

Kiawah Island

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Remembering Kiawah

Diana and Mark Permar Reflect On Their Place In Kiawah's History

This is the third in a series of articles reflecting on Kiawah's 30 years of history and how the island has changed. Our intent is to interview a variety of individuals who have played an active part in Kiawah's evolution. What follows is the culmination of our interview (Part 1 was published in the September 2006 issue) with Diana and Mark Permar regarding the early development years of Kiawah Island. In this article the Permars analyze how well things went in those first years and share the surprises that followed.

The Permars are KICA members who were involved intimately in the development of Kiawah. Diana and Mark are partners in Permar, Inc., in Charleston. She is a nationally recognized consultant in real estate market research and analysis. Mark is an architect planner. They live on

Kiawah Island.

Digest: What do you recall about Kiawah in the late 70's and early 80's that makes you happy?

Diana: I think [of] the incredible natural beauty, the wildlife. It was a sense of adventure. I had never been involved in something that was that wild, that pristine. Those qualities still make me happy today, the quality of the natural environment.

Mark: Personally it was an exciting time because we had the chance to work side by side with great professionals from all over the country, some of which I had heard about as a student, and I was able to meet and work with them first hand. I was charged with managing the physical

planning side of the development and coordinating these consultants coming in, and I wasn't very old then. There would be a 25-person conference table filled up with these experts and I was the one who had to bring them all together. I was definitely at the deep end of the pool.

Digest: What makes you sad or disappointed?

Diana: That's a tough one. The only thing that really makes me sad (and it is more melancholy than sad), relates to the people that touched Kiawah and our lives [who] are no longer here for one reason or another. And obviously, less of the sheer raw natural beauty remains. That change is inevitable.

Mark: What I remember is the failure of the company at that time to make core commitments to the vision that was in place. The work we were doing was hard work. Times weren't great in the early 80's. We were selling when no one else was. There was a lot of pressure on us to make business sense out of what we were doing.

Because the company didn't want to commit to the hotel that was to be the core of the East Beach development, we were forced to plan the East Beach community with what was to be the periphery. [This was] unlike what was done at West Beach, where, with the hotel firmly in the plans, the area was allowed to grow inside out.

[In spite of that,] we still had to sell real estate [at East Beach]. Our task was to get inventive, using the mini-vision of a tennis center, golf course, Night Heron Park and things like that. But it was, in our view, always half a plan. Our desire was to complete each phase, at least on paper, before we moved on to the next, but the Kuwaitis wouldn't commit to the new hotel. As we got into the mid 80's, the Kuwaitis were highly reluctant to make big decisions. With regard to the commercial development of East Beach Village, we had tenants lined up for an expanded area, but at the last moment it was decided to restrict the plan to 40-50% of what was proposed. For the marina, we had permits to proceed from the Corps of Engineers and other regulatory agencies, but [again] we couldn't gain approval from the Kuwaitis.

Ernesto Visits Kiawah



Tropical storm Ernesto made his presence known on Kiawah Island, but he left few reminders of his passage up the South Carolina coast toward landfall in North Carolina. The island experienced moderate winds and rainfall, plus higher than usual surf. The tropical storm had little visible impact on Kiawah.

Both the Town of Kiawah Island and the Kiawah Island Community Association took appropriate measures in advance of the storm's arrival. First, they warned members of the approaching storm via phone calls and e-mail messages that announced Charleston County Council's suggestion of voluntary evacuation. Immediately afterward, they activated plans to protect TOKI and KICA personnel and property. As a result, there was minimal disruption to daily life on the island.

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Under delegation by the KICA Board of Directors, the Communications Advisory Committee is fully responsible for the editorial content of the Digest and the KICA website. Accordingly, we shall endeavor to report objectively and completely all significant news relating to KICA, its board, its committees, and its members. We shall also publish editorials, identified as such, where we feel that there is a need to clarify, expand or express views and opinions on relevant issues. These views and opinions will not necessarily represent the views of the KICA board unless they are signed as such. Finally, we welcome suggestions from all members on issues deemed significant and deserving of publication or discussion.

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In late '83, to '84, those of us involved with long-range planning began to note the diminished enthusiasm of the Kuwaitis for the development. It wasn't sales, they were still briskly moving on. Development projects were being stretched out or simply deferred.

Digest: Think back over the decades, can you name five individuals that come to your mind when you hear the name Kiawah?

