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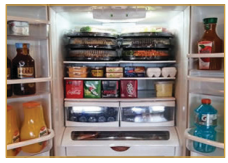
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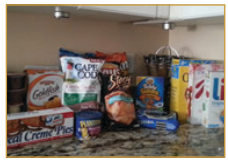
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There is nothing more genuinely artistic than to love people.
-Vincent Van Gogh

I've always found this quote by Vincent Van Gogh to be a heartening reminder that everyone is essentially an artist. Whether we're painters, musicians, writers or magazine editors, there's an artistic talent or sincere love hidden inside of every person.



In fact, showcasing people and what they love is one of the many reasons we began the "We are Sullivan's Island" series. This is the second issue of *Sullivan's Island Magazine* where we've featured this photo essay series, and it just gets better and better. For this issue, I had the sincere joy of meeting a few more iconic islanders, spending one-on-one time inside their homes and listening to stories of bygone days. In many cases, these locals were kind enough to show me their own art forms. I heard a beautiful piece of music by Gershwin on Carol Antman's piano; I saw Mickey Williams' latest landscape painting propped upon an easel; I conjured a mental image of Tom Proctor surfing teal colored waves in Costa Rica.

This series wouldn't be possible without the talents of two other artistic colleagues: Mark Stetler and Thomas Runion, whose photo and video skills will help you see and feel the island and make these tales come to life. I sincerely appreciate both of them – as well as every contributor to this issue.

Elsewhere in our Spring/Summer edition, you'll learn of a treasure that might just be buried on the island, take a walk through the history of the Pitt Street Bridge, meet new Police Chief Christopher Griffin and more.

This is one of the best times of the year to be on Sullivan's Island. It's warm outside but not boiling hot yet; there's a cool breeze on the restaurant porches; and the kids (and adults) are ready for summer. It's easy to see why so many of these locals that I interview refer to the island as "Mayberry by the Sea." On behalf of everyone here at the magazine, we hope you enjoy this issue and the sunny weather ahead.

Yours,
Denise K. James
Editor

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Education: The University of the South at Sewanee; MUSC College of Pharmacy.

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Favorite reading: Cooking magazines.

Favorite music: Old beach music.

Activities: Gardening, yardwork, walking my rescue dogs.

Interests: I love cooking – I like to watch it, read about it and do actual cooking! And my family.

Likes: The dock and water.

Favorite quote or philosophy: Find joy every day in something.



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Employment: Retired (twice!) orthopedic surgeon.

Favorite reading: History, particularly military history. Currently reading Ron Chernow's "Grant."

Favorite music: Classical, particularly baroque; blues; hits from the 50s and 60s.

Activities: Volunteer and tour guide for the National Park Service at Fort Moultrie; board member Battery Gadsden Cultural Center; member of Charleston Men's Chorus; conducting oral history project for Battery Gadsden.

Interests: Our eight grandchildren, history, music, languages.

Likes:Travel, trying new restaurants, interesting conversations.

Favorite quote or philosophy: "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." - Dorothy Parker



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Favorite music: Sol Driven Train. So many bands, it's hard to pick!

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Favorite reading: Our family just finished "Perfect Score" by Rob Buyea, and it was truly a favorite for all of us. Otherwise, I have a collection of books by my bedside that I have yet to finish, including "Commonwealth," "Buddhism and Parenting" and "Hands Free Mama."

Favorite music: Do I have to pick?! Music is a major source of happiness for me. I'll go see anything live, will sing almost anything and always have music on at home, including Kings of Leon, Grateful Dead, The Wood Brothers, Beastie Boys and Bob Marley.

Activities: Yoga, beach hang time, singing, running, aspiring surfer (aspiring being the key word).

Interests: Family dance parties, quality time with friends, being outside.

Likes: Being goofy, connecting with others, honesty, chocolate, coffee, tequila.

Favorite quote or philosophy: My maternal grandfather used to say: "It's always nice to be nice." I strive to put this into action as often as possible. And also: "If you can laugh at yourself, you will never cease to be amused." Also putting that one into action. ... often.

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Sullivan's Island Police Chief Christopher Griffin, right, talks with Town Administrator Andy Benke, seated in an Army surplus vehicle obtained by the town last year.

Photo by Brian Sherman.

SI Police Chief Christopher Griffin

By Brian Sherman

Christopher Griffin has always wanted to be a policeman, to serve his fellow citizens not only as a law enforcement officer but also as someone who can be counted on to help in a variety of situations. He apparently attained his dream job in January 2018, when he was sworn in as the Sullivan's Island police chief. He plans to stay a while.

"I won't leave here unless I have no choice. I would like to stay and retire here as long as the town will have me," said Griffin, who is 43 years old. "I love it here."

Griffin, who had served as acting chief beginning in April 2017, has spent much of his adult life with the Sullivan's Island Police Department, beginning in August 1997. Along the way, he has been a patrolman, a corporal/detective and a lieutenant. He started his police career in North Charleston, where he said there were 300 officers, compared with just seven or eight when he moved on to Sullivan's Island.

