



*Bald Head Association*

# Island Report

Communication, Advocacy and Protection of BHI Property Values

## President's Letter: Our changing landscape

~Judy Porter

There has been concern expressed during the past few months about the changing landscape on the island. Incidences such as tree topping and clearing of shrubs and undergrowth have been brought to the attention of the Association.

Most of us came here valuing an environment which includes the maritime forest, creek marshes and ocean-side dunes. Many are distressed and concerned with the loss of native plants and habitat. The Bald Head Association, along with other island entities, has taken steps to work toward a common landscape plan for the island and providing education to our community about the need to preserve our natural environment. Toward that end, a meeting was held with island representatives from the BHA, Stage 2 Association, Village, Conservancy, landscapers and others to begin a discussion on an island-wide plan which would support development while also maintaining the character of the island as a whole.

The Association invited Charlie Winterbauer, President of the Cape Fear Audubon Society, to present a program to the public about how the native landscape is necessary for birds. He spoke of how the loss of native habitat has greatly reduced the song bird population and reiterated the need to maintain the natural environment as much as possible. A lot of the island fauna depend on the natural underbrush that covers much of the land.

The Association has formed an ad hoc committee consisting of staff and representatives from both the BHA and Stage 2 ARCs and Boards. This committee worked to redo the landscaping design guidelines.

Input from concerned citizens, the discussion with island entities and the Audubon presentation were integrated into the document. The improved guidelines are detailed as to what property owners need to do to be in compliance. They contain a section for new construction and another for changing or modifying existing landscapes. In order to help home owners and landscapers, the guidelines contain

detailed plant lists which specify what can be planted and what is not allowed.

It is important to remember that any change in your exterior, which includes your landscaping, requires the permission of the Association.

There will be a presentation of these guidelines

at the public meeting of the BHA Board at 1:00 PM on August 12, at the Association Center. I hope to see many of you there.



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**ARC Corner**  
**Karen Mosteller,**  
**Architectural Review**  
**Coordinator**

**About the updated landscape ARC Design Guidelines...**

Many years ago property owners, through the formation of the Bald Head Association and its Covenants, formalized their decision to protect Bald Head Island. To this end, part of the reason the Landscape Design Guidelines section has recently been updated can be found on page one in the guidelines. "Within these Covenants the property owners created the Design Guidelines and the Architectural Review Committee to support their goal of 'enhancing and protecting the value, desirability and attractiveness' of the Bald Head Island properties and maintaining the environment in which they exist."



At present, Bald Head is a little over 50% built out and every year as the island continues to be developed and habitat is replaced with home sites, preservation of the understory, trees and other native plants becomes even more critical.

The island's long term survival and sustainability is dependent on maintaining the delicate balance that created Bald Head, the relationship between native plants and animals and the land. The plants and animals that live on Bald Head are very unique because they have adapted to living on a dynamic barrier island. The species that inhabit this ecosystem have adapted to high winds, salty air, sandy soils, sweltering heat, and erosion. If these plants and animals are lost, they will be very difficult to recover or replace.

The new landscape guidelines contains easy to read plant lists that help identify native, non-native and invasive species, new size requirements for tree/plant removal necessitating prior ARC approval, native

plant material minimum percentages for landscape planning and other related updates.

Encouraging BHI and coastal North Carolina native plants will help protect the island and keep BHI recognizable for future generations. As stewards, BHI property owners are and always will be the first line of defense for the preservation of the sensitive natural island environment. In recognition of your commitment to the island, the landscape addendum begins with this quote, "*In the end we will be defined, not by what we create, but by what we refuse to destroy.*" -John Sawhill, Nature Conservancy CEO 1980-1990

In support of the landscape guidelines, August 18th at 1:00 in the Association Center, BHA is hosting Kim Brand from NC Audubon to share information regarding the role of native plants in maintaining BHI's bird habitat. Please remember to use us as a resource to answer questions about potential landscape projects and necessary ARC approvals. Call 910-457-4676 x 22 or email me at [Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com](mailto:Karen@BaldHeadAssociation.com).