Diana: There are so many. I definitely think of the early development team, which starts with Charles Fraser and Frank Brumley. Then, as an employee, a CEO named Gus Gilfillan and, of course, Buddy Darby and Leonard Long. I also think of the people who were on the island when we first moved here – residents who were the pioneers. There were some wonderful people that just loved this place.

I think the thing that is so amazing about Kiawah, even today after all these years, is the strength of the emotional tie. People really come to love Kiawah. It's not just another place to live. Most of us are transplants from some place else, so to have a sincere, heartfelt attachment to the very core of you is something special.



Kiawah's beach at sunset as photographed by Mark Permar in the early 1980's.

Mark: You can usually determine how successful a project is by how many people take credit for the success. I am always amazed how people reinvent history. I think less of individuals and more about teams. The initial team of the 70's was challenged with creating a vision, securing entitlements, and initiating sales in a terrible economy. The team of the 80's established a sense of discipline and recognized that all communities, including resort communities have basic needs such as Night Heron Park. The team of the 90's and early 2000's recaptured and enhanced the vision of an environmentally sensitive plan with the highest quality of design and construction possible, as well as dramatically increasing the awareness of Kiawah to the world. Throughout these periods, there has been a growing team of community volunteers who participate in KICA and Town governments.

Kiawah Island is a true testimony to Coach John Wooden's observation of what you can accomplish as a team as opposed to an individual.

Digest: Now, think of five events that immediately come to mind when you hear the name Kiawah?

Diana: Mostly I think of special times for our family. Our daughter grew up here. She cut the ribbon to open Night Heron Park in 1980. She was four, and I remember that day so clearly because she was so excited. The opening of the Beach Club is a special memory because we were at the dinner with Robert A. M. Stern and it was a privilege to have some time to talk to him.

In 1984, there was a major turn in events for the company. The parent company, The Kuwaiti Investment Company, decided in the fall of 1984 that they would sell the island. The first thing they did was to cut the senior management staff in half. Mark and I were called in one day and told that we would be managing additional departments. Our peers, who had managed those departments, were to be let go the next day. After that, we found we couldn't operate within the corporate culture.

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We really decided that very day that we were going to have to leave too; it was just a matter of time.

We resigned about six months after that and [with others] formed several other companies. We never left [Kiawah], but we established our consulting entity and set up a series of companies under the Ravenel Associates name. Two of the other Kiawah executives – Hal Ravenel (former VP of Sales at Kiawah), Bob Moore (former VP of Marketing), Bill Daniel (who owned an independent rental company), Mark and I were partners in those businesses. In addition to our consulting company, we established a rental company, a regime company, and a sales company.

Mark: In no particular order, [I think of] the rezoning of the island and development of the master plan that still guides us today; second, the slow down ... on the part of the Kuwaitis as they prepared to leave the island. Next, KRA's purchase of the assets and initiation of a strategy to focus on residential development, plus selling the Resort to Landmark so [the latter] could focus on renovating the Resort. That resulted in the Ocean Course being built and it brought the Ryder Cup to the island.

Next, the decision to develop the Kiawah Island Club had an enormous effect on increasing island property values. The decision to develop Freshfields signaled that we're [building for] a diversity of people [in various living situations], including a place for permanent residents.

And no list would be complete without recognizing the impact that hurricane Hugo had on the island and its development. Hugo ransacked the island. The storm removed trees and shrubbery in such a way that we could, for the first time, see the back of the East Beach Conference Center, the Osprey Point and Turtle Point maintenance buildings as well as other structures. We started seeing houses in ways we hadn't before. [With the reduced foliage], many houses stood alone and seemed a lot more intrusive. The planning of the Preserve was affected by this realization – houses there are stucco free, a cap was put on square footage, and exterior color requirements were changed. Hugo forced us to think differently about the built and landscape worlds.

Digest: What do you remember about your initial contacts with the new buyer of Kiawah's assets, KRA?

Diana: Mark and I were skiing in Colorado and got a phone call asking for our help in assembling an acquisition package. Pat McKinney and Frank Brumley were our contacts initially with the purchasing group. We didn't know Charlie Way, Leonard Long or Buddy Darby previously. We helped put together the acquisition package and we've done work for KRA ever since.

Digest: How do you think development has affected Kiawah's natural beauty? Could it have been done differently?

