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Scott A. Lanzetti

In 2022, when you don't know something, what do you do? Ask Google. So, I did: "Why is an azalea's bloom so fleeting?" Google didn't have a good answer for me.

I reworked my query, again and again. Google offered me solutions to problems I don't have: "What You Can Put on Your Azaleas to Make Sure They Bloom," "6 Possible Reasons Your Azaleas Aren't Blooming," "To Prune or Not to Prune: That Is the Question." But it wasn't the question. The question was, rephrased: Why do flowers fade so fast?

The truth is unsatisfyingly simple: Because they can.

Why does a bush or shrub sprout bursts of magenta, bumblebee, indigo or Chantilly lace? Because it needs a date. Plants flower to perpetuate their own existence. It's their way of attracting pollinators, and pollinators facilitate seed-production, which fosters a new generation, and so on, year after year (or by another interval, depending on the species of plant).

Some plants flower with such abandon that it seems as if their only purpose is to fill the world with color. That's a conundrum associated with point-of-view: To us, the spectacle is dazzling, defying the limits of simple description, tonic for a winter-weary soul. To the flower itself, it's a fortnight's frenetic bid for survival. To an insect, it's party time.

The Bible and secular authors throughout history employ flowers as metaphor for human growth and development, and fragility of the human condition, and hope. In the Middle East lands chronicled in ancient texts, the annual springtime display of wildflowers is glorious for a few short weeks, then followed by relative desolation. Brilliant colors fade into masses of withered leaves – not uncommonly cleared by burning – that eventually blow away, leaving bare, baked earth where life once thrived.

Per Job: "Mortals...spring up like flowers and wither away; like fleeting shadows, they do not endure." That's depressing. But, perhaps not. The flower fades, but not its impact on the land. It exists so that its host can live on. In a way, its legacy is eternal.

Arguably, Jesus' most famous oratory is The Sermon on the Mount. There, he urges his audience to reject feelings of anxiety. According to the Gospel of Luke, He said, "Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin." He challenged those gathered near him to look beyond the surface appeal of the blooming plants in view. The flower, though beautiful, was frail and fleet-

ing. It sprung from a bulb, dormant through winter. It forced its way through the earth to appear in its most attention-grabbing state for a very short time. Its splendor is temporary, but its enduring core – the bulb – remains.

A flower blooms year after year. So does a human life. It spans periods of abundance and need, both materially and spiritually. But eventually, the bulb faithfully produces more flowers; it's only a matter of time.

Renewal is the cousin of hope. So as flowers often symbolize growth, so do they remind us of possibility. Said Henri Matisse, "There are always flowers for those who choose to see them." This one from poet Erin Hanson is especially nice: "She sprouted love like flowers, grew a garden in her mind, and even on the darkest days, from her smile the sun still shined."

Flowers as cautionary tale: "Don't forget to stop and smell the roses." Or, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said more elegantly, "Many eyes go through the meadow, but few see the flowers in it." Amidst the noise and chaos, simple joy is available, if you choose it.

So why, then, is the azalea bloom inclined to fade so fast? Maybe the answer is best articulated in Japanese philosophy. Sakura flowers, or cherry blossoms, are widely adored in Japan. "Hanami" is a still-practiced ancient custom, centered on gathering with others to view trees and flowers in bloom. Sure, cherry blossoms are mind-blowingly pretty; yet they are more than aesthetic gifts to the Japanese. Soon after sakura flowers have fully developed, the wind begins to blow them away. Sitting under a sakura tree reminds a person of the fleeting nature of beauty and life itself. Sakuran philosophy leverages the allegory of the cherry blossoms to encourage acceptance of the natural progression and nature of things. The bloom itself is both uplifting and a little sad.

Accepting our own transience can yield personal peace. In other words, and this might be my favorite (it's unattributed): "Spring is a lovely reminder of how beautiful change can be."

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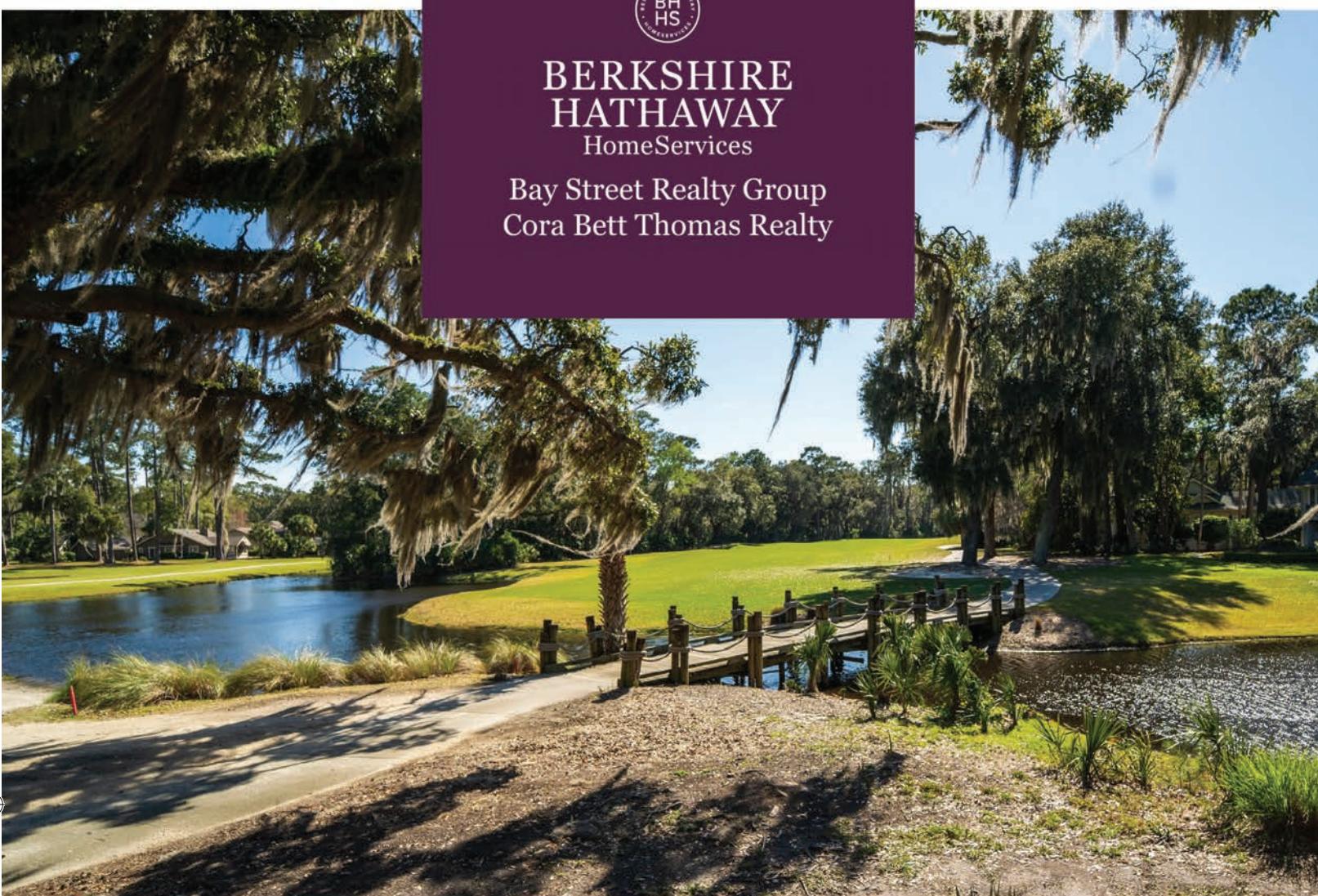


