

THE PLANTATION POST

Sea turtle activities

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President, SGI Sea Turtle Patrol*

Born on March 13, 2026, the St. George Island Sea Turtle Patrol, Inc. was created after discovering that St. George Island falls outside the boundaries of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR). What initially seemed like a challenge quickly became an incredible opportunity to grow, strengthen our mission, and make an even greater impact for sea turtle conservation on St. George Island.

As an independent nonprofit operating under my FWC Marine Turtle Permit MTP-143, our volunteers work tirelessly to protect nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings while educating residents and visitors about the importance of preserving these remarkable animals.

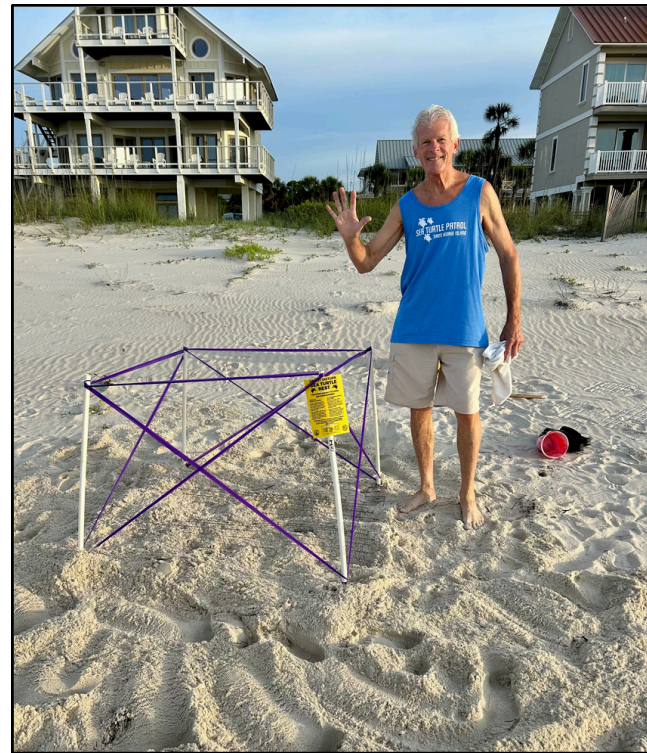
One of our most exciting initiatives is our partnership with Franklin County Elementary School. Together, we launched a year-long problem-based learning program focused on sea turtles, conservation, and marine science. Students are actively engaged in learning about sea turtle biology, habitat protection, and the challenges these endangered species face.

As part of this groundbreaking educational effort, the students selected the name for one of 10 sea turtles that

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Sections as shown at right: (FC = False Crawl)

- A** starts on the east end of St. George Island State Park
- B - F** SGI center east to west
- G** 12th Street to Nick's Hole
- H** Nick's Hole to the Magnolia Clubhouse
- I** Clubhouse to Sea Fern Way
- J** Sea Fern Way to the Bob Sikes Cut



Scott and Tanya Downing monitor Section I

Total Crawls through June 3, 2026

	FCs	Nests	Total Crawls	
A	4	5	9	
B	5	3	8	
C	7	11	18	
CC	8	5	13	
D	9	7	16	
F	14	8	22	
G	12	9	21	
H	11	6	17	
I	7	5	12	
J	7	7	14	
Totals	84	66	150	1

ArtSocial presents 1st Thursday Food Truck

Last December, we informally surveyed SGPOA owners to learn what new events and amenities they would like to see in the coming year. Approximately one-third of our owners responded, and one of the most popular suggestions was the addition of a food truck.

The ArtSocial Committee embraced the idea as a wonderful opportunity to provide both enjoyment and convenience for our owners and guests.

The First Thursday Food Truck series made its debut June 4 at the Magnolia Pool. Despite a minor hiccup with the generator on opening night, thanks to the quick assistance of several owners, the evening was a great success. Approximately 75 people came out to enjoy the delicious Honduran cuisine of El Corozal, and even more importantly, everyone had a wonderful time gathering with friends and neighbors by the pool.