Diana: Of course, it could have been done a hundred different ways. However, I think that the development shows enormous regard for the natural beauty of Kiawah. Last week I took clients who had never been here before on a tour of Kiawah. And that same experience that happened to me back in 1974 when I first saw the beach – happened to them. We came out of the trees and walked to the beach and they were in awe of its beauty. The setback at the ocean's edge is very unusual. The environmental inventory of the island, completed as part of the early master planning effort, was cutting edge at the time. The reaction of newcomers to the island reaffirms the care that has been taken in developing it.

Digest: How do you think the accelerated pace of development in the Lowcountry will effect Kiawah?

Diana: From a market perspective, I think it will continue to make Kiawah more valuable. I think Kiawah will continue to be at the top of the market and better access to convenient services will only enhance Kiawah's values. Improved accessibility will encourage more permanent residents, and people who are wholly vested in this place are healthy for the community.

Mark: On the positive side, it will work to make Kiawah more accessible and living here more convenient. On the negative side, Kiawah will lose some of its remoteness – which is, to some, a part of its appeal.

Digest: What other trends do you see that will affect Kiawah's future?

Diana: There are increasing numbers of young, wealthy families in this country. New buyers are going to be younger, broadening the age range of people enjoying our community. These families will split their time among two, three, or more "principal" residences. Kiawah is, and will continue to be, one of two or three places that hold their hearts.

Digest: Is there anything else that has surprised you about Kiawah over the past 20 years?

Diana: First, that KRA could develop Cassique off the island – a wonderful neighborhood that is connected to the island – essentially achieving island real estate values. Second, that the Kiawah Island Inn is closed and will be demolished makes me sad. Third, Freshfields is a wonderful asset for the Island. Frankly, I'm surprised that it took so long to come.

Digest: Thank you, Diana and Mark, for a very interesting review of the early years of Kiawah's development.

KICA Newsbites

Board Briefs

Dr. Jim Merrill of Applied Marketing Research, Inc. presented the results of the 2006 Member Survey. The presentation and cross-tabs are available for review on KICA's website, www.kiawah-owners.org (click the Library tab and select Surveys from the drop-down menu).

The Board of Directors approved a not-to-exceed general contractor cost of \$1,167,600 for Sandcastle first floor and poolside renovations.

Board consensus was to publish the first draft of the 2007 budget assumptions, the ten-year major repair and replacement plan, and the long-range capital improvement plan for member review and comment during the last week of September 2006. Please see separate article below.

A one-hour board/member working session was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on October 9, 2006, prior to the board reviewing the 2007 budget assumptions.

KICA to Host Meet the Town Candidates Event

KICA will host a Meet the Town Candidates forum on Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m. As the Sandcastle is under construction, the location is still yet to be determined. At press time, the September 29 deadline for declaring candidacy had not yet passed. Further details will be available in the November *Digest*.

Call for Pioneers

Did you become a KICA member during the period 1978 - 1985? If so, you are definitely a Kiawah Pioneer! The *Digest* wants to hear about your memories and publish your photos for our History of Kiawah series. Please contact April McDevitt at april.mcdevitt@kiawah-owners.org so *Digest* can collect this valuable information. Thanks for your help!

Member Comments Welcome on Budget

The KICA Board of Directors is scheduled to review an initial draft of the 2007 budget on October 9. The basis for the draft will be the draft 2007 budget assumptions. These assumptions were posted to the KICA website on September 28. Members are encouraged to submit questions and comments regarding the budget assumptions to General Manager Joe Bunting via e-mail at kicaadmin@kiawah-owners.org.

Members are also encouraged to attend a special open meeting to provide their questions and comments directly to the board October 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sandcastle. The board meets at 2:00 p.m. for its regular meeting at the same location.

KICA sent notification to members about both the request for comments and the October 9 open meeting via instant news flash. If your e-mail address is not in KICA's member database, we could not reach you to give you this important budget information. To ensure that you receive your news in a timely fashion, please contact KICA toll-free at 1-866-226-1770 extension 212, locally at 768-9194, extension 212 or by e-mail at kicaadmin@kiawah-owners.org. Don't forget to include your Kiawah property address in your e-mail!

Oversight

The Kiawah Property Owner's Group (KPOG) website was inadvertently omitted from the July 2006 *Digest* article titled, "Useful Websites for KICA Members." KPOG's URL is www.kiawah.org. *Digest* regrets the omission.

