

Life on the Big Screen

I was 7 years old, summering in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, with my grandmother when the hurricane hit, ripping out electrical lines, buckling roads, all but obliterating the fishing village of Menemsha Beach. We ate that evening by candlelight and afterwards I wrote home proudly announcing, 'I learned how to strike a match!' Okay, so maybe I was a slow learner, but my parents were happy—they saved the letter. Fast forward a lifetime and Mother Nature is up to her old tricks, slinging tornadic winds, rains of a biblical proportion, and pestilence across the land. It's been quite a Spring. And now, as we begin to emerge from our self-imposed cocoons, wondering what the new normal will be, we ask your patience. Trying to piece together 33 SINHG trips when nobody's answering the phone isn't easy. We've been as specific as possible but, in a few instances, to be confirmed (TBC) is the best info we can provide. We'll keep you updated as time passes, but in the meantime, here are a baker's dozen new offerings to tickle your fancy:

For natural history buffs we have a *Seine (as in 'net) and Marine Life Tour* with David Green from Camp St. Christopher; a visit to NOAA (*National Weather Service*); a tour of the *CofC Hazard Center and Mace Brown Natural History Museum*; and *St. John's Boat Tour* to Cherry Point and North Edisto. If history's your thing, we're offering two fantastic minibus tours—*A Day on the Cooper River*, and *The French Santee: Cradle of Charleston's Great Plantation Society*; Carol Ezell-Gilson's wonderful *Legacy of Slavery in Charleston* downtown tour; and a *Guided Tour of the Avery Research Center*, located in what was formerly the Avery Normal School, a hub for Charleston's African-American community for generations. D-I-Y-ers might prefer *Painting with Wine* rather than acrylics (unlike following the lead dog, the view always changes so this class is forever new); or you may enjoy a trip to the Fire and Ice Studio to create your own *Heirloom Christmas Tree*; we're also offering *Nailed It*, no, not a religious experience, but an opportunity to create one-of-a-kind wood signs and home décor, so your houseguests can find the bathroom. Or whatever. If you're seeking divine inspiration for dinner, *Dani Manilla's* channeling Sicily—the food and the company promise to delight. We're not sure the *Cuckold Creek Kayak Paddle's* a new trip or not, but Steve hasn't done it before so it qualifies. Lastly, if Mother Nature starts flapping her wings again and all of these trips fall through, we're looking for a leader to organize a sequester-proof caravan to the 25 Drive-in Auto Theatre in Greenwood, SC. Who cares if the drive's 4 hours? We're talking 3 massive screens and the best popcorn this side of heaven!

F202001 St. Johns Boat Tour**Tuesday, Sept. 15
(rain date: Friday, Sep. 18)****9:45–12:15 pm****Leader: Carol**

This was one of our many cancellations last spring and we're pleased to offer it once again. Our boat holds 25-35 adventurers and takes off from a private dock right near the Kiawah/Seabrook Circle. Our 2-hour cruise will take us first to Rockville and Cherry Point where we'll learn about the native people that populated this area as well as some of the history and ecology of these barrier islands. We'll then head to North Edisto where we'll dolphin-watch and learn about the natural history of Botany Island and also Fig Island, a man-made cluster of several 'islands' created out of oyster shells by native Indians. This should be a lovely, informative cruise. Please bring sunblock, hat, windbreaker. Rain date is the Friday, Sept. 17—if you sign up, please keep this date free in case we have bad weather.

