEALTHY) SUMMER TREAT

Ed. Note: As a nod to The Skinnie's regular "Smells Like Sunday" food column, reader Dianne DiVanna offers this favorite recipe.

For anyone cutting back on carbs but missing their summer potato salad...

2 10-oz packages frozen (microwaveable) cauliflower florets

Heaping ½ c mayo (more, if you like)

2 tbsp yellow mustard

1 tbsp apple cider vinegar

Chop and combine: 3 hard boiled eggs, 1/3 c dill pickles, 1 small onion, 2 stalks celery, 1 tbsp fresh tarragon, 2 tbsp fresh dill, 1 tbsp fresh chives, dash sugar, and ½ tsp garlic powder.

Cook cauliflower according to package directions. Place in a bowl and refrigerate until cold. Mix mayo, mustard, and vinegar with chopped combo. Gently fold in cauliflower. Add black pepper and Lawry's salt (a must) to taste. Sprinkle with paprika. Refrigerate for at least a couple of hours. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Dianne DiVanna

NATIONAL TREASURE

The June 16 Skinnie article about Gen. Wainwright by Ron Lauretti was excellent and touches on the darkest days of the war (WWII) in the Pacific Theater, with the existing U.S. forces in the Philippines being overwhelmed by a much larger and better equipped Japanese force and the inevitable surrender. The resulting incarceration of U.S. POWs and forced marches on Bataan and elsewhere were barbarous and contravened then-accepted rules of war. Much has been written about the widespread torture and murder of Allied POWs as well as death from disease and starvation. The article points out that Wainwright himself died relatively young due to the trauma he suffered during

Almost all the men who suffered this fate



Gen. Phillips with Capt. John (Jack) Karber (USMA 2017).

have long passed, but there is a living legacy of these very events who I am proud to know: Gen. Paul Phillips, age 105. Gen. Phillips was a newly commissioned West Point graduate whose first duty station was in the South Pacific serving under Gen. Wainwright. Like Wainwright, Phillips was held as a POW and brutalized for years. After the Bataan Death March, Phillips was moved to Japan, then Manchuria, where he was liberated in 1945. No man should have to witness what he endured.

Despite his horrific experience during WWII, Phillips remained in active service for many years, rising to become a general officer.

I have had the honor of knowing Gen. Phillips through his son, Paul Phillips Jr., a law partner of more than 20 years. It was also an honor for my son, Capt. John (Jack) Karber (USMA 2017), to meet Gen. Phillips and present him with some modern West Point swag and continue the tradition of the Long Grey Line.

God bless Gen. Phillips, Jack, and the

Kent Karber

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Brookgreen Gardens, near Murrells Inlet, is currently hosting its "Summer Light: Art By Night" exhibit. Turn the page to learn more. Photo by Heidi Schweier

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With this first public sculpture garden in the U.S., the intention was to exhibit Anna's work, along with sculptures depicting a wide array of cultures and experiences. Since then, the organization has curated a permanent collection representing the best American sculpture from the 19th Century to the present. Its mission has remained the same since its inception: To collect, exhibit, and preserve American figurative sculpture, Southeastern animals, and Southeastern plants.

There are plenty of open, green spaces to admire all Brookgreen has to offer.

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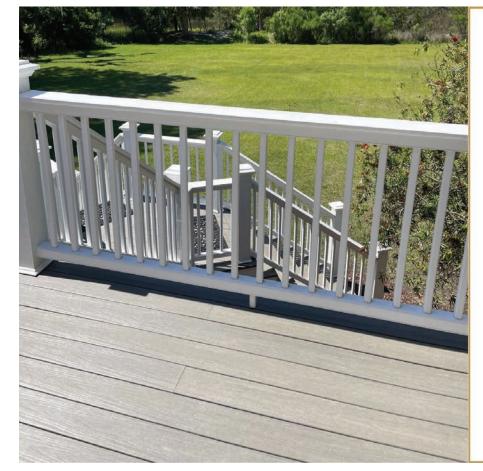
Even before you enter, an immense sculpture, "Fighting Stallions," by Anna Hyatt Huntington, greets visitors at the main entrance along Highway 17. It is the first of more than 1,400 sculptures interspersed throughout the various areas. The works of more than 400 artists are featured, from Edward McCartan's signature gold-leaf-over-cast bronze "Dionysus" at the center of the gardens to the largest sculpture, Laura Gardin Fraser's "Pegasus," which took her eight years to complete. Bronze mythological creatures cavort in the Fountain of the Muses.

Paved walkways link the sculptures in their distinctive garden, fountain, or landscape settings. Surrounded by native plants, the seamless integration of the sculptures into the natural world makes them extra-special. Rather than subjected to harsh lighting inside the stale walls of a museum, the works shine in the sun.

Adjacent to the sculpture garden is the Lowcountry Zoo, one of only five locations in South Carolina accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Visitors can observe native wildlife such as ot-



"The Visionaries" by Anna Hyatt Huntington, allegorically depicts the founders' of Brookgreen Gardens contributions to the art and enviornment.





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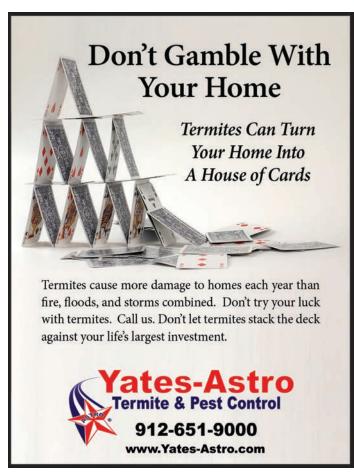
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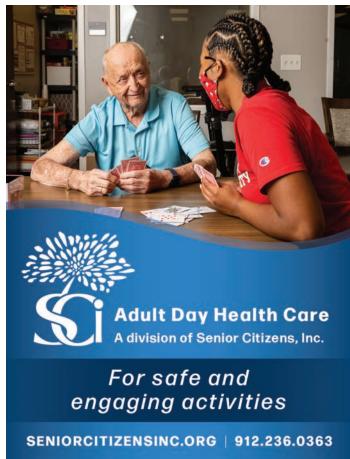


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ters, bald eagles, foxes, and more. These animals have either been bred in captivity or have sustained a major injury preventing them from being returned to the wild. The zoo also features several aviaries and an alligator

In addition to the natural and artistic beauty, Brookgreen Garden hosts a variety of art exhibits in its galleries. New exhibits are presented each season, such as the Rosen Galleries' summer exhibit, "American Women Artists: Pushing Forward Reaching Back." The juried show features more than 100 paintings and sculptures by members of American Women Artists (AWA).