Today, Griffin's department includes 10 police officers, an animal control officer and a reserve officer. When the warm weather arrives, he adds four additional employees, two to patrol the beach and two to work in parking enforcement. There is no administrative staff to answer the phone or handle paperwork.

"No one sits in the office all day," he explained.

Griffin admitted that crime on Sullivan's Island is not a major issue – "not compared to the rest of the world." Most of what his department deals with are property



Photo by Brian Sherman.

crimes, alcohol on the beach, speeding and other traffic violations. The chief carries an ASP baton, and though he pointed out that he "never hit anybody with it," he did put it to good use one day last year.

Griffin said he decided to go to the gym on Sept. 9, 2017, but, not feeling well, he left after only 20 minutes. Driving on Interstate 526 on Daniel Island, he witnessed an accident and a man inside a burning car. He used his baton to break the vehicle's window and helped the driver escape from what might have been a deadly traffic mishap.

"I was in the right place at the right time," Griffin said.

In his job as the police chief in a quiet beach town, Griffin has helped local residents in less dramatic but still important ways. He said he has changed tires, given people rides, carried groceries into an older woman's house and helped people find everything from missing car keys to missing kids, and – three times in the past two decades – he's even pitched in by shoveling snow. It's all in a day's work for Griffin.

"I enjoy helping others and interacting with people," said Griffin. "Serving the public is a rewarding feeling, and it's doing something positive."

Griffin grew up in nearby Mount Pleasant and attended Whitesides Elementary School, Moultrie and Laing Middle Schools and Wando High. He is currently working on a degree in Criminal Justice at Trident Technical College.

He said his biggest challenge as Sullivan's Island police chief is developing a positive relationship with the public while still doing his job: enforcing the laws and ordinances of the state and the town. He apparently has built a reputation for maintaining that balance during his nearly 21 years on the force, which served him well when town officials were faced with the task of choosing a new chief.

"I got lots of public support from island residents, even from some people I've arrested," he pointed out.

He said his lengthy experience with the Sullivan's Island Police Department has already made a big difference in the relationship between the island's police officers and its residents.

"I worked my way up through the ranks. I've seen mistakes and pluses. I want to build on the pluses and minimize the things that don't work," he explained. "We get a lot of compliments from the people who live here, and the morale on the force is higher than ever."

The key to continuing and enhancing that relationship between island residents and their Police Department is in the way the new police chief interacts with the police officers who work for him, Griffin pointed out.

"If you treat people with respect and professionalism, they will more than likely treat others the same way," he concluded.



Photo provided.



We Are Sullivan's Island

Not too long ago, I was sitting on the front porch of our beach house when a woman on a bike rode up and asked, "Is this house old original?" I laughed and said yes, this house is definitely "old original." Built in 1910, constructed on different levels at different times and weathering several major storms, the little shack does not have a right angle in the entire place. Like the people and families who have lived at least as long on Sullivan's Island, it has earned its character.

It was not easy choosing a starting point for this ongoing project. As a portrait photographer, I have a keen interest in the history of my surroundings. It is a great joy to hear the stories and life experiences of the people I photograph and then attempt to share their lives and their stories in my work. Although rapidly changing and at times below the surface, Sullivan's Island is steeped in the history of its people and places. Like the good people in this article, it has been my privilege to photograph and to become better acquainted with the residents and families that have made Sullivan's Island the most storied barrier island in South Carolina, affectionately called "Mayberry By The Sea."

~ Mark Stetler



Though **Carol Antman** once directed an arts center, she said her retirement five years ago commenced the most creative point of her life.