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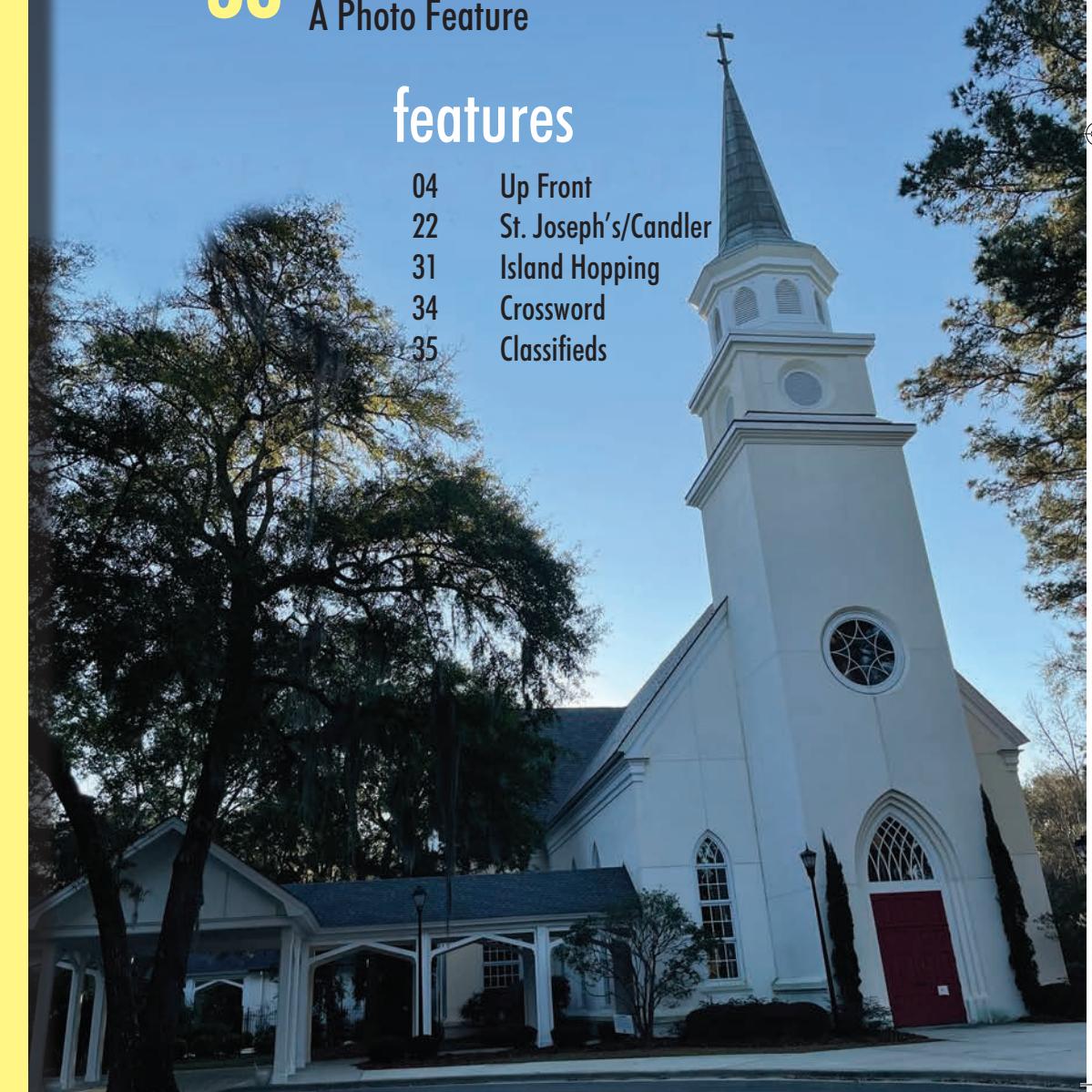
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ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE



Landings Art Association Spring Art Show Returns

By Ellen Pitts



Like most new residents, when I moved to Skidaway Island in 2013, I was immediately enchanted with my new home. The natural beauty, the abundance of wildlife, easy friendships, and opportunities to participate in sports and intellectual endeavors both on and off the island convinced me I had arrived in heaven. I am a lifelong art-lover; yet it wasn't until almost a year later that I discovered what an incredible art scene we have at the Landings.

Guests had just arrived from our previous home in Princeton, New Jersey. It was April, and our plans included golf, touring downtown Savannah, and dinners at various clubs and local restaurants. However, what interested our guests most was the Landings

Art Association (LAA) Annual Spring Art Show, advertised by small, handmade signs posted along Landings Way. Signs that I, for some reason, had completely ignored.

We ventured out one evening to the art show and silent auction. Our expectations weren't particularly high. Perhaps, we were walking into an artist's version of a community talent show - a few showstoppers, but mostly amateurs with modest skills. We were wrong, and we realized it the moment we arrived. The talent on display was world class, and the overwhelming community support for this

event was remarkable.

Impressed by the size of the crowd, and quickly greeted by friendly faces, we ventured forth to find the Palmetto Club Ballroom filled with art that would impress even the most jaded critic. Serenaded by live music, cocktails in hand, we strolled the aisles admiring fabulous works in every medium imaginable. There was nothing "amateur" about any of it. The LAA was clearly the real deal.

The LAA was established about 35 years ago, as Landings residents envisioned an art league that would enhance and expand the appreciation of the arts in the Skidaway community. Two years later, there were 188 members in good standing. Through the years, the LAA has endeavored to provide demonstrations of the most recent art techniques, tools, and products, through monthly meetings and periodic workshops. The LAA offers members the opportunity to show and sell their work, at venues like the Members Gallery at the Palmetto Club, the Kringle Holiday Market, and the Virtual Gallery on Facebook, all generously sponsored by Sound View Wealth Advisors. Shows have been organized at the Merrill Lynch office and Thrive in Skidaway Village.

The highlight of the artists' year is the juried annual spring art show that the LAA has hosted for more than 30 years. After a three-year hiatus, the LAA will again present its annual spring art show. More than a hundred works of art will be on exhibit in the Landings Club Palmetto Ballroom on Skidaway Island. More than a hundred works of art will

be on exhibit in the Landings Club Palmetto Ballroom on Skidaway Island. Created exclusively for this show by some of Savannah's finest local artists, the work on display will represent a broad range of media including oil, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, pastel/charcoal/ink, photography, textile, sculpture and jewelry. Attendees are invited to participate in a silent auction featuring art donated by more than 35 participating artists. The auction benefits the LAA's Arts in Education program, which provides annual grants to Savannah area Title I elementary school art teachers for special projects that would not be possible within their meager annual budgets. Starting bids will be set well below market value for these pieces, offering bidders an opportunity to possess one-of-a-kind works while enriching the educational experience for children in Savannah's public schools.

created by watercolorist and event chair Deborah Pool Wurzel featured on the cover of this issue of *The Skinnie*.

