

## Art Film "Rape of Europa"

Friday, February 3, at 3:00 pm at the Sandcastle *Tickets available now*

"The Rape of Europa" is a historical documentary covering endless interesting material: the central role art played for the Nazis; the arriviste connoisseurship of Hitler and Goering; the Germans' different treatment of cities like Krakow (spared for its Germanic art) and Warsaw (almost obliterated for its Slavic art and sensibility). It also raises endlessly interesting questions: Can a culture survive if its art is wiped out? This story is still playing out contentiously and emotionally as art is recovered and heirs sue for restitution.



## Planet D Nonet Big Band

Friday, February 10th at 7:30 pm at East Beach Conference Center *Tickets available now*

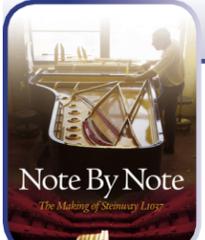
Planet D Nonet "The Little Big Band" from Detroit blends classic big-band swing, jump blues, and even snippets of avant-garde jazz to make an intoxicating sound uniquely their own. A typical Planet D Nonet gig might involve very early jazz from Louis Armstrong or the 30's classic swing of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Fletcher Henderson, and Benny Carter. Master drummer R.J. Spangler leads the band comprised of some of the best musicians from the Motor City. This event is part of their first ever Southern tour. So get ready to put on your dancing shoes or just sit back and delight in this highly entertaining ensemble.



## The Brazilian and the Butterfly

Thursday, February 16th at 7:30 pm at Turtlepoint Clubhouse *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 1/30; Public: 2/2*

Laura Ball is a multi-instrumentalist and singer from Charleston, South Carolina whom has been trained vocally in opera, but comfortable in a wide range of styles. Miss Ball will sing as well as play the piano at this concert. Joining her will be Duda Lucena on guitar with percussionist, Gino Castillo. This dynamic trio will be featuring solos, duets and instrumentals from such notable greats as Astor Piazzolla and Antonio Carlos Jobim. Together these three vibrant musicians will bring you a romantic, sensual evening of Latin and Brazilian music.



## Art Film "Note by Note: The Making of Steinway"

Friday, February 17th at 3:00 pm at Sandcastle *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 1/30; Public: 2/2*

From the factory floor in Queens to Steinway Hall in Manhattan, each piano's journey is complex spanning 12 months, 12,000 parts, 450 craftsmen and countless hours of fine tuned labor. Filmed in key Steinway locations the factory, Steinway's reserved "Bank" and private auditions Note by Note is a loving celebration of not only craftsmanship, but also a dying breed of person who is deeply connected to working by hand.



## Charleston Ballet Theatre "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Sunday, February 19th at 4:00 pm at East Beach Conference Center *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 1/30; Public: 2/2*

Continuing the celebration of CBT's 25th Anniversary season, Charleston Ballet Theatre will present three ballets including two of the company's most celebrated performances over the past quarter century. Anchored by a revival of Bahr's A Midsummer Night's Dream, a magical balletic interpretation of the classic Shakespeare comedy, the performance will also include Bahr's very first ballet she choreographed for CBT in 1987, the modernistic and mysterious Poetry With A Splash of Red Blood, set to the music of minimalist composer Philip Glass. George Balanchine's passionate and dazzling Allegro Brillante, set to the music of Tchaikovsky will conclude the performance.



## The Charlton Singleton Group

Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 pm at Seabrook Island House *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 2/6; Public: 2/9*

The Charlton Singleton Group – a fabulous jazz ensemble led by Singleton on trumpet and featuring some of the best musicians in the area. Mr. Singleton will be performing material from his debut solo EP, The New Deal. Released in December of 2011, The New Deal features four of Singleton's originals, as well as popular standards, Stella By Starlight and Body and Soul. In addition to material drawn from The New Deal, his performance will include other original compositions and standards arranged specifically for this ensemble and performance.



## Duo Pianos with Konstantin

Sunday, February 26th at 4:00 pm at Church of Our Saviour *Ticket Release: Kiawah: 2/6; Public: 2/9*

Konstantin & Edvinas will perform our first duo piano concert. Both classical pianists are top emerging artists in the U.S. & Europe. Rapidly earning reputations as a "young pianists who captivates" with "distinctive lyricism", "immaculate technique" and "vigor...refinement... and drama" they are exciting to see and hear. This is a return to Kiawah by Konstantin who enchanted us a couple of years ago.



