

# Seabrook Island Natural History Group Fall 2009 Trip Descriptions

**Sign-up Deadline: August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## 1. Botany Bay Plantation Ecotour

**Tue. Sept. 8 8:30a-1:30p**

**Leader: Allan**

Botany Bay Plantation is over 4,000 acres of forests, marshes and beach near Edisto Island, SC. Our guide, will allow you to see Botany Bay in a way you may never have imagined. Her program combines cultural with natural history. All fresco picnicking and an optional, "do-it-yourself" driving tour are available. [www.botanybayplantation.com](http://www.botanybayplantation.com)

**Min: 11**

**Max: 30**

**Cost: \$14**

**No lunch plans**

## 2. A Lowcountry Tea Party

**Thu. Sept. 10 9a-1p**

**Leader: Shirley**

The American Tea Growing Company operated near Charleston during the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and, today, thousands of naturalized tea plants thrive in the beautiful pine and mixed hardwood forest of the Caw Caw Interpretive Center. Stroll through these fragrant plants with our naturalist while exploring tea history, discussing elements of tea cultivation and processing, and enjoying a one-of-a-kind tea tasting.

**Min: 10**

**Max: 12**

**Cost: \$9**

**No lunch plans**

## 3. Carolina First Arena

**Fri. Sept. 11 9a-12 noon**

**Leader: Lee**

Completed last fall at a cost of \$45 million, this sports complex is one of the latest additions to the C of C campus. Totalling 190,000 sq. ft., the Carolina First Arena/John Kresse Court nearly doubled the seating capacity of the previous basketball facility. The tour will include a look at media and hospitality areas, locker rooms, conditioning rooms, a hall of fame and a sports medicine facility. It will be lead by the Executive Director of the Cougar Club and the Associate Director for External Affairs. The tour may also include guest appearances by Athletic Director, Joe Hull, and/or Head Men's Basketball Coach Bobby Cremins (if available) for further insight into the design, construction and funding phases of the facility. The tour will require step climbing.

**Min: 15**

**Max: 20**

**Cost: \$6**

**No lunch plans**

## 4. Edisto Island Tour

**Wed. Sept. 16 8:30a-3p**

**Leader: Sherry**

Step back in time and hear the stories of Edisto's past as told by a native of the Island. Visit the private grounds of beautiful old homes and see historic churches. Following the tour, we will gather for lunch at a local café. Wonderful insights into our neighbors across the water as we tour in a small mini van. Must be able to climb up and in! Bring bug spray and water. [www.thepinkvantour.com](http://www.thepinkvantour.com)

**Min: 10**

**Max: 12**

**Cost: \$36**

**Lunch included**

## 5. What's on the Beach?

**Thu. Sept. 17 1-3p**

**Leader: Lisa**

What are those odd-looking rubbery things? Why do seashells look different? What are these animals and how do they live? During a walk on Seabrook Island's North Beach, marine biologist Tom Fox will describe the animals we find and tell something about their lives and ecological importance. We will also learn about sand, tides, and other aspects of the physical environment of beaches. Bring your camera and sunscreen on this 1.5 - 2 mile walk.

**Min: 12**

**Max: 20**

**Cost: \$5**

**No meal plans**

## 6. The Charleston Museum

**Mon. Sept. 21 9a-12noon**

**Leader: Kimber**

A tour of the fascinating world behind the scenes of the museum. Curators will explain the historical importance of artifacts not on display to the public.

**Min: 10**

**Max: 25**

**Cost: \$22**

**No lunch plans**

## 7. A Day on the Ashley

**Tue. Sept. 22 8:30a-3:30p**

**Leader: Allan**

We will participate in a guided tour of Drayton Hall, learning about the house, as well as ongoing archeological activities taking place on the grounds. Following lunch at the Inn at Middleton Place, we will visit Middleton Place, with a guided tour of the house and a self-guided tour of the gardens. **No refunds for cancellations on this trip.**

[www.draytonhall.org](http://www.draytonhall.org) [www.middletonplace.org](http://www.middletonplace.org)