We're excited to continue the series and look forward to welcoming Dave's Dawgs just in time for the Fourth of July weekend. We hope you'll join us for another fun evening of great food and great company!



July 2: Dave's Dawgs
Aug. 6: Tamara's on the go



ArtSocial presents
**FIRST THURSDAY
FOOD TRUCK**

1st Thursday of the month during the summer
July 2
5-7 p.m.
by the Magnolia Clubhouse Pool

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will be satellite tagged for the first time ever on St. George Island. This historic project is led by Professor Mariana Fuentes and her team from the Marine Turtle Research, Ecology and Conservation Group within the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Science at Florida State University.

Through conservation, education, and community engagement, we are building a brighter future for sea turtles while inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards. We are grateful for the support of our volunteers, donors, partners, and community members who make this important work possible.

Follow the progress of the season on the [St. George Island Sea Turtle Patrol](#) Facebook page.



Exercise in comfort with water aerobics

💧 Come Enjoy Water Aerobics! Owners and guests are invited to join us for Water Aerobics every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the Magnolia Clubhouse Pool.

Water aerobics is a fun, low-impact way to stay active while enjoying the company of friends and neighbors. Exercising in the water helps improve cardiovascular health, increase strength and flexibility, enhance balance, and reduce stress. And it is gentle on the joints! It's an excellent workout for all fitness levels and a great way to start the day.

Whether you're looking to maintain your health and fitness, meet new people, or just enjoy some pool time, we'd love to have you join us.

Save the date for this coastal cleanup day

Saturday, Sept. 19 is International Coastal Clean Up Day. This year we are participating in the event in coordination with Apalachicola Riverkeeper.



This is the first year the Riverkeeper will have tip-to-tip coverage of SGI. Plantation coordinators are Scott and Tanya Downing and Traci Clark. The Riverkeeper will provide all the supplies and forms for the collection of trash.

If you are interested in volunteering, email tanya.downing2017@gmail.com.



We celebrated our amazing team of SGPOA employees with an Employee Appreciation Luncheon last month, featuring delicious food from Fat Daddy's. Several employees received gas gift cards as part of a drawing and Board of Director President Buck Bolden told employees he appreciates their dedication and commitment to our owners and guests!

President's Message

Buck Bolden



Neighbors and friends,

I hope that everyone is ready for a busy summer season here in St. George Plantation. Our ArtSocial Committee hosted a Kentucky Derby viewing party on a beautiful Saturday in early May. The decorations, artwork, and final race watch were all very enjoyable! Thank you to the ArtSocial Committee for coordinating such a great event for everyone. The Committee is also bringing us First Thursday Food Truck nights throughout the summer months. The June 4 event was a great success. Mark your calendars for Dave's Dawgs on July 2.

On the administrative side, budgeting for next year is starting. This is the time of year when our volunteer committees begin the process of determining spending priorities for 2027. If you have an idea for something that you would like included in the 2027 budget, now is the time to voice those ideas with the appropriate committee. Now is also a great time to "plug into" the Infrastructure and Finance Committees to see how the 2027 Budget and Assessments are being determined. Staff and committee members devote a lot of time, effort, and expertise to these important decisions. Attendance is always open via in person attendance or Zoom. If you are unable to attend, be sure to review the minutes and recordings of those meetings on FrontSteps.

As we begin preparations for our Annual Owners' Meeting on October 17, we are also soliciting for any proposals for changes to the by-laws or SGPOA covenants. There is an Amendment Request form that must be filled out as part of the process. This form is located on FrontSteps under Documents/Annual Meetings.

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable and relaxing summer!

Thank you,
Buck Bolden
President, SGPOA

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ArtSocial Presents

The 17th Annual Photo Contest

The contest is open to owners, locals, visitors, amateurs and professionals

New Drone Category!

\$20 Entry Fee for up to three images per entrant

Cash Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, People's Choice and Drone

Submission Deadline:
September 9th, 2026



To enter go to:

stgeorgeplantation.com/live/photocontest/

The ArtSocial Committee announces the 17th Annual Photo Contest, which is open to amateurs and professional alike. The contest runs through September 9 with winners announced during the Annual Owners' Meeting in October.

