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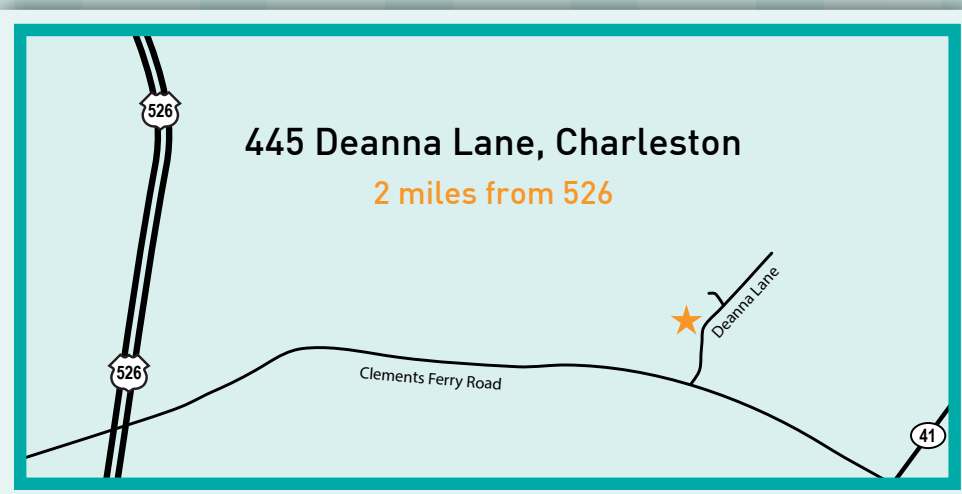
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**Education:** Greenville Beauty School and Eastside High School.

**Employment:** Owner/stylist at Beauty and The Beach on Sullivan's Island.

**Favorite reading:** Janet Evanovich and murder mysteries.

**Favorite music:** I love Al Green, Tears for Fears, Steven Stills, Eagles and Johnny Lang, I also like to switch it up. Music is good for the soul!

**Activities:** Horseback riding, fast cars, boating/fishing offshore, playing on the beach, Sunday Funday and brunch with my girls and Peter.

**Interests:** My girls and my salon.

**Likes:** Family, friends and making people look beautiful!



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**Favorite music:** Everything live.

**Activities:** Surfing, boating and hiking.

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**Lives in:** Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

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**Favorite reading:** John Grisham, travel books, American and Mexican history.

**Favorite music:** Classic rock and the Austin, Texas sound.

**Activities:** Fishing, traveling, blackjack, porch sitting, cooking (indoor and outdoor).

**Interests:** History, politics, SEC football, beach walking.

**Likes:** Old cars, Western movies, traveling, fishing, spelunking.

**Favorite quote or philosophy:** "Live in harmony with nature (except coyotes) and be as helpful as you can to others."



## Noah Sigalas

**Lives in:** Sullivan's Island, South Carolina.

**From:** Charleston, South Carolina.

**Education:** Palmetto Scholars Academy, Trident College.

**Employment:** Customer service.

**Favorite reading:** "Jane Eyre," "David Copperfield," history, theology.

**Favorite music:** Bach "Little" Fugue in G minor.

**Activities:** Cards, fencing, biking, walking downtown, going to the beach with friends, swimming in the ocean, chess.

**Interests:** European martial arts, world history, local history, world music, politics.

**Likes:** Theater, Hercule Poirot, Columbo, concerts at the Gaillard, reading at the Poe Library, good cheese and bread, gelato from Beardcat's, eating at Bistro Toulouse.

**Favorite quote or philosophy:** "There is no such thing on Earth as an uninteresting subject; the only thing that can exist is an uninterested person." - G.K. Chesterton



Photos courtesy of the Sullivan's Island Market.

# More Reasons to Enjoy the Natural Flavor

## THE MARKET AT SULLIVAN'S

**F**ROM THE MARITIME NATURE to the quaint storefronts and restaurants that line Middle Street, it's no wonder *Coastal Living* ranked Sullivan's Island as one of the happiest seaside towns in America.

Sullivan's time seems to move with the ease of a swaying palm. Locals buzz around on golf carts or simply cut through side streets to meet friends for

gelato at Beardcat's Sweet Shop or a pint at Poe's Tavern. Birdwatchers and beach lovers intermingle in this slice of Lowcountry paradise. With the recent addition of a local farmers market, residents and visitors have even more reason to enjoy the natural flavor of this cherished island.