**Min: 16**

**Max: 25**

**Cost: \$72**

**Lunch included**

**8. Kayaking Charleston Harbor  
for the Occasional Kayaker**

**Wed. Sept. 23 8:15a-1:30p**

**Leader: Shirley**

Begin your trip at Shem Creek ... paddle the salt marsh creek past the scenic shrimp boats in the company of dolphins. Head to the rookery at Crab Bank Island and find an abundance of pelicans, skimmers, terns etc. and, maybe a manatee or two. Circumnavigate this estuary and view Sullivan's Island, Morris Island and Historic Charleston from this new perspective. No experience necessary. All equipment provided. Trip is 3 hours – includes getting ready and basic instruction. [www.coastalexpeditions.com](http://www.coastalexpeditions.com)

**Min: 12**

**Max: 20**

**Cost: \$58**

**No lunch plans**

**9. Charleston Cooks!**

**Thu. Sept. 24 10a-2p**

**Leader: Kimber**

Watch a demonstration of how to make some of the low country's favorites and best of all, sample these delicacies including nut encrusted fish, grits and greens and pecan pie cooked the Southern way! (Nuts included!)

[www.charlestoncooks.com](http://www.charlestoncooks.com)

**Min: 12**

**Max: 30**

**Cost: \$44**

**Lunch included**

**10. Kayaking Charleston Harbor  
For the Experienced Kayaker**

**Tue. Sept. 29 8:15a-1:30p**

**Leader: Pete**

Begin your trip at Shem Creek ... paddle the salt marsh creek past the scenic shrimp boats in the company of dolphins. Head to the rookery at Crab Bank Island and find an abundance of pelicans, skimmers, terns etc. and, maybe a manatee or two. Circumnavigate this estuary and view Sullivan's Island, Morris Island and Historic Charleston from this new perspective. Experienced paddlers only. All equipment provided. Trip is 3 hours. [www.coastalexpeditions.com](http://www.coastalexpeditions.com)

**Min: 12**

**Max: 20**

**Cost: \$58**

**No lunch plans**

**11. Hobcaw Barony & Hampton Plantation Wed. Sept. 30 7:30a-5:00p**

**Leader: Allan**

We will visit two major plantation sites with a guided tour at each location. Hobcaw provided a tranquil winter retreat for Bernard Baruch. Hampton was built as a farmhouse around 1750 and is the former home of South Carolina poet laureate, Archibald Rutledge. A picnic area is available at Hampton Plantation. [hobcawbarony.org](http://hobcawbarony.org)  
[www.southcarolinaparks.com](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com)

**Min: 13**

**Max: 26**

**Cost: \$26**

**Bring a picnic lunch**

**12. Churches of Charleston**

**Thu. Oct. 1 9:30a-2:00p**

**Leader: Lynne**

Stroll through Charleston's history by exploring six of her most historic churches including the Circular Congregational Church, St. Phillip's, French Huguenot, First Baptist, First (Scots) Presbyterian and St. Michael's. We'll learn about the impact that historical figures had on their congregation and the role of the church in the history of Charleston. Walk approximately 1 mile on uneven pavement with stairs. [www.uchistorytours.com](http://www.uchistorytours.com)

**Min: 12**

**Max: 15**

**Cost: \$17**

**No lunch plans**

**13. Charleston Museum Ceramics & Textiles Fri. Oct. 2 9a-12 noon**

**Leader: Kimber**

Museum curators provide a guided tour of the Ceramics and Textile collection of the Charleston Museum featuring low country works. An opportunity to see the history of Charleston from a unique view point.