Min: 25**Max: 35****Cost: \$42.00****Natural Science****F202002 Hunting for Shells & Fossils on Folly Beach****Thursday, Sept. 24****9:30-12:30 pm****Leader: Roni**

We had so much fun last fall trolling for fossils on Folly Beach that we've brought back paleontologist Ashby Gale to take us on another adventure. Paleontologist Ashby Gale is the founder of Charleston Adventures and he promises you fun at the beach. On this trip, we're more likely to find fossils of land mammals of the last Ice Age, including giant ground sloths, Columbian mammoths, American mastodons, saber-tooth cats in addition to sharks, rays, and fish to name just a few. During this 3 -hour outing your guide will help you identify and learn about the fossils you find and keep. We've selected an early September date because it's a good time in terms of the tides. This trip goes rain or shine unless there's lightning, exceptionally high tides, rough winds or flooding. Be sure to bring a cloth collection bag for shells and fossils (no plastic, please!), sunscreen, water shoes or strapped sandals, rain jacket, camera (cell phone), water, and snack, if you like. See you there! Lots of walking.

Min: 10**Max: 15****Cost: \$43.00****Natural Science****F202003 Seine and Marine Life Tour****Tuesday, Sept. 29****2:00-4:00 pm****Leader: Roni**

This SINHG trip is all about the marine life right here off Seabrook Island's coast. David Green from the Barrier Island Environmental Educational Center at Camp St Christopher will guide us through this tour. We will learn about our local fish, whales and other marine life. We will start with a presentation in the Aquarium room of Susanna's House at Camp St Christopher. From there we will make our way to the beach. For those that want to help, we will pull a large seine net through the surf with the potential of catching jellyfish, crabs, a variety of marine life as well as possibly a sting ray.

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$12.00****Natural Science****F202004 Cuckhold Creek Kayak Paddle****Wednesday, Sept. 30****8:15-1:30 pm****Leader: Steve**

Come paddle with us in our favorite venue – The ACE Basin. This will be a gentle paddle and we will be passing old rice fields, rice trunks and at this time of year the flowers should be glorious. If the tide allows, we will actually paddle through an old rice field. We expect to see plenty of birds. This paddle has not been done for several years and is new to Steve. It should be great.

Min: 12**Max: 18****Cost: \$57.00****Kayaking****F202005 Paint with Wine****Thursday, Oct. 1****5:30-8:00 pm****Leader: Becky**

Come and enjoy a fun night out with friends and family. Wine and light snacks will be provided. Get ready to paint your night away! You will be taught step-by-step instructions from a local artist and you will leave with your very own masterpiece. The class will be held in the Eagle's Nest room at the Lake House.

Min: 10**Max: 30****Cost: \$48.00****Art & Crafts****F202006 Bird Banding on Cap'n Sams Spit****Friday, Oct. 2****6:45 – 9:15 am****Leader: Jim D**

Calling all photographers and bird lovers—this is a trip you'll love! Every August, Aaron Given of the Kiawah Conservancy sets up twenty-five 40' mist nets on Captain Sam's Spit where, over the next couple of months, he collects birds for banding, measuring, and weighing. We scheduled our trip for early October, the peak migration time for all sorts of songbirds including vireos, warblers, catbirds, chickadees, etc. In prior years, we netted all of the above and even a beautifully colored flicker (large woodpecker). The plan is to leave our cars at Beachwalker Park, then walk about a half mile on the beach to the Conservancy truck, then from there another half mile to the banding site. This last bit of walk may be wet. Wear boots or shoes you don't mind getting wet, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt. Bring binoculars, bug spray, sun screen, water and of course your cell phone or camera to take photos. *Your fee is a donation to Aaron's work at the Kiawah Conservancy.*

Min: 12 Max: 12 Cost: \$20.00 Natural Science

F202007 National Weather Service Office Tour Tuesday, Oct. 69:00 – 12:30 pm Leader: Lynn M

Last Fall SINHG visited the Charleston office of the National Weather Service (NOAA) and we had a long waitlist of those who could not participate. If you've ever been glued to the weather channel, munching popcorn, wondering if the latest storm is aiming right toward you, then this may be the tour for you. We're heading to North Charleston to the facility where public, marine, and aviation forecasts including tornadoes, hurricanes, flash flood warnings, and severe thunderstorms are monitored and broadcasted. An explanation of the techniques employed to predict these climatic events and a tour of the facilities will be followed by a question and answer period. Specifically, we've specified that we'd like to know more about the effects of hurricanes, flooding, climate change, and general weather-related safety.