This summer, Brookgreen has been hosting "Summer Light: Art By Night." Eleven installations throughout the sculpture garden feature a variety of lighting techniques that illuminate the gardens, accompanied by music and ambient sounds.

In December, Brookgreen hosts "Night of a Thousand Candles," a spectacular holiday display of candles and lights throughout the grounds. Though the zoo is closed for this special event, the gardens remain open

Brookgreen offers a broad selection of attractions and exhibits for all ages, such as the Whispering Wings exhibit in the Butterfly House. Safely enclosed to maintain the right temperature, butterflies float freely, protected from predators.

The Dorothy P. Peace Garden Room for Children isn't a room at all. It's an enchanting outdoor area designed to stimulate a child's imagination, with sculptures of roly-poly bears and pigs, tortoises on parade, and a girl perched on a towering flower high in the air. Tiny teepees made of tree branches offer cozy places for play, and tunnels of green leaves lead to a chubby baby laughing at the center of a fountain.

The Labyrinth is a wide-open circle inspired by the labyrinth in the Chartres Cathedral in France. Its twisting path spirals to the middle and back out again, leading guests into peaceful meditation. There are no walls preventing you from running off the path and into the middle. But for children and adults alike, there is something strangely satisfying about twisting around and around to the center.

The Gardens also offers Camp Brookgreen, a week-long summer camp that immerses children in nature, connecting with wildlife. Campers enjoy diverse learning opportunities including science, art, and team-building skills, as well as guided tours through the garden. Campers meet the zoo's animal ambassadors up close, enjoy behind-the-scenes tours, and they participate in a variety of S.T.E.M.-based activities.

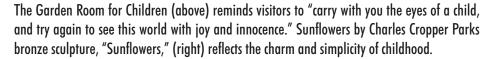
For older visitors, the Gardens offers Brookgreen U – a variety of classes and hands-on learning opportunities. It consists of lectures, demonstrations, and workshops, concentrating on art, horticulture, wildlife, and history.

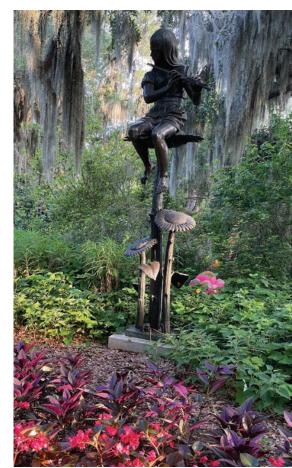
Brookgreen Gardens is one of the few institutions in the country to earn accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums and designation as a National Historic Landmark on the National Register of Historic Places. Since the beginning, its mission has evolved to its present charge:

- To collect, conserve, and exhibit figurative sculpture by American artists:
- To cultivate a display garden and exhibit sculpture, therein;

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General admission tickets are good for seven days, allowing ample access to the gardens and galleries, the Lowcountry Zoo, and exhibits in the Lowcountry History Center. There are dining opportunities on site, such as the Old Kitchen, open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering homemade sandwiches, and the Courtyard Café, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- To collect, conserve, and exhibit the plants, animals, and cultural materials of the South Carolina Lowcountry:
- To educate a diverse audience about sculpture, horticulture, and the ecology and history of the Lowcountry;
- To provide additional artistic and cultural opportunities for members, guests, and the community.

The Lowcountry Trail is a scenic boardwalk overlooking a restored rice field. Along the way, interpretive panels describe life on the plantation for enslaved people and point out the

remains of former structures. An audio tour shares a fictional tale of life on Brookgreen Plantation as you meander along the boardwalk. Guests can book a guided pontoon boat ride, a safari-style ride, or mini-bus to further explore Brookgreen's history.

There is so much to explore at Brookgreen Gardens, it's easy to get lost in the winding pathways. It's a garden with an art museum, a historical site with a wildlife preserve. These unique combinations have attracted visitors for almost a century.



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BEEF STEW WITH RED GRAPES

By Scott Lauretti

ometimes a recipe begins when you spot an irresistible ingredient in the store. This one was inspired by grapes. A big bag of small, flawless, Chilean seedless reds. What goes with red grapes? I wondered silently. Red grapes...red wine...beef. There must be a connection between the fruit behind the drink that mated with meat to create the expense-account magnet: the steakhouse. Grapes are sweet. What complements sweet? Salt. My mind went to capers, which are like stunted saline siblings to grapes if you stretch your imagination. Rosemary jousts playfully with grapes, too...Italians use the combination with sausage for a rustic treat. If I'm thinking Italian (and I always do), I can't avoid tomatoes. This is starting to sound like a stew. Inconveniently, it's summer. Summer, but a rainy day, of which there have been many lately. Just as I am willing to wear white before Memorial Day, so will I break the summer stew barrier. And I'm glad

I did, because this thing that started when a

grape caught my eye is one of the best things

I've ever made or eaten.