"I believe we were in need of a community-focused event such as this," said Council Member Sarah Church, who spearheaded the initiative. "Sullivan's Island has long been a place where residents are passionate about their politics. The farmers market is a place where we can leave

BY KALENE MCCORT

our conflicts behind and come together as a community.”

Every Thursday eve, from 2:30 to 7 p.m., you can find a multitude of folks gathered at 1921 l’On Ave., in front of the Edgar Allan Poe Library. Eager to take home all that the Lowcountry soil and waterways provide, shoppers trickle in for an evening of successful treasure hunting. Whether picking up peach preserves to slather on homemade bread or filling cloth bags with handfuls of okra, the enthusiasm from visitors is vibrant – much like the bouquets of brightly-colored blooms being sold by seafaring florists.

“We have different prepared food vendors each week, so you can enjoy dinner while listening to the music,” said Church, who credits local band Station Break with adding to the market’s vivacious atmosphere.

With plenty of food trucks at the market, mouth-watering meals can be found on-site, including tacos, fried chicken sandwiches and zesty street corn from The Charleston Bird.

“Seeing the farmers market in action and succeeding has been incredibly rewarding,” said Church. “From the

artisanal cheeses made from local goat’s milk, the amount of fare available for purchase is booming.

“We offer local produce from Gruber Family Farm, fresh local clams, oysters and shrimp from Hiser Sea Farms, meats and eggs from Wishbone Heritage Farms and so much more,” said Church. “Starting in late May, we will have blueberries from Blue Pearl Farms. Don’t miss Mitla’s Tortillas. They are so amazing; you will never eat store bought tortillas again!”

In a state that boasts so many area markets, it can be hard to stay on the radar. Since its inception this April, the Sullivan’s Island Farmers Market continues to rise to the top – attracting locals and residents outside the island eager to get a taste of coastal charm. With the Atlantic Ocean just a shell’s throw away, the setting of this market makes it that much more extraordinary.

“The location of our farmers market really sets us apart from the other markets,” said Church. “The market is under the trees that provide shade. The small size makes a more intimate setting conducive to visiting with your



moment the first market opened, it was obvious how well it fit into the community.”

Local artists also set up shop among the produce stands. Gaze at beautiful creations from Bi-Bond Arts while testing out some moisturizers from The Charleston Soap Chef. Sea and Stone, a local handcrafted jewelry company, provides onlookers with delicate accent pieces inspired by the wonder of the sea. Absinthe Rabbit is sure to keep shoppers feeling Zen with a variation of soothing bath salts.

“We have a wide variety of vendors and have strived for a balance of selection,” said Church. “You will not find more than one of each kind of vendor.”

Skip the grocery store line and get an assortment of goods you just can’t come by in your big supermarket chains. From seafood pulled right out of Shem Creek to

neighbors. We have also worked hard to provide the highest possible quality of vendors.”

Whether you’re looking to gather supplies for a new recipe or simply want to catch up with friends, the Sullivan’s Island Farmers Market is an ideal spot to savor those summertime moments as refreshing as a lush watermelon, ripe for the picking.

The market closes up for the season on June 30, so be sure to take advantage of this new venture born out of a love for all things homegrown. From the sweet flavor of local honey to the sharp bite of local peppers, you’re sure to find something to please your palate. 🍷

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"Submarine Torpedo Boat H.L. Hunley" was painted in 1863 by Conrad Wise Chapman, just a few months before the Hunley's mission.



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# A MEMORABLE MISSION

## The H.L. Hunley Submarine

*"Sullivan's Island - A more uncomfortable place could not be found."*

**T**HESE ARE THE WORDS OF LT. George Dixon, commanding officer of the H.L. Hunley, the Confederate submarine whose base of operations was at Breach Inlet in 1864. In fact, Dixon and his crew of seven men slept at a boarding house in Mount Pleasant and made the commute mostly on foot to work each day – and then back home afterward.

BY MARY COY

But the island's lack of comfort was likely not the sole reason for the men lodging elsewhere. Much of that deci-

sion may have even been about physical conditioning.

Operating their little submarine required arduous work, and the men were required to be in top-notch condition. They would be working long hours, turning a crank constantly to propel their craft through several miles of ocean currents to reach their target.