The competition for top honors among the association's member artists is a perennial highlight of the event. This year's judges are painter Michael Reibel and photographer John Wollwerth. Presently living in Seabrook, South Carolina, Reibel is a contemporary representational painter working in oil. He is represented by several galleries, including George Davis Fine Art and Antiques in Savannah. In 2020, he opened his own gallery, Michael Reibel Fine Art, in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Wollwerth is an award-winning photographer whose varied work, including weddings and portraits, has appeared in numerous national publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *Garden and Gun*. To learn more about the judges and view their work, visit mreibelpaintings.com and wollwerthimaging.com.

The art on display at the show will be available for purchase, to take home immediately after the show, and LAA artists will be

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Good MUSIC

BY PHILIP SCHWEIER

Kathleen Turner envisions great things in her new ministry as musical director for St. Peter's Episcopal Church. On the job since January, she is very impressed with her colleagues, many of whom are also new and have infused St. Peter's with fresh energy.

"We have wonderful clergy in the Revs. Kelly Steele and David Wantland," Turner says. "Susanne O'Day is a fabulous parish administrator, and our sexton, Nate Hodges, keeps our facility in immaculate condition. We enjoy working together. We really click, and we minister to all ages and emotions quite naturally."

The church was seeking a director of music with an emphasis on children's programming, which has always been a big part of Turner's ministry. This, along with her love of sacred music, made it a good fit. "So all the stars aligned," she says. "It was a God thing."

Originally from upstate New York, Turner has always known that music would be her life's work. She learned piano first from her mother, followed by viola (briefly) and oboe, then organ, in high school. Unable to decide between oboe and organ, she chose both, earning a double bachelor's degree from the Eastman School of Music. She also holds a master of music degree from Westminster Choir College. Prior to coming to Skidaway, she spent 11 years at Christ Church, Frederica, on St. Simons Island.

Turner grew up in a Presbyterian family. Her first experience with the Episcopal Church was in graduate school, when a position opened at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. "I love the Episcopal Church because the liturgy is so elegant," she says. "And I revel in ways music plays an integral role in the flavor of the service."

One of Turner's core tenets is community outreach. "Church to me, in addition to faith, IS community," she says. "When a family goes through either a hard or joyous situation, that is where the church is. When

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church's music director Kathleen Turner at the console of the organ she affectionately calls her 'big buddy.'



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FROM CRADLE TO CHOIR

Ministering to children allows Turner to share in their big steps in life. "That's very special to me," she says. She still plays weddings for children she mentored while serving as the artistic director of Austin Children's Choir in Texas.

"Once a child joins a program or a choir that I lead, I like to say they're mine until they go to college," Turner explains. "In previous positions, children started very young: Preschoolers are Choristers, Choristers became elementary-aged Trebles. Trebles who enter into middle school and high school would merge into the adult choir. We will launch this graded choir approach at St. Peter's on Wednesday afternoons this fall."

The adult chancel choir is a talented and faithful ensemble of singers. "They're my big kids," she says. "We have a lot of fun. As with choirs of any age under my leadership, we enjoy ourselves."

Turner credits her predecessor, Tim McKee, for his remarkable work leading St. Peter's music programs. "Tim did a fantastic job here, and I am determined to keep his efforts going," Turner affirms. "Fortunately for St. Peter's, Landings resident Shirley Newhart did a wonderful job bridging the gap between Tim's departure and my arrival. The music program never missed a beat."

In the past, St. Peter's has hosted an annual concert series. This will return in 2023. More immediate plans include this year's Easter services on April 17. "It's going to be an exciting morning of worship," Turner promises. "We have invited the Valdosta State University Presidential Brass Quintet and timpani to enhance our Easter services. The featured piece of music starts out like the Olympic theme for Jesus with a spectacular brass fanfare. The choral anthem is 'Joy to the Heart,' by American composer K. Lee Scott."

Bishop Frank Logue will be on hand for confirmation, and the service will feature music of several genres. Decorated in full Easter glory and complete with an Easter egg hunt, St. Peter's welcomes one and all to share in this glorious day. Services are at 8 and 10:15 a.m.

Beginning April 5, and subsequently set for the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m., the First Tuesday Vinyl Happy Hour will be introduced. Turner will share a massive vinyl record collection she was gifted several years ago. The collection features a wide range of genres – Broadway, jazz, music from the 1920s and '30s, and a lot of classical music. "I'll pick a vinyl record and do a short presentation, then we'll listen to the record and enjoy each other's company."

Turner is a published composer. "I remember a seasoned composer who said, 'You write for your community,'" she explains, "I'm still learning about St. Peter's, and look forward to what we create together. The beautiful Schantz organ in the church is very inspiring."

On the day Turner came to audition at St. Peter's, she was so busy setting registrations and balance, it never occurred to her to look up



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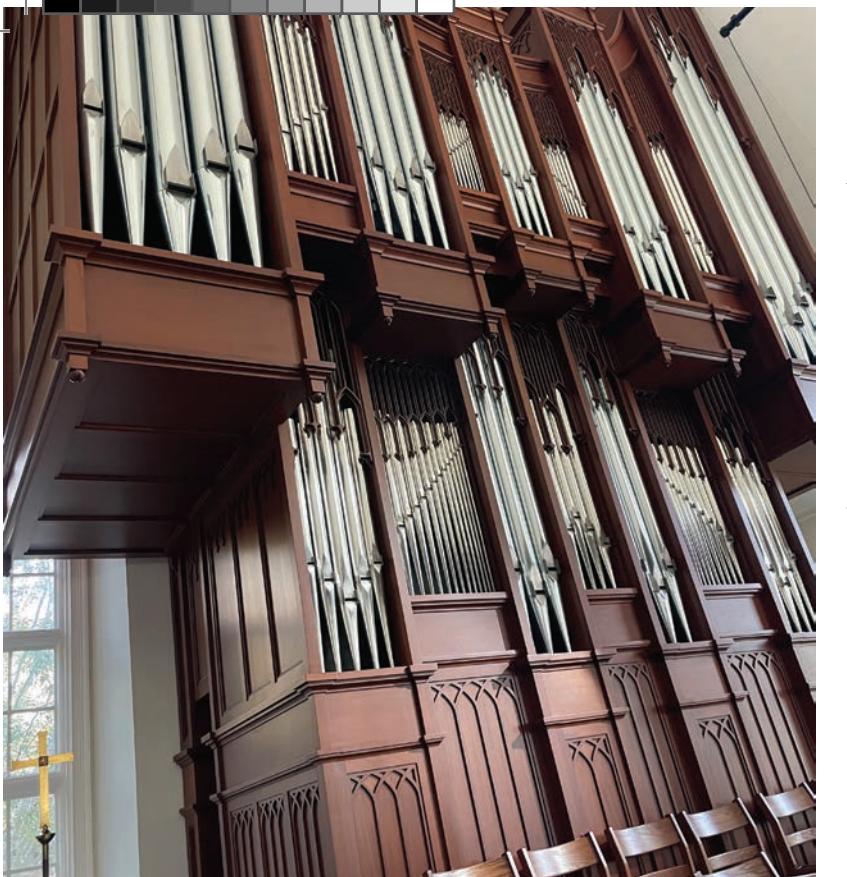
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and take a closer look at the organ. Later, when she was offered the job, she went online and found the organ's Opus number from the Schantz Organ Company. "My ministry doesn't revolve around a certain instrument, but this was a huge cherry on a hot fudge sundae," she says happily. "I minister to people first, but boy, I'm having fun on this organ. I call it my 'big buddy.' St. Peter's has taken immaculate care of it."

