



THE PLANTATION POST

Owners select new name for newsletter

Welcome to *The Plantation Post*!

The Soundings has a new name, chosen by you, our owners and your enthusiasm for this venture was encouraging. Twenty-four owners and staff brought a lot of creativity to this project, submitted 119 potential new names. The Administrative staff had the tough but fun job of whittling that list down to the Top 21. From there, we passed the baton to the Board of Directors; the board selected five finalists.

We shared the five finalist names on FRONTSTEPS for owners to vote. We received 85 votes:

- The Coastal Carrier - 1 vote
- The Coastal Current - 10 votes
- Island Life - 13 votes
- Tide & Times - 17 votes
- The Plantation Post - 44 votes

Three people submitted the winning name and were given free retail items. The winners were: **Angela Roberts-Bryan, Rhea Everett, and Ben Hays.**

Thank you to all who voted and submitted suggestions for this new chapter of our community's voice. This publication has kept our SGPOA owners in the loop for years — recapping events, welcoming new team members, sharing board updates, and spotlighting ways to get involved. We are excited about this fresh start as we move to publishing monthly, on the first Friday of the month.

Submit any news to [Communications Director Debbie Ingram](#), publisher of *The Plantation Post*.



Angela Roberts-Bryan is one of the winners!



We want to make you aware of an important change regarding how to submit your **2026 Annual Assessment** for The Plantation.

SGPOA has transitioned from the Bank of California lockbox system to Centennial Bank Complete Lockbox Assn. Services for the payment of annual assessments.

Moving to a local bank for these payment processing services offers additional safeguards and gives owners greater ease of use, with online, in person, and mail-in payment options. We anticipate no changes in the annual billing period.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Directors approved the 2026 budget with assessments in special meetings the last week of November. The minutes of those meetings can be viewed in FRONTSTEPS under Documents.

Please make a point to watch your U.S.P.S. mail for correspondence from Centennial Bank with specific instructions on how to securely submit your assessment fee.

President's Corner

Buck Bolden



Dear Neighbors,

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by friends and family. This truly is one of the most meaningful times of the year, a season for gratitude, togetherness, and memories.

I want to share an update regarding the New Year's Eve event at St. George Plantation. Over the past few weeks, many of you have shared questions and feedback about the New Year's Eve Gala. After discussion with the ArtSocial Committee and the Board of Directors regarding having the Gala be an inclusive community event, ArtSocial made the difficult decision to cancel this year's New Year's Eve Gala. Several considerations including the event theme, venue capacity, ensuring fairness in reservations, and overall costs needed to be considered. The goal is to come together in 2026 with fresh ideas and community experiences that create social opportunities for all Plantation owners.

Know that your voices matter deeply. **An online survey to give your thoughts and input on our community will go out via FRONTSTEPS on Dec. 9.** Thank you to Debbie Ingram and Danielle Dzurik on putting together this first survey. I hope there will be more in the future where you can give your feedback on relevant topics.

In the meantime, may your holidays be merry, bright, and surrounded by those you hold dear.

Happy Holidays,
Buck Bolden
SGPOA President



Thank you, team!

Members of the Maintenance and Security teams are pictured recently after General Manager Michael Allen distributed gift cards to all the staff for Thanksgiving. During the holidays especially, we appreciate our hard-working staff and their dedication to keeping The Plantation well-maintained and safe.

Never regret a day
in your life: good days give
happiness, bad days give
experience, worst days give
lessons, and best days
give memories.



Pickleball gates

The Plantation recently installed two new chain link gates at the pickleball courts to provide a better experience for owners and guests, especially when multiple courts are in use. This was a project recommended and sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

SGI Cat Allies: Supporting SGPOA

By Cathy Buell, President, SGI Cat Allies, Inc.

In 2014, June Crawford, Helen Gore, and I founded SGI Cat Allies to address the growing number of free-roaming cats on St. George Island. Over the years, The Plantation has become an important focus area for our work, and I want to share a brief update with residents.

What We Do

SGI Cat Allies operates a humane management program called TNVR – Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return. This approach stabilizes outdoor cat populations, prevents new litters, reduces nuisance behaviors, and ensures that all known cats are vaccinated and healthier.



