

Love Pop

Lately I've been boring my friends silly, lamenting the fact that after a perfectly pleasant 30+ year relationship, my *Glazed Berry* lipstick has been discontinued. As a 'woman of a certain age' (actually, I can't remember it), I'm now reduced to having to ask my white-coated Clinique clinician for a tube of the next-best-thing: *Love Pop*. Really? At my age, whatever that is? Faint praise from a gal whose only ambitions in life were to conjure up names for nail polishes and write Chinese cookie fortunes ('You should have ordered the shrimp.').

I see that the gentlemen in the audience are beginning to fidget so I'll get to the point. Change can be difficult. Some of you may be intimidated at the option of renewing your SINHG membership online, which has just been implemented. And those of you who love carrying over outstanding checks for months on end may find the *prospect* of paying via PayPal unsettling. Likewise, if, after years of repetition, you can rattle off the descriptions of innumerable SINHG trips, you may be in for a bit of a shock. Our trip planning chair, Lynn Baker, tasked each of us worker bees to come up with 2 new trips. The result is a bunch of offerings still wrapped in cellophane—more than you can count on all your fingers and toes! Here, then, a rundown based on our recent SINHG survey:

22% of you requested history-based trips. In response, we've asked our good friend, historian and raconteur Doug Bostick, to lead us on a wild goose chase to the wilds of Goose Creek where we'll visit Revolutionary battlefields and points of interest. Heading south on 17, we'll see beautiful Frampton Plantation in Yemassee, the site of the strangely named Battle of Pocotaligo, during which Yanks and Rebs reportedly pelted each other with fistfuls of finely cut Italian bread. Back in Charleston we're offering five wonderful walking history tours: a guided stroll through the magnificent oak-lined campus of the College of Charleston; a new one from Lowcountry tours: *Alleys & Hidden Passages*; a walk that takes us back in time as Citadel Professor and artful storyteller, Damon Fordham, retells *Lost Tales of Black Charleston*; and lastly, the *Post & Courier*-acclaimed and long-awaited *Bulldog Tour of Magnolia Cemetery*. Natural history buffs garnered 20% of the vote and can opt to take a Moonlight Nature Walk with Camp St. Christopher's David Green; explore the myriad ecosystems that comprise beautiful Dixie Plantation on James Island; marvel at the night sky right here at Seabrook beach; hunt for shells and fossils on Edisto; or take a behind-the-scenes peek at the SC Aquarium that culminates with trip guide Scott Nelson in goggles and fins fending off the advances of the she-devil loggerhead in the Great Ocean Tank. Culture is a state of mind for 16% of you so we've scheduled a behind-the-curtain glimpse of the Dock Street Theater. As for pop culture, 98% of you agree with the immortal words of Cyndi Lauper that 'girls (we'll add guys) just wanna have fun.' For all of you, we have plenty on tap, starting with a minivan tour of craft breweries west of the Ashley, followed by the Charleston Comedy Bus that promises squeals on wheels; a Blues & BBQ Harbor Cruise; opening night of the Sting Rays hockey team; a hands-on sailing experience on a Beneteau 373; an evening cooking class hosted by the Conyers and featuring chef Dani Manilla (not to be confused with Milli Vanilli) whipping up a bit of Moroccan Madness; and finally, straight out of Candyland, a Sparkleberry Forest Kayak Paddle on the flooded waters of Lake Marion. Last, but certainly not least in this litany of new trips is one dedicated to those 6% of you who love arts and crafts—a trip to Blue Heron Glassworks where you'll make a perfectly lovely coral fused glass bowl to bring home to mama!

Fall 2019 Trips*** Denotes new trips (21)****1. Dixie Plantation*****Tuesday, Sep. 17 9:00 – 1:00****Leader: Lynn**

Dixie Plantation is a majestic 881-acre property along the Stono River and the Intercoastal Waterway. The myriad ecosystems include long-leaf pine forests, wetlands, savannahs, tidal marshes, as well as brackish, saltwater and freshwater ponds. Upon John Henry Dick's death in 1995, he bequeathed Dixie Plantation to the College of Charleston Foundation for the educational use of the College of Charleston. Currently, many classes both undergraduate and graduate level are conducted on the property, ranging from astronomy, to vertebrate zoology, to art, and archaeology. The College of Charleston offers a 2 hour walk around the grounds to view this magnificent property. Mr. Holt will take you on a tour of the grounds while he details the history of each area. This tour requires moderate walking. Sturdy shoes and bug spray are recommended. Dixie Plantation is private land and governed by a conservation easement over the entire property. The easement is very specific as to how the natural resources on the property may be used and accessed. Any photography of the property, trespassing onto the property, or harming of the flora or fauna within it is strictly prohibited and violators will be vigorously prosecuted.