2006 Member Survey

The results are in for this year's member survey. We are pleased to report that the responses we received are very positive and informative. The primary objectives of this survey were to (1) measure member levels of satisfaction with KICA services and facilities, (2) identify services and/or facilities that could be improved, and (3) measure changes in satisfaction levels when compared to the 2004 survey. Almost 1,500 qualified questionnaires were received from a survey population of over 3,500 KICA "households." This is an excellent response rate that translates to a high confidence level, both in the survey results and in the members' relationship with KICA.

The membership was surveyed on their happiness with the various departments within KICA. We were pleased to learn that over 90% of the respondents reported being satisfied with the professionalism of our central office, security and Sandcastle staffs. While the overall satisfaction rating for the Sandcastle remained unchanged at 85%, every individual feature of its operations enjoyed a higher rating compared with the 2004 numbers. Member responses measuring our security staff's consistency in enforcing regulations increased significantly over the 2004 ratings.

Perhaps the most pleasant results were in members' perceptions of the Board of Directors. Overall satisfaction with the board rose from 75 to 77 percent, and every separately measured aspect registered a two to five percent increase. In seven of the ten survey aspects, the increased ratings were considered to be "statistically significant."

Accurate, prompt, and effective communication with members is considered to be essential to KICA's operations. The survey helped to show whether or not KICA is achieving its goals in this area. Survey responses indicate 80% of the membership has a high or moderate understanding of Kiawah issues and community events. Members are generally satisfied with the amount of information they now receive, and *Digest* is regarded as the

most important source for news and activities. Over half of the respondents prefer to receive "official" KICA communication by regular postal mail, while one-third would rather receive it via e-mail.

Other than levels of satisfaction, information regarding members' lives on Kiawah and personal interests were gleaned. The percentage of permanent residents dropped from 21 to 20 percent. Access to the beach and the enjoyment of natural settings and wildlife were the primary and secondary motives for purchasing Kiawah property. For the roughly three-fourths of respondents who use the Sandcastle during their time on Kiawah, the most important amenities are the pool, beach access and parking, and access to fitness equipment. While use of the facility as a venue for social events increased in importance, the interest in Thursday night dinners declined slightly.

KICA also asked the members their opinion of the current facilities and the maintenance thereof. Respondents ranked additional beach parking for members and guests as the number one item for future enhancements or services. This item was followed by upgraded fitness and exercise facilities. Expanded educational services and art activities were more strongly supported by full-time residents. Portions of our existing infrastructure perceived as needing attention or upgrades include the Rhett's Bluff, Cinder Creek and Eagle Point facilities, as well as the leisure trail system.

This is only a representative sample of the information resulting from this year's survey. Complete results including a detailed summary and conclusions can be found on the KICA website (www.kiawah-owners.org). Hard copies of the summary can be requested by contacting the KICA office staff at 768-9194.

The Board of Directors would like to express its appreciation to every member who took the time to complete the survey. The results will go a long way in influencing board and staff plans and actions in the coming months.

Kiawah Island Cliff Notes, Nov. 6-9, 2006

Your community association will host "Kiawah Island Cliff Notes" November 6-9, 2006. This is an annual education series planned to give members the inside scoop about the island community and how things work. Each session is free, fun, and interactive. Refreshments are served. The sessions are "à la carte," so attend the ones that interest you. The sessions will be held at the Town Council Chambers located at 21 Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island. RSVP's are recommended. For more information, contact Gloria at gloria.knisely@kiawah-owners.org, or toll-free (866) 226-1770, ext 213, or locally 768-9194, ext 213. Below are the programs planned for each day:

Monday, November 6

9:00 a.m. - Welcome
9:15 a.m. - KICA & other Island Entities (part 1)
10:00 a.m. - Break
10:05 a.m. - KICA's Relationship to Other Island Entities (part 2)
10:35 a.m. - Building the Spirit of Community at Kiawah

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 a.m. - Welcome
9:15 a.m. - Roles within the Kiawah Island Community Association
9:45 a.m. - Actively Engaged Community Volunteerism at Kiawah
10:15 a.m. - Break
10:20 a.m. - How the Association Protects Our Community's Investment for the Future

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 a.m. - Welcome
9:15 a.m. - Kiawah Island's Beach Dynamics
10:15 a.m. - Break
10:20 a.m. - Ancient History of Kiawah – pre-historic to 1700

Thursday, November 9

9:00 a.m. - Welcome
9:15 a.m. - Kiawah Environmental Best Practices and Lakes Management
10:15 a.m. - Break
10:20 a.m. - Kiawah Island Safety and Security: Rules Enforcement

Notify KICA of Address Changes

Has your mailing address or e-mail address changed recently? Please contact Member Services to update your contact information toll-free at 866-226-1770, locally at 768-9194 or via e-mail at KICAadmin@kiawah-owners.org.