To view new Landscape Guidelines please go to [www.baldheadassociation.com/bhi-landscapes](http://www.baldheadassociation.com/bhi-landscapes) and find link to New Landscape Guidelines document.

**NC Audubon's presentation on landscape and construction planning and the future of the island's bird habitat**



**Thursday, August 18th**  
**1:00 to 3:30 pm**  
**Bald Head Association Center**

- 1- 2:15 p.m. *The importance of native plants in landscape planning and bird habitat*
- 2:15 - 2:30 pm *Break*
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. *Building design techniques that address bird related issues*

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*From the Village of BHI*  
*~Chris McCall, Village Manager*

**Update to the Village Council as work continues on Public Safety**

We're in "The Season" and the hustle & bustle of daily & nightly activity are at its peak. The Village employees are reminded of our continued service to all of you. This service includes many behind the scenes efforts... from ensuring the water flows for early morning showers after a swim in the ocean, to staff tending the Public Works site in preparation of all the trash received weekly by Waste Industries.

As part of the review I requested input, thoughts & ideas from all island stakeholders. To date, I have received over 150 e-mails plus many phone calls and citizens who have stopped by Village Hall to talk with me. I have received input from Council who have also heard their share of opinions from constituents. The comments received include a wide range of perspectives from a "pro-strong Public Safety enforcement to a minimalistic softer involvement." Some comments among the varying groups of islanders are that the PS Department operates differently than they used to with more focus on enforcement of the law... comments I've received say they are "heavy handed, badge heavy and Gestapo-like...that their discretion in how they perform their job is missing a "common sense approach to policing" ...that our officers are not friendly, do not wave or smile, and quite frankly are not "ambassadors of the island way of life."

In contrast, I have also received many opinions in support of the current Department... that the Department today is much more professional and dedicated to serving the island in enforcing the basic laws for the safety of all... that they do see them as "ambassadors" irrespective of others opinions and if anything they are not enforcing enough when it comes to under-age driving & open container laws... and that they need to be more proactive with higher visibility on the roads to minimize accidents.

In light of the wide range of perspectives received we must find balance. The balance will have to consider a dynamic mix of island stakeholders and their respective interests. Included in this mix are those that live permanently on the island, who may own and/or rent, spend weeks or months on island...

the island businesses like the grocery store and those along Merchant's Row, the handful of restaurants and clubs, real-estate companies & rental agencies... the thousands that rotate on & off island during the vacation season weekly as well as the daily tourists.

In the name of Public Safety, what we do and how we do it going forward will impact us all. Just because it is past Day 60... this effort will continue as a "work in progress," that is to say we will continue as an organization to look at ways we can do better, not only with Public Safety, but all Departments within the Village... because that is what great organizations do!



**Meet Julie Starcher,**  
**BHA ARC Associate**

Bald Head Association welcomes Julie Starcher to the position of BHA ARC Associate. Julie joined the staff as a temp to fill the vacancy created from Jane Baldridge's departure.

Julie will help Karen Mosteller facilitate the ARC meetings, minutes and response letters, look up paint colors, plans and other customer service requests from property owners and stakeholders as well as work with Karen on Covenants compliance. In her spare time Julie has the daunting task of continuing the digital archiving of 30 + years of house plans for both Bald head Association and Stage II.

Originally from Ohio, Julie spent the last few years in West Virginia, working at Marshall University. Always a lover of the beach life, she now lives in Wilmington. Julie enjoys the beauty of the island and her position as ARC Associate

She has two sons, a "daughter" and 6 grandchildren in Ohio. Flea markets, crafts and cooking are her hobbies.