**Min: 10**

**Max: 25**

**Cost: \$16**

**No lunch plans**

**14. Bird Migration Walk and Talk**

**Sat. Oct. 3 9a-1p**

**Leader: Lynne**

Join us for a peek into the life of the birds that visit our island. David Gardner, Barrier Island Program Director, will guide us as we learn about the birds frequenting our shores during migrations. We'll walk through some of the best birding habitats on our small island. Extensive walking on uneven terrain. [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org)

**Min: 15**

**Max: 30**

**Cost: \$9**

**No lunch plans**

**15. Gullah Tours and Tales**

**Tue. Oct. 6 9:15a-1p**

**Leader: Sherry**

From the comfort of a small tour bus we'll explore the history and stories of the varied contributions from the Gullah community. Our wonderful guide, Alphonso Brown, is fluent in the Gullah language and understands the Gullah customs and traditions. Included will be the gates of Phillip Simmons! Prepare to be educated as well as entertained! Must be able to climb in and out of the van. [www.gullahtours.com](http://www.gullahtours.com)

**Min: 16**

**Max: 21**

**Cost: \$24**

**No lunch plans**

**16. Charles Towne Landing**

**Wed. Oct. 7 8:30a-12:30p**

**Leader: Lynne**

Relive the early years of this historic settlement as our Ranger guides us through the first permanent European colony in the Carolinas. Exhibits describe how settlers, slaves traders and native Americans came together to forge the beginnings of what would become the plantation system of the American South. We will see a full scale replica trading ship, protective palisade, gardens and a natural habitat zoo. Picnic area available. [www.southcarolinaparks.com](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com)

**Min: 10**

**Max: 20**

**Cost: \$19**

**No lunch plans**

- 17. Slavery in Historic Charleston**      **Thu. Oct. 8**      **8:45a-1:30p**      **Leader: Bonnie**  
 Charleston was known as the Home of African Slavery in the early 1800's. This 2 ½ hour walking tour and visit to the Slave Mart provide the history of how Charleston earned this distinction. Explore Gullah folklore, slave uprisings, and the role that free blacks played during this time along with learning why slavery evolved in Charleston the way it did. Walking on uneven pavement.  
**Min: 8**      **Max: 16**      **Cost: \$32**      **No lunch plans**
- 18. Walk the Seabrook Trails**      **Sat. Oct 10**      **10a (rain time – 1p)**      **Leader: Pat**  
 Come walk two of our Seabrook trails with our own Lowcountry Master Naturalist, Don Smith. Experience and learn about the flora and fauna of five distinctly different ecosystems. The walk will start with the Bobcat Dunes Trail with relatively easy terrain (the beach and boardwalk) and progress to the more difficult Six Ladies Trail (some uneven footing and sand dunes). Total length is a little over a mile.  
**Min: 12**      **Max: 20**      **Cost: \$5**      **No lunch plans**
- 19. Canoe Beidler Forest with Audubon**      **Wed. Oct. 14**      **8:15a-3p**      **Leader: Shirley**  
 Join an Audubon naturalist for a 2 hour guided excursion deep into the old growth interior of the swamp. Paddle your way through meandering black water creek trails, past ancient cypress trees, observing wildlife along the way. Some paddling experience helpful. Take some time before leaving to walk the boardwalk through the virgin cypress swamp.  
[www.beidlerforest.com](http://www.beidlerforest.com)  