The original plan wasn't to deploy from Sullivan's Island. After all, the Union blockade was positioned mostly at the mouth of the harbor. But rather than penetrate the blockade's center and risk being picked off by Union fire, an alternate strategy involved attacking the outermost vessels first, where it was least expected. Plus, hiding the

sub at such an isolated and remote location on the north end of Sullivan's Island helped to keep it a secret from curious civilians.

So, in January 1864, the Hunley was moved from a dock in Mount Pleasant to the Breach Battery – also known as Battery Marshall – on Sullivan's Island. The ocean view was perfect – the Union ships could be seen anchored four miles off the beach, a relatively straight path from Breach Inlet for an attack on one of them. A night deployment would provide the Hunley a cover of darkness for protection, and the lights onboard the Union ships would guide the little sub right to its target.

But there was a lot of work to be done before any of that could happen. Five nights a week, the Hunley's crew took their boat out on maneuvers, practicing diving and surfacing, often in Cove Creek, behind the island. For drills at sea, a calm night with relatively smooth water and an outgoing tide provided the best conditions. But it was winter, and the weather can be brutal, even in Charleston, so there were no guarantees. At one point, the Hunley actually had to remain dockside at Breach Inlet for two weeks due to heavy fog and rough seas.

If the outgoing tide would aid the crew when leaving port, what about getting back to the island afterward? As any kayaker can attest, rowing against the strong currents of the ocean is no easy task. More than likely, there were times during exercises at sea when the boat didn't make it back to the inlet and instead ran aground elsewhere on the beach. Evidence that this probably happened is in the records, indicating that a support boat eventually was assigned to Battery Marshall, probably for towing the sub back to the dock when it was beached.

And how long could the boat stay

submerged without the crew succumbing to asphyxiation? After all, the only air available to the men was what was in their cramped space when they went underwater. So a test measuring both physical and mental endurance was conducted in the creek, not far from Breach Inlet. During the test, the Hunley was underwater for so long that the soldiers at Battery Marshall assumed all was lost. When the boat resurfaced more than two hours later, there was only one soldier dockside to greet the crew.

For the last few days before the Hunley's historic deployment on Feb. 17, the crew may have slept at Battery Marshall, possibly to spare them their exhausting commute from Mount Pleasant. However, more than likely it was because Lt. Dixon would be watching for just the right weather conditions to embark on the mission.

The ending to the story is well-known. The submarine was successful in bringing down its target. By flashing a blue light from a magnesium lantern to their comrades on shore, the crew of the Hunley signaled that their mission was accomplished and that they were returning to Sullivan's Island. Fires at Battery Marshall were stoked to guide them. However, the Hunley didn't make it back. Its whereabouts were unknown for well over a century. When it was finally discovered in 1995, the submarine's original trajectory from Breach Inlet guided researchers to pinpoint the area of ocean floor to search.

Some folks wondered if Hurricane Hugo's bull's-eye path may have stirred things up enough to help find the Hunley. Although it wasn't likely, that possibility is what kept researchers looking a few miles off the shores of Sullivan's Island. But the sea doesn't easily give up her secrets, and this is one that continues to intrigue us 21 years later. 🦉

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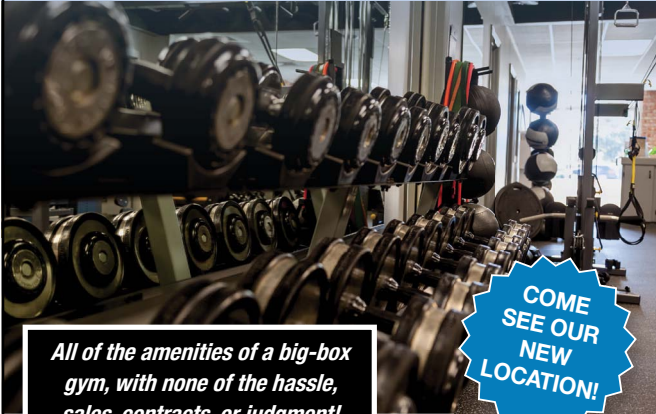
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A government-built structure that still stands today provided steam heat for the Marshall Reservation buildings.

# Quite Secretive ... and Very Classified

## MARSHALL RESERVATION

**T**HE NAME SOUNDS QUITE secretive – Battery 520. And very classified. In fact, it was; there was even a barbed wire fence surrounding the area.