### Creek Geeks Update~Thompson Wyatt

Creek Geeks are reporting some moderate successes with the posting of no wake signs and with some decreased speeding in the creek. BHI Conservancy interns Elizabeth Bertolini and Liam Batchelder have been scouting locations in the creek for the creation of oyster reefs. By placing old shells inside netting, the new oyster larvae will attach to them to create a new oyster bed.

Oysters are vital to a healthy creek ecology. Each oyster filters multiple gallons of water daily which purifies our creek waters. The shells also decrease turbulence from boat wake and help stabilize mud banks in the creek.



Photo credit to Massachusetts Oyster Project

BHI Club and Maritime Market have agreed to accept oyster shell recycling containers to help in the effort to collect shells. We have also made contact with a local oyster

farmer who may provide additional shells as needed. And we have been in conversation with the extremely successful oyster reef development group at St. James to mine their expertise.

If you are interested in volunteering with the oyster reef project or any other committee (no wake, crab fish market on BHI, education) please contact Thompson Wyatt at 336-314-5034 [bellaming@bellsouth.net](mailto:bellaming@bellsouth.net) or Susan Andrews at 336-407-6594 [swandrews@triad.rr.com](mailto:swandrews@triad.rr.com). Next Creek Geek meeting is August 16 at 10 am at BHI Conservancy and the speaker will be Taylor Ryan from St. James Oyster Reef Project.

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### ***What is Stormwater?***

It is rain that washes off driveways, parking lots, yards and other hardened surfaces. It picks up pollution, such as bacteria, chemicals and trash, and washes them into creeks, rivers, sounds or the ocean. This is called stormwater runoff.

Stormwater runoff is now the major source of water pollution in coastal North Carolina. Thousands of acres of coastal waters in the state are closed to shellfishing and swimming after rainstorms because of bacteria contamination in stormwater runoff. If we don't do something about this problem, more of our rivers, sounds and ocean beaches will become too polluted for swimming and fishing.

First and Foremost...

- Very little stormwater runs off coastal land that's wooded and natural. It is created when people convert and cover the landscape with paving, turf, ditches and pipes.
- Stormwater runoff almost always contains pollution levels that greatly exceed health and coastal water quality standards. It makes our coastal waters unsafe for swimming as well as catching clams and oysters.
- The only way to prevent stormwater runoff from polluting our coastal waters is to replicate what nature did so well – let it seep into the soil and keep it out of our waters.

*Reprinted with permission from the North Carolina Coastal Federation's brochure, "Stormwater in Your Community."*

### ***Building Possibilities***



Bald Head Association will be hosting a series of information sessions in August so home and property owners can know what is possible and feasible if they plan to build and renovate on the Island.

The first session will focus on the importance of landscaping and will introduce the new Island-wide landscaping guidelines approved by BHA's Board last month. This discussion will be held as part of BHA's Board of Directors meeting on August 12th at 1pm.

The second session will be held on Tuesday, August 16th at 1pm and will provide information on some energy efficient building practices currently in use on the island.

The third session will take place on Thursday, August 18th from 1-3:30pm and will provide information on how to make Bald Head Island an even more bird-friendly habitat as it relates to building design techniques and retrofits for problem windows.

All sessions will take place at the Association Center (111 Lighthouse Wynd) and will be recorded for viewing on the Association's web site and new YouTube channel. Contact BHA with questions at 910-457-4676 x21 or [info@baldheadassociation.com](mailto:info@baldheadassociation.com).



### ***July 4<sup>th</sup> Ferry Ridership Increases***

According to Bald Head Island Transportation (BHIT), ridership on the ferries increased this past July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend over 2015. For the weekend prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>, BHIT ferries carried 1,598 **more** passengers this year than for the same period in 2015.

With the 4<sup>th</sup> falling on Monday this year, there were many who may have taken advantage of the long weekend. However, BHIT also reports that nearly 800 passengers rode the ferries the Friday before the 4<sup>th</sup> through the second Monday after over the same period in 2015.