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$23.00****Cultural****2. Charleston Comedy Bus*****Friday, Sep. 20****7:00-10:00 PM****Leader: Lynn**

This comedy bus is absolutely hilarious, but it's only for audiences 21 and older. Get ready to laugh uncontrollably as you experience Charleston's most hilarious comics. Hear about the stories you won't find anywhere else, and get a local's perspective on everything with just sixty minutes on the bus! The tour begins and ends at HOM. Optional dinner and drinks are recommended at HOM before joining the bus. Also, optional ice cream after the bus ride is recommended at Jeni's – 501 King Street.

Min/Max: 14**Cost: \$39.00****Other****3. College of Charleston Tour*****Friday, Sep. 20****9:30 - 1:00****Leader: Tricia**

Just like the city of Charleston itself, the College of Charleston is rich in history and Southern charm. Tour the 13th oldest institution of higher learning in the United States; part of the "hidden Charleston," nestled in the heart of downtown. Enjoy the beauty of venerable live oaks draped with Spanish moss and weathered buildings as you stroll through the shaded brick walkways of the most beautiful college campus in America. Our 90 minute guided walking tour will include a history of the campus and we might even be given a sneak preview of the festivities planned to celebrate the college's 250th Anniversary celebration in 2020!

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$10.00****Cultural****4. Lost Tales of Black Charleston*****Saturday, Sep. 21****8:45 – 12:30****Leader: Carol**

'If these streets could talk. . . .and now they will.' Citadel Professor Damon Fordham weaves together his talents as a historian, educator, published author, and artful storyteller in this 2-hour walking tour where you'll learn about heroes and heroines who made history—but missed the history books. You'll hear folktales once told in secret whispers and Mother Emanuel AME Church stories that have faded from memory over the years. Professor Fordham is dedicated to discovering and preserving these 'lost stories' of Charleston's rich and complex history. This extraordinary 1.25 mile tour departs from Buxton Books, Charleston's Independent Bookstore located at 160 King Street, next to the Charleston Library Society. Moderate walking.

Min: 12**Max: 20****Cost: \$32.00****History****5. Hunter/Jumper Fall Classic at Mullet Hall Horse Show Saturday, Sep. 21 4:00-6:30****Leader: Jean**

Join us at the PSJ Mullet Hall Fall Classic. The show riders of the Seabrook Island Equestrian Center will be competing with other riders from across the Lowcountry to continue their pursuit of blue ribbons. The hunter/jumper shows at Mullet Hall are open to the public and events take place all day. The highlight of the day begins around 4:00. The Seabrook Island Equestrian Center will be hosting a reception with adult beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5:00. Knowledgeable equestrians will join us to explain the event and answer our questions about the competition during the show. **Moderate walking from car through field to competition ring.**

Min: 15**Max: 20****Cost: \$10****Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks included****Cultural**