Progress in The Plantation

Thanks to the cooperation of residents and caretakers, we have:

- Stabilized several long-standing colonies
- Significantly reduced kitten births
- Rehomed friendly or abandoned cats when possible
- Documented and vaccinated remaining outdoor cats
- Responded quickly to any new, unsterilized cats reported in the area

Our efforts in The Plantation were also part of a recent countywide initiative in which 146 cats were sterilized at 42 locations in a single weekend.

Why This Matters

TNVR creates a calmer, healthier environment for both residents and wildlife by reducing roaming, fighting, spraying, and population growth. The Plantation has been one of our most collaborative and supportive communities, and we are grateful.

How Residents Can Help

- Report new or unsterilized cats
- Support caretakers
- Volunteer or assist with trapping (training available)
- Donate to support spay/neuter services

Thank you for helping us maintain a humane and effective approach to community cats on the island. **3**

New Year's Eve Gala

After careful consideration and discussions between ArtSocial and the Board of Directors, it has been decided to cancel the New Year's Eve Gala scheduled for Dec. 31. Stay turned for all the fun 2026 events!

Holiday Hours

Administrative Offices are closed Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25-26 and Thursday, Jan. 1.

Recycling Hours

Florida 27 Recycle will not pick up Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 24-25.

Mistletoe Margaritas

Source:
Delish.com

What better way to get into the holiday spirit than with this colorful cranberry margarita. Make frozen or serve over ice.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 c. whole cranberries
- 1/2 c. + 1 T. fresh lime juice, divided
- 4 T. granulated sugar, divided
- 2 T. kosher salt
- 1 lime wedge
- 12 c. ice
- 2 c. cranberry juice
- 12 oz. silver tequila
- 8 oz. triple sec
- Mint sprigs for garnish



The holidays just got brighter.

Instructions:

- Step 1: In a medium bowl, toss cranberries with 1 T. lime juice. Drain lime juice, then toss with 2 T. sugar. Pour onto a baking sheet to dry.
- Step 2: On a shallow plate, combine salt and remaining 2 T. sugar. Using lime wedge, rub rim of each glass, then dip into salt mixture.
- Step 3: Working in batches if needed, in a large blender, blend ice, cranberry juice, tequila, triple sec, and remaining 1/2 cup lime juice until smooth.
- Step 4: Pour into prepared glasses. Garnish with mint and a couple sugared cranberries.

Did you know?

This house located in what is now The Plantation was considered the first homestead on St. George Island. The house was said to be built by relatives of John Witherspoon of New Jersey. The house and outbuildings were located in what is now the Nick's Hole area.

Witherspoon was an original supporter of and the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence. Had the signers' efforts at independence from England failed, they would have been the first to be hanged for treason and they never would have lived on the island.

– From *The History of St. George Plantation*



Upcoming BOD Meetings

Held on the 3rd Thursday of the month unless otherwise stated.**

Location: Plantation Room
NOTE: Meeting time is moving to 5 p.m. in 2026.

December 18, 1 p.m.

January 15, 5 p.m.

February 19, 5 p.m.

March 19, 5 p.m.

April 16, 5 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

ARC

Dec. 11, 1 p.m., Plantation Room

Infrastructure

Jan. 7, 10 a.m., Cypress Room

Recreation

Jan. 8, 11 a.m., Cypress Room

ARC

Jan. 8, 1 p.m., Plantation Room

ArtSocial

Jan. 8, 1 p.m., Cypress Room

Recreation

Feb. 5, 11 a.m., Cypress Room

ArtSocial

Feb. 5, 1 p.m., Cypress Room

All owners are encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom. We will transition to Teams in the coming weeks.

Submit an Owner Comment

by using an owner form located under **Owner Tools** in the footer of our website.

**Special meetings may be called with notification sent out via FRONTSTEPS.



Keeping you in the know

Both Duke Energy and Consolidated Communications are working within The Plantation. Duke is laying new lines in the area between the Pelican Point tennis courts and Longpoint Road at the airport. Consolidated is running fiber optic lines to the Maintenance building. These projects should be completed in January.

Committee Chairs

Traci Clark was recently selected as the new chair of ArtSocial. Congratulations, Traci!

Please Save the Date of Feb. 8 for the Committee's first event of 2026 - a SUPER BOWL PARTY at the Clubhouse!