### *The Three Denman/ Lewis Prisms*

This past October Leslie Denman walked into Old Baldy carrying a display stand with three of the prisms from the Cape Fear Lighthouse. How had she come to own them? Well, it all started with a dog.

Leslie and Don W. Denman owned a kennel in Waynesville, North Carolina. In the 1990s Jim and Cindy Lewis had boarded their Irish Setter with the Denmans. As the two families became better acquainted they discovered a common interest in Bald Head Island. Leslie had visited Bald Head for many years and Jim had an interesting artifact. At some point Jim's father, James S. Lewis, Jr. who was the owner of his own construction company in Goldsboro, North Carolina, had purchased three of the prisms from the Cape Fear Lens. He had built a beautiful wooden stand on which to display them. Jim now owned the prisms and a letter written by his father as follows, "This assembly of hand-made prisms, each curved on a different radius, was imported from France about the middle of the last century, to direct toward ships at sea the rays from the light on the top of the remarkable cast iron light house which once dominated Bald Head Island."

Jim was kind enough to give his father's display to the Denmans...and now Leslie Denman has donated it to the Old Baldy Foundation in memory of her husband, Don W. Denman so that the prisms can be included in the future display of the Cape Fear Lens.

*Note to everyone reading this. The Old Baldy Foundation would like to track down Jim Lewis, the son of James S. Lewis, Jr. to learn more about his father's purchase of the prisms. It is believed that they live on the west coast of Florida. If anyone knows this family, please let us know!*



***Come celebrate with Old Baldy on  
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## National Lighthouse Weekend

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**SUNDAY:**  
12 PM National Lighthouse Festival @ Old Baldy  
7:30 PM Run For The Light 5K/10K @ Old Baldy  
8 PM Light Up The Night Family Fun Night @ Old Baldy  
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**BHI Chamber of Commerce Update**

**2016 Bluefish Bonanza Surfcasting Tournament**

Friday, October 14th & Saturday, October 15th

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 Saturday: 7:30am – Lines in the water, followed by a dinner and awards ceremony that evening  
 Join the BHI Chamber of Commerce for the Island’s 3rd annual Bluefish Bonanza on October 14th and 15th. This family-friendly tournament has a simple format – catch the most qualified bluefish (by weight) and win a prize package potentially worth thousands. Prizes for the largest fish will be awarded in multiple categories and ages, including adult, lady angler, junior angler and pee wee. Plan to stay the entire weekend and enjoy the Island on Sunday.

For more information and to register, visit [baldheadisland.org/bluefish-bonanza](http://baldheadisland.org/bluefish-bonanza) or email [info@baldheadisland.org](mailto:info@baldheadisland.org).

**Oktoberfest Celebration**

Saturday, October 29th

The chamber is organizing an Oktoberfest celebration which will be held on Saturday, October 29th in front of the Maritime Market between 3pm and 6 pm. The event will feature contests for children and adults. Food and beverages will be served. Tickets are available for sale on the Chamber website at [baldheadisland.org](http://baldheadisland.org). More details forthcoming.

These signs can be found near BHI’s lagoons reminding property owners and guests that swimming and fishing are prohibited.



**Protect your pets this summer!**

1. Think about what you’re walking on. If you wouldn’t like walking on it with bare feet, try to limit your dog’s time on it, too. If the sand is hot on your bare feet it is hot on doggie paws. Same goes for asphalt and concrete.
2. Heat in general
  - Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves, and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels—very quickly.
  - Adjust intensity and duration of exercise in accordance with the temperature. On very hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours, and be especially careful with pets with white-colored ears, who are more susceptible to skin cancer, and short-nosed pets, who typically have difficulty breathing.
  - Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. (Dogs, for instance, sweat primarily through their feet.) And fans don’t cool off pets as effectively as they do people.
  - Make sure your pet has protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. Add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps don’t obstruct air flow making them preferable to a doghouse which will make it worse.
3. Things that are harmful BHI wildlife, pets and children: insecticides, fertilizer and herbicides. Keep animals and children away from areas sprayed with any of these.
4. BBQ and other foreign foods. Make sure you guests are not sneaking Fido rib bones and chicken wings.