2-3 lb Chuck roast, cut into 1- to 2-inch 1/4 c extra virgin olive oil 1/4 lb pancetta, diced

2 medium red onions, sliced

6 cloves garlic, thinly sliced 2 c small, seedless red grapes, halved

3 tbsp capers, rinsed

1 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped

1 tsp fresh thyme, chopped

6 whole cloves 1/4 c white wine 1 28-oz can San Marzano tomatoes, crushed by hand 1/4 tsp red pepper flakes 1 screw-capful of red wine vinegar

2 bay leaves

Freshly ground black pepper

Season meat well with salt and pepper. Heat olive in a large Dutch oven over medium-high. Brown meat on all sides. (This will take time and patience and a pair of tongs.) Remove meat from the Dutch oven and set aside. Add pancetta to the oil and brown while rendering fat. Reduce heat to medium, add sliced onions, season with salt, and cook for about 5 minutes. Add garlic, grapes, rosemary, thyme, red pepper, bay leaves, and cloves. Stir well to mix and coat, sauteing for a minute or two. Increase heat to high and add the wine. Cook for 2 minutes to reduce and burn off alcohol. Add crushed tomatoes, season liberally with salt and wait until the mixture begins to boil. Reduce heat to medium, add the meat and capers and stir well so the meat is coated with sauce all over. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for about an hour and a half, stirring periodically to ensure the stew doesn't scorch. Eventually, remove the Dutch oven lid, add the red wine vinegar, stir well, and simmer for another 15 to 30 minutes to thicken the stew before serving. (You can let the stew cool to room temperature and return it to low heat later to execute this final topless simmer.) Serve with warm, thick-cut baguette or sourdough slices. S

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St. Joseph's/Candler and Hyundai leadership teams have been working together for months. They have recognized that they share

t. Joseph's/Candler and Hyundai have belief that health, wellness, and prevention worksite and will expand as the Metaplant are keys to building a great workforce and community.

> "Healthcare is a partner in economic development," explains St. Joseph's/Candler president and CEO, Paul P. Hinchey. "Access to quality healthcare needs to be where people work and live, helping them to feel their best and have the time to enjoy their lives and families. The Metaplant is an incredible project for our region, and we are excited to get to work to support it. Our thanks to chief executive officer Oscar Kwon, chief administration officer Daniel Park, head of environmental health and safety Isaac Choi, and general counsel Chris Smith, for their leadership on

> St. Joseph's/Candler medical professionals already operate a temporary clinic at the

development matures. The new health center is expected to open in May of 2024.

"We are delighted to be operating the HMGMA medical center with St. Joseph's/ Candler, which has the best medical facilities and services in the Savannah area," said HMGMA president and CEO, Oscar Kwon. "HMGMA prioritizes the safety of its employees by creating a human-centered work environment. The HMGMA medical center will be operated for the health and safety of all employees."

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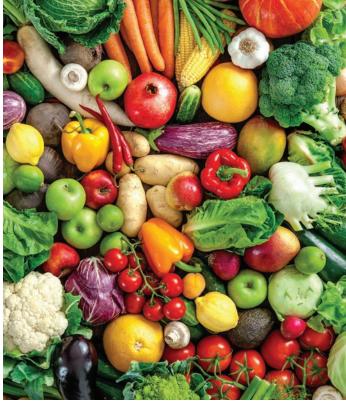


SUMMER FRUITS AND VEGGIES

Healthy and Delicious

n the hottest days of a Southern summer, many of us just want to take a break. The same is true of fruits and vegetables, with okra being the one of the few hardy heat-lovers. Finding fresh produce in the summer isn't impossible, though. There are many tasty options that also offer great health benefits. Check out the farmer's market for:

- Watermelon: It's right there in the name: The water content in these melons can help keep you hydrated and refreshed. And the red color is from lycopene, the same antioxidant compound in tomatoes. Have a wedge whenever or brush a slice with olive oil and grill it.
- Berries: One cup of raspberries has eight grams of fiber. One cup of blueberries has four grams. And even though they are low in sugar, their bold flavors make for a great dessert all by themselves.
- Avocado: These culinary favorites are practically the definition of healthy fat - the creamy, light-green inner flesh is full of heart-healthy monounsaturated fatty acids. Enjoy it on whole-grain toast; the kids are right about this one!
- Mango: Taste the tropics with this sweet fruit that also happens to be a great source of both vitamins A and C.
- **Summer Squash:** Here's another one where the name gives it away. These veggies need warm air and warm soil. In return they provide vitamins and nutrients in a low-calorie package - one cup of raw summer squash has less than 20 calories.
- Tomato: Loaded with lycopene, an antioxidant that helps protect



your cells from damage, and other nutrients, this salad staple grows best in the summer. But in the South, they do well into the autumn months,

Remember, a variety of colors keeps meals interesting and indicates that you're getting a variety of different benefits from each fruit or vegetable. There's nothing wrong with sometimes buying frozen produce: Much of the nutrient value is retained in the freezing process.

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St. Joseph's/Candler, a not-for-profit health system serving 33 counties in southeast Georgia and three in the South Carolina Lowcountry, is the region's healthcare leader. It is the only faith-based institution in the region. Anchored by St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals, the system has expanded to provide patients with convenient access to healthcare with new campuses in Pooler and Bluffton. The 714-bed health system focuses on the latest technologies and research, earning the national Magnet designation for nursing excellence. Its comprehensive network includes centers of excellence for oncology, cardiovascular medicine, neurosciences, women's and children's services, orthopedics, pulmonary medicine, and a variety of other specialties. St. Joseph's/Candler's Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer and Research Pavilion has been selected for the National Cancer Institute's Community Oncology Research Program.

St. Joseph's/Candler is planning a 10,000-square-foot medical office building across I-16 from the HMGMA EV plant in the Interstate Centre Industrial Park, with capacity to grow up to 40,000 square-feet and provide primary care, occupational medicine, and other in-demand specialties. In recent years, St. Joseph's/Candler has expanded medical and oncology services along the I-95 and I-16 corridors as well as Bluffton and Hilton Head Island.

"St. Joseph's/Candler is focused on healthcare access," Hinchey says. "People are used to increasing conveniences in every aspect of their lives, and healthcare needs to be part of that. Our goal is to give people easy access to the top providers and services that our system has been building for years."

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ilmington Island resident Dale Hardie experienced a series of dangerous skirmishes in Vietnam that almost cost him his life. Not just once or twice, but many times. As souvenirs of those perilous days in uniform, he still carries small pieces of Viet Cong flak in his right forearm, as well as memories of combat in his mind.