- 6. Frampton Plantation Tour*** **Monday, Sep. 23** **8:30 - 1:00** **Leader: Lynn**
 Let us take a trip south to the “Frampton House,” which was part of an original King’s Grant to the Frampton Family in 1700s. In 1865, General Sherman’s troops burned the plantation house and all the farm buildings. In 1868, John Frampton rebuilt the present charming Low Country farmhouse. Preservation of the Civil War earthworks in the backyard (erected by Robert E Lee’s troops) continue. It is the site of the Battle of Pocotaligo to protect the Confederate railroad from Savannah to Charleston. This will be a 1 ½ hour tour by a gifted story teller. You may want to include a self guided stop at the beautiful Sheldon Church ruins on your drive back to Charleston (I will give you some information about the ruins). Moderate walking.
Min: 15 **Max: 20** **Cost: \$19.00** **History**
- 7. Holy City Sailing*** **Monday, Sep. 23** **9:30 - 12:30** **Leader: Tricia**
 This hands-on sailing experience is just the ticket to enjoy the beauty of the low country and our barrier islands. You’re welcome to participate in the sailing of the Beneteau 373 boat or sit back and relax! Come dressed in layers, September can be very 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: \$60.00** **Other**
- 8. Make a Coral Glass Bowl at Blue Heron Glass*** **Tuesday, Sep. 24** **10:00 – 2:00** **Leader: Nancy**
 Reminiscent of undersea branching corals, these open weave, 9” fused glass bowls are fun to make! Utilizing simple, easy to follow instructions, students create one of a kind vessels, suitable for bread, fruit or just admiring. Fused glass technique means there are no chemicals or heavy metals to work with, and there is also no experience required! However, since the projects must be fired, you will need to be patient as we will not be able to take them home at the end of the party. Nancy will arrange to pickup your project a week or two following the event and deliver them to Seabrook Island. Join us for this fun morning to make your own unique bowl. Who knows, you may be inspired to take up this beautiful hobby and work towards making a larger project for yourself or as a gift!
Min: 8 **Max: 10** **Cost: \$70.00** **Arts & Crafts**
- 9. Hunting for Shells & Fossils on Edisto Beach*** **Wednesday, Sep. 25** **8:00 - 2:00** **Leader: Carol**
 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. Ashby is extraordinarily knowledgeable about fossils and equally conversant with shells, both of which abound on Edisto. 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. We have a 1.5 mile hike to and from the fossil field but—hey!—the weather should be lovely and the shelling plentiful. 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. Optional lunch at McConkey’s Jungle Shack which offers a good variety of seafood and standard lunch fare at very reasonable prices. Moderate walking.
Min: 7 **Max: 12** **Cost: \$38.00** **Natural Science**
- 10. Schooner Pride Wine Tasting** **Wednesday, Sep. 25** **4:00 - 7:30** **Leader: Sharon**
 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 Advintage Distributing and Foodies Catering. Advintage 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.
Min: 15 **Max: 45** **Cost: \$72.00** **Culinary**

- 11. Sweetgrass Basket Class** **Thursday, Sep 26** **9:00-1:00** **Leader: Lynn**
 This is one of our most popular and fun classes. You'll be proud of the small basket you make and take home. It's 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: \$70.00** **Arts & Crafts**
- 12. Sparkleberry Forest Kayak Paddle*** **Thursday, Sep. 26** **7:00 - 3:30** **Leader: Steve**
(Rain date Friday, Sep. 27)
 Travel through a unique flooded forest created by the damming and man-made inundation that formed Lake Marion. A historic project to bring power to the middle of South Carolina and an important cog in the pending war machine, Lake Marion was made to drive power plants. While some areas were clear-cut, the logging in Sparkleberry was abandoned at the onset of WWII. The resulting swamp is a delight to paddle. We'll meet at Sparkleberry Landing in Rimini and wander through the mysterious forest that survives. This paddle is about 2 1/2 hours and worth the extra travel time.
Min: 14 **Max: 18** **Cost: \$74.00** **Kayaking**
- 13. Revolutionary War trip to Goose Creek Area*** **Wednesday, Oct. 2** **8:45 – 4:30** **Leader: Carol**
 In response to several requests for more information about the Revolution, we asked Doug Bostick—historian, author, artful raconteur, and Chief Cook and Bottle Washer of the South Carolina Battleground Preservation Trust to come up with a brand new tour. He's obliged us by putting together a wonderful, extended bus outing that will visit many of the important Revolutionary sites in Berkeley County. Our itinerary includes Fort Fair Lawn (an extant earthworks fortification); the Battles of Moncks Corner and Wadboo Bridge; Goatfield (birthplace of Francis Marion); Biggin Church and cemetery; Mepkin Plantation; Strawberry Chapel; and the site of Childsburry, a colonial town circa 1707. Along the way we'll stop for a lovely lunch at Gilligan's on the Trace Canal (your meal is not included in the cost). If you've never taken one of Doug's history tours you're in for a treat. He's incredibly knowledgeable and a master at retelling historical events in a way that is both anecdotal and humorous. Come join us for a fun and informative day! Cost includes admission to both Mepkin & Strawberry Chapel; lunch is on your own.
Min/Max: 36 **Cost: \$52.00** **Bus trip** **History**
- 14. Blues & BBQ Harbor Cruise*** **Thursday, Oct. 3** **6:00 – 9:30 PM** **Leader: Sharon**
 Join us aboard the Carolina Queen for a fantastic evening on the water. While aboard the Carolina Queen listening to the blues, you'll get close-up sunset views of the Holy City's most famous and charming sights including Fort Sumter, Forts Moultrie and Johnson, USS Yorktown, St. Michaels church, and stately homes on the Battery. Blues music will be provided by local blues legend, Shrimp City Slim. Dinner buffet is provided by Charleston's best BBQ from Swig and Swine Restaurant! The delicious buffet includes pulled pork, smoked chicken, mac & cheese, cole slaw, buns and sauces on side, tea and water. Cash bar available on board. There will be a ramp to board the boat and stairs are needed to navigate to the floor where the buffet and bathrooms are located.
Min: 15 **Max: 45** **Cost: \$46.00** **Culinary**
- 15. Bird Tagging on Capt Sams Spit** **Friday Oct. 4** **6:45 – 9:15 AM** **Leader: Nancy**
 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 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 banding site. Tides should be favorable, so most walking will be on hard beach (moderate). 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**