One of St. Peter's community outreaches is its newly named Creative Arts Academy, (formerly Music Academy), which will host two camps, June 13-17 and July 11-15, under Turner's leadership. "Tuition is very affordable for families, and we have a lot of serious fun with music and creative arts such as jewelry making and T-shirt painting. The campers put on a short show for family and friends at the end of the week," Turner explains. "It's a summer play-friendly atmosphere complete with a bouncy house. At the end of the day we watch a fun movie with popcorn. Kids go home tired."

As life slowly returns to normal following the pandemic, Turner continues seeking ways of bringing people together through music. She looks forward to forming relationships with musical organizations in the area, such as the Savannah Philharmonic. "St. Peter's was very intentional from its beginning to build a beautiful space with great acoustics. Savannah has an incredible music scene we'd like to help bolster and support. There are endless ways we create beautiful music, and as I'm known to say: Good music is good music."

Next year will mark not only the 20th anniversary of the installation of the church's organ, but also the 150th anniversary of the Schantz Organ Company. Turner plans to reach out to Schantz in the hope of collaborating on a combined celebration.



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St. Joseph's/Candler Presents 29th Annual McAuley Award to Tammy Phillips

CATHERINE MCAULEY
(1778-1841)

St. Joseph's/Candler's mission of "treating illness and promoting wellness for all people while rooted in God's love," has been a commitment since 1804, with Georgia's first hospital, which eventually became Candler Hospital. It continued with Catherine McAuley and her mission of ministering to the sick and comforting the elderly and the dying. A woman of gentle manner and steadfast beliefs, McAuley was an heiress who convinced other ladies of means that it was important to work for the poor. Joined by several women who dedicated their lives to helping others, she founded the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland in 1827. Several of the sisters came to Savannah and opened St. Vincent's Academy in 1845. Then, in 1875, they created what would become St. Joseph's Hospital. McAuley's ministry of loving care and her legacy of compassion continue today through the works of the Sisters of Mercy and St. Joseph's/Candler.



Tammy Phillips receives prestigious McAuley Award from St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO Paul P. Hinchee

She leads the high-pressure Risk Management department, focused on protecting both St. Joseph's/Candler patients and co-workers. She organizes monthly community projects carried out by the health system's Angels of Mercy volunteer corps. She even dresses up as a raccoon or an elf, depending on the occasion, to make sure the hard work she and her co-workers do always includes some fun and joy in it as well. In short, she will do whatever it takes to fulfill the mission and values of St. Joseph's/Candler, and that's why Tammy Phillips is the recipient of the 29th annual McAuley Award.

The McAuley Award is named in honor of Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy in the hope of bringing education,

healthcare, social justice and spiritual guidance to those in need. Phillips was among 78 co-workers who were nominated by their peers for the award.

St. Joseph's/Candler President and CEO, Paul P. Hinchee made the announcement at a special ceremony at St. Joseph's Hospital. "Given what we have been through over the last two years, it is clear to me that our co-workers are unmatched in their level of caring, compassion and dedication," he said. "Within this fantastic workforce, Tammy has shown to be especially reflective of Catherine McAuley's legacy. She's been nominated for this honor many times over the years and has been a finalist several times; but, today, deservedly, she joins the exclusive club of

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St. Joseph's/Candler Proudly Parades Its Community Commitment

Celebrating 200-plus Years of Caring

St. Joseph's/Candler celebrated the return of Savannah's annual St. Patrick's Day festivities with a parade float honoring its healthcare heroes, who have done exceptional work over the last two challenging years. This year's festivities gave health system's co-workers an opportunity to celebrate their commitment to a community that St. Joseph's/Candler has had the pleasure of serving for more than centuries.

The health system paid tribute to its workforce with this year's St. Patrick's Day parade float, which featured nurses and other clinical professionals, and many of the other vocations that complete St. Joseph's/Candler. The prolonged pandemic reinforced the importance of the people and things that remained steadfast in our lives. Every dedicated healthcare worker fought daily to keep their neighbors healthy. Over the last two years, St. Joseph's/Candler's motto has been, "Together. One team. One goal." Every co-worker, every department, and every specialty service has lived this motto, inspiring each other with their heroic efforts.

Fearlessness in the face of life-threatening or life-changing



events is not something new to the health system. St. Joseph's/Candler has been a constant in Savannah — through the yellow fever epidemic, the Civil War, two World Wars, hurricanes of all sizes, and other region-wide emergencies. As unprecedented and terrifying as COVID-19 has been, there was no way the health system was backing down from its challenges. The healthcare system didn't stop certain surgeries or limit admissions, something that many other hospitals chose or were forced to do to survive. Instead, St. Joseph's/Candler expanded services, a rarity in the healthcare ecosystem. Such a feat could only be accomplished through the character and strength of the entire workforce.

The Savannah St. Patrick's Day Committee presented the health system with the Sgt. William Jasper Award. Named for the Revolutionary War hero killed in the Siege of Savannah, the award is presented to the float entry that best exemplifies Jasper's spirit of loyalty and perseverance.

McAuley honorees."

In her risk management leadership role, Phillips heads a team that proactively seeks to prevent any potential problems that could occur in the hospitals, from a surgical error to a slippery spot on the floor. St. Joseph's/Candler co-workers sometimes get a visit from Risky the raccoon, the department's mascot, as a fun reminder of the importance of preventing risk in the workplace. Incidentally, the Risky costume demands a physicality not typically required of executives.

Phillips serves on the committee for St. Joseph's/Candler's volunteer corps, the Angels of Mercy. She recruits volunteers for the group's monthly community initiatives, which include fundraising for Salvation Army during the holidays. For the occasion, Phillips transforms into a Christmas elf to get everyone in the spirit.

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WHAT TAMMY PHILLIPS' CO-WORKERS SAID ABOUT HER:

"The word 'no' is not in her vocabulary and she had spearheaded many system projects to promote both patient and visitor safety."

"She embodies the spirit of Catherine McAuley, reaching to those segments in our community that are less fortunate, and promoting compassion and mercy."