Known also as Marshall Reservation, the huge swath of land running from Station 28½ all the way to Breach Inlet was off limits to civilians during the Second World War. Jasper Boulevard (known then as Railroad Avenue) was as close as anyone

BY MARY COY

could get as they rode the trolley or automobile on their way to burgeoning Isle of Palms. U.S. soldiers returning from Europe were processed at the Overseas Discharge and Replacement Depot on the site, but local lore suggests a POW camp for Italian soldiers also was there.

During the war, 1,500 people lived at the installation, including some civilian employees. Sixteen barracks provided housing for personnel as well as for the transient soldiers who were quartered there. Four administrative buildings were also part of the compound. Today, about all that remains of Marshall Reservation are some rather

unusual hillside residences. The hills were man-made and served as military bunkers. In fact, the streets where they are situated weren't even in existence when the installation was in use. In those days, all residential streets ended at Station 28½. Brownell, Harvey and Marshall streets were added when the property was sold to private developers after the war.

The reservation came under the military jurisdiction of Fort Moultrie, and, because the fort's 200 acres were crowded with buildings and personnel, Marshall Reservation provided a perfect place for infantry maneuvers and training. With its 100 acres, there was so much open space that a temporary road – which later was paved and became the extension of Middle Street – was built to haul in equipment and supplies.

The northern end of the island is rich in military history, dating to the Revolutionary War. During the Civil War, the site was named Battery Marshall after Confederate Col. J. Foster Marshall. Although the U.S. government had owned the land as early as 1910, it wasn't developed until World War II. Buildings went up in record time, following the design that was typical of the military during wartime – the “700 series plan” – complete with Quonset huts and wooden

structures. But the rapid buildup of the military presence on the north end of the island put a strain on the town's water supply. The water towers near Fort Moultrie were needed for island residents, so the town allocated only 30,000 gallons a day to Marshall Reservation, leading to water rationing on the island. Eventually, water was piped in from the Isle of Palms to help alleviate the problem.

The strain on the sewage system was another concern. The town's sewage emptied into the creek behind the island, but much of the overflow of raw sewage was carried through Breach Inlet and washed up onto the beach. Town residents and officials called on congressional leaders to get involved, and a sewage treatment facility was constructed to address the situation.

Since time was of the essence in building Marshall Reservation, no effort was made to bury the above-

ground pipes that provided steam heat for the buildings. A government-built structure which still stands today was the source of the steam. The encampment also had its own generators to create electricity.

Because the area was isolated, the huge target range at the reservation was far more suitable for field training than the small one at Fort Moultrie. Roy Williams, island historian and author, compared it to the difference between playing miniature golf and the real game. There were also four 155-mm guns on Panama mounts, camouflaged and hidden among the dunes, as well as two 12-inch casemate-mounted guns, which were positioned on 700 feet of movable track. The artillery served as protection for the island and was also used in military drills. Williams explained that announcements in the Charleston newspaper warned



The hills that housed the military bunkers were man-made.

readers when the guns would be used in exercises so boaters would avoid the area and island residents could take precautions. He said, “People were even told to open their windows to reduce the risk of shattering and to wrap their glass valuables.”

A searchlight measuring 60 inches in diameter was positioned at Marshall Reservation and coordinated with other lights in the channel to guard the harbor. The one at Marshall also protected the island from an amphibious assault across Breach Inlet, such as the attempt made there by British forces in 1776. A historical marker at Breach Inlet describes that Revolutionary War history. Maybe someday there will be one explaining the importance of Battery 520 during World War II.

But Williams believes some records probably are still classified. 📖

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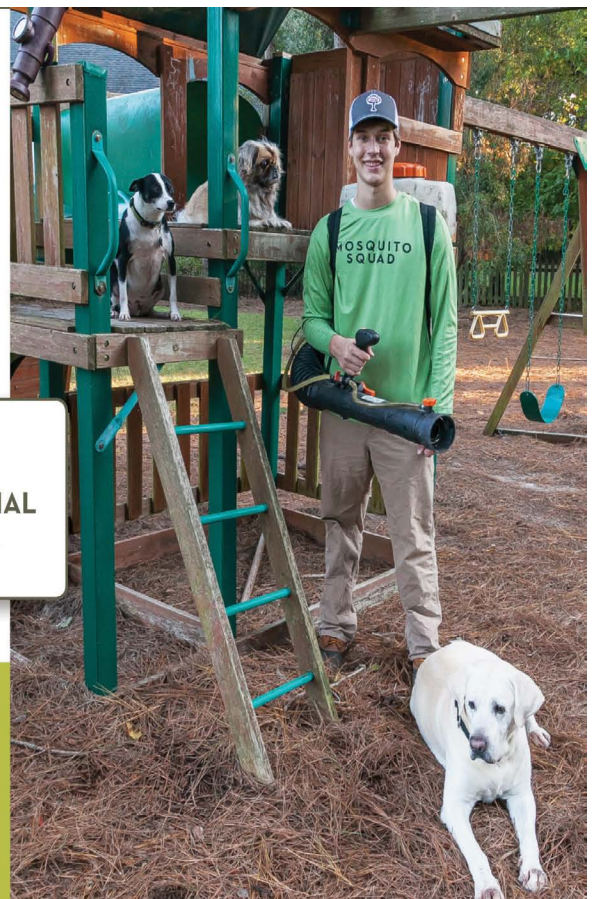