16. Moroccan Madness: Cooking with Dani Manilla* **Wednesday, Oct. 9 5:30 – 9:00 PM Leader: Jean**
 Join us for a cooking demonstration and tasting of Moroccan favorites with Chef Dani Manilla and learn the secrets of this exotic North African cuisine which is full of intriguing spices and techniques. The event will take place at the Cat Tail Pond Road residence of John and Jean Conyers. 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 zucchini, bell pepper, and pistachio fritters; fruit and nut couscous; sea bass with charmoula; and Moroccan cookies with sesame, orange and cardamom. Bring your own bottle of wine to enjoy while learning to make these favorites of the Maghreb.
Min: 10 Max: 14 Cost: \$74.00 Culinary

17. US Coast Guard 1st group Thursday, Oct. 10 8:00 – 12:00 Leader: Roni
 The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the five armed forces of the United States and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. Since 1790, the Coast Guard has safeguarded our nation's maritime interests and environments around the world. The Guard is an adaptable, responsive military force of maritime professionals whose broad legal authorities, capable assets, geographic diversity and expansive partnerships provide a persistent presence along our river, ports, shore regions and high seas. These attributes make the Coast Guard a unique instrument of maritime safety, security and environmental stewardship. The tour will include: Aids to Navigation Team (ATON), Buoy Yard and Small Boats, Station Charleston, CGC ANVIL, CGC CORMORANT. We will also be allowed to visit the Base Exchange. Moderate walking. Attendees should wear comfortable closed toe shoes; no heels please.
Min: 15 Max: 18 Cost: \$10.00 History

18. US Coast Guard 2nd group Thursday, Oct. 10 11:30 - 4:00 Leader: Rich
 Please see the above description. To accommodate the long waitlist from this spring, this trip will have two groups, one morning and one afternoon. This group is scheduled for afternoon.
Min: 15 Max: 18 Cost: \$10.00 History

19. Moonlight Nature Walk* Saturday, Oct. 12 7:15-10:15 PM Leader: Lynn
 This is a unique opportunity to hear about all the nocturnal animals and nature. David Green, Naturalist at St Christopher Camp is going to give an overview of Barrier Island nature at night. Then we'll take a stroll with our guide along the trails at St. Christopher Camp to explore the night. He'll point out things to watch for and we may get really fortunate to see some of the nocturnal wildlife. Come join us on this evening adventure. Moderate and evening walking.
Min: 10 Max: 16 Cost: \$14.00 Natural Science

20. Awendaw Creek Kayak Monday, Oct. 14 8:00 – 3:30 Leader: Steve
 This is the National Forests' only saltwater paddling trail! Meandering through the "cliffs of Awendaw," we'll stop to search for Indian pottery and see an ancient shell midden on a salt flat with views of the Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge. The beautiful brackish water paddle is alongside the Swamp Fox Passage of the Palmetto Trail. We can do a combination of a hike and paddle for you as well where you end up right back to your car! We'll also paddle some on the Intracoastal Waterway that is adjacent to the islands in the Refuge.
Min: 14 Max: 20 Cost: \$41.00 Kayaking