**Min: 7**      **Max: 11**      **Cost: \$25**      **Bring a picnic lunch**
- 20. Crabbing Clinic/Lowcountry Boil**      **Thu. Oct. 15**      **8a-2:15p**      **Leader: Bonnie**  
 A-crabbing we will go...to Capers Island, departing from Isle of Palms. Let's catch crabs--instruction and equipment provided--then boil them with shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn, etc. Enjoy a Lowcountry Boil on the beach. Beach apparel, sunscreen, insect repellent recommended. Swimsuit, towel and chair optional. Bottled water provided. You may bring any other beverage you enjoy.  
**Min: 15**      **Max: 40**      **Cost: \$68**      **Lowcountry Boil Included**
- 21. Citadel Tour & Dress Parade**      **Fri. Oct. 16**      **1:30-5:30p**      **Leader: Lee**  
 Steeped in tradition, the history and ceremonial pomp of this institution will be on display. Cadet guides will lead a tour of the campus that will include the Citadel Museum, the Summerall Chapel and the Daniel Library. We will be escorted to a reserved section on the Summerall Field to observe the weekly military dress parade.  
**Min: 25**      **Max: 50**      **Cost: \$5**      **No meal plans**
- 22. Coleman Fine Art**      **Mon. Oct. 19**      **9a-12 noon**      **Leader: Lee**  
 Welcoming us to their small gallery and workshop at the corner of Tradd and Church Streets will be Seabrook's own, nationally acclaimed artist Mary Whyte and her husband, Smith Coleman, framer and gilder. Mary will describe her approach to painting landscapes and commissioned portraits in all mediums, her illustrating children's books and conducting out-of-town workshops. Smitty will share his experiences in joining other master gilders in restoring exhibits and leading workshops at the Smithsonian. There will be time to review Mary's works as well as those of other artists they represent. [www.Colemanfineart.com](http://www.Colemanfineart.com)  
**Min: 12**      **Max: 16**      **Cost: \$20**      **No lunch plans**
- 23. Shellfish Workshop/Oyster & Clam Roast** **Tue. Oct. 20**      **12:45-8p**      **Leader: Bonnie**  
 Travel by boat from Isle of Palms to Capers Island while learning about wildlife in the marshes and creeks. Learn about oysters and clams as we harvest both on the banks. Afterward, enjoy a clam/oyster roast along with chili on the beach at sunset. (What could be better!) Old sneakers recommended. Bring work gloves and a hammer—also, a hand rake if you have one. Bottled water provided. You may bring any other beverage you enjoy. Chair optional--or you can sit on the boat to eat. **Saltwater fishing license is a must.** Apply [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov) or by phone 866 714-3611. Also available at Seacoast Sports at Freshfields Village. License is free if your birth date is before July 1, 1940.  
**Min: 15**      **Max: 40**      **Cost: \$52**      **Includes oyster & clam roast**
- 24. Spirit of South Carolina Tall Ship**      **Tue. Oct. 20**      **10a-4p**      **Leader: Lynne**  
 The term "Tall Ship" brings to mind billowing sails, salt air, sun and gliding silently through the water. All of this and more will greet you aboard the Spirit of South Carolina, the 140' 2 masted "Tall Ship" built to 1875 plans. A private four hour sailing tour on Charleston harbor with a history lesson and magnificent views of the waterfront, the Ravenal bridge, Fort Sumter and more. A memorable experience!  
**Min: 40**      **Max: 40**      **Cost: \$65**      **Bring a picnic lunch**