Min: 15 Max: 20 Cost: \$10.00 Natural Science

F202008 Charleston Alleys & Hidden Passages Tuesday, Oct. 6 9:00 – 1:00 pm Leader: Becky

Come explore some of Charleston's most enchanting alleys and hidden passages. Distinguished by their beauty, Charleston's alleys occupy spaces that blur the line between public and private areas and offer remarkable insight into the history of the Holy City. These quaint passageways are frequently inaccessible by automobiles and are often overlooked, even by frequent visitors and residents who are more focused on the City's grand homes and famous landmarks. However, walking along these picturesque cobblestones, brick and stone pathways offers an opportunity to step back in time and appreciate more fully Charleston's charms on an intimate and inviting scale. It has been said of Charleston that it is the only place in the world where one may live in an alley and be respected. We invite you to come explore some of these alleys, and other landmarks along the way, on your next trip to Charleston. Moderate walking.

Min: 12 Max: 24 Cost: \$30.00 History

F202009 Shem Creek Kayak Paddle Wednesday, Oct. 7 8:45 – 1:30 pm Leader: Steve

Enjoy a leisurely kayak paddle in and around scenic Shem Creek, Mt. Pleasant. We will leave options open for whether we go up the creek away from the harbor or paddle out to Crab Bank and around the harbor. This will be determined by weather and tide conditions

Min: 12 Max: 18 Cost: \$50 Kayaking

F202010 Charleston Downtown Culinary Tour Thursday, Oct. 8 10:00 - 2:30 pm Leader: Rich D

Please join in and enjoy one of SINHG's coveted Fall Events. This event couples Historic Downtown Charleston with its renowned culinary establishments. The Tour will spotlight four of Charleston's finer Eateries. Three of the Restaurants will each provide three to four "tastings" while describing the food history of each dish. The final stop on the Tour will culminate in showcasing a dessert selection of epicurean delight. This Private Tour (12) will include a tasting of Charleston's history as we venture from Restaurant to Restaurant. (A delightful walk through a section of Historic Charleston should be welcomed with the broad range food presented.)

We will meet at 46 State St., Unit B, Charleston at 11:00AM. The price includes all food and non-alcoholic beverages.... enough food to make a lunch for most! Comfortable dress and shoes are recommended, as we navigate a portion of Charleston cobblestone streets. Also, please note, as the Event nears, a detailed update will be provided for those participating.

Min/Max: 12

Cost: \$80.00

Culinary

F202011 West Side Story

Tuesday, Oct. 13

9:00 - 1:30 pm

Leader: Lynn B

Charleston's "West Side Story" begins within the old walled city, viewing impressive public buildings and lovely churches. Outside this walled area – to the west – on low, marshy, undesirable land, a different, darker part of the city's history unfolded. Our tour guide Carol Ezell-Gilson will weave a journey that leads west to the block of misery for the "unfortunates", revealing the underside of the city and giving visitors a more complete understanding of Charleston's history. This area was set aside in 1680 to house Charles Town's charitable, penal and reform institutions and designated as burial ground for poor blacks. By 1738, a combination poor house/work house/insane asylum/jail occupied part of these public lands. The tour concludes amidst large Victorian mansions built on sites of these earlier structures destroyed by the Great Fire of 1861. Tour will start at Washington Park behind City Hall at Broad and Meeting Streets and end at Burbages Grocery on the corner of Broad and Savage. Folks can get a drink or have lunch there, or just rest before walking back to Washington Park. Moderate walking on uneven sidewalks