Hardie comes from a military family. His grandfather, James Vincent Hardie, served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during World War I. During World War II, James Earl Hardie (Dale's father) served in the Merchant Marine, until his Liberty ship was torpedoed out from under him. Despite losing several toes to exposure in the freezing waters of the Atlantic, he transferred to a Navy ship after rescue and recovery. Dale's brother, John, served in the Air Force, and two stepbrothers served in the Army in the 1960s.

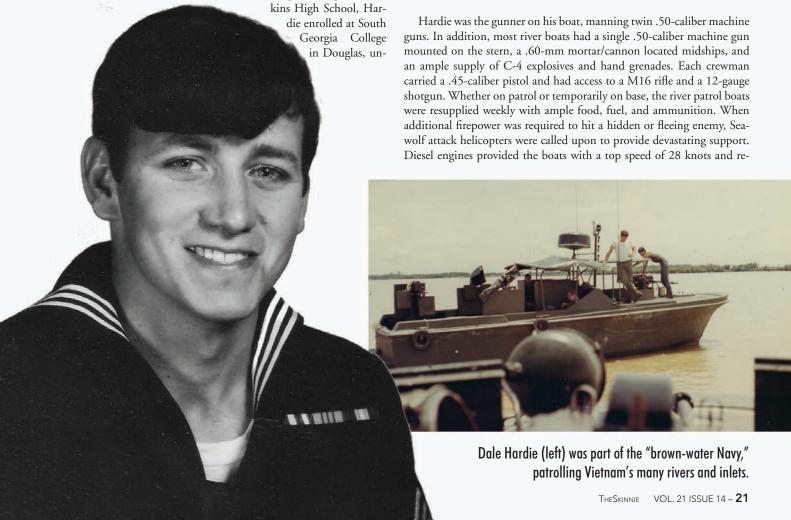
As a youngster, Hardie was an auto racing enthusiast, thanks to the influence of his father. He was fascinated by automotive style, engine power, and speed. He also became interested in military service, leading him to join the local Navy Reserve unit.

After graduating from Jen-

til the Navy activated him. Hardie admits to being "a little too cocky" at that phase of his life. At the Navy induction center, the recruit brashly told the officer-in-charge, "Send me directly to combat in Vietnam so I can get the hell back home in a year and be promptly discharged!"

The Navy accommodated his request, but not until he was properly trained for combat, which consisted of basic boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois, then patrol boat riverine (PBR) training. Survival, evasion, resistance, and escape (SERE) training followed, which Hardie recalls was really tough, with a drop-out rate approaching 33 percent. When the Navy was satisfied, Hardie was deployed to Vietnam on May 5, 1969.

Stepping off the transport plane, he immediately sensed the tension in the air. Like most bases in Vietnam, his was frequently targeted by Viet Cong mortar fire trying to destroy the outer defensive perimeter of barbed wire. Hardie reported to River Patrol Boat 62, one of 10 boats stationed at Nga Be River Boat Base on the Saigon River, part of River Division 571, Task Force 116. Known the "brown-water Navy," fiberglass hull riverboats used by the American Navy in Vietnam were operated by four-man crews and patrolled the area's many rivers and inlets, which comprised about 3,000 nautical miles of navigable water.



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During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Hardie met Miss America 1969, Judith Ford.

quired only two feet of water depth, so crews could travel far into tricky waterways to search for the enemy. Because of their navigational capability and the firepower on board, the boats became vital fighting vessels for U.S. forces. River patrol boats had several responsibilities: Scour the inland waterways; enforce curfews; search suspicious traffic on the rivers;

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and deny the Viet Cong opportunity to infiltrate enemy positions and resupply their comrades.

A month after joining the crew on River Patrol Boat 62, Hardie had his first taste of combat when he and his mates came under heavy fire. He quickly manned the twin .50-caliber machine guns, and he was struck on his face, arms, and legs by enemy shrapnel. The medical corpsman on duty patched him up and Hardie was off duty for only a few days.

Hardie recalls an incident when his vessel went to the aid of another river patrol boat that had been separated from its rear position in a flotilla. It was stranded close enough to shore for enemy troops to throw hand grenades at it, and Hardie's boat suffered the same close-quarters attack as it rendered aid. Fortunately, the combined firepower of the two American boats was adequate to eliminate the threat and navigate to relative safety.

Another time, Hardie, with his twin .50-caliber machine guns firing at full discharge, helped to stop the enemy from crossing a shallow section of the river. American spotters brought massive fire down on the North Vietnamese Army battalion. Caught by artillery fire, air assault, and the firepower of several river patrol boats, the enemy suffered major losses. "We estimated up to 254 killed-in-action that day," Hardie recalls.

As a result of his actions that day, Hardie was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for meritorious service in combat. As the Secretary of the Navy wrote, "On September 6, 1969, River Patrol Boat 62 was participating in Operation Ready Deck on the upper Saigon River and was inserted into concealing foliage along the bank of the river in a night waterborne guard post position when an enemy position was detected a short distance inland. Hardie manned his twin .50-caliber machine guns and commenced a heavy and highly accurate volume of fire into the enemy ranks. Suddenly

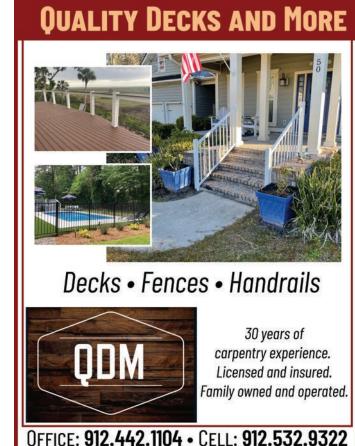
another enemy force opened fire on his boat with automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades. Hardie instantly shifted targets and poured a devastating volume of fire into the second hostile force. Undaunted by a grenade which exploded close aboard his boat, showering his craft with shrapnel, he relentlessly pounded the enemy positions until all hostile fire was suppressed and his boat had cleared the area without suffering any casualties. His competence in the face of direct enemy fire on this occasion was but one example of his dedication to the mission of the division during Operation Ready Deck. Petty Officer Hardie's devotion to duty, courage under fire, and exemplary professionalism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. Petty officer Hardie is authorized to wear the Combat 'V'."