KICA uses e-mail addresses to contact members in an emergency, and to notify them of important island news. E-mail addresses provided to KICA are kept private.

October

SANDCASTLE INFORMATION

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Kay Narmour, Director

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HOURS OF OPERATION						
	Monday –Saturday Sunday	8:00 am to 7:00 pm 10:00 am to 7:00 pm				
1 Private Event Cinder Creek	2 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am Stitches & Conversation 1:00 pm Book Club 2:00 KICA Brd. Mtg. 4:00 pm Opera Lite	3 9:30 am Italian Class 10:00 am KINHC Meeting 1:00 pm POPS Bridge 2:00 pm Italian Cooking Class	4 9:00 am KPOG 1:30 pm Mah Jongg	5 3:30 pm Writer's Workshop	6 Private Event Cinder Creek	7 Private Event Veranda Closed
8 5:00 pm POPS Oktoberfest	9 8:30 am Bible Study 9:30 am Garden Club Meeting 4:00 pm Opera Lite	10 9:30 am Italian Class 1:00 pm POPS Bridge 3:00 pm CCAC Meeting	11 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 3:00 Dr. Lisa Baron Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation	12 5:30 "Red Sky" Dinner at The Sandcastle	13 Private Event Veranda Closed	14 Private Event Veranda Closed
15	16 8:30 am Bible Study 10:00 am Camera Club 1:30 pm Duplicate Bridge 4:00 pm Opera Lite	17 9:30 am Italian Class 1:00 pm POPS Bridge	18 1:30 pm Mah Jongg 3:00 pm Safety Seminar 3:00 pm Islander's Investment Club	19 10:00 am CPR/ AED Class	20 Private Event Veranda Closed	21 5:30pm Tailgating BBQ at Cinder Creek Private Event Veranda Closed
22	23 8:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Opera Lite	24 9:30 am Italian Class 1:00 pm POPS Bridge	25 10:00 am Landscaping Symposium - KINHC	26 3:30 pm Writer's Workshop	27 Private Event Veranda Closed	28 Private Event Cinder Creek Private Event Veranda Closed
29	30 8:30 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Opera Lite	31 9:30 am Italian Class 1:00 pm POPS Bridge 3:30 pm Culture/ Communication				

Sandcastle Welcomes Member Ideas and Interests

Do you have a special talent or interest you would like to share? Many members of KICA have fascinating and unique hobbies, special interests and travel experiences. If you would like to participate in the Sandcastle's fall or winter programs by leading a class, presentation, or just an informal "sharing time," please let us know. We welcome your distinctive contributions to our cultural and educational offerings.

Please contact Robyn at robyn.mangham@kiawah-owners.org or 843-768-3875 to share your ideas.

SANDCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTER

October Events and Programs

FITNESS SCHEDULE

Body Shaping
MWF 8:30 - 9:30 am
\$5 member/\$8 guest

Light Conditioning
MWF 10:00-11:00 am
\$5 member/\$8 guest

Stability & Strength
W 9:30-10:00 am
\$3 member/\$5 guest

Restorative Yoga
Saturdays 8:30 - 10:00 am
\$10 member/\$12 guest

Pilates
Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 - 11:00 am
\$7.50 member/ \$10 guest

***Personal training is available at the Sandcastle!**
For more information please call (843) 768-3875.

UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

All of the following events and activities require registration or reservation. Please call us at the Sandcastle, 843-768-3875 or e-mail robyn.mangham@kiawah-owners.org.

Opera Lite VI

This entertaining and educational sampling of operas continues on Monday afternoons through November 13. From Aida to Zerlina, emoters and spear toters, to “el canto, rave and ranto,” you will see them all in memorable audio and video performances. A different opera each week is supplemented by historical and literary background. Previous knowledge of opera is not necessary. Dr. Benzel welcomes all; new participants are encouraged! Please reserve space by calling the Sandcastle.

Date: Mondays, through November 13
Time: 4:00-5:30pm
Cost: FREE to members
Venue: The Sandcastle

Culture and Communication

Taki Andriadis will be speaking about the richness and diversity of the Turkish culture; focusing on M. Ataturk, the founder of the modern Republic of Turkey. Mr. Andriadis will discuss Turkey's culture and cultural barriers to communication in his lectures *Ataturk's Turkey* and *Is Ataturk's Secularism in Peril?* Please pre-register.