# TOWN NOTES

## Demonstrating the Value of Native Plants

### Native Plant Demonstration Garden

The need to promote native planting in commercial and residential landscaping is an important initiative that both the Town and community groups strongly support. The Town's Environmental Committee in particular has taken a proactive stand in this effort. The Environmental Committee introduced the idea of a Native Plant Demonstration Garden. To facilitate this garden the Town applied for a \$4,000 grant from Palmetto Pride, a non-profit organization formed by a legislative initiative to fight litter and beautify South Carolina.

In early December 2011 the Town received notification that it was awarded the grant. Dr. Greg Vanderwerker, Councilman attended the awards luncheon on January 18th to represent the Town and receive the grant check. The funds will be used to install over 280 native plants, drip irrigation, signage and a walking trail in an area centrally located at the Municipal Complex. In addition, the project will serve to educate Kiawah property owners, landscapers and visiting school groups about the benefits of incorporating native plants in their landscaping designs. Visitors will have an opportunity to walk through the garden and read about the native plants and learn where to plant them; and how to best take care of them.

The goal of the Native Plant Demonstration Garden is to increase awareness about using native plants. It is proven that native plants serve to lengthen the life of vegetated landscape and encourage habitats for a variety of wildlife. The Town is very supportive of the proposed project and the issue of protecting and preserving the environment through the maturation of native plants. Other supporters of the project include The Kiawah Island Garden Club and Kiawah Island Golf Resort, and the Kiawah Natural Habitat Conservancy.

### Invasive Plants Eradication

In addition to promoting native vegetation, the Environmental Committee is proactively working to eliminate invasive plants throughout the Island. The Town's invasive plant study is well underway. This past summer the Town of Kiawah Island contracted with Dr. Joel Gramling, Assistant Professor of Biology at The Citadel, to perform an island-wide vegetation survey with an emphasis on identifying invasive plant species and developing a management plan to eliminate or control them.

Dr. Gramling's effort also has an educational component to inform and educate residents and visitors about this issue. To that end he gave a lecture to the community last October, and he participated in the Kiawah Island Habitat Conservancy's Flora and Fauna event that was held at the Sandcastle.

Dr. Gramling is also inviting anyone who is interested in learning more about the process to join him "in the field" during some of his visits to Kiawah this winter and spring. If you are interested in participating, please email Dr. Gramling at [joel.gramling@citadel.edu](mailto:joel.gramling@citadel.edu).

The dates for the field work are:

**February 10th**  
**February 24th**  
**March 9th**  
**March 23rd.**

## Town Notices

CERT Team Meeting, February 2 at 10:00 am  
Arts Council Meeting, February 2 at 3:00 pm  
Environmental Committee Meeting, February 6 at 3:00 pm  
Town Council Meeting, February 7 at 2:00 pm

Communications Committee Meeting, February 8 at 10:30 am  
Planning Commission, February 8 at 3:00 pm  
Board of Zoning and Appeals, February 27 at 4:00 pm  
Ways & Means Meeting, February 28 at 9:00 am

## Town Council Meeting Highlights (January 10, 2012)

**Second Reading of Ordinance 2011-08 Business License** Council unanimously approved second reading of Ordinance 2011-08 amending the Business License ordinance.

**Greenbelt Project Contract Approval** Council voted unanimously to accept the amended bid from JA Rauch Construction Company totaling \$90,650 to complete the Shore Access at the Kiawah Island Parkway and the Beachwalker Pond Fishing Pier improvements.

**GovQA Communications Tool Selection** The Ways and Means Committee viewed a demo of the GovQA communications system, which included 3 components: GovQA, Citizens Communication Center and ShopQA. The system is web-based and would allow the Town to send out email blasts, monitor, receive and submit follow-ups to citizen requests, provide Arts Council events' notifications, real-time changes to Town events and meetings, and urgent citizen notifications. The cost of this system includes a \$3,000 one-time fee and monthly charges of \$395. Council voted 3-2 to proceed with the GovQA service, with the condition of providing additional information for specific Town usage.

**Final Approval of the Municipal Center ADA Improvements** Council Voted unanimously to approve the ADA plans and to move ahead with the improvements.

**First Reading of Ordinance 2012-01 Short Term Rentals** Mr. Burnaford stated that the Town has met with KICA and the ARB regarding each entity's rental regulations. The biggest issue is enforcement and making the rental regulations available to the rental organizations and the renters. Mr. Rhoad agreed to work with Mr. Burnaford in finalizing the document and compiling it into a one page document.

**Reaffirmation of 2011 Ordinances** Council unanimously reaffirmed the 2011 Ordinances.

**Appointment of Town Clerk** Council unanimously reappointed Lakesha Shannon as Town Clerk.

**Appointment of Town Treasurer** Council unanimously reappointed Kenneth Gunnells as Town Treasurer.

**2012 Committee Appointments** Council unanimously approved appointments to the following: Board of Zoning Appeals; Communications Committee; Environmental Committee; Municipal Election Commission; Planning Commission; Public Safety Committee; and State Accommodations Tax Committee. A full listing of the committee members is available on the Town website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org).