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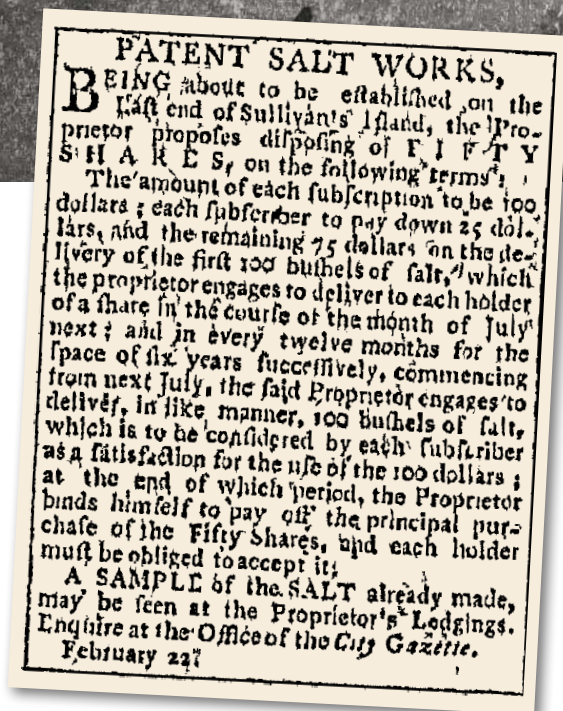
# To Everything There is a Season(ing)

## A HISTORY OF SALT ON SULLIVAN'S

*By Linda and Terry Smith*

**T**HE BEAUTY OF SULLIVAN'S ISLAND WAS gloriously displayed as we drove down Jasper Boulevard on an early March morning. Spring had come early along the coast, and we were struck by the changes we witnessed along these shores.

As it has seemingly forever, Breach Inlet still rushes to the sea, but there is little remaining to remind us of the history upon which we travel – history that gives us a new perspective and hopefully a new respect for the island we call home.



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Many of us have discovered South Carolina-produced sea salt and consider it an exciting new addition to Lowcountry cuisine. Salt production along our coast, however, has an extensive history. Early settlers observed Native Americans extracting salt, and a salt extraction facility was, in fact, operating near Georgetown as early as 1793. Unfortunately, the production of salt was limited and never supplied the needs of a growing colony, so salt was imported from England, France and the Caribbean. Prices ranged from 75 cents per bushel to \$7 for French salt. To an extent not truly appreciated today, salt was vital for the survival of our colony, and a local, reliable source was a political and commercial

necessity. Government and business leaders were so eager to find such a source that they might not have exercised proper financial care. The story of salt production in the Charleston area and particularly on Sullivan's Island is an interesting yet cautionary tale – a tale that was all too often repeated during the ensuing years.

Our story begins with the release of Ludwig Baron D. Niroth in 1794 from the King's London Bench and Fleet Prison for Debtors. When he was given his freedom, Ludwig married Lucy Fennell, the daughter of George Fennell of His Majesty's Navy. The young couple quickly immigrated to the New World, leaving his creditors behind. Landing in Charleston, Niroth sought to become part of the Holy City's elite by dropping his first name, using his middle name, Baron, as a title. He apparently was successful – an article in the *City Gazette and Daily Advertiser* stated, "the citizenry of Charleston have become enamored of having a Baron in their midst."