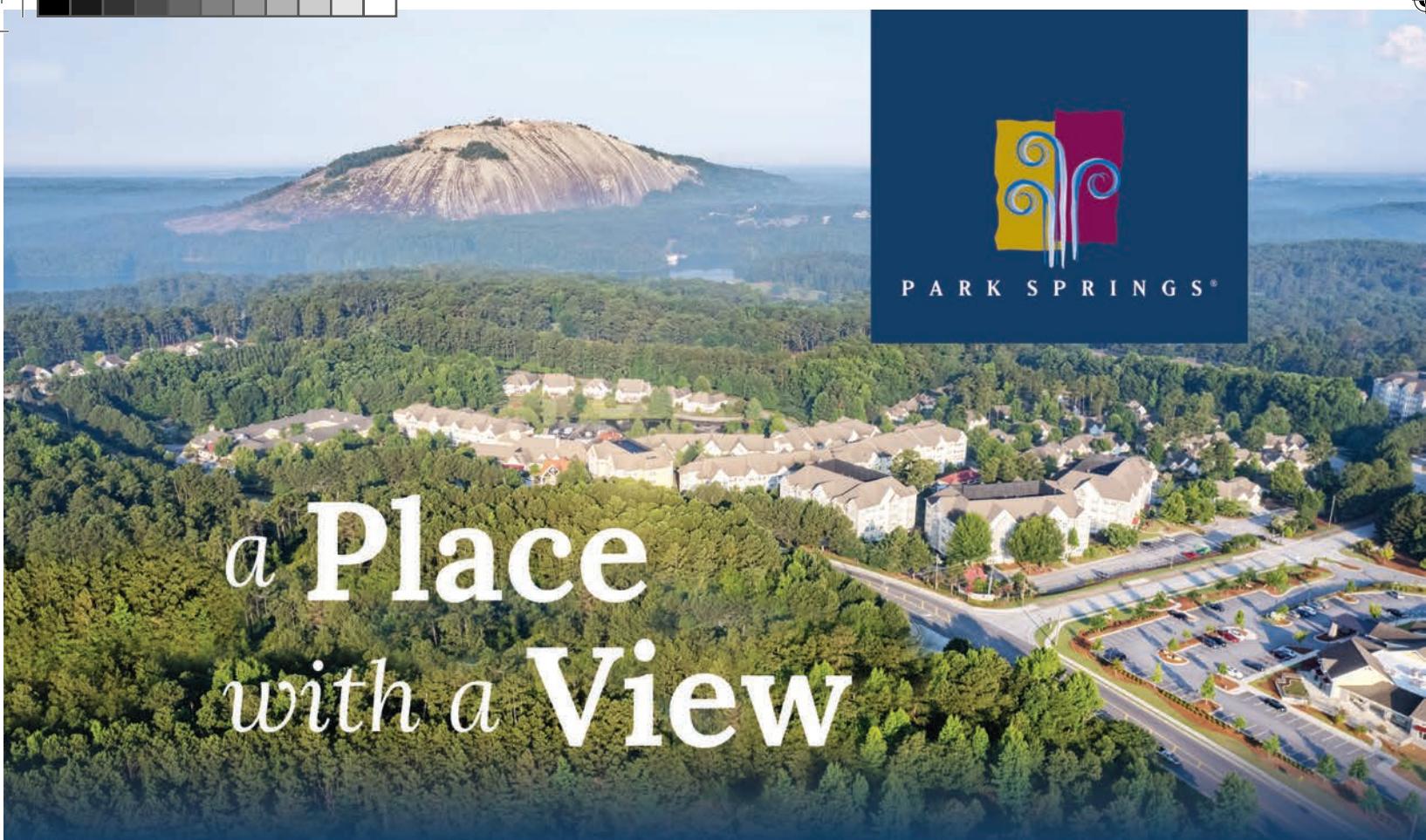
"She is professional in her duties and always seeks to protect patients, co-workers, and the workplace."

"The McAuley award recognizes a co-worker who displays a constant concern for fellow co-workers and the community. Tammy is all of this rolled into one package."

Outside of her St. Joseph's/Candler efforts, Phillips has volunteered for numerous community organizations, like the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and a project that involves building tiny homes for veterans.

As the 2022 McAuley recipient, Phillips will have her name and image added to the

bronze McAuley plaques displayed in the lobbies of St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals. She will receive a \$3,000 honorarium, a one-year parking pass in the location of her choice, a one-month cafeteria meal pass, a gift certificate for massage at the Center for WellBeing, a St. Joseph's/Candler watch and a McAuley plaque and pin.



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IL SERT JEAN-PIERRE FAGUÉ'

By Ron Lauretti

The U.S. Army's personnel exchange program (MPEP) is intended to strengthen relationships between American forces and their military allies. As part of that program, a French brigadier general, Jean-Pierre Fagué, currently serves as the deputy commanding general of readiness and plans for the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart.

Originally, from Draguignan, France, Fagué entered the French military academy at Saint Cyr at the age of 19. It was a natural continuation of his family's legacy of service to country. Fagué's grandfather served for nine years, fighting in the trenches during World War I, where he suffered permanent injury after being exposed to nerve gas. He was released from service in 1919. Fagué's father began his service in 1942 at the age of 17 in the French resistance against the Germans. He went on to an additional 10 years as a senior noncommissioned officer. But his military career spanned three decades. Fagué's father retired from military service in 1968 after 27 years, much of it while fighting France's conflicts in then-Indochina and Africa. He served in different branches of the military – as a medic in the Navy and later as a tanker in the Army.

The brigadier general's father's war stories inspired an appetite for adventure in his son, and stoked the fire to patriotically serve. Comradery with other soldiers is the "icing on the cake" for the younger Fagué as a career soldier.

The general began his career as a Marine cavalry officer in the French Army, a specialty he still enjoys. He trained on both heavy and light tanks. He learned how to provide scouting support in the field. He has been posted several times to Africa.

French Marines, with their expeditionary

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mindset, are part of the French Army – an important part, the general emphasizes – rather than separate and independent as the U.S. Army and Marine Corps are. A French Army brigade may consist of regular Army battalions, Marine battalions, or French Foreign Legion battalions. All have the same training and equipment.

Fagué reports that the French and American military share important characteristics – high morale, while both rely on volunteers rather than conscription. Fagué strongly believes that understanding other cultures and perspectives is vital to a successful military career. With this in mind, he holds a bachelor's degree in international affairs and foreign languages, and a master's degree in military studies from the University of Virginia. In addition to his native tongue, the general speaks English, German and some Arabic, all very helpful during his service around the world. His UVA curriculum included strong history and geography studies, a personal interest.

Physically active, Fagué enjoys recreational running. During his younger years, he played a lot of soccer and rugby. He has pursued boxing, tennis and golf. He enjoys reading history, traveling and family time. However, only

the youngest of his five children, an 11-year-old daughter, currently resides locally with the general and his wife.

Of his current bucket list, serving as a French Army division commander remains his only unrealized military ambition. The experience gained while attached to the 3rd ID will make him a very strong candidate.