We have a new category this year just for drone photography. Five photos will be featured on Plantation banners! All owners will have a chance to vote for People's Choice. Awards will be given as follows:

- 1st Place Drone: \$100
- 1st Place: \$100
- 2nd Place: \$75
- 3rd Place: \$50
- People's Choice: \$50

The cost is \$10 for one entry and \$20 for up to three entries. Contest rules and a submission form are available [here](#). No PDF files will be accepted. Photos should be JPG, TIF or PNG.

Mail or email all entries to: SGPOA Photography Contest, 1712 Magnolia Road, St. George Island, FL 32328. Email dingram@sgpoa.com.

DO GOOD WORK.

MEASURE IT. *Talk about it.*

As we share staff accomplishments for the past few weeks, we have selected both ongoing projects as well as special projects and more in the works. Over the last few weeks:

- Security handled upwards of 600 vehicles through the gate (every) Saturday afternoon.
- The ARC support group handled 8 requests, with 5 approved, 1 tabled, and 2 denied in May.
- Staff assisted with the successful launch of 1st Thursday Food Truck, presented by ArtSocial.
- Staff issued 32 new RFIDs during the month.
- Maintenance shifted into summer with ongoing mowing, weed eating and trimming of 88 miles of road edge, 31 boardwalks, 3 bridges, 30 nature trails and 8.5 miles of bike paths.
- A total of 29 SGP e-mail blasts were sent out for the month of May; gained 37 followers on Facebook page and 12 on Instagram.
- Behind-the-scenes weekly accounts payables, receivables and assessments by Finance Director.
- Continued working on a plan to upgrade the fitness center.
- Reviewed and updated our Hurricane Preparedness Plan.
- Received the final Reserve Study plan on our Plantation assets which will be shared in the June 11 FinCom meeting.
- Shared and posted Double Red Flag and turtle information as needed.
- Welcomed more than a dozen canines (and their owners) into the Plantation offices!

There was great camaraderie and fun during 1st Thursday Food Truck with our owners and guests!



We are dog friendly! We recently had a visit from Board of Directors member Ed Gassman and Zoie.

The family of Bunnie Ison recently loaned SGPOA two pieces by the late artist and former chair of ArtSocial. They are on display outside our offices.





Enjoying the mild temps

Regulars to the island know our weather can fluctuate wildly – even within one day. As such, we have learned to take advantage of whatever comes our way. During the month of May, our Mah Jongg group opened the doors to the balcony off the Plantation Room and enjoyed the mild spring temperatures. We encourage everyone to be mindful of the temperatures and the heat and stay hydrated. Water is best!

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
1776-2026

PUBLIC READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE ITS 250TH BIRTHDAY!

Saturday, June 13, 1-1:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 14, 1-1:30 p.m.
St. George Island Lighthouse Park

Flag Day is June 14

The “Stars and Stripes” was adopted by the Continental Congress as the official American flag on June 14, 1777, during the Revolutionary War. Colonial troops fought under many different flags with various symbols – rattlesnakes, pine trees, and eagles – and slogans – “Don’t Tread on Me,” “Liberty or Death,” and “Conquer or Die,” to name a few. The Declaration of Independence made the adoption of an American flag necessary. President Woodrow Wilson made the observance official on May 30, 1916.

The Recreation Committee presents

BOOK CLUB

Welcome to Book Club! We’re excited to bring together readers to enjoy great books, thoughtful conversation, and good company. Each month we’ll explore a new title and share perspectives and a love of reading in a fun atmosphere. **Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share.** (Even if you didn’t read the book, you are welcome to join!)



LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
June 25, 6 p.m.,
Plantation Room, Clubhouse

Our June book:



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The Recreation Committee is expanding its community activities by adding a monthly book club for owners and guests! The club meets the last Thursday of the month. The July book is Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir. The event is BYOB.