21. Sandy Island Gullah Village and Nature Conservancy Project Tuesday, Oct. 15 8:00 – 3:30 Leader: Steve
 Visit one of the few remaining true Gullah Villages. We'll depart by boat for Sandy Island Village at 10:00 AM, to tour the village, speak with residents and have lunch with them. After lunch walk to the north part of the island to see what The Nature Conservancy is doing to restore native forests including the Long Leaf Pine. This trip was done in the Spring 2019 and was a resounding success. This is a long trip and a long day. Moderate walking required.
Min: 15 Max: 20 Cost: \$47.00 History

22. What's Brewing West of Ashley?***Wednesday, Oct. 16 1:30-5:30****Leader: Kathy**

Let's face it - it's hard to keep track of so many new craft breweries popping up west of the Ashley and on Johns and James Islands. Where are they exactly? Are they open for tourist business? What types and styles of beer are brewed? Do they have food or at least occasional food trucks? We need a well-informed expert to lead us; one who has accepted our exploration challenge of finding and touring new breweries west of the Ashley. So, we're announcing, a brand new brewery tour, which for the first time ever will feature ONLY those breweries on Charleston's "westside - across the Ashley". We just hop on the van at the amenities parking lot, as we've done before with other Charleston area brewery tours, and with our beer knowledgeable driver/guide we'll be steered to three or four "neighborhood" breweries for tastings and more crucial brewery information. For fun and nourishment, we're trying to coordinate with a brewery that sells light food or with food truck timing at one of the breweries for food purchase, which is optional

Min/Max: 14**Cost: \$77.00****Tour by Minivan Culinary****23. Spirit of Magnolia Cemetery Tour*****Thursday Oct. 17****6:00-10:00PM****Leader: Carol**

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.

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$34.00****History****24. The Center for Birds of Prey****Thursday, Oct. 17****9:00 - 1:30****Leader: Roni**

During our guided walking tour of the Center for Birds of Prey, center educators will introduce us to birds of prey from all over the world. They'll share each bird's unique characteristics and adaptations as well as conservation challenges impacting each species. And to top it all off, the program concludes with a compelling raptor flight demonstration..

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$20.00****Natural Science****25. H.L. Hunley Confederate Submarine****Friday, Oct. 18****12:00-3:30****Leader: Norm**

Join us for a private tour of North Charleston's Warren Lasch Conservation Center, the home of the rediscovered H.L. Hunley now undergoing restoration. Lost for 130 years at the bottom of Charleston Harbor, discovered and raised in 1994, the Hunley was the Confederacy's secret weapon against the Civil War blockade of the harbor by Union ships. The first combat submarine in the world to sink a warship, the USS Housatonic, the Hunley itself was sent to the bottom in the explosion with all eight crew members lost. Our tour at the conservation center and research laboratory will include viewing artifacts recovered from the ship, stepping inside a full-scale replica of the submarine and visiting the submersion tank in which the Hunley is on display as restoration continues. Carpool or meet at site

Min: 20**Max: 30.****Cost: \$20.00****Cultural****26. Carolina Stingrays Hockey Game (Opening Night)*****Saturday, Oct. 19 5:30 - 10:30 PM****Leader: Sharon**

Join fellow Seabrook hockey fans as we cheer on the Carolina Stingrays at their opening night game!! We'll be sitting in center ice to watch the action unfold. Opening night will surely have a high fan excitement level! The South Carolina Stingrays are a proud affiliate of the Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League (NHL). The Capitals, who play at Capital One Arena in Washington, D.C., have been affiliated with the Stingrays from 2004-2012, and 2014-present. Washington claimed their first-ever Stanley Cup Championship in 2018. The Stingrays have advanced numerous former players to Washington, including goaltenders Braden Holtby and Philipp Grubauer, who both started their professional careers as members of the Stingrays. The games are played out of the North Charleston Coliseum and there is a \$10 parking fee paid at the lot.