**Town Strategic Planning Retreat** Council will have a strategic planning retreat in conjunction with the annual budget workshop

at a date to be determined.

**Comprehensive Plan Report Card** Council reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Report Card which provides a progress report on the strategies under each element in the Comprehensive Plan.

**Dune Walkovers** The Environmental Committee recommended that the existing code for dune walkers be enforced, and that notice be provided to property owners requesting that they bring the dune walkovers into compliance. The majority of the dune walkovers fall short of the new primary dune and people are walking through the dune area. Council discussed various options to allow property owners to bring their dune walkovers into compliance. Mr. Rhoad recommended a change to the ordinance allowing property owners more time to comply once notified. Council agreed that Mr. Rhoad draft an amendment to the ordinance to allow property owners 1½ years to bring their dune walkovers into compliance.

**Charitable Contributions Applications** Council voted to fund seven local not for profit organizations totaling \$65,000 through its Charitable Contributions policy. The charities funded are: Barrier Island Free Medical Clinic - \$20,000; Full Faith Ministries - \$5,000; Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and Senior Program - \$10,000; Palmetto Project Begin with Books - \$5,000; Respite Care Charleston - \$5,000; Rural Mission - \$10,000; Sea Island Habitat for Humanity - \$10,000.

**Beach Franchise Selection** The Town received bids from Island Beach Services (IBS) and Kiawah Island Golf Resort (KIGR) for the Beach Franchise Contract. A thorough review favored IBS which offered a franchise fee of \$100,000 or 17% of income while KIGR offered a fixed franchise fee of \$90,000. Following discussion, Council voted 4-1 to award the Beach Franchise Contract to Island Beach Services.

**Kiawah Island Utility Acquisition Update** Mr. Lipuma and Mayor Orban met with Buddy Darby and Townsend, of KRA, to discuss the Town's formal proposal to acquire the Kiawah Island Utility. On January 9th a UTF subcommittee including: Mr. Lipuma, Jim Williams and Bill Ziebertz, of Jacobs Engineering, met with Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Guastella to discuss pricing. There remains a fairly sizeable difference between the owner's asking and Town's offer price. Mr. Lipuma and Mayor Orban will meet with KRA again at the end of January or early February to further discuss the offer price.

**Committee Report Mr. Burnaford:** The County Council is awaiting details regarding their release from the \$11 million contract with SCDOT, as well as the responsibility for the overrun of government funding. Mr. Burnaford stated that the Johns Island Council met on January 5th and no actions were taken.

**Mrs. Wermuth:** Thanked the members of the Public Safety Committee for their work over the past year.

**Mr. Lipuma** A Celtic Christmas and Ladies Sing the Blues were each well received with a full house. There are numerous upcoming events as outlined on page 4 and on the Town's website at <http://www.kiawahisland.org/ArtsCouncil/Default.aspx>.

**Dr. VanDerwerker** The Municipal Center ADA improvements were approved by Council. Tennis Club Villas is onboard with the Town's Recycling Program at no cost. All Regimes are encouraged to join before the solid waste collection contract is rebid. Dr. Joel Gramling will provide an update of the Invasive Plant Survey at the March 6th Town council meeting and has provided a list of dates for volunteers to walk along and observe his work. The Kiawah Wildlife Guide has been published and copies are available. The Town was awarded a \$4,000 Palmetto Pride Grant to fund a Native Plant Demonstration Garden in front of the Municipal Center.

**Town Administrator's Report: Tumiko Rucker** The first draft of the Municipal Code Zoning Ordinance has been received. The Town published a Professional Services Notice for Solid Waste Consultants. State Accommodations Tax applications are available on the Town's website and are due on March 7th. The Town is awaiting a response from DHEC regarding the certification of the KIGR Debris Reduction Site for disaster recovery. Deputy coverage on the Island from October 1st – December 31st was at a 70.5% staffing level. The Town is participating in a research study with the College of Charleston to evaluate the impact of the rental industry on the Charleston beach community's economy. Council was reminded to register for the upcoming MASC Hometown Legislative Action Day and Municipal Elected Officials Training.

**Mayor's Report: Steven Orban** Reported that he attended the recent MASC Association of Mayors meeting. Mayor Orban and Marilyn Olson attended the recent Martin Luther King, Jr. Service at Salem Presbyterian Church on Wadmalaw Island. About 60 responses have been received from the recent Cellphone Service Survey. The Town will continue to work on obtaining this survey information.