Dates: Tues., October 31 & Weds., November 8
Time: 3:00-4:30pm
Cost: FREE to members
Venue: The Sandcastle

Writer's Workshop

Join creative writing teacher and author, Susan P. Mucha, in a writing workshop designed to help your story come alive through words. Three sessions will be presented. Session I will begin with the writing process as you develop an idea into a plot. Session II will focus on setting the scene – being there! Session III will help you create and develop memorable characters. Please pre-register.

Dates: Thurs., Oct. 5, Oct. 26 & Nov. 9
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 pm
Cost: FREE to members
Venue: The Sandcastle

Upcoming Events & Programs (continued)

“Tailgating” and Barbeque at Cinder Creek

Fall is in the air and so is football! Whether it's college or professional, everyone has his or her favorite team. Show your support and join us at Cinder Creek for a kick off to the season. Wear your team's colors, gear, or sport its mascot. On Kiawah, we have diverse fans from everywhere; let your friends and neighbors know where your loyalties lie! Join us for delicious barbeque (pork, chicken and ribs) and side dishes provided by Hickory Hawg BBQ of Johns Island. Please bring your own beverages for social hour; cups and ice will be provided. Please make your reservations by October 14.

Dates: Saturday, October 21
Time: Social hour – 5:30 pm; Dinner – 6:00-8:00 pm
Cost: \$25 per person.
Venue: Cinder Creek

Italian Conversation Class

Join KICA member and instructor, Kiki Anderson, as you learn the basics of Italian through this interactive class. Perfect for beginners and travelers who want to learn conversational Italian. The textbook being used for the course, *Baron's Fast and Fun Way to Italian* is on reserve and may be purchased at Barnes & Noble. Space in the class is limited; please call or email us at the Sandcastle

Date: Tuesdays, Oct. 3 – Nov. 7
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 am
Cost: FREE to members
Venue: The Sandcastle

Island Craft Sale

Join us once again for shopping by the sea! Kiawah and Seabrook artists and residents will display unique pottery, jewelry, seasonal goods and more. Get a head start on your Christmas shopping!

Dates: Sunday, November 5
Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Venue: The Sandcastle

1st Annual Kiawah Island Art Show

The Kiawah Island Art Guild extends a special invitation to its 1st Annual Art Show featuring the creative talents of local artists. Whatever your favorite medium, you will be sure to see it displayed here.

Date: Sunday, November 25
Time: 10:00 am – 5:00pm
Venue: The Sandcastle

Future Special Events

Mark your calendars now so that you can join us! Further information forthcoming.

November 16 – Sunset Cruise and Cocktails departing from Bohicket Marina at 4:00 pm.
November 30 - Thursday Night Dinner

Keeping Kiawah “Green”

What is it like being green? You could ask Kermit the Frog, or you could read the latest report on Kiawah Island by Sarah Borchelt. The island was recently the focus of a research project to identify helpful tools for managers of South Carolina coastal communities in determining what leads communities to incorporate “green” development practices. Specifically, the report focused on the development policies that combine protection of the ecosystems, conserve energy, and promote community.

Ms. Borchelt’s study was undertaken as part of a program leading to a Master of Environmental Management degree. Completed on June 9, 2006, it demonstrates that there are “many influential agents that can play a role in encouraging ‘green’ development.”

By combining in-depth interviews of public officials, land managers, and development professionals with a review of existing land-use controls and published reports, Ms. Borchelt arrived at conclusions that should please all KICA members who treasure Kiawah’s natural beauty. Her study makes clear why communities implemented “green” development practices as well as how those communities were challenged when attempting to incorporate environmentally sensitive designs.

Although Kiawah Island was the primary focus of the study, less developed Spring and Dewees islands were also part of the overall investigation. Kiawah was the subject of 19 in-depth interviews, while Spring and Dewees each had only one such interview.

Kiawah was heralded for its proactive approach to “green” development through the activities of its full time biologist, environmental committees, policies of the Kiawah Island Community Association, and the efforts of the Natural Habitat Conservancy, which has almost 700 acres of land in the Kiawah area.

Additionally, it was noted how Kiawah’s development had been controlled by a number of forces including KICA’s Land & Lakes Management Department, KDP, the Architectural Review Board, and the Town of Kiawah Island. The study makes clear that “green” has been the Kiawah mindset of all parties from the beginning because they followed the lead of the original developers, who “conducted a 16 month study of the island’s resources” before they designed the first development plan.