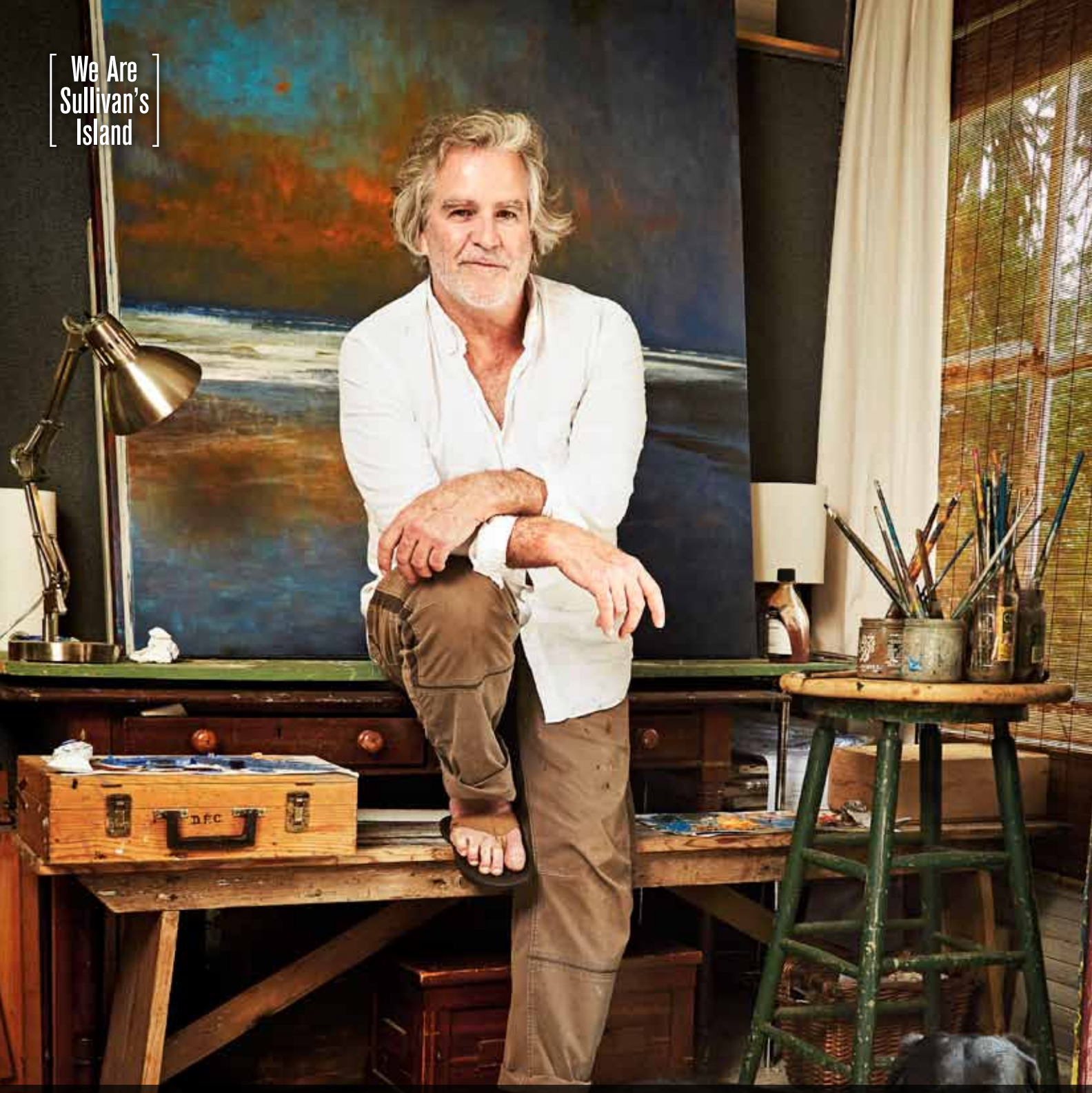
"All I do is have fun," she said. "I'm a travel writer, but primarily I'm a pianist."

Carol and her husband, Mark, have lived on Sullivan's Island for more than 40 years. Both originally from Michigan and having met abroad, they had no interest in returning home and visited "every seaside and mountain town" before settling on the Carolina coast.

"We met someone in a bar here on the island who invited us to come sleep on their floor afterward," she recalled. "We walked out on the beach the next morning and loved it."

Today, the Antmans are joined by their family members who have also discovered the coastal charm.

"I still love living here; I think it's fabulous," said Carol. "I love swimming in the ocean; love our grandkids being here. And now we have 12 people at our table during the holidays!"



Upon arriving at Mickey's live-in art studio on Sullivan's Island, I'm greeted by Bubbles, his black Lab, and ushered to a seat surrounded by paintings and containers filled with brushes. A landscape artist and native of the Carolina coast, **Mickey Williams** grew up on IOP and attended Sullivan's Island Elementary.

"My dad grew up here; my grandfather operated the Ben Sawyer bridge," he explained. "I had a great childhood living on the islands."

Mickey described himself as a "self taught" artist who loved coloring books and watercolors as a child. After Hurricane Hugo devastated the coast in 1989, he eschewed returning to college and started creating art full-time instead.

"I got a lucky break with Piccolo Spoleto that next spring, and I've sold every painting I've done ever since," he said.

"Now I feel like I'm starting the second half of my career – painting portraits and writing novels," he added with a crafty grin.



Polly Wurthmann's husband, Bert, first came to Sullivan's Island with his parents at 4 years old. When Polly and Bert got married 65 years ago, the island was quite different.

"Times have changed a lot," Polly said. "There was just one policeman on Sullivan's Island back then. And when we built this house in 1973, there were no other houses around it."

The Wurthmanns owned a drugstore, Bert's Pharmacy, for many years – the neon green light spelling the word "Prescriptions" is still hanging in their home. Later, Bert's Bar took the spot once the drugstore closed. After Bert Wurthmann passed away in 2005, Home Team BBQ leased the building, and the family decided to enjoy a quiet lifestyle.

"I worked in the pharmacy, taught school, taught dance and raised five children over those years," Polly declared. "These days, I like to work in the yard. I still love to be outside all the time."