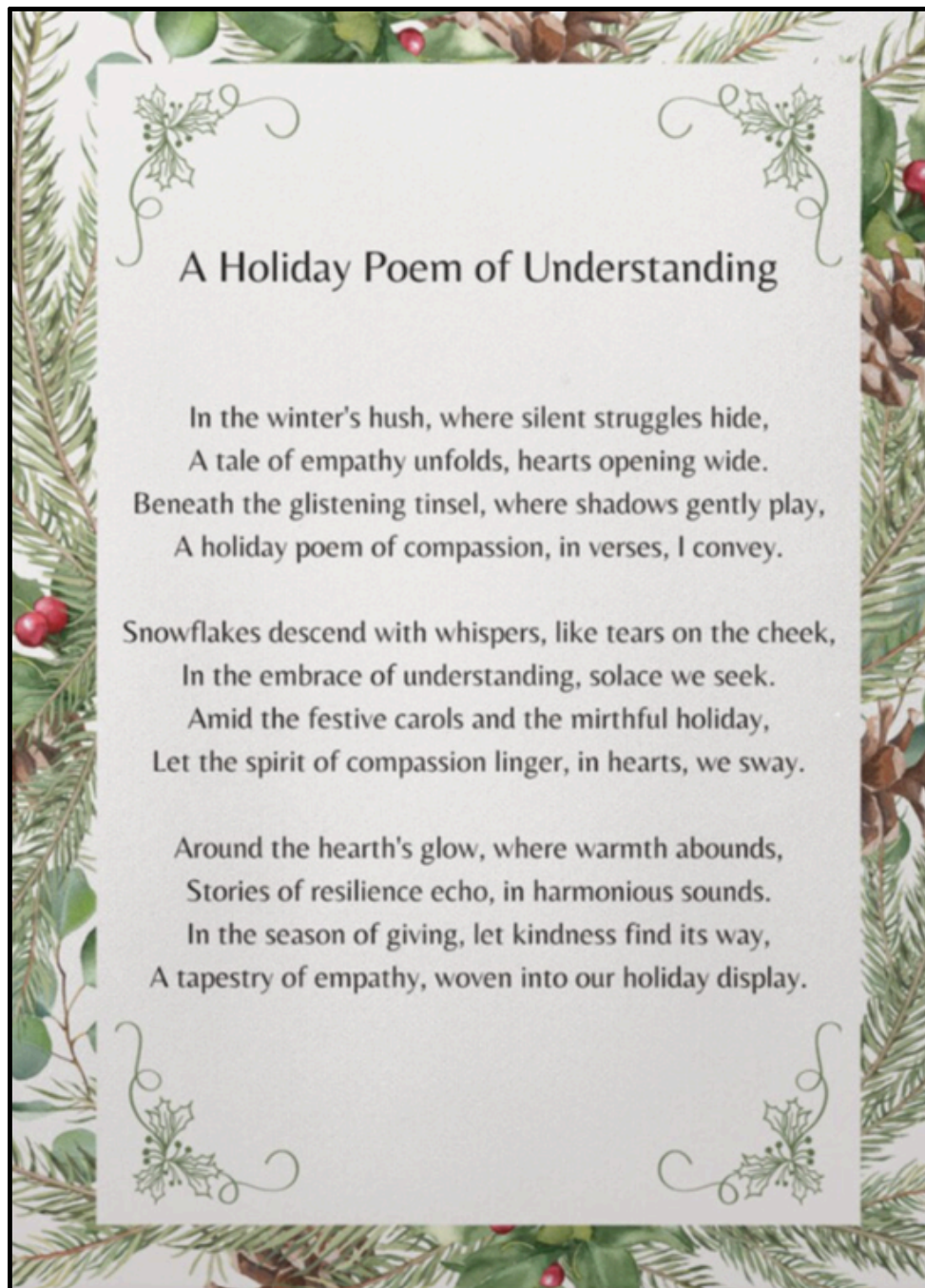
Other Committee Chairs are:

- ARC – Andy Kohl
- Audit – Leo Korpanty
- Compliance – Carl Adams
- FinCom – Robin Cooper
- Infrastructure – Jim Wojcik
- Natural Dune Restoration – John Williams
- Personnel – Buck Bolden
- Recreation – Debra Robertson

Committee and board meetings are open to all owners (except Personnel Comm.).

Holiday thought

from General Manager Michael Allen



A Holiday Poem of Understanding

In the winter's hush, where silent struggles hide,
A tale of empathy unfolds, hearts opening wide.
Beneath the glistening tinsel, where shadows gently play,
A holiday poem of compassion, in verses, I convey.