Mojito Fruit Salad

Source:
Allrecipes.com

Prep time: 20 minutes Sitting: 1 hour
Servings: 6 Calories: 83

Ingredients:

- 1 cup cubed seeded watermelon
- 1 cup seedless grapes
- 1 cup cubed cantaloupe
- 1 cup quartered strawberries
- 1 cup peeled and quartered kiwi
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 3 sprigs fresh mint
- Optional: ¼ cup white rum, coconut rum or fruit-infused vodka or gin



Preparation:

1. Combine watermelon, grapes, cantaloupe, strawberries, and kiwi in a large bowl with a tight-fitting lid; top with blueberries.
2. Combine lime juice, sugar, and mint in a small bowl, crushing mint with the back of a spoon to extract flavors; pour over fruit mixture. Add alcohol if you choose. Seal the bowl with the lid. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
3. Gently flip sealed bowl several times to coat fruit with lime juice mixture just before serving.

From General Manager Michael Allen



Dear Valued Plantation Homeowners,

Living in the Plantation is a truly special experience. The community offers a combination of natural beauty and privacy that makes residents feel at home from the moment they arrive. Surrounded by pristine beaches, protected dunes, and abundant wildlife, it's a place where we can slow down and appreciate the simple pleasures of coastal living.

What makes the community especially remarkable is its commitment to preserving the island's unique character and environment. Neighbors share a deep appreciation for the area's tranquility, creating a respectful and friendly atmosphere that fosters genuine connections.

With that said, I would like to remind everyone that we have begun

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Upcoming BOD Meetings

*Held in the Plantation Room on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. unless otherwise stated.***

June 18, 5 p.m.

July 16, 5 p.m.

August 20, 5 p.m.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Finance

June 11, 10 a.m.
Cypress Room

ARC

June 11, 1 p.m.
Plantation Room

Infrastructure

July 1, 10 a.m.
Cypress Room

Recreation

July 2, 10 a.m.
Cypress Room

ArtSocial

Aug. 6, 1 p.m.
Cypress Room

Owners are encouraged to attend in person or via Zoom.

Zoom links are located atop agendas on FrontSteps under Documents.

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

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hurricane season for 2026. Please go to the St. George Plantation website and review the section called Live – then go to Disaster Preparation. We encourage everyone to review their preparedness plans, secure outdoor items, and stay informed of weather conditions throughout the season. The HOA will monitor weather conditions and take steps to help ensure the safety and resilience of our community. As we enter hurricane season, please remain vigilant and take appropriate precautions to protect your property and family. Here’s a few tips:

- Have a clear plan – Know evacuation routes.
- Gather essential supplies – Stock at least three days’ worth of non-perishable food, water, medicine, flashlights, batteries, and a battery-powered radio, plus pet supplies if applicable.
- Understand the difference between a watch and a warning – A watch means hurricane conditions are possible; a warning means they are expected soon. Act immediately if you receive a warning.
- Prepare for extended outages – Anticipate that power, water, and internet may be unavailable for days or weeks, and have backup power sources and cash on hand.
- Stay informed and connected. Updates are available from the [National Hurricane Center](#).

Our community is strongest when neighbors support one another and work toward shared goals. Thank you for your continued commitment to making our neighborhood a welcoming and enjoyable place to call home. Wishing everyone peace, harmony, and many pleasant days ahead.

Health & Happiness
Michael Allen
General Manager



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The Plantation is our Special Place.



ArtSocial’s BINGO

is back!

Night is back. Join the fun from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 11 in the Plantation Room! Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with games from 6–8 p.m. Eight to nine games will be played each night. Be sure and bring \$1 bills. Play is \$1 per game, per card. BYOB and snacks. Popcorn will be provided. Owners and guests are welcome! Must be 18 years old. Bingo continues the second Thursday of each month through September.

Airport payment system change

The collection system for guests landing at the airstrip is changing at the end of June. Signage with the QR Code at right will be posted at the airport, directing pilots to the website to pay landing and tie-down fees. The rates will remain the same.



Reserve Study to be presented

The Finance Committee will hear a presentation on the Reserve Study during their Thursday, June 11 meeting at 10 a.m. There will be a Q&A time during the meeting. A copy of the study is located under Financials on FrontSteps.

Our offices will be closed Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday.

We will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, July 6.