Tom Proctor was hard at work remodeling his current home on Sullivan's Island – the family's third house at the beach – the day we spoke. A coastal resident since 1949, Tom's years growing up and attending Sullivan's Island Elementary were spent in that idyllic island fashion: playing in the forests, playing baseball at the old baseball field, even watching "The Blob" at the old movie theater. In 1963, he and a few pals started the Carolina Coast Surf Club.

"We started the club in the basement of this house I'm remodeling now. I was the president of the club for 50 years," said Tom, who still enjoys catching waves.

Though Tom said all his kids and grandkids live in Houston, he hopes his efforts to expand the family abode will beckon them to the island.

"I'd love to have my hands full once in a while," he said.

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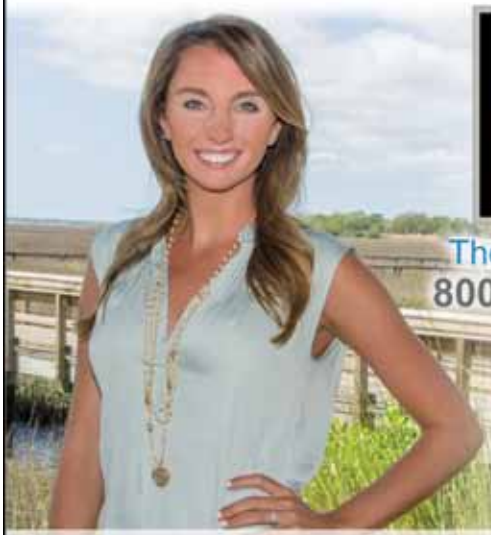




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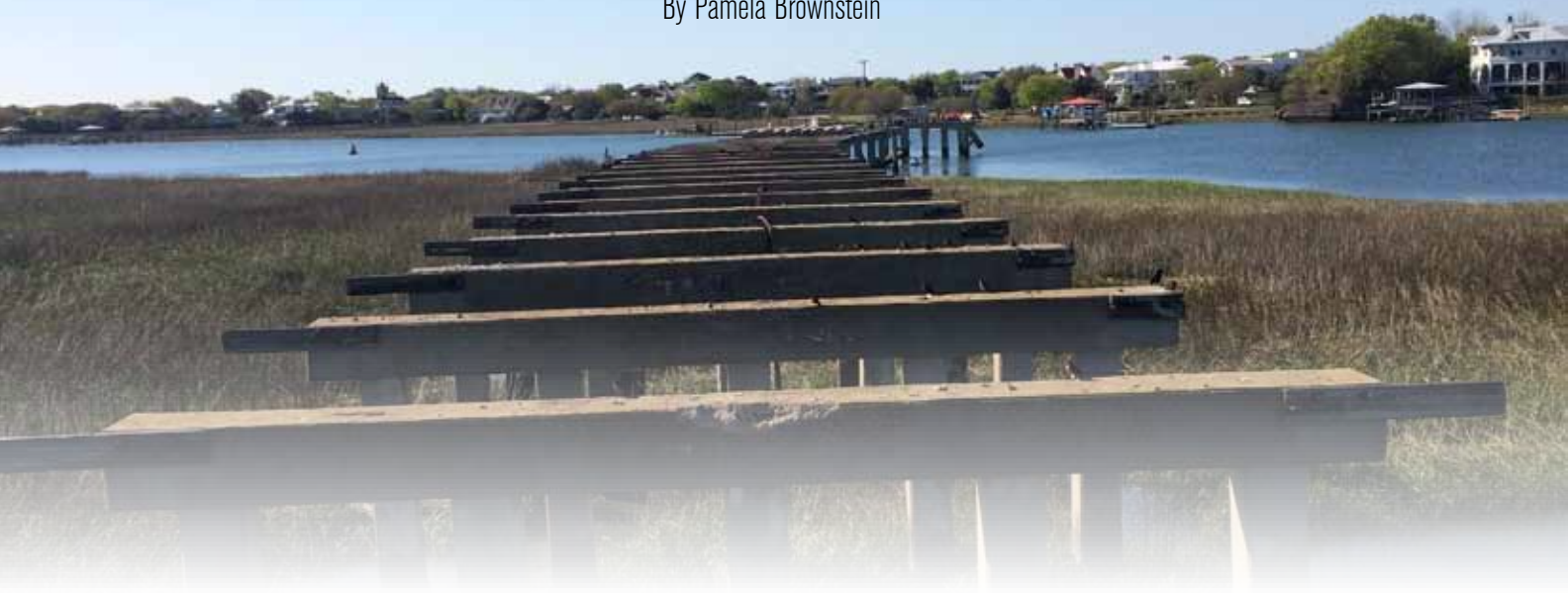
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A Connection To the Past

Pitt Street Bridge

By Pamela Brownstein



The narrow strip of land that extends into the marsh at the end of Pitt Street in the Old Village of Mount Pleasant provides breathtaking views of the beauty of the Lowcountry and gives locals and visitors the opportunity to engage in a variety of outdoor activities, from walking and running to fishing and bird-watching.