**Save the Date**

Go to [www.RoastToastCoast.com](http://www.RoastToastCoast.com) for details on the weekend. Old Baldy Foundation will be receiving a portion of proceeds again this year!

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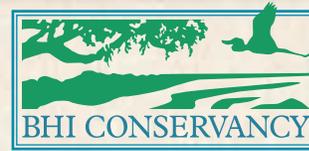
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~Amber Walters,  
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juvenile sea turtles into the Gulf Stream that were collected during the summer 2015 season for the purpose of studying navigation in young turtles. After a year of living in Raleigh, these turtles were ready to start their journey around the Atlantic Ocean. Although they face many perils, these turtles will have an advantage due to being released into the Gulf Stream.

The Conservancy thanks Daryl Early and the “Plane Crazy” for generously contributing the use of his fishing yacht to facilitate the release. This release was made possible because of the support that the Bald Head Island community offers to the Sea Turtle Protection Program.



Monday, July 18th Bald Head Island had its first two turtle nest “boils.” Nest two went first and then nest one shortly thereafter.

**August**

Card Making Class	8/3/2016	2 pm
National Lighthouse Weekend	8/5-7/2016	
Duck Race	8/6/2016	12:30 pm
Hymn Sing	8/7/2016	4 pm
Maritime Classic Race	8/7/2016	7:30 pm
AED/CPR class	8/16/2016	6 pm
Audubon Meeting	8/18/2016	1 pm
Howl at the Moon	8/18/2016	7 pm

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**SAVE THE DATE IN September:**

Card Making Class	9/7/2016	2 pm
Howl at the Moon	9/16/2016	7 pm
AED/CPR class	9/20/2016	6 pm



***The 30th Anniversary Celebration continues for the Village Chapel.***

As part of the 30th anniversary celebration, we had a lemonade social was held after the services on July 3, one of the biggest weekends of the year on the island. Visitors, both new and returning as well as regular attendees enjoyed the fellowship. See photos below. More photos and the Chapel Scrapbook may be found online at <http://www.baldheadislandchapel.org/> or <http://anyflip.com/zryb/ktjz/>.



***More events to come ~ Save the Date***

- August 7 – Hymn sing at 4 pm in Chapel
- September 4 – noon – Dinner on the Chapel Grounds
- December 9 – Live Nativity