Min: 10**Max: 25****Cost: \$31.00****Other**

27. Cape Romaine Lighthouse**Sunday, Oct. 20****8:15 - 4:00****Leader: Nancy**

Four times each year, Cape Romaine National Wildlife Refuge offers a tour to Lighthouse Island where you can view two historic lights. The event begins with a presentation of the history of the two lighthouses at the Sewee Visitor and Environmental Education Center. Following the presentation, participants will drive to McClellanville boat landing and board the Coastal Expeditions Ferry to travel to Lighthouse Island. Winding 6 miles offshore through the estuary to the island is part of the adventure. Skilled naturalists will provide interpretation of the flora and fauna that surrounds the boat enroute to the destination. The lights are a significant maritime landmark and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1827 lighthouse is the oldest of its kind still standing in the U.S. This is an incredible outdoor adventure for people of all ages (children welcome!), that combines a fun-filled boat eco-tour seeing wildlife including birds and possibly dolphins, with exploration of the lighthouses. Please note, you will depart the boat onto the island using a ramp. Once on the island, you'll walk to the lighthouses and be able to enter one of the structures. You may need to walk through marsh, so if you have limited mobility or do not want to walk through the marsh, you may stay on the boat. Be sure to dress in layers, wear shoes or rubber boots that will stay on your feet in pluff mud, a hat and synthetic clothing which dries faster than cotton. Bring water, snacks, sunscreen & insect repellent.

Min/Max: 20**Cost: \$60.00****Natural Science****28. Behind the Scenes at Seabrook****Monday, Oct. 21****9:00 - 12:30****Leader: Lynn****(Rain date: Friday, Oct. 25)**

Join us for a guided behind-the-scenes look at some of the things that we take for granted while living on Seabrook. Leading our tour is fellow Seabrooker, Tim Morawski. Our morning begins at the POA building conference room with an overview of our road network and storm drainage systems, security, and landscaping. We will then board a Seabrook carriage to take a first-hand look at some of our island's infrastructure. We will meet the people in charge of the S.I.U.C. water and waste water systems and we'll tour the fire station and talk to the firemen on duty. Since we will be in some industrial areas, closed-toe shoes and appropriate clothing are suggested. Minimal walking. Bug spray is recommended. *If you sign up for the trip, please keep both the original and rain dates clear.* Tour by Seabrook Carriage.

Min/Max: 11**Cost: \$10.00****Other****29. Ironwork of the Holy City****Tuesday, Oct. 22****9:00 - 1:00****Leader: Tricia**

Enduring Traditions: Learn about Charleston's magnificent ironwork while strolling through the lovely historic district on this 2-hour walking tour with our guide Carol Ezell-Gilson. Much early ironwork was destroyed in raging fires and many noteworthy gates and fences were donated to the Confederate cause to be melted down for cannonballs and "skins" for the ironclad boats. But, even with the losses, the city retains a wealth of impressive ironworks. Hear the story of Philip Simmons, Charleston's most famous ironworker, and of earlier blacksmiths who crafted beautiful gates throughout the city.

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$28.00****History****30. Walk on the Beach with Marine Geologist****Wednesday, Oct. 23****9:15 - 11:45****Leader: Roni**

Our spring 2019 trip had a long waitlist. This is a chance to learn about Captain Sam's Spit and the dynamic nature of our beaches on this barrier island. We'll meet at the Oyster Catcher Community Center for a short presentation about Seabrook / Kiawah Island formation and the ever changing shapes by nature. We'll then walk out to North Beach for a geology walk describing the dunes, beaches, sandbars and continuing the discussion on the beach formation. This will be conducted by Marine Geologist Leslie Suatter, PhD, professor at the College of Charleston. Wear comfortable shoes for the beach. Moderate Walking.

Min: 10**Max: 20****Cost: \$22.00****Natural Science**

31. Lake Moultrie Locks**Thursday, Oct. 24 8:00 - 2:30****Leader: Jim**

The Santee-Cooper Locks in Pinopolis, SC are an engineering marvel. They were constructed during the building of the Santee-Cooper Project which began in 1939 and was completed in November of 1941, one month before the attack on Pearl Harbor. It was built to handle elevation changes on a river for transportation of vessels. Lake Moultrie water level at full stage is 75.5' above sea level, but is only about 30 miles upstream from the ocean. Originally they had planned to build a number of locks encompassing 7 1/2 separate locks each with a 10' drop to arrive at sea level. Instead, they decided to do it all at one time with this incredible engineering masterpiece, which was at that time, the world's tallest single-lift lock.