- 25. Marion Square: The Heart of Charleston** **Wed. Oct. 21 8:30-11:30 a** **Leader: Tom**  
 Noted historian and author, Doug Bostick, will introduce us to the unique historical role of Marion Square in Charleston's history, including the original Citadel Military School, the Tabby Wall of 1812, Hanging Square and the murder that rocked the city in 1911. Very little walking.  
**Min: 14 Max: 20 Cost: \$12 No lunch plans**
- 26. Jeremiah Goat Farm & Cheese Making** **Thu. Oct. 22 10a-1p** **Leader: Cindy**  
 Jeremiah Farm and Goat Dairy, located on the west side of Johns Island, has invited SINHG to tour the farm and gardens again, as well as participate in hands-on cheese-making. A tasting of the various cheeses will follow the tour.  
[www.jeremiahfarmsc.com](http://www.jeremiahfarmsc.com)  
**Min: 12 Max: 15 Cost: \$16 No lunch plans**
- 27. The Seedy Side of Charleston** **Fri. Oct. 23 11a-3p** **Leader: Sherry**  
 Hear renowned raconteur, Tim Lowry, as he tells us all about the gossip and stories of Charleston's early days while we enjoy a pleasant lunch at Magnolia's. [www.storytelltimlowry.com](http://www.storytelltimlowry.com)  
**Min: 30 Max: 54 Cost: \$55 Lunch included**
- 28. Camden with David Reuwar** **Mon. Oct. 26 7:30a-7:30p** **Leader: Tom**  
 Birthplace of Bernard Baruch and Larry Doby (1st black player in the AL), home to the Duponts, famous for world class steeplechase, residence of Lord Cornwallis, site of a crucial battle in the American Revolution, one of the largest Quaker settlements in the colonies, celebrated for its grand and historic homes. On the way we will visit Stateburg (almost the capitol of South Carolina and one of Charleston's first summer retreats) and the Holy Cross Episcopal Church with its stained glass made in Bavaria, Elben organ, and Pise de terre construction. The cemetery of renowned Charlestonians includes Dr Poinsett. Bus trip with some walking.  
**Min: 31 Max: 45 Cost: \$50 Lunch not included**
- 29. Charleston Air Force Base** **Tue. Oct. 27 9a-2:30p** **Leader: Kimber**  
 We will tour of the Charleston Air Force base, home of the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift wing. Go inside a C-17 Globemaster on the flight line. We will also see a military working dog demonstration and the Aerial Port Squadron where cargo is prepared and palletized for deployment. Chartered bus to and from the base in North Charleston (which must be used) as well as a buffet lunch are included.  
**Min: 30 Max: 40 Cost: \$45 Lunch included**
- 30. Thomas Yawkey Wildlife Center** **Wed. Oct. 28 12noon-6:30p** **Leader: Shirley**  
 Experience the rustic, natural beauty of this environmental treasure. The Center includes three coastal islands located at the mouth of Winyah Bay and is composed of marsh, managed wetlands, forest, ocean beach, long leaf pine forest and maritime forest. Left to SCDNR by Thomas Yawkey, a passionate conservationist and former owner of the Boston Red Sox, it is a wildlife preserve, research and education area and waterfowl refuge. We'll catch a ferry just north of McClellanville and be met for a van tour.  
**Min: 14 Max: 14 Cost: \$8 No meal plans**
- 31. Hunley Museum and Magnolia Cemetery** **Tue. Nov. 3 9a-3:30p** **Leader: Tom**  
 The Hunley Museum houses the world's first submarine, launched from Sullivan's Island against the blockading Union Fleet, and artifacts found when the sub was salvaged. We will see a short film on the salvage and restoration process and learn about restoration and preservation from museum staff. After a lunch stop at Kitty's [cost not included], another Charleston landmark, we will then tour Magnolia Cemetery on the Ashley River, a microcosm of Charleston history that includes the graves of the crew of the Hunley. Submarine Commander John Spears will be our guide. Very little walking.  
**Min: 12 Max: 25 Cost: \$25 Cost of lunch not included**
- 32. Paula Deen's Savannah** **Wed. Nov. 4 7a-7:45p** **Leader: Bonnie**  
 Travel by bus to Savannah (coffee/rest stop along the way) where we'll have an early Southern lunch at the most popular restaurant in town, The Lady and Sons. A guided tour of Savannah will follow...and a gift bag. Peek into the life of famous Southern cooking entrepreneur, Paula Deen, and view a few of the most meaningful sites in her life. Afterward, there will be an hour to browse through the shops in the City Market on your own before returning to Seabrook with a short rest stop en route--fast food available. Bring snacks for the trip home. (optional)  
**Min: 25 Max: 32 Cost: \$94 Gourmet lunch included**
- 33. Charleston's Charming Alleys** **Thu. Nov. 5 9a-1p** **Leader: Shirley**  
 View Charleston a bit differently, through her alleys. Join Claire Allen and explore these tucked-away delights. Includes Zig Zag, Price's, Stoll's and Bedons Alleys, among others. Lots of walking on uneven pavement.  
**Min: 12 Max: 20 Cost: \$16 No lunch plans**