But beyond its current use as a recreation destination, the area known as the Pitt Street Bridge is a vital connection to the past with a history that spans generations. From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War to the Roaring '20s, the Pitt Street Bridge – also called the Cove Inlet Bridge and the Cove Inlet Causeway – was once the only land-based route for people to get from Mount Pleasant to Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms.

GADSDEN'S BRIDGE

When Revolutionary War historian Benson John Lossing visited Sullivan's Island in 1849, he wrote, "On the northwestern side of the island are the remains of an old causeway or bridge, extending to the main, nearly upon the site of a bridge of boats, which was used during the battle in 1776. It was constructed after that conflict, at the cost of Christopher Gadsden, and was called Gadsden's Bridge."

Suzannah Smith Miles, an author and respected Lowcountry historian, described Gadsden as a great patriot who was also well-known as the designer of the "Don't Tread On Me" flag.

Building this nearly mile long bridge across the marsh and through the pluff mud was no easy task, and it took nine months, according to Miles.

"But on June 7, 1777, almost a year after the Battle of Fort Sullivan, the bridge was finished," Miles wrote.

THE CIVIL WAR

By the time of the Civil War, the bridge had been rebuilt. In 1864, the crew of the H.L.Hunley was staying in Mount Pleasant and used the footbridge to reach Breach Inlet, where the Confederate submarine was stored. The



crew often crossed onto Sullivan's Island at night to run test dives.

TROLLEY SERVICE

As Charleston was slowly rebuilding after the Civil War, "Long Island" was sold in 1897 to a group of investors that included Dr. Joseph S. Lawrence.

"Through Lawrence's energy and brilliance, the former wilderness island was transformed and renamed Isle of Palms," Miles wrote.

His vision to bring visitors to a new resort on the Isle of Palms included a ferry that would transport people from Charleston to Ferry Street in Mount Pleasant – near



today's Alhambra Hall. They then would take a trolley over the Pitt Street Bridge, across Sullivan's Island and onto Isle of Palms. This meant building the first bridge over Breach Inlet, no small feat considering the inlet's strong currents.

Miles remarked that, amazingly, everything was built in less than one year and opened in 1898.

"From the grand opening onward, literally thousands of people flocked to Isle of Palms each day, so much so that within a week after the resort's grand opening, the ferry and trolley lines had to increase the number of trips on their schedules," Miles wrote.

The electric trolleys were luxurious, made with mahogany and leather seats. Today, the streets along Sullivan's Island are named for the trolley stations.

The trolley bridge spanned Cove Inlet from 1898 until 1927. In 1923, the wooden bridge was widened to allow enough room for cars. In 1927, the trolley was replaced by a vehicle bridge known as Pitt Street Bridge.

When the Ben Sawyer Bridge opened in 1945, the Pitt Street Bridge closed. In 1950, Charleston County deeded the bridge to the town of Mount Pleasant, and it was converted into a fishing pier. Although most of the old bridge burned in a fire, a section remains intact, and visitors who walk to the end of the promenade can still see the pilings lined up across the water.

PICKETT SIGNS

Today, a marker officially designates the spot as Pickett Bridge Recreation Area. The sign reads: "Dedicated in honor of Dr. Otis M. Pickett and Mrs. Ruth Pickett in



recognition of their lifetime of service to the citizens of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina."

Dr. Otis Pickett and his wife, Ruth, had been childhood sweethearts since 1936 when they got married in 1944. The doctor walked from his home on Sullivan's Island, over the Pitt Street Bridge, to his office located next door to the Pitt Street Pharmacy. Ruth worked alongside her husband at the doctor's office for 40 years.

