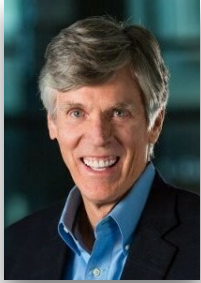


The Soundings

February 2024

SGPOA President's Message, Jeff Flowers



Dear Residents of The Plantation,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring like weather!

In an effort to ensure comprehensive board decision-making, committees will now play a pivotal role in researching and presenting major projects. Capital project recommendations will include community engagement with options for evaluation as well as funding ideas. This approach allows for a more inclusive community-input process and transparency

The goal is to foster collaboration and present well-rounded recommendations that have been thoroughly vetted before they are presented to the board for approval and sent through the procurement process. This will streamline the board's focus and promote effective governance. Your participation is crucial in shaping the future of our growing community.

I look forward to the kind of community participation we had with the beach committee for producing the same kind of positive results with other committee projects as we go forward.

Board approves Recreation Director Intern

President, Jeff Flowers recommended hiring an intern for the 2024 summer season to schedule activities for owners and owners guests. The expense of the intern should not exceed \$6000.00. (approx. \$10-\$12 per hour). Search for lodging for the Intern is currently in the works.

Got Space?

The SGPOA is looking to collaborate with an intern to assist with recreation activities for the summer. Email office@sgpoa.com if you have some availability from June 1 - August 31 to rent space to a student.



Board of Directors Meetings

2024

January 18
February 15
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 20
July 18
August 15

*September 19 Owners Budget Workshop

*October 11 FRI @ 1 PM Owners' Annual Meeting

November 21
December 19

Board meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:00 PM unless otherwise stated



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

All information regarding the February board meeting, including the minutes, and the recording of the meeting can be found by clicking here. If you are interested in past BOD meeting information and minutes, click here.

All SGPOA owners are encouraged to attend Board meetings to remain current on the Board's vision. Owners can comment verbally or by emailing: admin@sgpoa.com

ARTSOCIAL OFFERS NEW ACTIVITIES

Open Mic Practice Tuesdays; 3:00-5:00 Resort Village Clubhouse



All instruments and levels of play are welcome. Get ready to jam with neighbors! All types of music genres (folk, rock, country, etc) from your favorite artists will be played.

The goal is to have fun learning and practicing new tunes while making new friends. If we end up at Open Mic, that's fun too!

For any questions or to RSVP to either activity: contact: artsocial@sgpoa.com

Painterly Wednesdays Wednesdays

1:00 - 4:00

Resort Village Clubhouse

Expand your creative talent through painting. All mediums (oil, acrylic, pastels, watercolor, etc.) and expertise levels are welcome. Bring something you're working on or start from scratch and have fun painting with others in a lovely, natural light setting. Bring your preferred art supplies. Easels are provided.

For the next three weeks, renowned pastel artist Barb Noonan is giving up her time and painting with us. On February 28th, she will give a pastel demonstration, and then we will paint. You don't want to miss this incredible opportunity to learn from the best.

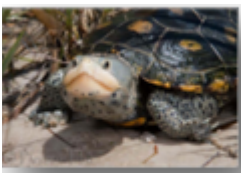
**There will be no painting class on March 20th due to the Forgotten Coast Plein Air events



WEDNESDAY WONDERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 -DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FLORIDA'S DIAMONDBACK TERRAPINS

Dan Catizone a Biologist with the USGS Wetland and Aquatic Research Center talk about the endangered Diamondback

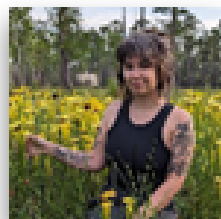


Terrapin and other turtles in our county. Diamondback

Terrapins are mysterious turtles that live in salt marshes, mangroves, estuaries, and bays, surviving on crustaceans such as snails, insects, fishes, and crabs, and are critical to keeping the marshland healthy.

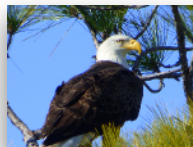
A **Little St George Trip** lead by Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) has been scheduled for either March 27th or April 9, depending on the weather. This trip is has limited seating, so please respond if interested.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 APALACHICOLA RIVER KEEPERS - THE BEAUTY OF THE RIVER AND EAGLE WATCH



For 25 years the River Keepers have been standing up for Florida's Apalachicola River, its vast floodplain and Bay. Dani Davis, Director of Outreach, and her team will be sharing the wonders of the river, and the efforts to keep it clean and safe for all.

EAGLE WATCH



Patti McMullen, a dedicated volunteer, will share information about the history of the Eagle Watch program, the biology of eagles, mating, and highlights of the eagle pairs on the island.

Patti McMullen, a retired teacher and lifelong bird nerd from Tallahassee, is a trained Audubon Eagle Watch program volunteer. This eagle season is her eighth. She currently monitors seven nests in Franklin County (six on SGI with two of those located in the Plantation) and five nests in Wakulla County, all in St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge.

To sign up for these events:

Email [Kathleen Delohery wwonders@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleen.Delohery@wwonders@gmail.com)

Subject line: Wednesday Wonders

Retrospective: Lee Sewell

Our community lost a very special person on Jan 10, 2024: Lee Reynolds Sewell.