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Together for A Cure Extends the Reach of Its Helping Hands

By Holly Taylor

Given the growing success in recent years of the “Together for a Cure” (TFAC) golf tournament and Landings-wide events, the Landings Women’s Golf Association (LWGA) will “share the wealth” and expand funding this year to support Savannah cancer patients as well as research to find cures. New funding recipients for 2022 are the nurse navigator program at St. Joseph’s Candler health systems and cancer patient support services at the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer Research and Pavilion (LCRP), as well as the Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial Health (ACI). TFAC will pay for a software program to target at-risk patients for earlier identification of lung cancer, leading to expedited entry into treatment protocols. The system enables nurse navigators to track their patients closely, communicate more effectively, and eliminate wasted time spent on manual data entry.

Nurse navigators are vital agents for screening and treating lung cancer at the

LCRP. In 2021, nine nurse navigators guided 3,900 cancer patients – 37 percent of whom had lung cancer – throughout their diagnoses and treatments. “In cases where a cancer diagnosis does happen, our lung cancer navigators are right there with a patient and their family during the most difficult times of their lives,” says nurse navigator Dana Coleman. “They serve as the hub connecting patients to education about their diagnosis and treatment, coordinating appointments, providing resources, removing obstacles to medical appointments, and so much more.”

Coleman says one of the most important things navigators do is offer compassion and empathy. “Each day and each patient are different. If wiping tears is needed, I’m there. If someone is finishing treatment, I’m ready to celebrate with them as they ring the bell.”

Since 2018, TFAC has financed cancer research at the Mercer University School of Medicine in Savannah through the LWGA



WHAT: “Together for a Cure” fundraiser for cancer research and patient care in our community

WHEN: April 9 and 13; Register now at togetherforacure.net

CONTACT: Lynda Stockslager, Lynda Stockslager at 2022TFAC@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Includes golf, tennis, pickleball, bocce, croquet, 5k run, 1- and 2-mile fun walk, silent auction, sponsorships or tributes. There are ways for all Landings residents to participate! Proceeds benefit St. Joseph’s/Candler Health Systems Nurse Navigation and Mercer University School of Medicine’s Summer Scholars program.

Summer Scholars program and the purchase or upgrading of critical lab equipment.

“The LWGA Summer Scholars program provides valuable experience for students working with faculty experts on projects meant to provide hope for cancer patients and survivors everywhere,” explains Dr. Robert Visalli, Mercer professor and director of the Summer Scholars program.

TFAC’s 2022 funding will include basic and critical care support for cancer patients



ABOVE LEFT: St. Joseph’s Candler nurse navigators such as Dana Coleman connect patients and their families to resources and information regarding their diagnosis and treatment, coordinating appointments, removing obstacles to medical appointments and much more.
ABOVE RIGHT: Last summer, seven medical students worked as Summer Scholars, assisting researchers in labs on various projects, including the relationship between obesity and melanoma; the role a newly discovered protein plays in breast cancer; and immunotherapy and cell therapy strategies to better fight cancer.



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TFAC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 9: Court sports (tennis, pickleball, bocce and croquet), a 5k run, and a 1- or 2-mile fun walk.

April 13: TFAC golf tournaments – 8:30 a.m. women's shotgun and 1:30 p.m. women's and men's shotguns, each followed by a luncheon or reception.

Club members can purchase one or more tribute doves to honor someone battling cancer or in remembrance of friends and family who died of cancer. Golf hole or sport court signs can be purchased by an individual, company or group. New this year is a silent auction, and all residents are encouraged to participate!

Sign up now! Join "Together for a Cure," support our beneficiaries and help defeat cancer. For more information and registration, and to purchase tribute doves or sponsorship signs, and place bids on silent auction items, visit togetherforacure.net or scan the QR code:



To become a TFAC sponsor, contact Laura Gebele at lgebele121@gmail.com or Linda Alper at Lindaalper7@gmail.com.

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at both St. Joseph's/Candler and Memorial Hospitals.

Because of Memorial's for-profit status, funds for ACI patients are directed to the Stephen Hollenberg Patient Assistance Fund. Toby Hollenberg established the fund in 2005 in memory of her late husband, who was shocked that medications covered under his insurance were unavailable to uninsured or underinsured patients. Toby Hollenberg covers the administrative expenses for the fund herself. "We heard from nurses that many patients couldn't benefit from treatment because they were dealing with such dire situations in their lives," she says. "We give out \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year, and the pharmacy bills run \$2,000-3,000 a month."

Julie Roberts, an oncology social worker at the ACI, says local support through the Hollenberg Fund allows her team to respond quickly to a broad range of needs.

For example, Georgia Medicaid does not pay for "Magic Mouthwash," which treats oral thrush and pain from chemotherapy. Roberts notes that this medication is crucial for patients to enable them to maintain qual-



"As an oncology social worker, I am often astounded by how resourceful our patients can be and how much they do without, until our staff asks how we can help."

~ Julie Roberts

care for himself and maintain his dignity. "As an oncology social worker," says Roberts, "I am often astounded by how resourceful our patients can be and how much they do without, until our staff asks how we can help."

In 2021, TFAC raised nearly \$140,000, and LWGA president Denise Cunningham says this year's TFAC team is working tirelessly to expand participation. "The creation of new events will broaden the reach to the entire Ladings community with the goal of raising even more funds," says Cunningham. "This year's addition of patient support services enhances this critical mission of providing much-needed help to Chatham County residents."

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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.

GREEN IS THE NEW BLACK

WHAT: Volunteers needed for Club Car Championship

WHEN: March 26 through April 3

WHERE: The Landings Club

HOW MUCH: \$15 Green Team t-shirt purchase required

CONTACT: To become a Green Team volunteer contact Connie Squibb at GreenTeam-Chair2020@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Join the tournament's "Green Team," to help encourage recycling and reduce litter throughout the Club Car Championship at the Landings. The recycling initiative is supported by Skidaway Audubon and dovetails with the Landings' efforts to protect the island environment. The event benefits 10 local charities.

STITCHIN' TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Stitch and Bead

WHEN: Tuesdays, March 29, April 12, and April 26, 2 - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Members' homes

HOW MUCH: Free, open to all Skidaway Island residents but Landlovers membership is required

CONTACT: Leslie Mathews at lmathews50@gmail.com to be added to the email list
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TYBEE TIME

WHAT: Landlovers Coastal Georgia Living, formerly known as the Green Thumb Club, presents "Tybee Island: Savannah's Summertime Retreat"

WHEN: Wednesday, April 6, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall at Messiah Lutheran Church

HOW MUCH: Membership fee pro-rated for end of year/\$5 guest fee

CONTACT: Donna Bunn, donnabunn@gmail.com or Deb Werner, debkwerner@yahoo.com

WHAT ELSE: Sarah Jones, executive director of Tybee Island Historical Society, will take us from the first English settlers on the island to the 20th century. Open to all Skidaway Islanders, but you must be a member of Landlovers.

PLAY DATE

WHAT: Landlovers Game Day

WHEN: Friday, April 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE: Palmetto Clubhouse

HOW MUCH: \$50 for play and lunch buffet

CONTACT: For more information and to register by April 5 to play and/or buy raffle tickets for some great items, go to landlovers-events.eventsmart.com, or contact Eileen Yost @ eileenyrn@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Islanders, but you must be a member of Landlovers. www.landingslandlovers.com/join.