Not all the combat Hardie saw was on the water. At Nga Be, the troops built a club inside a large Quonset hut where they could enjoy a drink or two, play board games, or try to charm the American nurses on station. One day, an enemy infiltrator threw an explosive into the club, causing a lot of damage but no fatalties. "After that I always kept my M-16 rifle under my bunk whenever I lay down," he says.

"Another time, our paymaster officer and two Navy nurses were killed while on a transport mission on the water," Hardie recalls with melancholy. "That was a sad day."

Like many servicepeople in Vietnam, Hardie contracted malaria, leading to nine days in a hospital in Saigon for treatment. Fortunately, he did not get sick after exposure to Agent Orange.

Hardie spent the last couple months of his deployment as a language instructor, teaching English to South Vietnamese helicopter pilots, many whom then came to Hunter Army Airfield for advanced helicopter combat flight training. After departing Vietnam in May of 1970, he was





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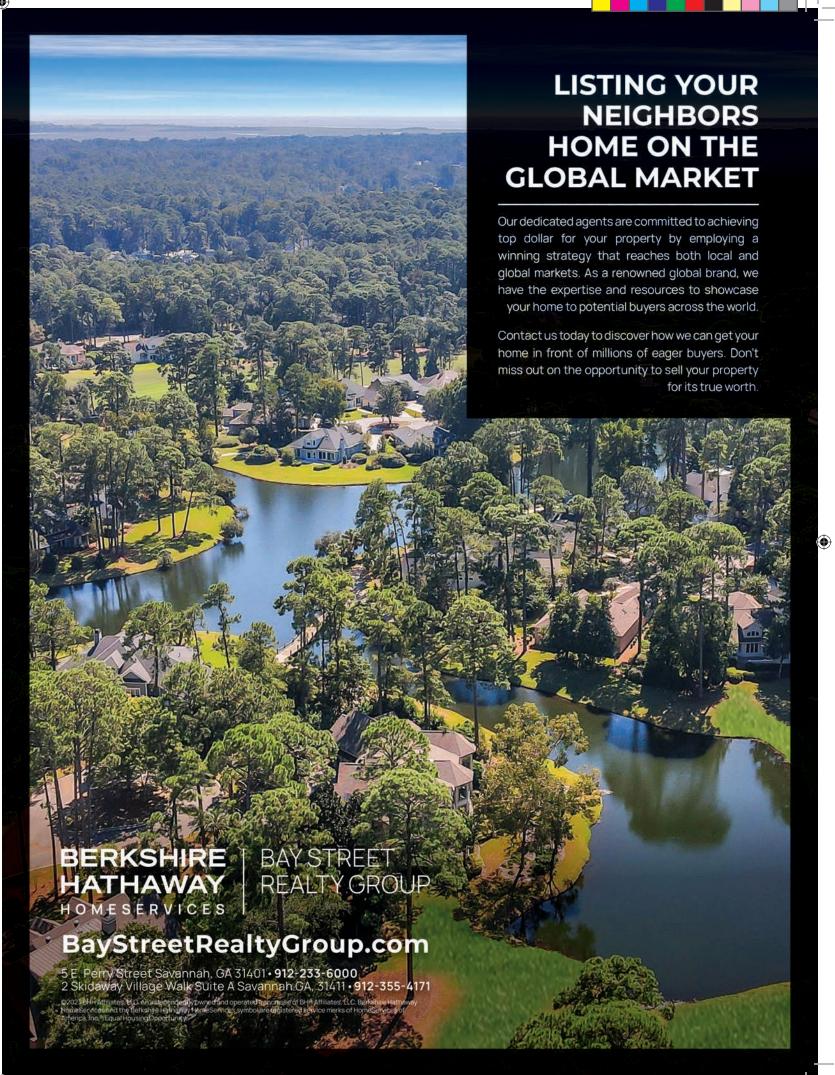
Dale Hardie renewed his interest in vintage autos, restoring such cars as this 1931 Ford Model.

transferred to inactive reserve status as an E-4 petty officer. He returned to South Georgia College as a more serious veteran student than he was when he left for duty. The call of family and friends compelled him to transfer to then-Armstrong State College, where he met his wife.

Hardie managed a successful insurance agency for 42 years, retiring in 2015. He rediscovered his passion for antique cars, which he restores professionally. His vintage autos are a source of pride, just as the memories of his service in Vietnam will always be.



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HEAR GREAT SPEAKERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Club of Skidaway
WHEN: Thursday mornings at 7:45 a.m.
WHERE: Palmetto Club
HOW MUCH: Free to attend; Coffee/Tea:
\$2.50 (Occasionally free pastries)
CONTACT: Michael Klavon, 912.306.0474 for

WHAT ELSE: Membership is open to Savannah/Chatham area residents. Visit www.kiwanisofskdaway.com for more information.

WHO NEW?

WHAT: New Neighbors
WHEN: Visit www.landingsnewneighbors.com
to see our calendar

CONTACT: Visit our website or contact Jody at nnnewmember@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: The club offers more than 250 different activities from biking, golf, pickleball, walking groups or fishing to Mahjong, Bridge, Needle-arts and Canasta. We have exciting military tours and special events for you to enjoy right here on Skidaway Island.

GOTTA LOVE IT

WHAT: Landlovers membership / open to all Skidaway Islanders

HOW MUCH: Each \$30 membership fee covers one household of one or two adults.

CONTACT: Vicki Knapp at landloversmembership@gmail.com or visit www.landingslandlovers. com for more information.

WHAT ELSE: The membership year runs from September 1 through August 31. Landlovers is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to enriching the Landings community and Skidaway Island at large. Landlovers sponsors year-round social activities and fundraising events to support student scholarships and multiple non-profit service organizations.