Ms. Borchelt used a series of penetrating questions during her interviews. They identified the following themes regarding how island leadership views the protection of Kiawah natural resources: 1) development must protect wildlife and habitat, 2) water quality, including storm water control, is vital, 3) the master plan is considerate of the island’s resources, 4) private or public control involving development should be carefully designed, and 5) scientists and land managers should be involved in policy making.

Similarly, the questions revealed why Kiawah Island incorporates “green” development practices by underscoring six important themes: 1) philosophy of the first major developer (the Kuwaitis), 2) profitability (marketing Kiawah’s natural beauty), 3) philosophy of the current developer (KDP), 4) interest of members (KICA, KPOG, Nature Conservancy, et. al.), 5) sense of moral responsibility, and 6) private (ARB, KICA) and public (SC, TOKI) regulatory controls.

When asked whether Kiawah Island development can be more protective of natural resources, interviewees offered two important recom-

mendations: 1) set aside more land for habitat protection, and 2) protect the understory (shrubs and small trees).

Barriers and/or challenges to keeping Kiawah “green” also emerged during Ms. Borchelt’s interviews. The more notable ones were: 1) diverse design preferences, 2) high land value, 3) a lack of awareness or understanding, 4) the possibility of economic loss, and 5) conservation proponents’ lack of financial resources.

The report concluded, however, on a positive note. The majority of the subjects interviewed “felt that it was very important to the character and the aesthetics of the island that future development incorporate measures to protect natural resources.”

The significance of Ms. Borchelt’s report was amplified by demographic studies indicating a population shift taking place in the United States during the past two years. “Coastal populations in the United States have grown to comprise 53% of the total population while expanding across a mere 17% of the nation’s land.” Thus, how South Carolina “accommodates this growth is critical to the natural resources that share the coastline.”

If there is a guiding light for coastal leadership in Ms. Borchelt’s study, it is that they should strive “to systematically identify the different mechanisms, agents and motivations that play a role in determining whether protective measures can be incorporated.” Or, put another way, “as people continue to move to coastal communities, it is essential that we find a balance between the built and the natural world.”

Fall Paving Schedule

As part of KICA’s ongoing property maintenance operations, the following streets are scheduled for repaving during the month of October.

- Sea Forest Drive
- Yellow Throat Lane
- Royal Beach Drive
- Belted Kingfisher
- Horned Grebe Court
- Sanderling Court
- Fish Hawk Lane
- Kill Deer Court
- Marsh Elder Court

Staff will make every effort to minimize traffic delays. However, please keep this schedule in mind when planning trips on or off the island.

We appreciate your patience as we work to improve your community. Please Connie Samford, Director of Major Repair & Replacement if you have any questions at 843-768-2315 or electronically at connie.samford@kiawah-owners.org.



Conservancy to Host Natural Landscaping Symposium

The Kiawah Conservancy will host a Natural Landscaping Symposium at the Sandcastle on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

This symposium will feature a number of local and guest specialists in planting successful landscapes on barrier islands as well as neighbors who enjoy natural gardens. Through panel discussions, a series of breakout sessions, and a luncheon speaker, you can learn about the natural landscape on Kiawah and how you can protect it through your landscaping choices. This event will culminate in a native plant and herb sale in the Sandcastle parking lot. The cost of the symposium is \$50. The native plant and herb sale begins at 2:00 p.m. and is open to all members and guests.

For more information or to pre-register for this event, please contact the Conservancy office at (843) 768-2029 or kiacons@aol.com.

Support the Kiawah Conservancy through the Greenbax Community Rewards Program

The Greenbax Community Rewards Program is an additional way to support the Kiawah Conservancy. Simply choose the Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy as the community rewards organization you want to support, and then shop at any Community Rewards Merchant, including Newton Farms. You will earn Greenbax for your purchases and the Community Rewards Program will match those Greenbax to the Kiawah Conservancy.



To date, the Conservancy has used matched and donated Greenbax for a variety of purchases ranging from Painted Bunting Society Gala invitations by Angelwing on the Coast, to food and beverages for Outdoor Weekend events from Newton Farms. Using the provided Greenbax as a donation is an important resource that helps the Conservancy reduce the cost of educational events.