Min: 10

Max: 20

Cost \$28.00

Culture

F202012 Schooner Pride Wine Tasting

Wednesday, Oct. 14

4:30-9:00 pm

Leader: Jim D

Experience the wonder of sailing Charleston Harbor on a classic 84-foot-tall ship - sit back and watch the wind fill the sails, moving the Schooner Pride through the waters of one of the oldest ports in the country! Board the Schooner Pride for a relaxing evening with Advantage Distributing and Foodies Catering. Advantage wines invites you to enjoy some of their favorite wines and sample some light hors d'oeuvres from Foodies catering. Each cruise will feature 4-5 wines hand selected and shared with you! Some steps are needed to navigate to the bathroom. Schooner Pride is docked next to the Aquarium in downtown Charleston on the Cooper River; parking garage is nearby.

Min: 15

Max: 45

Cost: TBC

Culinary

Cost is not confirmed yet for the fall trip. (Spring cost was \$70)

F202013 The Legacy of Slavery in Charleston Tour

Thursday, Oct. 15

9:00 – 1:15 pm

Leader: Roni

Carol Ezell-Gilson is a treasure and leads many wonderful tours for SINHG. This two hour and 15 minute walking tour starts and ends at Marion Square. We will learn about the early history of slavery in Charles Town, starting with the first group of settlers on the Carolina Expedition, the first slave ship to Charles Town in 1672 and the huge importation of enslaved Africans with strong ties to Barbados. The tour focuses on information from the recent book Denmark Vesey's Garden.

Min: 10

Max: 20

Cost: \$28.00

History

F202014 Gullah Geechee Tours

Saturday, Oct. 17

10:00 – 2:00 pm

Leader: Mark

Alphonso Brown is a very busy man. With his extensive background in music (B.S. degree in musicology from SCSU and graduate degree from Southern Illinois U.), he is choirmaster/organist for the Emmanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street. At Mother Emmanuel he directs 5 choirs, some of which are featured annually in Piccolo Spoleto and a host of other venues including concerts, television and even film documentaries. In his spare time, Mr. Brown leads lively Gullah excursions downtown on his 25-seat touring bus. This 2-hour trip begins and ends at the Charleston Visitors Center and takes you to numerous places on the peninsula where you will gain insight into the rich Gullah history of this area. Mr. Brown knows his stuff. He was born in the tiny hamlet of Rantowles, 12 miles south of Charleston, speaks fluent Gullah and is familiar with its traditions. We have run this trip several times before and always have a fun and lively time. We will carpool to the Charleston Visitor Center where we will board his bus for our tour. Participants must be able to board bus.

Min: 25

Max: 25

Cost: \$28.00

Bus tour

Culture

F202015 Vertical Roots

Tuesday, Oct. 19

9:45 - 1:15 pm

Leader: Pat

Vertical Roots has grown since our last tour 2 years ago. They have relocated to a new location on Daniel Island. They grow their produce with no medium. Cool, huh? Vertical Roots is the brainstorm of Andrew Hare and Matt Daniels, two

young men who have figured out a way to grow produce in railroad containers to deliver fresh, chemical-free vegetables year-round from farm to table. Their aeroponic container growing system uses water 98% more effectively than traditional farms and produces greens that are pest and disease-free. Their business has grown exponentially and they now supply produce for Whole Foods, Harris Teeter, Earthfare, etc. Brian will lead our tour after which we'll have an optional lunch at a nearby Daniel Island eatery. Your cost will be donated to a food charity chosen by Andrew and Brian.

Min: 10 Max: 20 Cost: \$10.00 Lunch: Optional (not included) Natural Science

F202016 Charleston Harbor Pilots Tuesday, Oct.20 9:00 - 1:00 pm Leader: Lynn M

Charleston is home to the eighth largest container trade in the country. The Charleston branch pilots provide services to all vessels engaged in domestic and foreign trade entering and leaving Charleston harbor. The pilots handle vessels calling on Charleston's five Ports Authority Terminals: 7 private cargo terminals, 2 shipyards, 2 Federal Government facilities, and 3 marinas. State law requires a pilot on all foreign and US vessels with a draft greater than 11 feet. Pilots board via rope ladder approximately 15 miles offshore and give orders to steer the vessel through the harbor to its appropriate berth. They board departing vessels to provide the same service in reverse. This is a highly dangerous and specialized job. You'll meet some of the men in this select group (though there has been at least one-woman applicant), watch a power-point presentation, and tour the Harbor Pilot building. This trip—one of our best—is a favorite with Seabrookers, and we are pleased to run it again.

