



ISLAND GROUPS AND CLUBS

Find a Group to Fit Your Passion

It would be easy to spend all your time on the island walking the beach, biking the leisure trails or visiting area restaurants and never feel like you were missing out. But did you know that Kiawah has a vibrant social scene of member-led groups and clubs, including one or two for every hobby or passion? Connect with people who share the same values or get involved with something totally new by signing up for one of these groups and clubs. The listings below include a brief description and contact information to get you started with these great groups.

ARTS, ETC.

All Kiawah women are invited to participate in Arts, etc., a philanthropic community of women dedicated to bringing visual, performing and literary arts education to the youth of Johns and Wadmalaw islands. Members enjoy arts-based experiences and volunteer to conduct the Kiawah Art and House Tour each spring. Interested members are invited to learn about the group on Wednesday, Sept. 25. To attend, contact Kathleen Wright at pres@kiawaharts.org.

BIKER BABES

Groups of 15-20 ladies meet monthly to enjoy casual bike rides around Kiawah Island that often include a lunch, dinner or other opportunity to have fun and socialize. All Kiawah women are welcome. The hostess for the month decides the activity and provides a meal. Beyond biking, some activities include kayaking, scavenger hunt, or just getting together. There are eleven groups of Biker Babes on the island. Please contact Beth Driskell at escapetosea@hotmail.com to join.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Kiawah residents are invited to join the Town of Kiawah Island's CERT. CERT offers training opportunities that enable volunteers to assist professional first responders in the event of a disaster on the island. Duties could include basic first aid and triage, light search and rescue,

damage assessments, and more. Meetings are quarterly. Contact Scott Nelson at cscottnels@gmail.com.

THE CHARLESTON COASTAL CHOIR

This mixed community chorus performs a variety of traditional choral music October through March. Selections for both women's and men's choruses are included, as well as opportunities for solo and ensemble singing. Rehearsals are at 1 p.m. Mondays at Church of Our Saviour (no church affiliation). Membership is by audition or invitation of the director. If you can sing in tune, blend in a choral setting, and either read music or follow a part, you are qualified. Auditions are by appointment. Contact Van McCollum at 404-401-0678 or at vanmccollum@bellsouth.net.

THE ISLAND CHORALIERS

This is an all-male chorus that presents several concerts each year along with some special event performances. Practices are 2 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of Our Saviour (no church affiliation). New singers are welcome, all voice parts (TTBB). There is no audition, but members must be able to match a pitch and carry a tune. For info, contact Nat Malcolm at 843-768-7366 or ndmalcolm@aol.com.

**Groups and clubs with asterisks did not respond to requests for updated information. Details may not be accurate.*

KIAWAH DINNER GROUP

This group forms yearly in the fall and involves rotations of six to eight individuals who share meal making responsibilities in a host's home. Dinners are scheduled for January, February and March. Both individuals and couples can sign up to be a regular or substitute participant. Contact Bonnie MacDonald at btooshoes@comcast.net for further information.

KIAWAH ISLAND ART GUILD

The Art Guild is open to Kiawah artists of any medium, beginner to professional. Workshops are held at Beachwalker Center, there are planned trips into Charleston, studio visits and art shows held at various nearby locations. Annual dues are \$20. The guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month (September–May, excluding December). Contact Colleen Parker at cpainter100@gmail.com or Dan Prickett at prickettdan@gmail.com.

KIAWAH ISLAND BRIDGE LEAGUE*

The Kiawah Island Bridge League plays a casual duplicate bridge game for players of all levels who are interested in learning and improving their competitive bridge skills. Players may sign up as singles (they will help match you with a partner) or as pairs. It is \$2 per person. This is not an ACBL sanctioned game. This group meets Wednesdays at The Sandcastle from 2:30-5 p.m. Please contact Tom Rosenthal at tigerich@aol.com or Denis Berube at dkb@lautechnologies.com for more information.

KIAWAH ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Kiawah Garden Club is for anyone interested in gardening. The club arranges visits to gardens and nurseries, brings in guest speakers, and volunteers help nurture plants in KICA's greenhouse. The club meets the second Monday of each month, beginning in September through March, with \$15 annual dues. For more information, visit kiawahislandgardenclub.org or contact treasurer Cheryl Boswell at bozcheryl@att.net.

KIAWAH ISLAND NATURALIST GROUP (KING)

The Kiawah Island Naturalist Group does island and off-island guided nature walks, boat tours, kayak adventures and other nature-oriented field

trips. Previous outings have included tours of Colonial Dorchester, the National Fish Hatchery on Wadmalaw and Johns island Civil War sites. Annual dues are \$15 per person. For more information, visit gladwyne.com/king, contact Jay Smith at kiawahking@gmail.com or Scott Nelson at cscottnels@gmail.com.