- 34. Auldbrass Plantation** **Sat. Nov. 7 7:45a-3p** **Leader: Sherry**  
 This unusual home, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, has been meticulously restored. This plantation is only open to the public for 2 days a year every other year! A rare opportunity to see something special and unique. After the tour enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds. Bring blanket and bug spray. Some walking. **Tickets are non-refundable and will be purchased upon your acceptance to this trip. Tickets are issued in your name. Bring ID.** [www.openlandtrust.com](http://www.openlandtrust.com)  
**Min: 20 Max: 50 Cost: \$95 Picnic lunch included**
- 35. The Island Nobody Knows:James Island** **Mon. Nov. 9 8:30a-1:00p** **Leader: Tom**  
 Noted historian and author, Doug Bostick, will introduce us to the history of James Island. We will first drive to McLeod Plantation for a presentation on the last remaining James Island "plantation." Then we will board a bus to see Wappoo Hall (Charleston's first "development"), Kings Highway, Fort Pemberton, Fort Johnson, the two oldest homes on James Island, the Presbyterian Church and the grave of "Porgy". Then on to the Civil War Battlefield of Secessionville and Plum Island. Very little walking.  
**Min: 16 Max: 23 Cost: \$20 No lunch plans**
- 36. Charleston Harbor Pilots** **Tue. Nov. 10 9a-1p** **Leader: Bill**  
 This tour of the pilots association's new headquarters on Charleston's picturesque waterfront is again being offered. Bob Bennett, a senior Partner and Administrator will brief us on his group's 24/7 vigilance of the harbor and mandated navigational aid to commercial shipping in the channel. After a tour of the facility, one of two multi-million dollar state-of-the-art pilot boats will be available at the pier for those wanting a closer look but be prepared to climb aboard.  
[www.charlestonpilots.com](http://www.charlestonpilots.com)  
**Min: 10 Max: 20 Cost: \$6 No lunch plans**
- 37. Dewees Island** **Wed. Nov. 11 8a-4p** **Leader: Allan**  
 After a drive to the Isle of Palms Marina, we'll board the ferry to Dewees Island. Bring a picnic lunch to be enjoyed at the Hyler House Community Center. Once on Dewees, we will discover the salt marsh, freshwater ponds, maritime forests, sand dunes and beach habitats. We'll learn more about how Dewees is developing a fresh approach to building and living in harmony with nature. We will also visit the Nature Center and Wet Lab. [www.deweesislandpoa.org](http://www.deweesislandpoa.org)  
**Min: 11 Max: 23 Cost: \$8 No lunch plans**
- 38. Basket Making with the Longleaf Pine** **Thu. Nov. 12 8:30a-1:30p** **Leader: Bob**  
 Join Thomas, one of our favorite Caw Caw naturalists, and turn the needles from our native longleaf pine into a beautiful and useful work of art. As we coil and weave, we'll discuss ecology, historical uses, and the decline of longleaf pine forests. [www.ccprc.com](http://www.ccprc.com)  
**Min: 10 Max: 12 Cost: \$13 No lunch plans**
- 39. South Carolina Aquarium** **Mon. Nov. 16 9a-12noon** **Leader: Allan**  
 Catch a behind-the-scenes look at the Aquarium. We will visit the Sea Turtle Hospital where injured turtles are cared for by the aquarium's talented staff and volunteers while they rehabilitate and await their release back into the ocean. After the tour, you may visit the main aquarium on your own. [www.scaquarium.org](http://www.scaquarium.org)  
**Min: 16 Max: 30 Cost: \$32 No lunch plans**
- 40. Santee Coastal Reserve** **Wed. Nov. 18 9a-2p** **Leader: Tom**  
 Located between McClellanville and Georgetown, the Santee Coastal Reserve consists of two barrier islands, a cypress swamp, rice fields, and miles of walking, biking, and kayaking trails. The Reserve is home to abundant wildlife, including the red cockaded woodpecker, a denizen of the long leaf pine forest still standing in the Reserve. Naturalists will conduct a walking and riding tour explaining the ecology of this vast and important natural area. Considerable walking required.  
**Min: 14 Max: 24 Cost: \$5 Bring picnic lunch**
- 41. Fisher Recycling** **Thu. Nov. 19 9a-1p** **Leader: Lee**  
 Ever wonder where all those recyclable items end up? Here's your chance to find out with a visit to Charleston's first commercial recycling business. Now located in the old Navy Yard, the business was established 19 years ago by its current owner, Chris Fisher, who will describe how recyclables are reprocessed into household products. As a self proclaimed "ecopreneur" Chris will discuss his new plan to open Fisher franchises in 32 states. [Fisherrecycling.com](http://Fisherrecycling.com)  
**Min: 20 Max: 30 Cost: \$5 No lunch plans**