Niroth and his wife had immigrated from a part of England known for salt production and exportation to the Americas, which probably explains his attempt to establish a salt production facility in the Charleston area. Claiming that enough salt could be provided for local needs and export, Baron Niroth obtained the permission of Gov. Edward Rutledge to use 11 acres on the eastern end of Sullivan's Island in early March 1799. With an expectation of rapid profits, investors from Charleston were persuaded to provide some \$17,000 toward the venture. Work was begun by March, with the construction of a wharf, a warehouse, vats and crystalizing canals, along with a large two-story dwelling with several outbuildings for the family.

Salt production is a more complex and labor-intensive process than you might think. Saltwater is collected in a reservoir, evaporated and then passed through three ever-more-shallow evaporating basins. This creates brine, which is then passed onto salt tables for final processing and then purification. The initial production of brine takes place March through September. The following year, the concentrated brine is processed and salt is harvested in August and September. Niroth's initial construction was not completed until the summer, past the season for crystallization.

In February 1800, following the birth of a second child, Lucy Fennell Niroth died at the age of 28. Unfortunately, the child, Amelia, died in September 1801 of yellow fever. Niroth and his first daughter, Charlotte, continued to live on the island.

Given his investors' expectations of rapid profits, financial woes soon befell the Baron. He faced multiple

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suits for unpaid debts, and, unable to pay workers, Niroth attempted to work alone. Receiving minimal help from “a gentleman of Charleston,” he was able to begin the process of salt production. However, the weight of the pending suits soon resulted in his arrest and incarceration. The Baron was released but only after some 16,000 bushels of brine were lost. In an attempt to resurrect his salt works, he petitioned the state of South Carolina for six acres and \$2,000 for three years. In order to obtain the relief, he was required to become a citizen. In doing so, he declared that

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WHEREAS a certain LEWIS B. DE NIROTH, known generally by the appellation of *Baron Niroth*, has, for some time past, been practicing a species of unprecedented fraud in this city, and has obtained, from various persons, large quantities of GOODS, under pretence of making shipments to the Havana, and has sacrificed them for the purpose of raising money—and where the above practices have been committed to the manifest injury of myself and family, besides many individuals from whom he had received GOODS to a considerable amount: Therefore, notice is hereby given, that the said Swindler has absconded from this city with his ill gotten booty, and will practice the same nefarious designs wherever he may go, on those who may, to their injury, trust the smooth-tongued professions of an hypocritical scoundrel. It is probable he will go to New-York, Philadelphia, or some of the Northern cities, as he is too well known to the Southward, particularly in Charleston.

Said NIROTH is a Russian by birth, speaks the English, German, French, Spanish and Dutch languages; he is about 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high; fresh colored; wears his hair much powdered; large sandy colored whiskers, generally powdered; he is very genteel in his appearance. The above reward will be given by the Subscriber, to any person, who will apprehend said Niroth, and secure him in any Gaol in the United States, so that he may be prosecuted, and give information to any of the following gentlemen: John Douell, Isaac Phillips, Henry Falon, or Wm. Lotman.

William Walker,  
SAIL-MAKER, BALTIMORE.

All Masters of Vessels in the different Seaports, are particularly cautioned against harboring or carrying off said NIROTH, as it is probable he may endeavour to obtain a passage to Europe.

The different Printers will render an act of public justice, by giving the preceding a place in their respective papers, that the community may be on their guard. W. W.

BALTIMORE, April 22.

he was a native of the Duchy of Litherania, not England. He was granted the title of denizen – a cross between an alien and a full citizen.

By September 1801, Niroth had disappeared from Charleston and from South Carolina, once again leaving angry creditors behind. Salt production on Sullivan’s Island disappeared forever. The salt works and large home were sold in 1805 by the remaining creditors. The land later was to become the oyster plantation of David Truesdell in the 1830s.

Numerous salt works would later appear in Mount Pleasant and Charleston, but none were successful. Unfortunately, small salt works probably were doomed by their size alone. The salt works at Baynes, in the South of France, covered nearly 371 acres and yielded

2,125 bushels – 56 pounds to the bushel – per acre. The 11 acres on Sullivan’s Island was capable of producing 7,000 bushels. At 25 cents per bushel, this would never have paid Niroth’s creditors, let alone provided salt for exportation.