Min: 12 Max: 15 Cost: \$20.00 Other

**F202017 The French Santee: Charleston's Great Plantation Society Tuesday, Oct. 20 8:20 - 5:30 pm
Leader: Frank**

South Carolina's first Poet Laureate Archibald Rutledge (1883-1973) once said "Nowhere else in the world has nature been kinder to her children than in the region where the great plantations were formed out of the wilderness of the Lowcountry." Today's trip will explore the Huguenot heritage upon which the Lowcountry's Great Plantation Society was built within this wilderness. Traveling by a 12-person van, we will visit some of the touchstones of this past including historic Christ Church, c. 1726, in Mt. Pleasant; a prehistoric Native American Shell Ring (includes a half mile walk in and half mile walk back); the historic fishing village of McClellanville, a place nearly forgotten by time for most of the 20th century; the great Georgian mansion and grounds of Hampton Plantation; and the church that caused George Washington to pause and admire it, Brick Church, c. 1768, the parish church of St. James Santee, c. 1768. A picnic lunch will be provided.

Min: 6 Max: 12 Cost: \$147.50 History

F202018 Heirloom Trees* Wednesday, Oct. 21 7:45 – 1:00 pm Leader: Julia

Join me at the Fire and Ice Art Studio in Summerville to create an 11" Heirloom Christmas tree. We will be painting our ceramic tree the color of your choice. The art studio will glaze and fire the trees in the kiln. Delivery of the trees will be about 15 days after this trip. Our trees will come complete with star, bulbs, and electric cord. We will definitely have our trees back in time for Christmas.

Min: 10 Max: 25 Cost: \$72.00 Art & Crafts

F202019 Savory Secrets of Sicily: Cooking with Dani Manilla Wednesday, Oct. 21 5:00-9:00 pm Leader: Jean

Join us for a cooking demonstration and tasting of Italian favorites at the home of Tom and Linda Sivert on Seabrook Island. Sicily is the largest island in the Mediterranean and has been inhabited for over 10,000 years. This fascinating cuisine evolved from Greek, Arab, Italian, and French influences. Chef Dani recently spent several weeks exploring Sicily and its cuisine and is thrilled to share some of the recipes she discovered on this captivating island. Dani Manilla has been involved in the culinary world for over 30 years. She has been a caterer, culinary instructor, and chef in California, the south of France, and Charleston. Bon Appétit has featured her as a great chef and her recipes have been published in several cooking magazines. Dani moved to Charleston from France in 2011 and currently divides her time between the two locations. Menu includes:

- *Caponata*: traditional Sicilian sweet and sour antipasto with eggplant, fennel, capers and golden raisins
- *Arancini*: rice balls stuffed with mozzarella and meat ragû then fried to a crisp.

- *Pasta Trapanese*: Sicily's version of pesto from the charming city Trapani, this delicious sauce of tomatoes, almonds, and garlic gets an extra kick from sun dried tomatoes.
- *Amaretti*: these tender almond cookies are the perfect ending to any meal.

Bring your own bottle of wine and enjoy the Italian cuisine while learning to make these Sicilian favorites.