TAG, YOU'RE IT

WHAT: Telfair Academy Guild

WHEN: Monday, April 11, 10 a.m. coffee; 10:30 a.m. meeting and program

WHERE: Jepson Center, Neises Auditorium

HOW MUCH: TAG members and their guests are welcome to attend

CONTACT: Non-members wishing to attend, contact Viki Annand, vikanann850@gmail.com or 912.330.7352

WHAT ELSE: Harry Delorme, Jr., director of education and senior curator at Telfair Museums, discusses Southern self-taught artists in conjunction with the new exhibition on William O. Golding. Delorme shares how artists with no professional training developed inventive working methods and imagery.

WHERE ART THOU?

WHAT: Landings Art Association Annual Spring Show and Silent Auction

WHEN: Monday, April 11, 5 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: Palmetto Club Ballroom, the Landings

TAXATION REPRESENTATION

WHAT: Opportunities for volunteer income tax assistance with Neighborhood Improvement Association

WHEN: starting in January, flexible hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

CONTACT: Tiffany Carter, tcarter@niacd.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.

PREPARATION STATION

WHAT: AARP volunteer free tax preparation

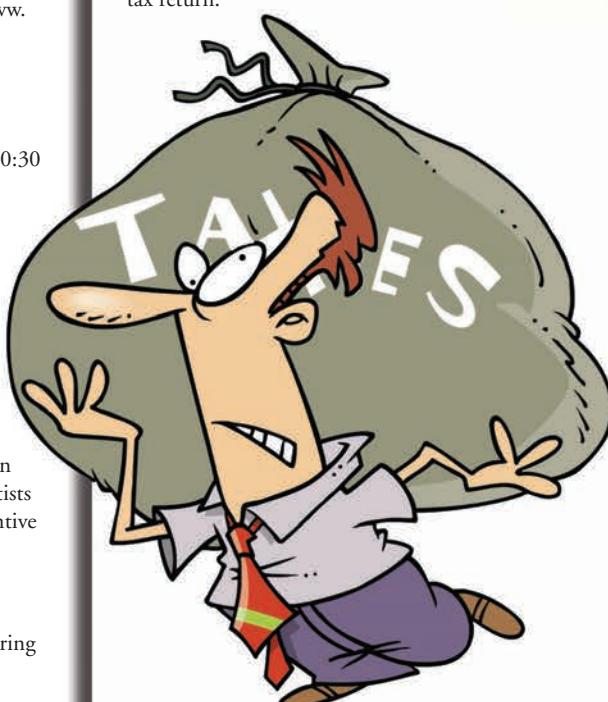
WHEN: Now until April 18, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Live Oak Library: SW Branch at Savannah Mall, 14097 Abercorn St. (Monday through Friday); Bull St. Branch, 2002 Bull St. (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

HOW MUCH: Free

CONTACT: Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide for more information.

WHAT ELSE: AARP Foundation Tax-Aide can help prepare your 2021 tax return. IRS-certified volunteers provide tax preparation service to anyone, completely free. You don't even have to be an AARP member. To be safe, we are using a "drop-off" service model, where you make an appointment to leave your documents for us to prepare your tax return.



ISLAND HOPPING

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HOW MUCH: \$5 per person at the door
CONTACT: LAA website at www.landingsartsassociation.com

WHAT ELSE: A juried show of more than 100 works by local artists in all media, and a silent auction of original art from 35 artists to benefit Savannah schoolchildren through LAA's Arts in Education programs. Live jazz and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. All artwork on display is for sale. Come marvel at the talent that surrounds you!

COME FLY WITH ME

WHAT: Coastal Conservation Association of Skidaway April meeting – "Fly Fishing"
WHEN: Monday, April 11, 7 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island

CONTACT: Paulette Hamilton, 610.509.0279

WHAT ELSE: Speakers Chad Dubose of Rivers and Glen Trading Company and fly fisherman Doug Painter will discuss fly fishing and how it differs between Savannah and mountain rivers, streams and lakes. They will address lagoons in the Landings, the Lowcountry marshes, and tidal fluctuations, as well as the different flies and equipment used. The April raffle prize is a fly rod and reel from Rivers and Glen.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

WHAT: "Envision and Enjoy," Landlovers 2022 Tour of Homes
WHEN: Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FORE THE CHILDREN

WHAT: The OHCF 2nd annual Golf Ball Drop
WHEN: Monday, April 25, 5:30 to 8:15 p.m.

WHERE: Deer Creek driving range

CONTACT: Sign up now at theonehundredchildrensfoundation.org

WHAT ELSE: Make a difference in a child's life: Buy tickets, a golf ball, or become a sponsor.

POWER PLANTS

WHAT: Landlovers Plant Strong of Skidaway Island

WHEN: Monday, April 18, 6 to 8 p.m.

WHERE: TLA Meeting Room

HOW MUCH: Free, but Landlovers membership is required

CONTACT: RSVP to Simone at simoneheyman-wfpb@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Open to all Skidaway Islanders. Panel speakers Greg Hoff, Laurie Phillips, Mike Stevenson and Jeff Adams will discuss Dr. Michael Greger's "Daily Dozen." Attendees pair up with a plant expert for education and support.

WHERE: Eight extraordinary homes in the Landings and two in the Marshes

HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$50 at landloversevents.eventssmart.com/. Deadline for purchase is May 6, or while supplies last. Tickets are limited in quantity, available only to Skidaway Island residents and their guests.

CONTACT: Heidi Lieberman at hlieberman5@gmail.com.

WHAT ELSE: We encourage you to travel by golf cart and to please wear soft-soled shoes to tour the homes.

WELCOME MAT

WHAT: Learn to create sleeping mats for the homeless from discarded plastic bags

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

CONTACT: For project information, DIY videos or to schedule group workshops call Carol Greenberg at 912.355.1238 or MStarArts@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: These mat and pillow sets help divert plastic bags from landfills and waterways while providing comfort to the homeless. All ages can learn to cut the bags into ribbons, tie these together to make plastic yarn. No tools are needed for braiding, crochet hooks cost less than \$5 and looms about \$10 to make.

PI SERVING

WHAT: Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Savannah

WHEN: October through April

WHERE: Skidaway Island and beyond

CONTACT: Beth Holmquist at bholmquist@comcast.net for membership information

WHAT ELSE: This active group of Pi Phi alums enjoys four to five gatherings a year. Plans are underway for a tour of Benedetto Guitars on Oct. 15; a holiday cocktail party on Dec. 3; a Panhellenic Cocktail Party on Feb. 2; and a Founders Day luncheon at Vic's on the River on Apr. 30, featuring popular local speaker, Roger Smith.

CORVETTE SUMMER

WHAT: Skidaway Island Corvette Club

WHEN: Third Thursday of each month, between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

WHERE: Plantation Club card room parking lot

HOW MUCH: No dues at this time, however an \$8 name tag fee may be forthcoming

CONTACT: Clayton Scott, 912.658.3116.