For more information on donating Greenbax, or to link your Greenbax, PFC, or Freshfields Good Neighbor card to the Kiawah Conservancy, visit www.greenbax.net and select the "Community Rewards Program" link. You can also drop by the Customer Service Desk at Newton Farms.

Chas. Symphony Orchestra League Kiawah House Tour

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra League announces its ninth annual island house tour. Five private homes will be open to the public on Saturday, November 4, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proceeds from the tour support the Charleston Symphony Orchestra.

The tour showcases six outstanding, privately-owned residences, featuring finely crafted architectural design and exquisite interiors. In addition, each home is enhanced by floral arrangements from local floral designers.

For information about the tour, visit www.CSOLinc.org or call (843) 723-0023. To purchase or reserve tickets, send a check for \$40 per ticket, payable to CSOL Inc., along with an enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

CSOL, Inc.
Island House Tour
721 Virginia Rail Road
Kiawah Island, SC 29455

You can also purchase your tickets at these convenient locations on Kiawah Island: 1) Visitor Center, 2) Indigo Books at Freshfields Village, and 3) Wells Gallery at the Sanctuary.



Courtesy of [CSOLinc.org](http://www.CSOLinc.org)

KICA Employee Profile: Mike Parrish

Meet Mike Parrish, one of the three members of the Lakes Management Department. Mike is the newest member and joined us in 2004. He is relatively new to the Charleston area, having moved here with his wife and daughter in July 2004. In January 2006, Mike became a father again with the addition of another daughter, Emma Margaret.

Mike attended Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana and he graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Environmental Science. He has a varied background, having worked as a supervisor with Stark Truss Company, at Rose Acre Farms as a supervisor/pasteurizer, and with the Nature Conservancy at Kankakee Sands as a restoration assistant.

Mike's time in the Lakes Management Department is spent monitoring water quality and water levels, planting beneficial aquatic vegetation, maintaining pond edges, stocking fish, and moving the occasional errant alligator. One of his most recent projects was playing "daddy" to a brood of young alligators by helping liberate them from their eggshells.

He enjoys fishing and a host of outdoor activities, so he fits in well at the Lakes Department.



Kiawah Wants to Know – The Issues of Global Warming

Kiawah is honored to welcome former Professor of Geosciences and Environmental Science, Dr. John Carpenter, to the island to speak in Town Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, October 17, at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Carpenter will be discussing global warming: what we know, what we do not know, and what we "know" that is not so.

Dr. Carpenter helped create the Center for Science Education at the University of South Carolina in 1984 and served as its director from 1984 to 1999. Trained as a geochemist, Dr. Carpenter found teaching the geosciences and environmental science especially rewarding. Since retiring, he contributes much of his time and energy to developing new materials for high school teachers and reviewing South Carolina's science standards.

Though Dr. Carpenter retired from the University in 2000, he continues to work on the High School Earth Sciences project and the South Carolina Earth Physics project. He also keeps busy by working part-time with the USC School of the Environment.

Please RSVP to Gloria Knisley toll-free at 1-866-226-1770, locally at 768-9194, or by e-mail at gloria.knisley@kiawah-owners.org.

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council Presents . . .

Town of Kiawah Island Arts Council kicks off the 2006 -2007 Season in October. Events for the season include the Charleston Ballet Theatre, Enrique Graf and Lee Chin, Na Fidelieri and many more. Make plans to attend one or both of the following upcoming events.

Terranova Piano Trio

Sunday, October 15, 4:00 p.m., in a private island residence. Only 75 tickets are available for this event.

American Music Weekend

Saturday, November 11, 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Mingo Point, featuring blues, folk, and rhythm and blues performers. Gospel groups will perform on Sunday, November 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour on Bohicket Road. More details to follow!

Tickets for both events are free and available at Town Hall, 21 Beachwalker Drive, Kiawah Island, SC. Tickets are limited to two per person. For more information, please contact Karen Andrews at (843) 768-9166, kandrews@kiawahisland.org, or visit the Town's website at www.kiawahisland.org.

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Kiawah Reads Welcomed Walter Edgar on August 16, 2006

Edgar draws a record-breaking crowd!

Dr. Walter Edgar drew a record-breaking crowd for the final installment of Kiawah Reads 2006. Over ninety members and their guests came to the Sandcastle on August 16 to hear Dr. Edgar discuss his book, *Partisans and Redcoats*. Dr. Edgar was a captivating and knowledgeable speaker whose presentation brought to life the Revolutionary War as it was fought in the Lowcountry. Thanks to all who helped to make this event such a success!