STROKES OF GENIUS

WHAT: The Paintings of Robert Segall WHEN: Now through July 31 WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St. HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111 WHAT ELSE: Robert Segall is a native Savannah artist specializing in oil paintings of landscapes and seascapes. His subjects have been inspired by the coastal areas around Savannah. He is a portraitist, does commissioned architectural renderings, and abstract paintings. His works have been displayed at the Jepson Center, local galleries, and group exhibitions.

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ON THE ROAD

WHAT: Savannah Philharmonic "On the Road Series:" A string quartet performance with a twist **WHEN:** Saturday, July 22, 4 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 3 West Ridge Road,

HOW MUCH: Tickets available through Savannah Philharmonic

WHAT ELSE: An ice cream social/happy hour will follow the concert.

BLOOD BROTHERS AND SISTERS

WHAT: Kiwanis Blood Drive

WHEN: Monday, July 31, 1-6 p.m.

WHERE: Skidaway Island United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 54 Diamond Causeway WHAT ELSE: Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App on the App Store, Google Play, or text BLOODAPP to 90999. Schedule appointments, view your blood type and results of your mini-physical, and track your donations. Although we are now accepting walk-ins, those with appointments do have

PAIR OF PAINTERS

WHAT: Gabriel Drabek and Tommy McMillan's

WHEN: The month of August; opening reception - Aug. 3, 5 - 7 p.m.

WHERE: JEA Art Gallery, 5111 Abercorn St. HOW MUCH: Free and open to the public CONTACT: Vicky Lunick, 912.355.8111 WHAT ELSE: Although he has worked in pencil, charcoal, watercolor, and acrylics, Savannah native Gabriel Drabek's favorite medium is oil. Oil allows him to pull out unique storytelling

Oil allows him to pull out unique storytelling features in his portraits, and musically paint his landscapes. Tifton-born Tommy McMillan studied painting in Brunswick, and is continuing his art studies at Georgia Southern University.

HOW EGG-CITING!

WHAT: Release of turtle hatchlings WHEN: Aug. 8 and 22, Sept. 5 and 19 – 5 p.m. WHERE: Sunset Park, 707 Landings Way South HOW MUCH: Free; donations appreciated CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.

WHAT ELSE: Attendees will learn how volunteers rescue Diamondback terrapin eggs and now they are incubated. Then, you will help release

ANIMAL ATTRACTION

WHAT: Call for volunteers

WHEN: Flexible hours to meet your needs and schedule, various tasks

WHERE: The Humane Society Thrift Shop, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr.

CONTACT: Volunteer coordinator, Yvonne Hemphill, 603.502.6906

WHAT ELSE: No experience necessary. All proceeds from the thrift shop go to supporting the care of the shelter's animals.

HORSE SENSE

WHAT: Pegasus Riding Academy volunteers

WHERE: Old Roberds Dairy, 2500 Tennessee Ave., Savannah

CONTACT: For information and directions, visit www.prasav.org or call 912.547.6482

WHAT ELSE: Pegasus Riding Academy is a therapeutic riding program providing safe, professional and ethical equine-assisted activities for individuals with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. Volunteers are needed to assist these special children. Horse experience not necessary.

PET PROJECT

WHAT: Kitten food drive for the Humane Society of Greater Savannah

WHEN: Ongoing

WHERE: Humane Society Adoption Center, 7215 Sallie Mood Dr.

CONTACT: Call Rosemary Longueira at 598.2875 or drop donations at 22 Long Island Road, Oakridge

WHAT ELSE: With so many kittens in foster care, the Humane Society is in need of Fancy Feast canned kitten food, Purina dry kitten chow, and kitten replacement milk (such as KMR) for the neonatal bottle fed kittens. Soft fuzzy blankets would also be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off during normal business hours (Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00-6:00 p.m.) or off-hours in the donation bins outside the Adoption Center on Sallie Mood Drive.



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the hatchlings into the marsh. Registration opens July 16 at skidawayaudubon.org. Due to the popularity of this event, participation is limited to island residents with gate passes, 100 attendees per session, and to just one session only.

SCOTT'S PLACE

WHAT: Celebration of Life and kiosk dedication WHEN: Wednesday, Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m.; Rain date is Aug. 10

WHERE: Sparrow Field, Bartram Rd. HOW MUCH: Free

CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.

WHAT ELSE: A kiosk will be dedicated by David and Beckie Helmreich in memory of their late son, Scott. Everyone is invited to come walk alongside the gardens, have a beverage, and appreciate the nature that Scott enjoyed there.

LET'S TALK TURTLE

WHAT: Terrapin show and tell **WHEN:** Aug. 17, 5 p.m.; Aug. 26 and Sep. 2, 10

WHERE: Aug. 17 - Landings Community Park; Aug. 26 and Sep. 2 - Skidaway Island State Park HOW MUCH: Aug. 17 - free; Aug. 26 and Sep. 2 - \$5 parking fee

CONTACT: friendsofskidawayaudubon@gmail.

WHAT ELSE: Learn about Skidaway Audubon's successful Diamondback terrapin rescue project which has a positive, measurable impact on the recovery of this species. Pre-register online for the Aug. 17 session at skidawayaudubon.org beginning July 16. This event is open to island residents with gate passes. Register for the Aug. 26 and Sep. 2 events, which are open to all, by contacting Skidaway Island State Park.

SISTER, SISTER

WHAT: Panhellenic Picnic in the Park **WHEN:** Monday, Sep. 18, 6 - 8 p.m. WHERE: Skidaway Island State Park covered pavilion

HOW MUCH: Free

CONTACT: RSVP to panhellenicsavannah@ gmail.com by Sep. 11. Please include name, sorority, and college

WHAT ELSE: This event is open to all sorority women. No need to be an active alum. If you were in a college sorority, you are welcome to come. Please bring your beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. Panhellenic Sororities of Savannah will be supplying the desserts, ice, and all paper and plastic products.