WHAT ELSE: Skidaway Island's club for Corvette owners is 35 members strong. Its goals are camaraderie and to share the enthusiasm for this classic American auto.

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.

HOCUS POCUS!

WHAT: Landlings Magic Society

WHEN: 7 p.m., second Thursday of the month, Oct. through May

WHERE: Plantation Club card room

CONTACT: Jim Ruhl, 912.856.3948, jsruhl@gmail.com or Bill Sickels, 912.598.9123 or whsickels@gmail.com

WHAT ELSE: Anyone with an interest in magic is welcome. Every meeting is instructional, entertaining and enlightening. Active participation is encouraged.

BATH AND BODY WORKS

WHAT: Landlovers community service toiletry

collection

WHEN: ongoing

WHERE: Drop-off location is the front porch at 2 Moonrise Circle, Deer Creek

CONTACT: llcommservice@gmail.com, Carol Stiles at carolstiles@gmail.com, or Sue Souls at smsouls@gmail.com

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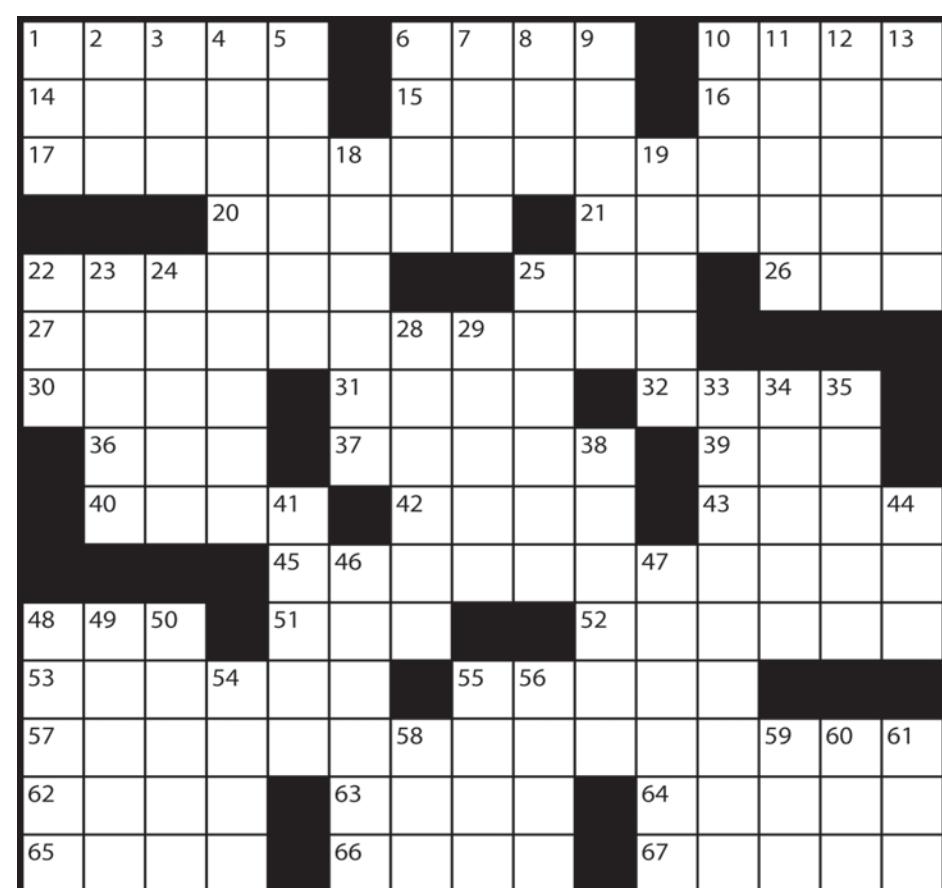
STANDARD CLUES*

ACROSS

- Bwana, in India
- The largest continent
- Speedy
- Acid which is a building block for proteins (anagram for NAOMI)
- Cartoon explosion sound
- Play with the bow, to a violinist
- *They often go on thighs*
- Chopin's "Tristesse", e.g. (anagram for DUET E)
- Any drug that induces vomiting
- Cap with a propeller
- Mrs., in Barcelona
- Superfund org.
- *Animals that have skulls*
- Eins, zwei, ___
- Prefix meaning 'moon'
- Steel mill waste product
- Combining form meaning "equal"
- Cat- ___ -tails (flogging whip)
- It's inflatable
- Billions of years
- Berra of baseball
- Wine casks
- *Edison's favorite invention*
- Chew the rag
- President Reagan's youngest son
- Like Abe Lincoln, proverbially
- Yummy French word for 'lightning' (anagram for AIR CEL)
- Erode (two words)
- *The three other asterisked clues*
- Heaps
- Saarinen who designed the St. Louis Arch
- Big name in computer chips
- Small Jedi knight with big ears
- Part of a staircase
- Conger catcher

DOWN

- Mule of the Erie Canal
- Doc bloc
- Type of boot
- Objective
- Shoe for an infant
- Alphabet starter
- ___ gin fizz (cocktail)



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NATURAL WONDERS

By Jorge Gojman

My wife, Mary Ann, and I had a recent opportunity to travel to the State of Michoacán, Mexico, and witness one of nature's most amazing miracles. This mountain region of Mexico is full of the giant Oyamel fir trees – many of them more than 160 feet tall with six-foot diameters – where the butterflies arrive each year in late October and early November to rest and winter. A private guide took us to one of 12 sacred sanctuaries, only two of which are open to the public each year to minimize impact.

The butterflies arrive from as far away as Canada and the northern U.S. following three major routes, one of which brings them close to coastal Georgia. For more than 10 years, the Landings Pollinator Garden has grown milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*) to support the monarchs' migration through the area. The butterflies begin their return to their summer homes, more than 3,000 miles away from Mexico, around late March each year. Much of the journey is above the clouds, yet Mother Nature ensures they reach the same destination year after year. Naturalists have theories regarding the butterflies' navigational ability and endurance, but very little solid data to support the theories. The mass migration is a natural miracle.

The weather was perfect for our visit to the migration terminus sites – bright and sunny with temperatures in the 50s and 60s. Since the forest elevation is higher than 10,000 feet, warnings are posted



at the base of the trail near the parking lot that anyone with heart or breathing problems should not attempt the trip. After leaving the car in the closest parking lot, we rode on horseback more than an hour up and down the steep mountainous terrain through the beautiful forest. Then we hiked another 45 minutes up and down more trails to reach an area where millions of monarch butterflies

were resting for the winter. Throughout the area, "Silencio" signs reminded us to avoid disturbing the butterflies.

It was an amazing experience and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The majesty of these Michoacán moments delivered one of the most spiritual experiences of our lives.

WHAT: Photos from Michoacán, Mexico
WHEN: Thursday, April 7, from 4 to 5 p.m.

WHERE: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Skidaway Island

HOW MUCH: Free

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WHAT ELSE: Mary Ann and Jorge Gojman share their astounding photos and experiences from their recent trip to Michoacán, Mexico, where millions of North America's monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles to winter. Hosted by Skidaway Audubon.



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