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# August 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC) <b>Sunset Celebration</b> 5:30 pm (Riverside)	<b>2</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45 am(AC)	<b>3</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC) <b>Public Safety Card Mkg.</b> 2 pm - 5 pm (AC)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>ARC Mtg</b> 9:30 am (AC) <b>National Lighthouse Weekend</b> (Old Baldy) Old Baldy Buzz (BHILtd)	<b>6</b> <b>Sand Sculpture Contest</b> 9:00 am (Sand Piper Tr.) <b>Duck Race</b> 12:30 pm (Creek Access)
<b>7</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10 am</b> <b>Rev. Dr. Jeff Conklin-Miller</b> <i>Methodist</i> <b>Hymn Sing</b> 4:00 pm (VC) <b>Run for the Light</b> 7:30 pm (OB)	<b>8</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC) <b>Sunset Celebration</b> 5:30 pm (Riverside)	<b>9</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45 am(AC) <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 pm (Club) <b>VBHI Communications Mtg.</b> 2:30 pm (AC)	<b>10</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC)	<b>11</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45 (AC) <b>COC</b> 11 am (AC) <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 pm (Club)	<b>12</b> <b>BHA Public Meeting</b> 1:00 pm (AC) <b>BHA Board Executive Mtg.</b> 2 pm (AC)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10 am</b> <b>Col. Michael Charles</b> <i>Chaplain, Fort Bragg, NC</i>	<b>15</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC) <b>BHI Club BOG Mtg.</b> 9 am (Club) <b>BHA-Long Range Plan. Mtg.</b> 11:00 am (AC) <b>Sunset Celebration</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>VBHI Broadband Mtg.</b> 10 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45 (AC) <b>CPR/AED Class</b> 6 pm (AC)	<b>17</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC)	<b>18</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>No Pilates</b> <b>Audubon Talk</b> 1:00 pm <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 pm (Club) <b>Howl at the Moon</b> 7:00 pm (Acc 39)	<b>19</b> <b>VBHI Work Session</b> 9:30 am (AC) <b>VBHI Council Mtg.</b> 2:30 pm (AC)	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10 am</b> <b>Rev. Andi Woodhouse</b> <i>Methodist</i>	<b>22</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC) <b>Sunset Celebration</b> 5:30 pm (Riverside)	<b>23</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45 am(AC) <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 pm (Club)	<b>24</b> <b>Transportation Mtg.</b> 10 am (AC) <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC)	<b>25</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45-11:45 am (AC) <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 pm (Club)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 10 am</b> <b>Rev. Curtis Campbell</b> <i>Methodist</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC) <b>Sunset Celebration</b> 5:30 pm (Riverside)	<b>30</b> <b>Flow Yoga</b> 9 am (AC) <b>Pilates</b> 10:45 am(AC) <b>Mah Jongg</b> 1:00 pm (Club)	<b>31</b> <b>Yoga</b> 11:45 am (AC)	<b>Notes:</b>		

AC (BHA Association Center)  
 BHIC (BHI Conservancy)  
 Club (BHI Club)  
 VC (Village Chapel)  
 PSD (Public Safety Operations Building)

**Standing Events:**

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**—Mon & Fri, 12 - 1pm, Association Ctr. Contact John B. at 336-671-8858 or sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com

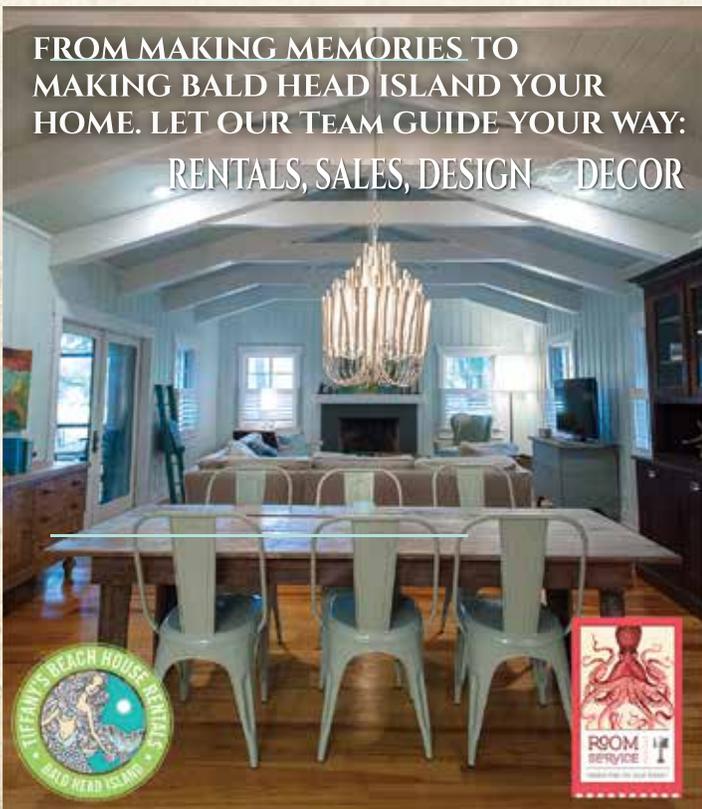
- **Knitting**—A group of knitting enthusiasts meets every Wed at the Association Ctr., 9:30 - 11:30 am

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