Min: 10

Max: 13

Cost: \$80.00

Culinary

F202020 Wambaw Creek Kayak Trip

Thursday, Oct. 22

10:00 – 12:00 pm

Leader: Steve

Wambaw Creek is a beautiful blackwater creek which is a tributary to the Santee River and was paddled by the Santee and coastal Plain Indians for thousands of years. The creek is surrounded by a seasonal floodplain swamp where giant old growth Bald Cypress trees as well as, Water Tupelo, Water Oak, Water Ash, Red Maple and Swamp Dogwood shade the banks of its pristine black waters. It offers spectacular birding and wildlife viewing. This paddle will take you through the upper section of the creek into the Francis Marion National Forest. This is pristine, undeveloped forest with 1,000-year-old Cypress trees.

Min: 12

Max: 12

Cost: \$41.00

Kayaking

F202021 Spirits of Magnolia Cemetery Tour

Friday, Oct. 23

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Leader: Lynn B

This 90-minute nighttime tour is the *first official walking tour* of this beautiful historic site, previously off limits to commercial tour companies. As such, it promises the best of Magnolia's history, mystery, and spirits. Buried here are authors and poets, artists, Confederate generals and soldiers, prominent politicians, bootleggers, prostitutes, and socialites. Stories and intrigue abound! Bulldog is an excellent tour group and this should be a fun and very informative evening. Wear comfortable shoes and don't forget your flash cameras! Walking is fairly easy although the path is uneven at times. Bulldog will provide you with lanterns to light your way. Last years' fall trip got rave reviews!!

Min: 10

Max: 20

Cost: \$34.00

Culture

F202022 Lady Lore of Charleston

Tuesday, Oct. 27

9:00 – 1:00 pm

Leader: Kathy

Our tour guide Carol Ezell-Gilson will introduce us to a group of courageous, innovative women which includes civil rights activists, social reformers, preservationists, suffragettes, a historical diarist, an artist, a planter, an actress, a pirate and a mystery. In changing their world of feminine stereotypes, they opened doors and provided important opportunities for women that followed after them. You'll learn about the connection of Charleston's suffragette movement's involvement in the 19th amendment allowing women the right to vote. Through Carol's discussion, we will learn how Charleston's own Susan Pringle Frost and Anita Pollitzer along with her sisters, were part of that. In 2020 we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment allowing women the right to vote! Specifically, and so timely, as our national election is exactly one week later on November 3rd 2020. This two-hour walking tour begins and ends at Washington Park. Moderate walking on uneven sidewalks

Min: 10

Max: 20

Cost \$28.00

History

F202023 Pickleball

Wednesday, Oct. 28

1:00– 3:00 pm

Leader: Pat

Have you ever wondered what the fastest growing sport in the country is - Pickleball. We have courts right here on Seabrook. It is a game that requires more strategy than athletic ability. Although hand eye coordination is a must, come enjoy a demonstration game, tips and tricks from the Pickleball pro at the Racket Club and get a chance to play. (Club membership is not required.)

Min: 8

Max: 12

Cost: \$10.00

Other

F202024 Sweetgrass Basket Making

Thursday, Oct. 29

9:00 – 1:00 pm

Leader: Lynn B

This is one of our most popular and fun classes. You will be proud of the small basket you make and take home. It is fascinating to learn what it takes to make those beautiful low country baskets. Our wonderful, ever patient teacher is Sarah Edwards-Hammond, one of Charleston's finest sweetgrass artists and a 3rd generation basket-maker, having learned the craft from her mother and grandmother. She has taught basket-making in schools, clubs, and museums all over the

state and is proud to be an annual instructor for many years at the John C. Campbell Folk School, located in Brasstown, NC. Our class will be held in the Eagles Nest Art Room at the Lake House. All materials are included in the price.

Min: 6 Max: 14 Cost: \$67.00 Arts & Crafts

F202025 Astronomy 101 Thursday, Oct. 29 7:15 – 9:45 pm Leader: Lynn B.