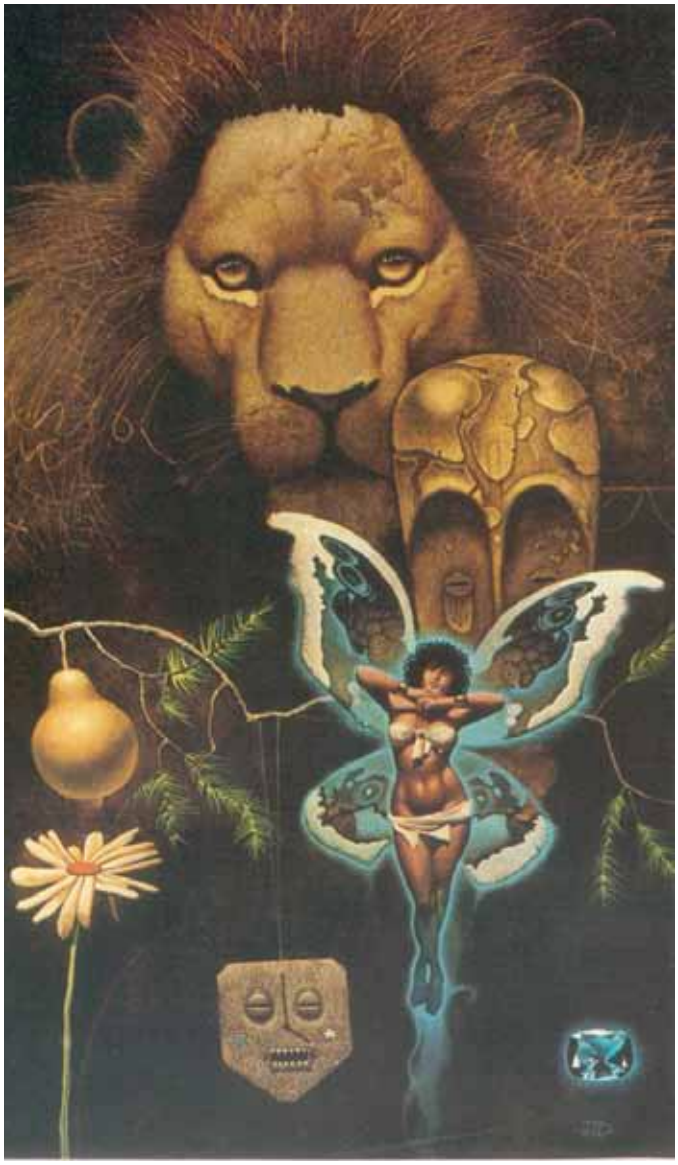
In the book "Mount Pleasant: The Friendly Town," Mary-Julia C. Royall wrote: "Here Dr. Otis Pickett Jr. treated old and young, black and white, rich and poor."

With historical significance that spans more than 200 years, hopefully its role as a public park will ensure that this spot can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The Lost Secret of Byron Preiss

Signs Point to Sullivan's Island

by James Vachowski



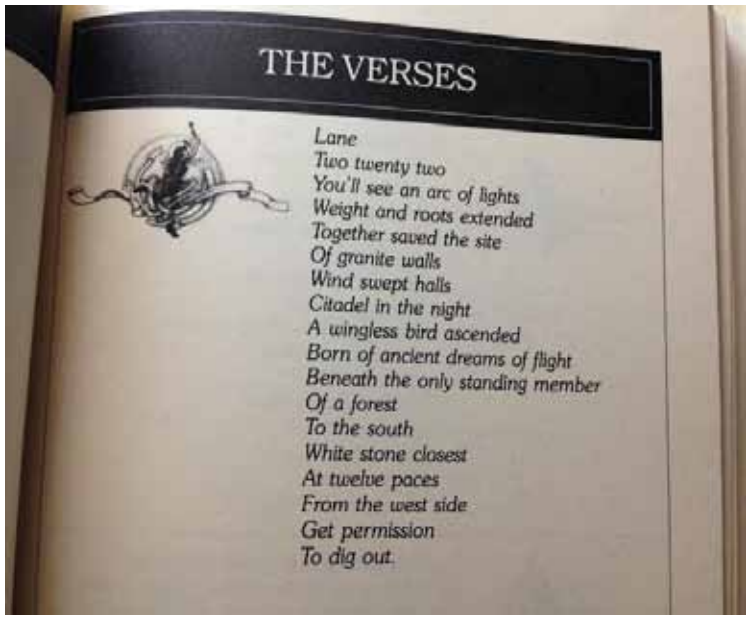
There's a secret treasure hidden somewhere in Charleston, buried just 3 feet beneath the ground. It's gone undiscovered for more than 35 years, silently waiting for someone to piece together the clues.

In 1982, fantasy author Byron Preiss published "The Secret: A Treasure Hunt." The book, ostensibly a tale of Old World faeries' immigration to the Americas, was actually a unique genre of puzzle known as an "armchair treasure hunt." Preiss had traveled across America the year before, armed with a 6-foot shovel, on a mission to bury 12 ceramic casques in locations known only to him. His book contained a series of cryptic paintings and verses which, when paired properly together, could guide his readers to the secret locations. From there, one would only have to dig up the casques to claim a precious gemstone prize.

Sounds simple enough, right?

The first casque was unearthed in Chicago, only a few months after the book's release. From there, more than 20 years passed before the next casque showed up, discovered in Cleveland in 2004, just before Preiss was killed in a tragic automobile accident. But even though the location of the remaining casques was lost after his death, Preiss' widow has stated that she has all the gems and would issue rewards for any found casques. Over 35 years later, the hunt is still on.