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

WHAT: Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement

WHEN: starting in January, flexible hours from 9

WHERE: several sites in Savannah, Pembroke, Rincon, Richmond Hill and Hinesville

CONTACT: Tiffany Carter, tcarter@niacdc.org or 912.447.5577

WHAT ELSE: This program helps underserved communities by offering free tax preparation. No experience necessary. Volunteers include greeters/ screeners and tax preparers

FINANCIAL AID

WHAT: AARP Tax-Aide Program needs volun-

WHEN: Training in Dec. and Jan.; Tax preparation starts Feb. 1 for 10 weeks; hours and days are

WHERE: Chatham SW and Bull Street Libraries **CONTACT:** Volunteer coordinator John Gerardi, 912.661.8705 or johngerardi@hotmail.com

WHAT ELSE: This program provides free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income families, as well as the elderly and people with disabilities. AARP Tax-Aide saves underserved individuals/ families millions in preparation fees and helps taxpayers claim millions in refunds, which can be used to reduce poverty. Tax preparers will be trained to become IRS-certified. Volunteers are also needed to help with intake/front desk.

LOSS MITIGATION

WHAT: Pandemic support group WHEN: Meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m. WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church Library **HOW MUCH:** Free

CONTACT: Suzanne at St. Peter's, 598.7242 WHAT ELSE: Many of us have lost friends or family, and pandemic isolation has made dealing with these losses difficult. Dr. Stevens Peirsol will guide the group, offering those who would like to share and find help in processing loss.

IT'S AN HONOR

WHAT: Honor Flight Savannah seeks war veterans and volunteers

CONTACT: honorflightsavannah.org or 912.367.9020

WHAT ELSE: Honor Flight Savannah is offering WW II, Korea and Vietnam War era veterans living in southeast Georgia and southeastern South Carolina an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to visit their war memorials. Funding for trips is dependent on contributions from community citizens and businesses.

READ ALL OVER

WHAT: Landlovers Singles Co-ed Book Club WHEN: 4th Thursday each month, 5:30 p.m. WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse **CONTACT:** Marianne Claysmith, claysmith2@aol.

WHAT ELSE: Landlovers and Landings Club membership is required.

BODY AND SOUL

WHAT: Mat Pilates and Sit-Fit exercise classes at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mat Pilates, 9:15-10:10 a.m.; Sit Fit: 10:15-11:10 a.m. WHERE: Bailey Hall at SIUMC, 54 Diamond

HOW MUCH: \$5 per class for 8 or more classes per month. \$6.25 per class for 7 or fewer classes per month.

CONTACT: For more info or to register, call Elena Bennett, ACSM-certified fitness instructor at 404.510.6042

WHAT ELSE: Mat Pilates participants must bring an exercise mat and be able to get up/down from the floor. Sit-Fit participants should wear athletic shoes. Everyone should bring a water

FRIENDLY WORDS

WHAT: Skidaway Scrabblers WHEN: Every Thursday afternoon WHERE: Members' homes CONTACT: Cathy White, cathy77024@yahoo.

WHAT ELSE: We are a happy group of dedicated Scrabble players who enjoy a social game. Join us for a game or two and discover that you, too, may want to be a Skidaway Scrabbler.

LUNCH BUNCH

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Lunch WHERE: Various restaurants around Savannah WHEN: 2nd Tuesday of the month HOW MUCH: The cost of your own meal

CONTACT: John Holmquist or Rick Armstrong, llmenslunchgroup@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: This is the eighth year of this successful men's activity. Participants must be members of Landlovers.

MEETING OF THE MINDS

WHAT: Stroke Survivors

WHEN: Third Thursday of every month, 4 to 5

WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1 West Ridge Rd.

HOW MUCH: Free

CONTACT: Shirley Nack, 598.7047 WHAT ELSE: Share your experiences with stroke survivors. At our meetings we listen and learn what other survivors have accomplished in order to return to an active lifestyle.

IN THE CARDS

WHAT: Duplicate Bridge

CONTACT: Steve Fitzgerald, stefitz@bellsouth. net or 912.856.4172 WHAT ELSE: All are welcome. Please let us

HOW MUCH: \$4 entry fee paid out to top pairs

know ahead of time if you'll be joining us, as partnerships are assigned randomly ahead of the

WHEN: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Oakridge Dining Room

DUEL PURPOSE

WHAT: Skidaway Hamiltons meetings WHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, 3:30

WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, Skidaway

HOW MUCH: Free for members of the Skidaway Hamiltons and Skidaway Abigails **CONTACT:** HamiltonsMembers@gmail.com WHAT ELSE: To learn more about Skidaway Hamiltons, a non-partisan civic-minded men's organization, visit skidawayhamiltons.org. See the calendar for past and future speakers.

REEL MEN

WHAT: Landlovers Men's Action Movies, open to all Skidaway Island residents, not just the

WHEN: We usually see an action movie once a month when a good movie is showing. **HOW MUCH:** Movie admission

CONTACT: Dave Robinson, dave.robinson16@ gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Men's Action Movies is a friendly gathering of men who want to see movies your wife probably wouldn't want to see. We will see a late afternoon showing and then go to a modest local eatery. Dinner is optional, RSVPs are appreciated; no dues. Carpool from the Methodist Church. About five days in advance, you will receive information regarding movie and restaurant

Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

FORE LADIES ONLY

WHAT: Landlover Ladies 9-Hole Golf Group WHEN: Tuesdays (Tee times from Chelsea

WHERE: Varies each week

HOW MUCH: Yearly membership fee (\$20) is required beginning January 1, 2023.

CONTACT: Jan Rosenbaum at LandloverLadies9@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Landlover Ladies 9-hole Golf welcomes those who have a basic understanding of the rules, pace of play and have a GHIN number. Our focus is on having fun with a casual get

together afterwards. Throughout January, LLL9 will collect large jars (48 ounce size preferred) of peanut butter to donate to the Food Pantry. Our goal is to exceed the 144 pounds donated last year. The Landing Club golf and Landlovers memberships are required.