Snowflakes descend with whispers, like tears on the cheek,
In the embrace of understanding, solace we seek.
Amid the festive carols and the mirthful holiday,
Let the spirit of compassion linger, in hearts, we sway.

Around the hearth's glow, where warmth abounds,
Stories of resilience echo, in harmonious sounds.
In the season of giving, let kindness find its way,
A tapestry of empathy, woven into our holiday display.

2026 BOD Meeting Schedule

All meetings are on a Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Plantation Room.*

Jan. 15	May 21	Sept. 17
Feb. 19	June 18	Oct. 17*
March 19	July 16	Nov. 19
April 16	Aug. 20	Dec. 17

*Owner's Weekend, Saturday at 10 a.m.

Now collecting information for Rental Registry

The SGPOA Board of Directors approved a new policy this year that creates a Vacation Home & Management Registry beginning in 2026.

This information serves as a registry for all owners, and those who rent their properties; it will be collected annually going forward. A QR code taking you to the SGPOA Rental Registration Form will be included in the assessment mailout later this month. We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the form.

The information helps the SGPOA maintain accurate contact records, ensures that all homeowners and property managers receive timely updates on Plantation policies, and supports our

security team when it comes to emergencies and after-hours incidents. Please provide the most current contact details for your property and, if applicable, your rental management company. This annual registration is required for all vacation homes.

If you have more than one rental property within The Plantation, please submit a separate form for each property.

We appreciate your cooperation and your commitment to supporting The Plantation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office at (850) 927-2312.

CHRISTMAS

TOYS FOR TOTS

Collecting Toys & Gift Cards for Franklin County kids, ages newborn to 18

Last year *A Hand Up* provided toys for 601 Franklin County children. The Plantation Clubhouse is a drop-off site for this year's toy collection.

Collecting thru Dec. 12

 www.ahandupintl.org 

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Infrastructure/Communications Survey

We invite all owners to participate in a community-wide survey to help us better understand your needs, priorities, and preferences. As we continue planning for the future of St. George Plantation, your input is essential in guiding improvements to our facilities, amenities, events, and communication efforts.

This survey includes questions about upgrades or additions you would like to see in our common areas, new amenities you may be interested in supporting, the types of community events you'd enjoy, and any retail items you believe would benefit owners and guests. We

are also asking for your preferences on how you would like to receive information from The Plantation, so we can communicate more effectively and keep everyone well informed. Your thoughtful responses will help shape decisions that impact our shared spaces, quality of life, and overall community experience. The survey is brief, and your participation is greatly appreciated. It will be emailed via FRONTSTEPS on Dec. 9.

Questions? Call the office at (850) 927-2312.

WEDNESDAY WONDERS



BEGINNING IN 2026 AT THE PLANTATION CLUBHOUSE

The SGPOA Recreation Committee will again sponsor this popular educational series, **Wednesday Wonders**, on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

JAN 21
WED

Native Plants for Coastal Living

Anita Grove with the ANERR for an informative presentation on native plants that thrive in our coastal conditions.

FEB 18
WED

The Birds of St. George Island

Collette Lauzau with the Apalachee Audubon Society presenting local and migratory species, seasonal patterns, and the vital role our barrier island plays in providing habitat.

MAR 18
WED

The Shipwrecks of Dog Island

Melanie Damour, maritime archeologist
Historic shipwrecks off Dog Island/St. George Sound.

APR 15
WED

ANERR River Boat Trip

A guided boat trip through the Bay, up the Apalachicola River and into the swamp areas, highlighting the ecosystem & wildlife.

MAY 20
WED

Sea Turtles of St. George Island

Our guest speaker will share insights into nesting habits, hatchling survival, and how you can help keep them safe.



Maintenance is redecking the walkway at the Magnolia Clubhouse. Several of the wooden boards had deteriorated, creating an unsafe situation for owners, guests and staff. This deck ties the asphalt parking lot to both the tennis court and the main clubhouse. Work should be completed within the next week.



Bright new pots of poinsettias have been added to The Plantation entrance, creating a happy, festive welcome for all owners and visitors. We hope everyone takes time this holiday season to enjoy the beauty of the island as well as the decorations throughout the area.



Bathroom Upgrade

The public restroom at the firehouse has been updated, with more improvements coming. The bathroom has a double sink, a shower, and motion-sensor lights and a new sidewalk and signage guiding the way. Having these facilities close to the pickleball courts has also been a request of our pickleball players.



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