I first learned about "The Secret" in 2017, which makes me a mere rookie among the book's dedicated community. When I heard that one of these treasures was thought to be buried in Charleston, my pulse quickened as I set about researching the clues. That small map in the mask's forehead? It's an overhead view of the Charleston



peninsula, possibly even a reference to Edgar Allan Poe's story "The Gold-Bug." That hanging pendant near the bottom? It's drawn in the same dimensions as Fort Sumter. And that sweeping cypress branch, bending across the entire image? A 1980s road map confirmed it's a near-perfect overlay of Ben Sawyer Boulevard! And since this puzzle is built around an African theme, all signs pointed directly toward Sullivan's Island. After all, the majority of African slaves entering America passed through the port of Charleston and were quarantined along these shores.

But while the painting provided a general location, the accompanying verse pinpointed an exact spot to dig. Preiss sketched out the island's history in poetic verse, including how British cannonballs bounced off the soft palmetto walls of Fort Sullivan. Chief Osceola's gravesite also earned a mention, as did a monument to an ironclad, the USS Patapsco. But the final location eluded searchers for decades – and for good reason. A single tree was the "X" which marked the spot, at least until Hurricane Hugo blew it down in 1989. It took several long weekends of scouring the National Park Service's photo archives before I was finally able to spot the puzzle's "missing link."

Since then, I've been working with the staff at Fort Sumter National Monument, with the goal of somehow recovering the casque. They've also (quite correctly) pointed out that "if" Preiss had buried a casque anywhere on Fort Moultrie, he would have been violating at least a few federal laws. And since I have no intention of doing that myself, or disregarding the author's explicit instructions to obtain permission, it looks like I'll have to be patient for now.





NPS may be able to have its archeologists properly examine the area, but that process is neither quick nor easy.

In the meantime, I'm satisfied with having stood 3 feet above a real-life buried treasure. … but, you know, these casques aren't technically found if they're still in the ground. And there's always the chance that my "solution" is wrong, so let me invite you to take a look at "The Secret" for yourself. This puzzle always has room for more searchers. And even if neither you nor I ever manage to get our hands on the lost treasure of Byron Preiss, at least we'll have shared a small part of this epic adventure.

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Sullivan's Island Dining

For such an intimate community, the restaurant scene on Sullivan's Island is top-notch. In the mood for fine dining? How about gourmet pizza? How about tacos with fresh salsa? How about a cheeseburger named after a poet? How about wings with a side of Guinness? Whatever you happen to be craving, it's available on Sullivan's Island. We've put together a list of our favorite spots, as well as some reviews to go with it. We hope you'll find it useful in choosing a spot for lunch, dinner, brunch or dessert. Remember, food is the second most important pleasure in life – after a day at the beach.

For even more choices, visit SIEateries.com.

450 Pizza Joint is the brainchild of two local College of Charleston grads. Not only do they serve fabulous pizzas, salads and sandwiches, they have an intense coffee bar as well. They also offer breakfast plates and breakfast sandwiches served with a side of fresh berries. And don't forget: The bar stays open until midnight every night. Cuisine: American (New York-style pizza/sandwiches/coffee bar/breakfast).

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BeardCat's Sweet Shop offers some truly unique gelato flavors, such as olive oil. Milkshakes, ice cream sandwiches and gluten-free red velvet cake is even offered at this truly outstanding neighborhood spot. Cuisine: Desserts and frozen sundries.

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GoGo Greens is just the sort of place you would frequent when looking to rev up your overall health. Pick up a green juice to enjoy while shell hunting, or order up the flavorful kale salad and add in a protein like perfectly seasoned salmon to make flavors pop. Avocado toast and acai bowls are among the prized items at this bright addition to Sullivan's Island. Cuisine: American/health conscious.

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High Thyme is a favorite spot for the locals in the heart of Sullivan's Island, offering dinner as well as Sunday brunch and live music. Creative tapas, fresh seafood and a great wine list keep regulars coming back. Cuisine: American.

2213-C Middle St. • 843-883-3536
www.HighThyme.com



Home Team BBQ is a popular spot for delicious wood-fired chicken wings, extensive libation options and plenty of live music. You'll find a variety of dishes made from fresh ingredients, from starters and salads to tacos, sides, sliders, sandwiches and wraps. Cuisine: American/barbecue.

2209 Middle St. • 843-225-7427
www.HomeTeamBBQ.com



Mex 1 Coastal Cantina's motto is "drop in and chill out." If you are looking for some of the most delicious queso around, look no further. With a beachy, surfer aesthetic, this place will make you think you've landed in SoCal. Be brave and order the "Mex1can Ashtray" – a Tecate topped with fresh lime juice, hot sauce and black pepper (shot of Tequila optional!) Cuisine: Tex/Mex.

2205 Middle St. • 843-882-8172
www.mex1coastalcantina.com

Poe's Tavern is located two blocks from the beach on beautiful Sullivan's Island. It's named for Edgar Allan Poe, who, at the age of 18, enlisted in the Army and called Sullivan's Island home. They're best known for great burgers and drinks. Cuisine: American.

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Sullivan's Restaurant is a favorite hole-in-the-wall for home-cooked Southern favorites. Stop by after church on Sunday for their scratch-made desserts and famous seafood platters. Open for dinner seven days a week, plus weekend brunches. Cuisine: Southern/home cooked.