We have a fantastic view of the night sky here in Seabrook Island with minimum light pollution. Have you wondered what you are looking at in the night sky? How can you easily tell a star from a planet, a constellation from a galaxy? What can you see with a set of binoculars or your naked eye? Dr. Ashley Pagnotta, who is an assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the College of Charleston is coming to the Oyster Catcher Community Center to give a session on interpreting the night sky, with time to go out into the parking lot and experience your new knowledge. She will stay for the night observation and answer your questions as you identify different aspects of the night sky. Minimum walking required.

Min: 15 Max: 20 Cost: \$22.00 Natural Science

F202026 Lowcountry Hazard Center and Mace Museum of Natural History Friday, Nov. 13 9:00 -1:30 pm Leader: Carol

Many of you are familiar with College of Charleston Professor Norman Levine who has presented several evening SINHG programs for us over the past couple of years. Well do I remember walking out of one wishing I'd had a college professor as enthusiastic and dynamic as he is. As Director of the Lowcountry Hazard Center, Dr. Levine oversees the study of three main climatological events that threaten the Charleston area: hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. We'll see how past events help us prognosticate the future and view computer models—especially as they relate to Seabrook—that have been developed to predict the effect of wave surge, water tables, etc. This promises to be a fun and informative presentation. We'll end our morning with a brief visit to the Mace Brown Museum of Natural History, a repository of one of the largest collections of fossils from around the world. Your fee is a donation to the Department of Geology and Environmental Sciences at the College of Charleston.

Min: 10 Max: 17 Cost: \$20.00 Natural Science

F202027 Wando Welch Container Terminal Tour Monday, Nov. 16 9:00 – 1:00 pm Leader: Nancy

Wando Welch Terminal is a premier connection to global markets. With state-of-the-art container cranes, RTGs, IT systems and a team of experienced professionals on the ground. It is South Carolina's largest container terminal at more than 400 total acres and moves approximately 78% of the port's annual container volume. It handles container vessels of all sizes, but its cranes and wharf are specialized to handle three neo-Pamanax ships at one time with a maximum capability of handling vessels up to 19,000 TEU. Come enjoy a small bus ride through the terminal with a professional guide to explain its operation. Security information will be needed prior to the trip. Minimum walking.

Min: 10 Max: 13 Cost: \$10.00 Other

F202028 Nailed IT* Tuesday, Nov. 17 7:45 – 1:00 pm Leader: Julia

Our art guide will help us in a fun do-it-yourself workshop experience, transforming our project materials into one-of-a-kind wood signs and specialized home décor all homemade by you, and in your style. Due to the various sized projects payment will be the day of the trip. Visit the website www.naileditDIY.com to see the many available projects.

Min: 10 Max: 45 Cost: TBD by Project (\$32 – 200.00) Arts & Craft

F202029 Beading your own stretchy Bracelet Thursday, Nov. 19 2:45-5:15 pm Leader: Lynn B

We ran this trip for the first time in Spring 2020; it was a huge success and all the participants made at least 3 or lovelier bracelets. A little nervous to make your own beaded stretchy bracelet? Don't be! No talent or experience is necessary. Our talented instructor will guide us step-by-step! You will be amazed at your very own work that you will be proud to wear! Join Lynn in making your own beaded stretchy bracelet with our guest artist Barbara Clawson. Our class will be held at the Lakehouse so we won't be traveling far. Come for fun, beading may become your next hobby.

Min: 8 Max: 10 Cost: \$40.00 Arts & Craft

F202030 A Day on the Cooper River Thursday, Nov. 19 9:00 - 3:30 pm Leader: Frank A.

The Cooper River and its tributaries provided the means for Carolina to become an international hub for the cultivation and exportation of naval stores, pelts, rice, indigo, and Sea Island cotton, commodities upon which the New World's wealthiest 18th and early 19th century economy developed. Today more than 30,000 acres comprise the Cooper River Historic District, where those who peek just beyond the tree lines edging its highways can find some of the most beautiful places in the Lowcountry. With an itinerary based upon John Beaufain Irving's Lowcountry classic "A Day on the Cooper River" in 1853, we will visit the St. James Goose Creek Chapel of Ease Historic Site, the ruins of Biggin' Church, Mepkin Abbey, Taveau, and the lost village of Childsbury. A picnic lunch will be provided.

