

THE SOUNDINGS



CONGRATULATIONS to our newest SGPOA Directors!



Sue Foster

Sue Foster has been a SGPOA owner for 30 years. Since 1980, she and her husband, Steve, have cherished their time on St. George Island, visiting frequently with their children and now-grown grandchildren, who have also developed deep ties to the area.

Recently retired from a distinguished career in state government, Sue has managed a total of 26 boards, overseeing licensure processes, organizing board meetings, training members, maintaining budgets, and streamlining operations to maximize efficiency.



Steve Reidich

Steve Reidich has been a SGPOA owner since 2013. Since 2021, he and his wife, Laura, have been full-time residents.

Steve retired in 2022 from a 30+ year legal career as inside counsel with a life insurance company. Serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, Steve managed a staff of nine, who assisted in complying with all U.S. states' and jurisdictions' insurance laws and regulations, advising the business regarding new initiatives and managing outside counsel on non-life insurance claim matters.

Thank you to all of the candidates who volunteered to serve!

Earl Solomon has resigned from the SGPOA Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving, please email Board@sgpoa.com with a letter of intent or resume by **January 10th.**



A note from Danielle Dzurik, SGPOA Vice President

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to reflect on 2024 and share my gratitude as one of your newly elected Directors. While this past year has presented significant challenges for our community, it has also sparked engagement, conversation, and a desire for positive change. Without these challenges, I likely would not have become as involved as I am today. This journey has already introduced me to so many wonderful neighbors and friends – and for that, I am truly thankful.

Stepping into 2025, I look forward to working alongside my fellow Board members—many of whom are also new—to help rebuild trust, strengthen transparency, and refocus on what makes St. George Plantation so special. I am optimistic about what we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

Cheers to 2025!

Danielle Dzurik

Board of Directors, VP

ArtSocial Committee

Art/Social Committee's goal is to provide high quality, desirable events for owners. These events provide owners to opportunity to meet new owners, identify community needs and build understanding. We are proud that "parties" were voted the #1 Amenity on the last owner's survey.

2024 started with 80 owners gathered for our New Years Eve party, then in February we hosted an artist reception with workshops held in the RV Clubhouse. We had professional artists who generously donated paintings which were raffled to benefit various local charities. Open Mic was introduced as well as Painterly Wednesdays. Then in March, our annual St. Patrick's Day party welcomed 90 owners enjoying the traditional Irish meal of Corned beef and cabbage and Guinness Beer, as well as Baileys and coffee. Spring Fling was celebrated poolside with a barbecue dinner and plenty of beer, wine and iced tea. We began to feature Owners and their crafts at this event. It was Owner Deb Lang at this event, and she treated owners to a special display of her pottery shards she found on St. George Island, and the resulting pottery she created.

After dinner, owners continued to enjoy the evening dancing to the music of the band, Flying Fish.

A pool and porch party was hosted in June, for owners to gather at the Magnolia Pool. From June through September, the Annual Photography contest was held. The judges displayed the top 20 photos, and these are voted on by owners. The winners are then featured on banners displayed in various places in the Plantation.

Art/Social put much time and effort in the planning of the Homeowners' dinner and dance in October. Owners let us know this is their favorite event of the year.

It is our pleasure, as a committee, to provide quality events for the owners in the Plantation. We are happy to work hard to ensure everyone enjoys the parties, exhibits, dinners, dances and get-togethers

Architectural Review Committee

Andy Kohl was recently appointed ARC Chair after serving on the committee since May.

The ARC is currently reviewing applications for an additional member. Special thanks to Philip Square, for stepping up in 2024, filling in on ARC tasks in addition to his existing workload.

Infrastructure Committee

2024 was a busy year with Infrastructure projects, such as resurfacing the pickleball courts and replastering the RV Pool. Special thanks to August Elliot for his time served as the Committee Chair.

Please welcome Jim Wojcik as the new Chair of Infrastructure!

Finance Committee

In 2024, FinCom welcome Robin Cooper as the new Committee Chair. Special thanks to Leo Korpany for his continued support of the committee. Jim Stueve and Buck Bolden also stepped up to the plate this year to help finalize the 2025 Budget. Thank you to all of our FinCom members, who dedicated time & effort these last few months!

2024 RECAP

Recreation Committee

Recreation has been hard at work! From a new ping pong table at the Resort Pool, to a scorekeeper and windscreens for the pickleball courts, SGPOA Recreation continues to improve the community.

Special thanks to Kathleen Delohery, who made Wednesday Wonders a success in 2024. The program will continue in 2025, coordinated by Recreation's newest Committee member, Emily Ramsey.



Communications Committee

The communications committee is looking for additional members and content contributors. Your photos, captions, and articles are always welcome. Communications have been enhanced with the skills of the Communication Director, Janie Henderson who joined in the spring of 2024 and the communications team.

Here are some of the accomplishments:

- The weekly email blasts, special news alerts, flyers and Soundings Newsletter all have a fresh look that represents the beauty of the St. George Plantation and makes it easier to access important information by attaching info into e-news email instead of logging in to FrontSteps.
- All-new SGPOA Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts were created. Links to these pages are found on the website. Career opportunities are also listed on Indeed.
- The board approved a Biannual Survey and Progress Report be established to ensure the wishes of the owners are represented with Communications to handle this project.
- Meeting recordings are now being archived and will no longer expire after 90 days.
- Many of the edits to the website are now handled in house. Many of the policies and governing documents are not only on our owner's portal but appear on our public-facing website found at SGPOA.com or StGeorgePlantation.com.
- Special projects have included the development of a ballot to gain owner direction about the possible movement of the sand donated by Corp of Engineers after the dredging of the Government Cut channel. Unfortunately, the project was delayed by inclement weather. The committee also developed a Q&A to help owners better understand some of the issues that the Shoreline Preservation Committee addressed.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

SGPOA Working Group

The board appointed a committee with corporate and business experience to make recommendations for aligning the SGPOA with the HOA's industry best practices as recommended by GGA Partners. GGA Partners reviewed our governing documents, met with a variety of stakeholders, reviewed our policies and financials and made recommendation to improve efficiency as well as the lines of communication and authority. The GGA Summary Brief is available for review on FrontSteps.