Some years ago, I was volunteering for the SGI Lighthouse tour of homes. My job was to stand outside one of the homes in The Plantation and direct traffic. An energetic lady walked up to me

and said: "Hey, I'm Lee Sewell, what's your name?" With that exchange, a friendship began that tremendously impacted my life. Soon afterwards, she invited Buck and me to come for dinner at her beautiful home on Kingfisher Road, and was quite clear that "while she loved to entertain and have company, she wasn't much for cooking"! No matter, as her many other talents and penchant for delightful storytelling completely overshadowed her admitted lack of culinary skill. We would happily bring the food! Many happy afternoons and evenings followed, enjoying Lee's company, stories, beautiful views over the Bay and basking in her lovely presence.

Lee was in many ways a "renaissance woman" with extensive accomplishments both professional and personal, including achieving a senior executive position with Citibank and obtaining her private pilot license with an instrument rating. She freely gave her time by volunteering to fly patients to their specialized treatment with Angel Flight and faithfully working at Crossroads Atlanta which is a ministry for the homeless sponsored by St. Luke's Episcopal, Lee's church in Atlanta. Lee also devoted much time to improving the SGPOA through Board membership, committee membership and attendance at many meetings to offer her valuable perspective and feedback. Her knowledge of Plantation history, processes, bylaws and covenants was deep, extensive

and helped create the healthy HOA organization and financial position that we all now enjoy. We are grateful to Lee for her many gifts to our community and deeply miss her presence.

Lee told me frequently that her home on Kingfisher Road- Sewell's Point- was her place of peaceful retreat and a source of rejuvenation for her soul. She and her husband Randy spent many happy days there with family and friends before he became severely ill and unable to travel. One of her favorite things about Sewell's Point was the mated pair of Eagles that built a nest just outside their entry door and returned each year to raise chicks. At the memorial service for Lee in Selma, the last hymn was "I'll Fly Away". May Lee's spirit and soul fly with those eagles in peace and beauty.

Thank you, Lee Sewell. We miss you.

Luke Webster



A Celebration of Life will be held on March 19, 2024, at 3:30 pm at Lee's residence, 1719 Kingfisher Road. All are welcome to attend to celebrate Lee's extraordinary

life and contributions to the SGPOA.

Please email Patti McCartney if you are able to attend. patti@pattimccartney.com

Click here to read more about Lee's involvement in achieving the financial stability the SGPOA has today. (History of the Plantation-The Recent Years 2005-2016 Vol. 1, Issue 4; pages 5-7)

Excerpt from the History of the Plantation: The Recent Years 2005-2016

I first came to the island before the bridge. I really loved it because of the ferry ride. Randy, my husband, and I began coming to the island regularly in the 90s, enjoying a place to stay with our friends Patti & Bill McCartney. We bought Mason Bean's little round house on Kingfisher and knew we were truly blessed to have this special, unique and beautiful place. We recently completed a total renovation, leaving only the basic footprint the same well, in fact, the stunning views and the resident eagles are the same. The SGPOA board appointed me as a director in 2000 because, I was told, they needed a woman on the board to replace the one who moved away.



SPECIAL NOTES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

To submit ideas, articles, photos, etc. for consideration to *The Soundings* or Plantation website, contact:

newsandevents@sgpoa.com

Deadline for submission to *The Soundings* newsletter is the 1st day of the publication month.

When searching for vendors and service people, refer to the **Registered Vendor List** on the website. After sign-in, click OWNER on top menu bar, then click REGISTERED VENDOR

[Click here to view list.](#)

MULTIPLE WAYS TO ACCESS SGPOA MEETINGS AND STAY INFORMED

All SGPOA owners are welcome to attend Board meetings, ARC meetings, or committee meetings in person, via a "listen only" phone, or streaming live on your Smart phone or computer.

AUDIO ONLY: The "listen only" phone number and pass code ID (which changes with every meeting) is available prior to the meeting on the committee agenda; this agenda can be found on the weekly email blast and website. You may call in up to 5 minutes prior to the meeting start time or anytime during the meeting. All meetings are EASTERN TIME.

VIDEO & AUDIO: To watch the meeting live, you may also download the Zoom app to your computer, Smart phone, or I-pad and enter the pass code ID provided on the agenda.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android - <https://zoom.us/>

On menu bar, click JOIN A MEETING, then enter pass code ID located on the agenda.

Minutes of committee meetings available at www.stgeorgeplantation.com. Click on Owners >Resource Center >Advisory Committees and choose the specific committee.



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The Board of Directors meetings begin at 1:00 pm in the Plantation Room located on the second floor of the Clubhouse on Magnolia Rd. Budget, Assessments, and Citations may be on the agenda of each meeting. Agendas are posted on the website and bulletin boards located at the Clubhouse and in the mail room (west side of the pool house). Meeting dates are posted on the front page of *The Soundings*.

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Board of Directors

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

Meets the 2nd Thursday
of each month
at 1:00 pm
Magnolia Clubhouse

2024

January 11

February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 17

November 14

December 12

**All submittals must
be made at least 10
business days prior
to the next
scheduled monthly
meeting**