KIAWAH ISLAND PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

It's no surprise that Kiawah's breathtaking landscape and wildlife entices photographers. The Photography Club has approximately 100 members, from beginners to professionals. Programs include lectures by photography professionals, workshops to teach photography and related techniques, photo shoots, and small group sessions to investigate topics of interest in greater detail. Meetings are Monday mornings from late September to mid-May. The annual membership fee is \$50. More info may be found on kiawahphotoclub.org.

KIAWAH WOMEN'S GROUP (KWG)

This organization is a great place to meet other island women. Yearly dues are \$15. The 2019-20 year begins with a kick-off lunch on October 10 at the Sandcastle. On and off island activities will include Charleston Tea Plantation tour, Dock Street Theater play, BINGO night, RiverDogs game, movie matinees, philanthropy, and more. For more information, contact Karen Lombardo at karenlomba@aol.com.

KIAWAH/SEABROOK DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB

Two sanctioned ACBL bridge games are held on Seabrook Island each week at the Lake House on Monday at 1:15 p.m. and Friday at 9:15 a.m. You must bring a partner and the cost \$5 per person to participate. No reservations are needed. On the second Wednesday of each month, club participants gather for bridge and a dinner. Contact Dick or Banner Hughes at richwhughes2791@gmail.com for more information or to obtain a gate pass.

VOLUNTEER WITH KIAWAH CARES

Kiawah Cares is the island headquarters for volunteer activities on Kiawah, Johns and Wadmalaw islands. Visit kiawahcares.org for information.

KIAWAH START-UP CLUB

At each meeting of the Kiawah Start-Up Club, a young high-growth business from the southeast will share their story with club members. Learn about these promising start-up companies, share your expertise, and in some cases, potentially invest. Kiawah is full of business leaders and entrepreneurs with diverse experience and knowledge, which could benefit a young company. There is no fee to participate. To attend, RSVP to David Hack at dhack@naturalcommerce.com.

MAHJONGG

Mahjongg is a four-person game originating in China that uses tiles. The game is played throughout the year at The Sandcastle on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., and is open to beginners and experienced players. If you already know the game, need a refresher or would like to learn about the game, please contact Cathie McCrann at imtwinnie@bellsouth.net for more information.

NEWCOMERS COFFEE

Longtime community members invite new residents for coffee and to become acquainted with Kiawah and meet new friends. Gatherings are on the first Tuesday of October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May at Java Java at 10 a.m. Contact Barbara Pagnotta at bpags2@gmail.com for more information.

NIGHT HERON QUILTERS

This is the local division of Charleston's Cobblestone Quilters Guild which fosters the art and design of quilting. They meet the first Tuesday of each month (year-round) at 7 p.m., rotating among their member's homes on Kiawah and Seabrook islands. The Night Heron group also has a community outreach component, participating in the Guild's outreach projects each year. For information, contact Kathy Cassidy at 843-768-4658.

PROPERTY OWNER PARTIES GROUP - POPS

POPS hosts several dinner parties, including a fall and spring dinner, a Progressive Dinner, as well as an occasional pop-up dinner for Kiawah property owners to gather and enjoy. At the Progressive Dinner, members visit several homes and enjoy a

course at each home. Membership is free; contact Beth Thomae at beththomae@gmail.com to join.

SANDCASTLE BOOK CLUB

The book club meets the first Monday of every month September-May at The Sandcastle. Every January, there is a joint luncheon with an author lecture and book signing. There are no dues and all are welcome. A list of books for the year that can be obtained from The Sandcastle or Indigo Books. Contact Mary Hoffman at mcs49@yahoo.com for more information.

SANDCASTLE COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

All denominations of Christian women are welcome at this Bible study group that meets year-round on Mondays at The Sandcastle from 8:30-10 a.m. Worship and prayer begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by study of a specific book or topic. Contact Karen Watson at 843-243-0308 for more information.

SEA ISLAND CARS AND COFFEE

Local car enthusiasts bring their cars and meet at Freshfields Village from 9-11 a.m. the third Saturday of every month for car talk, Java Java coffee and general socializing. All are welcome. Contact John Wilson at jrwilson749@msn.com for more information.

SEA ISLANDS PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP*

This group is for those diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. Meetings are every third Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at Church of Our Saviour. Sessions are informal, and may include an occasional guest speaker. There are no dues and RSVPs are not required. Contact Floyd or Susan DeAndrade at deandrsj@comcast.net for more information.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

This is a women's interdenominational Bible study group focusing on the essentials of the Christian faith. The group aims to help women grow in their relationship with Christ through Bible study, prayer, fellowship and accountability. Meetings are October-May on Wednesdays from 8:30-10 a.m. Contact Linda Wyatt at 404-272-2296 for more information.