Our World

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Explore *Our World* This Fall at The Sandcastle

Established in 2008 under the auspices of the Kiawah Island Community Association (KICA), Our World is an educational outreach program for Kiawah property owners, which invites speakers with expert knowledge of local, national and global issues of significance. Committee members include KICA members who partner with Sandcastle staff to provide several programs each month on Thursdays from October through April.

Each program takes place at 3 p.m. at the Sandcastle. To register for programs, visit the KICA website calendar at kica.us/events. Registration will be available on individual event listings. Due to unforeseen circumstances, programs may be cancelled or rescheduled. Contact the Sandcastle at sandcastle@kica.us or 843-768-3875 with any questions.

Oct. 5 - Kiawah's Island Security Partnerships

Mark Ruppel, KICA's director of Security, will be on hand along with town and resort security leaders for a unique opportunity to learn about the newest programs for security and traffic on the island and ask questions.

Oct. 12 - Putin's Wars: What's Next

Dr. William Hill, a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson's Center's Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies in Washington, DC, is an expert on Russia and the former Soviet Union, east-west relations, and European multilateral diplomacy. Don't miss this chance to hear from an informed and knowledgeable leader about one of the most important issues facing our country today.

Nov. 2 - Tennis, Fame and Mystery: a Sports Writer in Alice Marble's Life and Legend

Attention sports fans: sports writer Rob Weintraub is the author of a fascinating new book on tennis star Alice Marble. Publisher's Weekly says *The Divine Miss Marble: A Life of Tennis, Fame, and Mystery* is "must reading." A winner of both the US Tennis Open and Wimbledon titles, Marble's story is an insightful study of competitive sports and the movie-star life she led during the 1930s and World War II.

Nov. 9 – Close to Home: The Medical University of South Carolina & Kiawah

Since becoming president of MUSC in 2014, Dr. David Cole, a well-known physician/scientist and active surgical oncologist, has led the university through a period of unprecedented transformation, both in scope and scale. What's ahead and where does Kiawah Island fit into the university's plans?

Nov. 16 - Kiawah's Ecological Health with the Kiawah Conservancy

Plan now for this timely update on the health and vitality of Kiawah's natural resources with Kiawah Conservancy Senior Ecological Health and Conservation Coordinator Lee Bundrick and Restoration and Enhancement Specialist Sean Cannon. Lee and Sean will share details Kiawah's ecological health, including critical areas of improvement, including key facts, figures, and, of course, amazing photographs. Sponsored jointly with Kiawah Conservancy.

Nov. 30 - First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters

Gibbs Knotts, professor and Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Studies at the College of Charleston is a student of elections. As the 2024 presidential campaign moves in high gear, especially in SC, Professor Knotts's most recent book, *First in the South: Why South Carolina's Presidential Primary Matters* provides a history and future perspective on the pivotal role played by the state in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Dec. 14 – A Tour of the Gullah Geechee Community Told Through Generations of Sweetgrass Basket Weavers

Master basket weaver Corey Alston and local interpreter/tour guide John Laverne will take residents through a lesson in the Lowcountry's Gullah Geechee heritage with special emphasis on those iconic Sweetgrass Baskets. Members of Corey's family have been basket weavers for over a hundred years. He'll be there to demonstrate how the baskets are created. John, founder of Bulldog Tours, will share the story of the people and history of the Gullah community. They recently presented this program for the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History.