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The Co-Op is a casual grab-and-go deli and grocery. A great option for lunch and breakfast, this quirky and cozy spot provides wonderful service and a well-chosen wine selection. Cuisine: American (breakfast/sandwiches/wine).

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The Obstinate Daughter is a name in homage to the Revolutionary War history of Sullivan's Island. Open for lunch and dinner as well as Saturday/Sunday brunch. Cuisine: Italian/pizza/seafood.

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No Bones About It

– Dogs and Owners Give the Beach Two Paws Up

By Tanja DePasse



Whether you plan to take your pup on a stroll through the business district to accompany you for lunch or for a run in the sand, there are a few things to consider to ensure that your outing is more smooth than "ruff."

The town of Sullivan's Island requires that all dogs, even those owned by visitors, have a valid Sullivan's Island permit. Permits are available at Town Hall, or you can download an application packet at www.sullivansisland-sc.com. The website gives you all the details on the costs and requirements to get your furry friend licensed.

Once your leashed pup is legit, it's time to have some fun. Beachcombing with your canine buddy can be a blast for both of you. Before you splash in the surf and romp in the sand, some proper planning can help to ensure that your pooch's day at the beach goes swimmingly.

The American Kennel Club provided the following recommendations:

- Always bring plenty of fresh water and offer it to your pup often. Discourage your dog from drinking salt water, which can cause "digestive disturbances."
- Whenever possible, provide a shady spot for your dog to seek some relief from the heat of the sun.
- When applying sunscreen on yourself, don't forget your canine companion. Dogs' noses and ears are sensitive to the sun and need protection, too. The American Kennel Club recommends applying sunscreen to dogs 30 minutes prior to exposure and that you pay special attention to dogs with short hair, white fur and pink skin.
- If the sand is too hot for your feet, it is definitely too hot for your dog. Keep an eye on your pet's paws, since shells and other objects can be hidden in the sand.
- Does your doggy paddle? Swimming in the ocean can be great fun for you and your dog. Be aware of strong currents and be careful not to overdo it. Dogs use different muscles for swimming and can tire quickly.
- As every responsible pet owner knows, always clean up after your dog and dispose of waste properly.
- At the end of your beach day, be sure to rinse your dog with fresh water. The salt and other minerals can damage his or her coat.

One thing's for certain: After enjoying a day of sun, sea and sand, both owner and pup will probably return home "dog tired."



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May 1 - Sept. 30
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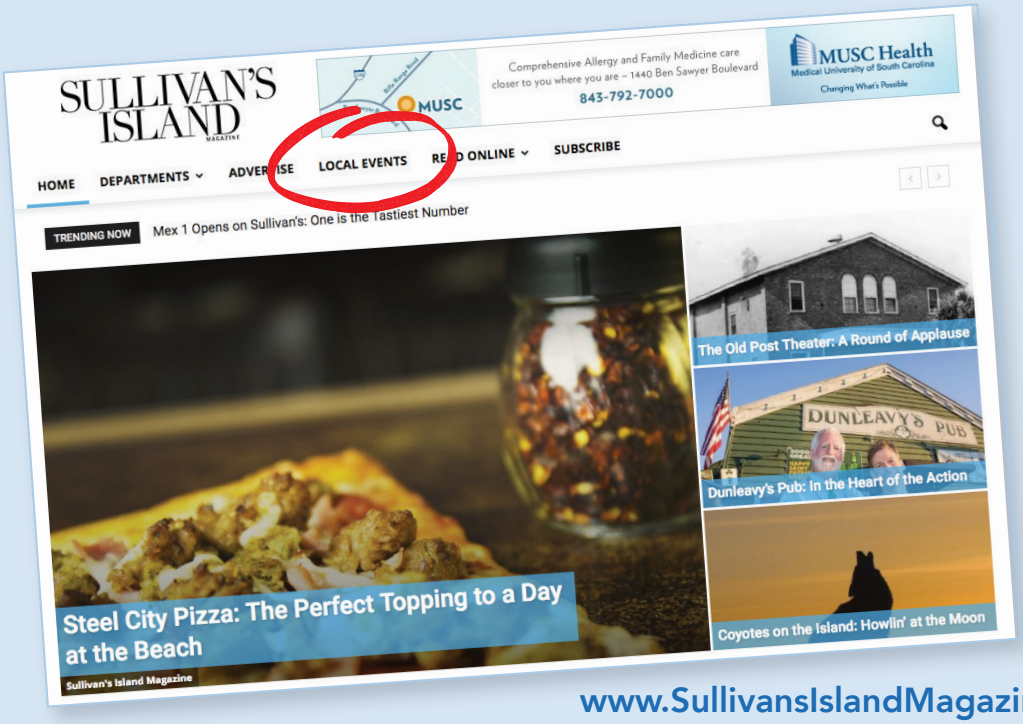
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