- 42. The Post & Courier** **Fri. Nov. 20 9a-12noon** **Leader:**  
 Wonder how the night's news gets to your doorstep by 6:00 AM? Find out with this tour of the South's oldest daily newspaper. From newsroom to pressroom with stops in Features, Advertising, Circulation and Sports you will see how this finely tuned operation works.  
**Min: 12** **Max: 24** **Cost: \$5** **No lunch plans**
- 43. "Winds of Fortune" Shrimp Boat Adventure** **Mon. Nov. 30 12 noon – 6p** **Leader: Lynne**  
 We will explore shrimping. Cruising through the harbor to the jetties, we will troll, watch the nets go down and learn about the catches of the day. As the sun sets, the Captain will boil us up "the freshest shrimp you will ever have." Let's go shrimpin'!  
**Min: 22** **Max: 22** **Cost: \$60** **No meal plans**
- 44. Crèche Festival at Mepkin Abbey** **Wed. Dec. 2 8:30a-2:30p** **Leader: Lynne**  
 Start your Christmas celebration and enjoy a special exhibit of nativity sets from around the world. Over 50 different crèche interpretations are presented for your viewing and photographing. In addition, take a 1/2 mile meditative walk through the path of the labyrinth. Don't miss browsing through the beautiful general store. Then on to the famous Gilligan's Dock restaurant for a delicious lunch. [www.mepkinabbey.org](http://www.mepkinabbey.org) [www.gilligans.net](http://www.gilligans.net)  
**Min: 10** **Max: 35** **Cost: \$20** **Lunch included**
- 45. Charleston Coffee Roasters** **Fri. Dec. 4 9a-1:30p** **Leader: Lisa**  
 Nothing like a hot cup of freshly roasted and brewed coffee on a chilly December morning...a coffee crafted from beans grown in many Regions and recognized as a "Charleston classic". Lowell Grosse, the owner and master roaster, offers this and a demonstration of hand roasting technique at his downtown Charleston facility. [Charlestonroasters.com](http://Charlestonroasters.com)  
**Min: 15** **Max: 30** **Cost: \$5** **No lunch plans**
- 46. Making Holiday Chocolates** **Sat. Dec. 5 9:30a-11:30a** **Leader: Bonnie**  
 Back by popular demand, this is an event you won't want to miss. Former McCrady's pastry chef and professional chocolatier Charlie Moore will explain the history of chocolate/chocolate-making as well as demonstrate the techniques involved. Hands-on participation in making truffles, pralines, haystacks, etc. Holiday gift boxes will be provided to take samples home. Takes place at the Lake House kitchen.  
**Min: 8** **Max: 14** **Cost: \$65** **No lunch plans**
- 47. Making Holiday Chocolates** **Sat. Dec. 5 1-3p** **Leader: Janet**  
 Back by popular demand, this is an event you won't want to miss. Former McCrady's pastry chef and professional chocolatier Charlie Moore will explain the history of chocolate/chocolate-making as well as demonstrate the techniques involved. Hands-on participation in making truffles, pralines, haystacks, etc. Holiday gift boxes will be provided to take samples home. Takes place at the Lake House kitchen.  
**Min: 8** **Max: 14** **Cost: \$65** **No lunch plans**
- 48. A Dickens Christmas with High Tea** **Wed. Dec. 9 4p-6p** **Leader: Sherry**  
 Master storyteller Tim Lowry returns with his imaginative rendition of Dickens' A Christmas Carol!  
 Come join us in the Deveaux Room of the Seabrook Island Club for a lovely afternoon. The Club will serve High Tea to go along with this fun presentation. Any SINHG member may participate. [www.storytellertimlowry.com](http://www.storytellertimlowry.com)  
**Min: 40** **Max: 50** **Cost: \$37** **Tea included**