Meanwhile, Niroth continued his life in Baltimore as an exporter to Havana. In Washington in 1807, he persuaded Benjamin Latrobe, a prominent architect, to utilize his patented concrete to roof his new home. The roof leaked, ruining most of Latrobe’s drawings and important

papers. At this time, Niroth was holding himself out as a Russian military officer. By 1808, Niroth was in New York, marrying Miss Sarah Van Steenbergh. Finally, in 1812 and back in Washington, “Louis B. D. Niroth” wrote to President James Madison that he was in the city to settle his jail fees but was in financial distress and had a motherless daughter now living with strangers. Niroth forgot to mention he abandoned her penniless when he fled Washington. He went on to ask President Madison for financial help and added that he had “important communication of a serious consequence to the government of the United States for the Secretary of War. ...”

He was never heard from again.

Nothing remains today of the Sullivan’s Island’s salt works or the home built by Niroth. Interestingly, the brick foundation was probably used in the construction of Truesdell’s house. The land itself relegated to the sea.

Ludwig Baron D. Niroth was never what he seemed. What people saw was what they wanted to see. Even salt looks like sugar. 🍬

**Sullivan's Island Salt Works,**  
*August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1800.*

**T**HE Subscriber takes the liberty of informing his friends and the public in general, that he has sent to Charleston a **AMPLE** of **SALT**, produced at the Salt Works on Sullivan's-Island: one hoghead of which may be seen at Mr. Delorme's, in Broad-street; and another at Messieurs Laugstaff and Frick's Store on Beale's wharf.

A number of respectable gentlemen, who have been obliging enough to inspect the process, are fully convinced that any quantity of this useful and very necessary article, might be produced, had he met with sufficient support; and if he had been supplied with a sufficient number of working hands since the 1st ult. he might have supplied the city with some thousand bushels. But unfortunately for him, since the 13th instant he has been deprived of almost every assistance, which has turned the most flattering prospects into disappointment. Through the exertions of a single gentleman he has been enabled to proceed as far as he has; if he had received equal assistance from a few more, the city and State of South Carolina, might have been supplied with all they could have consumed of that valuable and necessary article **SALT**.

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# No Bones About It — Dogs and Owners Give the Beach Two Paws Up

**I**T SEEMS THAT CHARLESTON AND its environs often receive recognition for everything from the distinctive culture and cuisine to the friendliness of its residents. So it should come as no surprise that Charleston was just named the 2016 Best City for Pet Travelers in the Gopetfriendly.com Reader's Choice Tournament.

Charleston topped 109 other cities across the United States and Canada. Readers noted the variety of places for pet owners and their “fur-ends” to enjoy together. The area's barrier islands, in particular, were an overwhelming favorite spot. After all, there's an undeniable delightfulness that comes from watching our four-legged friends experience the sights, sounds and smells that are uniquely coastal.

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. Dog permits are available at Town Hall, or you can download a dog permit application packet at [www.sullivanisland-sc.com](http://www.sullivanisland-sc.com). The website gives you all of 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 OFFERS 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



Photo by Rick Waldo.

to the sun and need protection, too. The American Kennel Club recommends applying sunscreen to dogs 30 minutes prior to exposure and that you should 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 their 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." 🐾

## IMPORTANT BEACH INFORMATION

### Summer hours for dogs on the Sullivan's Island beach

**May 1 – Sept. 30**

Off-leash: 5 a.m. - 10 a.m.

On-leash: 6 p.m. - 5 a.m.

No dogs on the beach: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Winter hours for dogs on the Sullivan's Island beach

**Oct. 1 – April 30**

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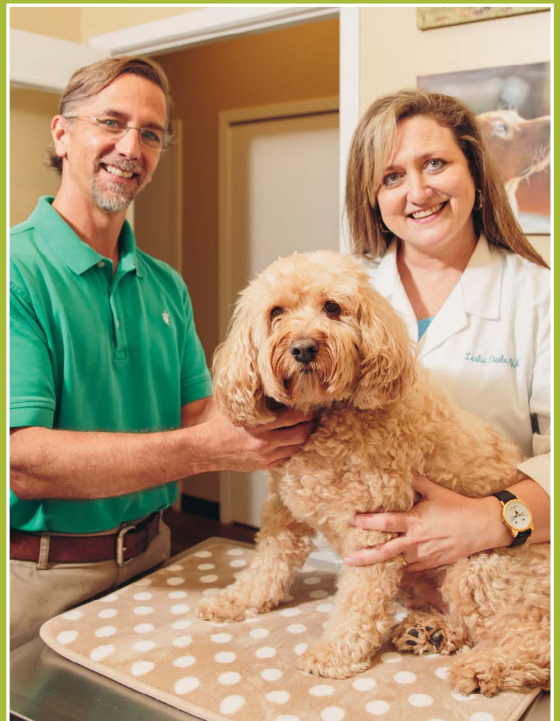
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## Acquisitions Interiors

**W**ITH ITS ECLECTIC VIBE and mix of old and new – people, houses, shops – Sullivan’s Island remains an undeniably desirable destination.