Our 30-passenger boat "The Osprey" departs up the Cooper River along historical venues where we frequently see bald eagles, alligators and a variety of egrets, herons and other wetland wading birds. Historic Rice Plantation bordered the area and as we journey "up the canal" our Captains narrate an interesting history of the area. Upon arrival, our boat cruises into the locks chamber that is 180' long by 60' wide. We then tie off on the side of the inside of the lock to a float called a camel, and the operator then closes the gates behind us. We experience an elevation of 75' to get up to the lake, take a brief shoreline cruise and then upon return, drop 8 stories or 75' as they drain 6 million gallons of water out of Lake Moultrie into the Tail Race Canal. It takes less than 20 minutes and is an incredible sensation. The Historical Tail Race Canal is the last part of the entire Santee-Cooper Project system before reaching Cooper River. It eventually continues down to Charleston and the Atlantic Ocean. The Canal itself is a 4-mile-long connector to the Cooper River and was dug during the original construction project. We have added a half hour to the trip this year to allow for more time on Lake Moultrie, weather permitting. Lunch at Gilligan's optional (not included in cost).

Min: 30**Max: 30****Cost: \$39.00****Natural Science****32. Dock Street Theater - Behind the Curtain*****Monday, Oct. 28****12:00 - 3:30****Leader: Rich**

The structure which was built as a hotel in 1809 and converted to a theater in 1935, occupies the site of the first building in the Thirteen Colonies designed for use as a theater. Many theater productions have occurred on this site and it still resembles the original design. Come with us to tour behind the curtain and stage, to enjoy the history of this site. A tour guide will escort us as we learn about the theater and its operation. Moderate walking.

Min: 15**Max: 20****Cost: \$15.00****Cultural****33. Penny Creek (ACE Basin) Kayak****Tuesday, Oct. 29****8:00 - 1:30****Leader: Steve**

Come paddle with our guides in the wonderful ACE basin. Enjoy a fun morning paddle through Penny Creek, a tributary of the Edisto River, which puts the "E" in the nationally recognized ACE Basin. This blackwater paddle winds through freshwater marshes, old rice canals, forests and some neighborhoods. The area will be shaded at times and full sun at other times. It is tidal but the current isn't generally too bad. The ACE Basin is home to a diverse group of plants and animals including endangered and threatened species. Remnants of the bygone era of the rice culture are in evidence with earthen berms, rice trunks and abandoned rice fields.

Min: 14**Max 18****Cost: \$50.00****Kayaking****34. Marine Research Center****Wednesday, Oct. 30 9:00-12:45****Leader: Rich**

Join us for a fascinating tour of these the Marine Resources Research Institute (MRRI) which provides the scientific expertise and facilities to support the Marine Division's resource management and educational programs. MRRI scientists work closely with the Office of Fisheries Management (OFM) to conduct research and monitoring programs to assess the condition of our coastal resources and provide data required to address policy and management issues related to those resources. Major research areas include: Monitoring and assessing the condition of all major fishery species, including estuarine and offshore finfish stocks, shellfish, shrimp and crab populations; Monitoring the condition of other important biological resources and their associated habitats, Environmental studies to assess the effects of human activities on our coastal resources; and mariculture research designed to develop improved technologies for producing seafood and enhancing depleted fishery stocks.

Min: 12**Max: 20****Cost: \$10.00****Natural Science**

35. Morris Island with Dr. Stephen Wise **Tuesday, Nov. 5** **8:15 - 1:00** **Leader: Lynn**
 This is an exciting mixture of natural and cultural history here in the Lowcountry. Our journey begins on Bowens Island as we cruise through pristine tidal creeks aboard a Carolina Skiff bay boat out to Morris Island and the historic Morris Island Lighthouse. As you cruise the six miles out to the uninhabited barrier island, the captain from Charleston Outdoor Adventures will discuss native wildlife and the diverse eco-systems of the Lowcountry. While on Morris Island, we'll have the unique opportunity to learn from Dr. Stephen Wise, renowned author and historian, about the role of the island in the Union Campaign to capture Charleston. Our cruise time will be approximately 45 minutes each way and we'll have about an hour on the island.