HOUSE CALL

WHAT: Volunteer Opportunities WHEN: We ask that you commit 1-2 days/ month

WHERE: Green-Meldrim House, downtown on Madison Square

CONTACT: Jane Pressly: 912.667.1584 or janepressly@aol.com

WHAT ELSE: If you love history, architecture, art and storytelling, we need you! Volunteer as a docent or doorkeeper at the historic Green-Meldrim House. Training begins soon!

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

WHAT: Game Night at Skidaway Community Church WHEN: 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30

p.m. beginning June 21 CONTACT: Dr. Joe Crotty, SCC program direc-

tor - 598.0151, ext. 1104 WHAT ELSE: Join us for an evening of checkers, chess, Trivial Pursuit, group games, and Christian fellowship. To register, visit www. Skidcc.org.

BE A DECENT DOCENT

WHAT: Become a historical interpreter **WHEN:** Part-time – Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; or Sundays, 12 noon -4 p.m. WHERE: The Andrew Low House Museum, 329 Abercorn St. on Lafayette Square HOW MUCH: \$9.50 per hour CONTACT: Chris Sergi, Education and Programs Manager Andrew Low House csergi@ andrewlowhouse.com or 912.233.1828 ext.102 **WHAT ELSE:** The Andrew Low House is searching for enthusiastic and dedicated individuals with a love of history to serve as guides and

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educators to represent our museum.

WHAT: Boy Scout Troop 57, for boys 10-18 WHEN: Weekly meeting Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m. WHERE: Skidaway Community Church **CONTACT:** BSA office, 927.7272 WHAT ELSE: Chartered in 1989, the troop has sponsored 80 Eagle Scouts to date. Weekly meetings, monthly outings (canoeing, canoeing, hiking, kayaking, rafting, backpacking), yearly summer camp and high adventure trips. New Scouts and transfers are welcome.

CAUSEWAY CLEAN-UP

WHAT: "Shine Bright like a Diamond (Causeway)," litter pickup along Diamond Causeway WHEN: 1 or 2 times per month, as trash amount deems necessary

WHERE: Meet in the parking lot of Butterbean

CONTACT: Courtney Fowler, causewaycleanup@ gmail.com or 912.313.6040

WHAT ELSE: Please bring work gloves and a safety vest if you have one; a trash-picker works wonders as well. We will provide trash bags. Water is recommended to avoid dehydration.

SHALOM

WHAT: JWOL Membership

HOW MUCH: Annual membership is \$20 **CONTACT:** Phyllis Aaron at 610.203.4393 or paaron@comcast.net.

WHAT ELSE: Mail or tube check to Sherri at 18 Cricket Court. Membership entitles each member to share in the many wonderful programs and social events JWOL offers.

SMALL WORLD

WHAT: Landlovers Marco Polo Group WHEN: Third Monday, October through May,

WHERE: Member homes

CONTACT: Sue Souls, LLMarcoPolo100@gmail.

WHAT ELSE: The Marco Polo group is for our international friends. If you were born in or have lived at least one year (including an academic year) outside the U.S., you are eligible to join. Attendees are asked to bring an international appetizer to share as well as their own beverage and glass. Must be a Landlovers member. Membership is open to all residents of Skidaway Island.

SEW WHAT?

WHAT: Landlovers Material Girls WHERE: Skidaway Community Church WHEN: 3rd Thursday of each month, 3 to 5

HOW MUCH: Free but you must be a member of Landlovers

CONTACT: Janet Smart, maxwellsgal@aol.com; Sandra Grant, sandragrant07@comcast.net; or Donna Nicol, dkn777@aol.com

WHAT ELSE: Whether you are an experienced quilter or new to the craft, please join us for some handwork, conversation and networking. Bring a project you are working on, show and tell, or just plan to socialize. Learn about quilt shops in the area and local quilt guilds. All members of Landlovers who are interested in quilting are welcome.

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- 18. Talk like Daffy
- 19. Argue against
- 20. Pooch from Wales
- 22. Fix, at the vet's
- 24. Greet the day
- 25. Lady's man
- 27. Thirst quencher 29. ____ Day
- 31. Solidly built
- 33. Cold War competition
- 35. Full of back talk
- 39. ____ of limitations
- 40. Nutrition label unit
- 42. Church council
- 43. Wearing black, maybe
- 44. Trustworthy
- 47. Relax, slangily
- 48. Kind of wheel
- 51. Spreadsheet filler
- 53. Orchard fruit
- 54. Leaves home?
- 56. "Same here!"
- 59. Fort Knox bar
- 61. Edit menu option
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- 64. Do a salon job
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- 5. Painter's medium
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- 11. Elliptical path
- 12. Lush
- 13. Stage direction
- 21. Unwelcome visitor
- 23. Welcome word at a proposal
- 26. "____ does it!"
- 28. Educated
- 29. Physics calculation
- 30. Pretentious, perhaps
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- 36. Armed ship of old
- 37. Lodgepole, for one
 - 38. Burglar
 - 40. Corn holder
 - 41. New Year's word
 - 43. Ink cartridge color
 - 45. Beyond tipsy
 - 46. Arrival en masse
 - 48. Nutmeg, e.g.

 - 49. Mortise's mate
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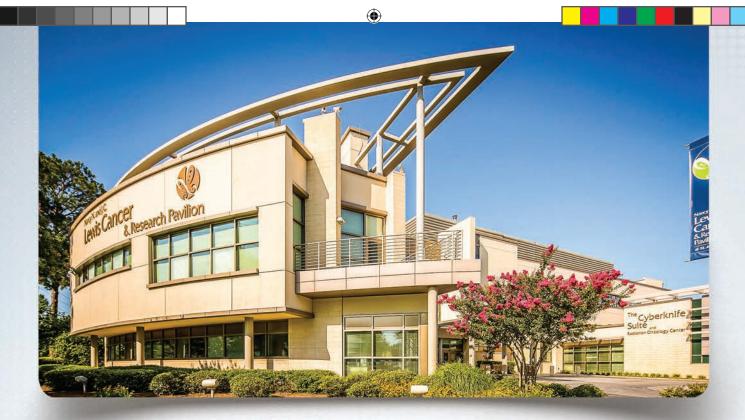
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