Here are some of the motions that the board approved:

- SGPOA structure to align with SGPOA governing documents and GGA Best Practices Governance Model.
- Repeal policy that required board members on committees to serve as liaisons-only to the board and prohibited them from being voting members of a committee.
- BOD members serve as chair or have a board-appointed designee chair a committee with a board member serving on committees.
- Long Range Planning Committee was eliminated
- A Biannual Survey and Progress Report be established to ensure the wishes of the owners are represented. It was also suggested that Communications handle this project.

The committee also developed committee charters (job descriptions) with the assistance provided by committee chairs to help provide clarity for community communications as well as direction for committee members and the board. These charters are a work in progress. Thank you to Buena Brown, Helene Antel, Mike Seningen, Laurie Kohl, Tony Pellicano, Doug Cone, Shelly Shepard, and Mason Bean for their service.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS **2025**

To RSVP, email WWonders@sgpoa.com

**JAN
15**

3:00 PM

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve presents

The Mystery and Magic of Sea Turtles

The ANERR Team, led by Anita Grove, will share information about the successful 2024 nesting season and share volunteer involvement.

Audubon Presents

Fabulous Feathered Friends

Collette Lauzau, Audubon Regional Manager will provide an update on the bird population in the Panhandle. We are thrilled Ms. Lauzau is back in the Panhandle after a few years working in southern Florida.

**FEB
19**

**MARCH
19**

Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve presents

Bear Beauty in Franklin County or The World Below the Water Line

Final presentation and event details TBD

FWC Dr Caroline Stahala, Biologist presents

Marsh Life of the Black Rail

**APRIL
16**

Appetizers served at all events!

For more info or to RSVP: WWonders@sgpoa.com



Owners, owners' guests*, and renters are welcome to participate.

**Guests must be accompanied by an Owner.*

All activities are subject to change

OPEN PLAY

Wednesday, Friday, & Sunday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
(All 4 Courts)

PICKLEBALL

**All pickleball activities located at
Sea Pines Pickleball Court**
Contact: Pickleball@sgpoa.com

ADVANCED OPEN PLAY

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Courts 3 & 4

OPEN PLAY

Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 am

TENNIS

**All tennis activities located at
Magnolia Road Court**
Contact: Tennis@sgpoa.com

SCHEDULED PLAY

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 am - 11:00 am

BRIDGE

2nd & 4th Tuesday
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Cypress Room
Contact: Bridge@sgpoa.com

AEROBICS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 - 10:00 am
Plantation Room
Contact: Exercise@sgpoa.com

BUNCO

1st Wednesday Every Month
6:00 pm
Magnolia Clubhouse
RSVP by Monday for Wednesday Play
Contact: Bunco@sgpoa.com

MAH JONG

1st & 3rd Monday
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Cypress Room
Contact: Mahjong@sgpoa.com



St. George Plantation Owners' Association

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In Loving Memory

Barbara W. Paget of Indianapolis, IN and St. George Island, FL, passed away November 8 at 87 years old.

Barbara was born in New Jersey and after graduating from Douglas College (Rutgers University) Barbara extended her education to a masters in mathematics at Purdue University where she met and married Charles Paget, Jr.

Barbara and Chuck eventually settled in Indianapolis where they went on to raise three sons, Charles III (MD), Doug (MD), and Steven (PhD) and she became deeply involved in their education and the community. She served as a leader through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts eventually earning the Silver Beaver award. She volunteered in the Perry township school district and was elected to the school board and served as board president. In her snowbird home away at the St. George Plantation, she also served on the Board of Directors.

Beyond family she was someone who enjoyed tennis and later, pickleball. Barbara was a dab hand at art, learning a new technique then practicing until she was a master (Pysanky Easter Eggs, Pine needle baskets, birthday cake creations and others). Her nine grandchildren also gave her great joy and she was incredibly involved grandmother, willing to get a full face-painting from her granddaughter, attend innumerable soccer games, and welcome them into her home to whisk them away from their parents. She is remembered for her amazing talents and love for her family. Barbara is survived by her loving husband, Chuck, her three sons and their wives (Bonnie, Cheryl, and Kathleen), her grandchildren Julia, Claire, Alec, Zach, Seth, Nathan, Joel, Christian and Luke and her sisters, Pat White and Carol Hagemann-White.



Board meetings are held every 3rd Thursday at 1:00 PM EST unless otherwise stated:

2025 BOD Meetings

January 16
February 20
March 20
April 17

May 15
June 19
July 17
August 21

*September 11 (Thursday, Budget Workshop)
*October 18 (Saturday, Owners' Meeting)
November 20
December 17

All owners are encouraged to attend in-person or via Zoom.

**We are currently searching for
a new General Manager!**

Please share with your network and help
spread the word.

Review ALL open positions at SGPOA at:
www.stgeorgeplantation.com/careers/



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