Min: 6 Max: 12 Cost: \$140 History

F202031 Circa 1886: Annual Dickens Dinner Wednesday, Dec. 2 5:30 – 9:30 pm Leader: Rich D.

Step back in time while Kicking off the Holiday Season at the Annual Dickens Dinner at Circa 1886. Tim Lowery will escort you to Victorian England via his retell of the English Novelist, Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol". Enjoy a delicious four course dining experience inspired by the narration of a Classic Holiday Tale, that would even put Ebenezer Scrooge in a festive mood! (Please note: wine, beer, alcohol and sodas are charged separately.)

Min: 1 Max: 20 Cost: \$125.00 per person Culinary

F202032 Drayton Hall: Gullah Spiritual Singers Concert Saturday, Dec. 12 2:00 – 6:00 pm Leader: Kathy

This excursion to Drayton Hall, "the nation's earliest example of fully executed Palladium architecture", is a day for exploration. While there your time is mostly flexible. However, about 3:00pm we head to the lower level of Drayton Hall to hear the incredible Ann Caldwell and Magnolia Singers perform a series of traditional Gullah Spirituals, *sung a cappella*. Before the Concert (the focus of our trip) you'll have plenty of time to explore Drayton's Steven and Laura Gates Exhibit Gallery with its manuscripts, archeological finds, and furniture, explore the Ben and Cindy Lenhardt Courtyard Garden plus the Caretaker's House. You may go as early as you like. The 3:00pm reception and 4:00pm concert are in the lower level of the home - the basement - which is acoustically splendid, but can be quite cool! **The reception will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages.** Please note that Drayton Hall is not handicap accessible and the stairs can be difficult to navigate. Join us for this wonderful Holiday outing!

Min: 12 Max: 15 Cost: \$70.00 Culture

F202033 Middleton Place Illumination Tour Thursday, Dec. 17 5:00 – 9:00 pm Leader: Carol

Step back in time to the Christmas of 1792 and stroll through gardens illuminated by torchlight, candles, and starlight. Along the way, costumed interpreters tell stories of the joyous holiday season when the British evacuated Charleston at the end of the Revolutionary War. You'll enjoy a warm fire, music, and refreshments on the greensward and tour the main house as it would have been on an evening back then—decorated for Christmas and illuminated by candlelight. The night concludes with a delicious southern buffet dinner. Footing may be uneven in some places and guests are encouraged to bring flashlights and to dress comfortably for the weather.

Min: 20 Max: 30 Cost: TBC in December (last year it was \$69.00) Culinary

F202034 Holy City Sailing Thursday, Oct. 8 8:00 – 12:00 noon Leader: Rich

This hands-on sailing experience is just the ticket to enjoy the beauty of the low country and our barrier islands. You are welcome to participate in the sailing of the Beneteau 373 boat or sit back and relax! Come dressed in layers, October can

be hot; don't forget the sunscreen and wear non marking shoes (no heels of course). The waters around Kiawah and Seabrook are filled with life, dolphins are guaranteed. <https://holycitysailing.com/>

Min: 6 Max: 6

Cost: \$60

Other

F202035 Holy City Sailing

Thursday, Oct. 8

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Leader: Rich

This hands-on sailing experience is just the ticket to enjoy the beauty of the low country and our barrier islands. You are welcome to participate in the sailing of the Beneteau 373 boat or sit back and relax! Come dressed in layers, October can be Quite warm; don't forget the sunscreen and wear non marking shoes (no heels of course). The waters around Kiawah and Seabrook are filled with life, dolphins are guaranteed. <https://holycitysailing.com/>

Min: 6 Max: 6

Cost: \$60

Other