**Executive Session** Council voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss a legal and contractual matter relating to the Town Attorney's reappointment. No decisions were made and no votes were taken in executive session. Upon exiting executive session, Council voted to reappoint Town Attorney Dennis Rhoad with a 3-2 vote.

Go to [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) for detailed minutes.

## Sheriff's Department Spotlight

My name is Christopher Brokaw and I am currently the Chief Inspector for the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. As of January 1st, I became the liaison between the Sheriff's department and the Town of Kiawah Island for deputy/police presence on the island. My current duties include supervising the Office of Professional Standards (Internal Affairs), Accreditation, and the Sheriff's Offices internal auditor. I began my law enforcement career in October of 1988, when I was hired by the Charleston County Police Department, which a couple of years later merged with the Sheriff's Office. I have had the privilege to serve in many areas of the Sheriff's Office. As a deputy I served as a patrolman, warrant's deputy, and as a detective. I was promoted to Sergeant out of the Detective Office and served as a patrol supervisor for a couple years before returning to the Detective Office as a supervisor. After a short stint in that position I was promoted to Inspector and served in the Office of Professional Standards for approximately 3 years before being promoted to Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant I served in Patrol, over the Civil Process / Judgments and Executions Unit, and finally as the Training Unit supervisor before being promoted to my current rank of Chief Inspector this past summer.



I have served the county of Charleston for over 23 years and the Kiawah Island community intermittently over 20 of those years, 15 years have been continuous. I have directed the security at numerous events on the island to include but not limited to several professional golf tournaments and many Kiawah Island Marathons. I am keenly aware of what is necessary to direct a successful operation, and am looking forward to continuing to serve the residents of Kiawah in my new capacity. I would like to thank Major Jim Brady for his service in this position and for all of his assistance in making this transition a smooth and successful one. Finally, a little personal information; I have been married to my wife for 13 years and we have 2 children; my step-daughter, who was 4 years old when we got married, now 17 and my son who is 12. We live in Goose Creek, where I was born and raised. We are active members in our church, Northwood Baptist. I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Criminal Justice. My hobbies include golf (my favorite), fishing and reading.

## PGA Update



With nearly 200 days until the Championship, planning is in full swing at the 2012 PGA Championship Office. The PGA Championship is unlike any other golf tournament ever to be held on Kiawah. The sheer scope of the tents and structures to be built on The Ocean Course easily exceeds anything from the 1991 Ryder Cup Matches. The sold-out Wanamaker Club tent alone is more than 60,000 square feet of tenting and oceanfront patio space! Traffic planning and public safety along all roadways to and from The Ocean Course continues to be a priority of the PGA. Planning meetings of state, county and local officials are held regularly to ensure that increased traffic surrounding the Championship has as small of an impact as possible. Official PGA Traffic Plans will be released once all traffic studies and public transportation plans are finalized prior to the Championship. The PGA thanks all in advance for their support and patience as we continue to work through the logistics and prepare the best Championship experience for all. Updates will continue on a monthly basis.

## Cell Phone Survey

If you have not already participated in the current cell phone service survey, please be sure to take the time to give us your input. We would like to hear from all residents regarding the quality of their current on island cell phone service. Please type the link below into your browser or visit the Town's website at [www.kiawahisland.org](http://www.kiawahisland.org) to access the brief survey. This information is relevant to future decision making and vendor selection as the Town works to continuously improve the services that it offers to its property owners and visitors. We look forward to receiving your feedback.



## March 2nd Brown Trash and Hazardous Waste Collection

Friday, March 2nd is the Town's first Brown Trash Day and Household Hazardous Waste Day for 2012. Please place all brown trash at the curb by 8:00 a.m. to ensure collection. Household hazardous waste should be brought to the Town Hall garage, at 21 Beachwalker Drive for disposal. For more information, contact Rusty Lameo at 768-5111 or by email at [rlameo@kiawahisland.org](mailto:rlameo@kiawahisland.org).

**What classifies as Brown Trash?** Lawn chairs, grills, toasters, lamps, small microwaves, computers, printers, folding or beach chairs, mattresses, box springs, bicycles, strollers. For larger items such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, etc., please call Suburban Disposal 843-873-4810 to schedule pickup at an additional cost. **What classifies as Household Hazardous Waste?** Household chemicals, garden chemicals, home workshop chemicals, used motor oil, oil filters, old gasoline, gas & oil mix, antifreeze, paint and paint remover, varnish, pesticides.

### New Homes Permitted by the ARB

No New Homes

Contact the ARB for more information at 843-768-3419 or by email at [kiawaharb.com](mailto:kiawaharb.com)