Min/Max: 18 **Cost: \$62.00** **Natural Science**

36. Charleston Alleys & Hidden Passages* **Wednesday, Nov 6** **9:00 – 1:00** **Leader: Lynn**
 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: 12/24 **Max:12/24** **Cost: \$30.00** **History**

37. Astronomy 101* **Thursday, Nov. 7** **7:15-9:45 PM** **Leader: Lynn**
 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 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**

38. Behind the Scenes at the SC Aquarium* **Thursday, Nov. 7** **9:00-11:30** **Leader: Norm**
 Get a close-up look at the critical conservation work underway at the South Carolina Aquarium in this tour led by one of the Aquarium's diving team. We'll visit the Sea Turtle Hospital, where critically endangered and injured loggerhead turtles are being nursed back to health. After a tour of the aquarium's exhibits, including the popular seashore touch tank, we'll have an opportunity to visit the top of the Great Ocean Tank, normally off limits to visitors, where divers enter the tank for weekly cleaning and feeding. We'll finish our tour by watching our guide at work in the tank during the scheduled morning dive.

Min: 17 **Max: 20** **Cost: \$30.00** **Cultural**

39. National Weather Service **Friday, Nov. 8** **9:30 - 1:00** **Leader: Kathy**
 It's been four years since SINHG visited the Charleston office of the National Weather Service (NOAA). 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, flashflood 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

40. Wando Welch Container Terminal Tour*

Wednesday, Nov. 13 8:30 – 12:30

Leader: Lynn

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: 14

Cost: \$10.00

Other

41. Circa 1886: Annual Charles Dickens Dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 4 5:30 – 10:00 PM

Leader: Lynn

Enjoy a unique Christmas dinner this year. Come join us at Circa 1886 and travel back in time this holiday season to retell a classic Christmas story. At the 17th annual Dickens Dinner, storyteller Tim Lowry will take guests to Victorian England for a lively retelling of English novelist Charles Dickens' beloved novella, "A Christmas Carol." The performance is accompanied by a delicious four-course dinner inspired by the novel, prepared by Chef Marc Collin, and is emerging as a popular Seabrooker event. Note: wine, beer, alcohol, and sodas are charged separately.

Min: 10 or 20 Max: 10 or 20

Cost: \$125.00

Culinary

42. High Tea at the Charleston Belmont

Thursday, Dec. 5 11:30 - 3:00

Leader: Carol

What better way to begin the holidays than to enjoy a traditional English Tea in the Thoroughbred Lounge of the Charleston Belmont Hotel? You'll savor a properly brewed pot of tea complemented by three courses of delectable treats: an assortment of tea sandwiches; freshly baked scones and toasted crumpets served with strawberries, lemon curd and cream; and lastly, a selection of toothsome petit four deserts. The food is plentiful, the atmosphere elegant, and the service impeccable. The Belmont will be dressed to the nines in its best Christmas finery and we promise that the holiday train will be running in circles in the lobby.

Min: 10

Max: 20

Cost: \$50.00 (includes tax and gratuity)

Culinary

43. Drayton Hall: Full House Signature Tour & Spiritual Singers*

Saturday, Dec. 14 12:00 - 6:00

Leader: Kathy

This expanded and partially new trip encompasses an all afternoon multi-agenda at Drayton Hall, "the nation's earliest example of fully executed Palladium architecture". We'll start with a full house tour (NEW to SINHG – signature tour: all three floors) with our private guide taking us through this renowned historical preserved gem. Afterwards we'll have time to explore Drayton's Steven and Laura Gates Exhibit Gallery with its manuscripts, archeological finds, and furniture. We've also built in free time to wander through the grounds and explore the Ben and Cindy Lenhardt Courtyard Garden plus the Caretaker's House before heading the lower level to hear the incredible Ann Caldwell and Magnolia Singers perform a series of traditional Gullah Spirituals, *sung a cappella*. Note that Drayton Hall is not handicap accessible and the stairs can be difficult to navigate. Also, the concert is in the lower level, the basement, which is acoustically splendid, but can be quite cool. **The reception to follow will include hors d'oeuvres and beverages.** Join us for this wonderful Holiday excursion!

Min: 20

Max: 25

Cost: \$100.00

Culinary