BY PAMELA BROWNSTEIN

This tendency toward timeless beauty and bucking trends bodes well for homeowners looking to design with quality furniture and unique pieces. That’s why many Sullivan’s Island residents rely on Acquisitions for its assortment of antiques, custom upholstery and reproductions, as well as interior design services.

Family owned and operated for nearly 30 years, Acquisitions offers a variety of traditional and transitional furniture in its 12,000-square-foot store, located at 273 East Bay St. in downtown Charleston. Kathleen Hope and her sister, Mary Norvell Hughes, run the business that was started by their parents, Steve and Molly Hope.

Kathleen said, “The love and appreciation for antiques and thoughtfully decorated homes probably is in our blood. We attract clientele and designers just as interesting and inspiring as the pieces in our store; to see them truly love their purchases is gratifying.”

“What sets Acquisitions apart is that we offer antiques that connect to the past with options for up-to-date elements with upholstery, Italian reproductions, lighting and accessories,” Mary Norvell said.

“Despite the e-commerce world we now live in, there is really no substitute for seeing and feeling a French buffet, circa 1880, or sitting in a sofa handcrafted in North Carolina,” Kathleen said.

Barbara Spell of Sullivan’s Island has been a client for about four years.

“Acquisitions is a warm and inviting store, with its mix of old and new pieces and its array of fabrics in interesting shades and contrasting textures,” she said.

Customers come regularly to the store just to walk

around and visit to see what is in stock. Recently someone came in who had just been to a friend’s home on Sullivan’s Island with a newly purchased antique from the store.

“She raved about it and wanted a duplicate for herself,” Kathleen recalled, adding: “Our antiques are obviously one-of-a-kind, so no two items are the same. But we love helping someone fall in love with their own unique purchase.”

The owners of Acquisitions have built a strong relationship with suppliers in the United States, as well as in Italy and England.

“I joke that my little beach house could be the annex showroom for Acquisitions,” said Susan O’Malley, another client who lives on Sullivan’s Island. “They have an extraordinary creative flair and an unsurpassed level of customer service.”

Working with family is the most rewarding aspect of the job for the sisters.

“We grew up alongside Acquisitions, and being a part of that makes every day meaningful,” she said.

As with any good business, the staff is key. Emily Johnson has been with the company for over five years, and Sarah Hunt recently joined the team.

“We treat them as an extension of our family, and they respond by caring for the business as if it were their own,” Mary Norvell said.

“I have so enjoyed working with Emily Johnson over the past several years,” Spell agreed. “She is unfailingly cheerful and accommodating and has impeccable taste and a great eye for color and detail,” she said.

The goal for the future is to simply continue to provide clients with unique, tasteful items for the home, according to Kathleen.

“Charleston’s ability to remain historically beautiful and attached to its roots while remaining current mirrors what we do here at Acquisitions,” she explained. 🏡



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2) \$2,795,000	Matthew DeAntonio Carroll Realty	Anna Gregory Carolina One Real Estate	14	\$2,400,000
3) \$2,195,000	Chip Warley Premier Properties Charleston	Stacy Jennings Smith Spencer Real Estate	245	\$2,195,000
4) \$1,995,000	Richard Halsey & Kay Halsey Carriage Properties	Sarah Henderson Carolina One Real Estate	54	\$1,900,000
5) \$1,850,000	Randal Longo & Lauren Pierce iSave Realty	Randal Longo iSave Realty	55	\$1,770,000
6) \$1,694,750	Troy Barber King and Society Real Estate	Charles Constant Domicile Real Estate	39	\$1,640,000
7) \$1,649,000	Cheryl Kaynard Handsome Properties	Betsy Turk Keller Williams Realty	60	\$1,550,000
8) \$1,595,000	Ashley Haynes East Island Real Estate	Bonnie Geer Charleston Preferred Properties	55	\$1,518,000
9) \$2,300,000	Timothy Reese Dunes Properties of Charleston	Christopher Price The PrimeSouth Group	27	\$1,500,000
10) \$1,600,000	Everett Presson Carolina One Real Estate	Jimi Craddock State Street Real Estate	64	\$1,500,000

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