



# River Talk

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**We're Back  
Under the Stars  
(or at least the setting sun)  
for our last Potluck of the  
2017-2018 Membership Year  
Saturday, May 12 • 6pm**

## **LOW COUNTRY BOIL!!**

**Members of the outgoing MSCA Board are donating the shrimp and other boil components. You bring salad, bread, or a dessert to add to the feast—and, if you like, your beverage of choice.**

**This will also be our business meeting for the year, during which we will vote on the proposed slate of officers and directors listed on page 4.**

**Come enjoy another evening of fellowship alfresco!**

*If it rains, we'll be  
in the Hall.*

## President's Letter

### ***“A rich history of community service.”***



One day last week, I visited the Hall to re-hang the MSCA Presidents' plaque. One of our past presidents had returned the plaque after having her term of service corrected on her name panel. I couldn't help but stop and reflect on all the people in our community who have willingly given of their time, talents and efforts through the years. There have been 58 presidents since 1950, several serving multiple terms. It is hard to figure just how many have served as directors, but more than 100. What a rich history of community service! Thank you.

During our potluck on May 12, we will look to the future by electing new officers and directors for the Association. These volunteers are stepping up and saying Yes, my community is important to me; I am willing to serve and do my part. I hope you will support your board's efforts to provide direction for the Association as we carry out our mission to preserve the character of our century old hall; maintain and enhance community spirit; and advance the social, civic, education and physical welfare of our members.

#### **History of The Hall and MSCA**

For those new to The Springs, you may not know the history of the Hall and the Association. The following is a brief paraphrased summary from the 2017 Magnolia Springs Cookbook—***River Breezes & Salty Air.***

In 1893, Otis Lyman conveyed Lot 21 of the Lyman Addition, now known as the Community Hall property, to the people of Magnolia Springs. The Hall was built in 1894 by F. N. Allen of heart pine brought by sailboat and unloaded at the head of the river. Twice, during hurricanes of 1906 and 1916, the Hall was blown from its foundation blocks.



Magnolia Springs Improvement Association was formed in 1927, and in 1953, the association incorporated as Magnolia Springs Community Association (MSCA). Kitchen and bathroom additions were completed shortly after WWII. In a decree dated January 3, 2001, the Circuit Court of Baldwin County, Alabama, deemed the property to be owned by the “people of Magnolia Springs” with the Magnolia Springs Community Association (MSCA) appointed as trustee. In 2008, MSCA was approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a nonprofit organization (501(c)(3)).

The Hall has been in continuous use by the residents of Magnolia Springs and the surrounding area for more than 124 years. From its first election to date, the MSCA Board of Directors has managed the property. In the early years, the Hall served as the first school house, a center for Red Cross activities, War Bond drives, Sunday School classes, as well as various social events. Years ago, the bell in the cupola was used as a fire alarm for the community. In more recent times, the Hall has served as an operational center for local emergencies, district zoning, and incorporation of the Town of Magnolia Springs (2006). It was also used as a training site in 2010 for Deepwater Horizon oil spill classes to prepare people to work with hazardous waste.

From 2010 to 2015, the Hall underwent an extensive rehabilitation project to preserve the exterior and interior of the Hall. Major work began on the foundation and ended with new windows, a new kitchen and bathrooms, and exposing the interior original heart pine walls. This work was made possible by the residents of Magnolia Springs, MSCA, MS Garden Club, Town of Magnolia Springs, Kelly Builders, LLC, Ed Stone-Custom Woodworking, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Today, the Hall is home to MSCA meetings and potlucks, the Magnolia Springs Garden Club, Boy Scout Troop #97, Town Hall meetings, and Stretch & Tone Exercise Class benefiting Stray Love. It is also used as a rental facility for wedding receptions, birthday parties, and family reunions.

See you soon at The Hall!

**—Judith Miller, President**

# Magnolia Springs COMMUNITY

## Yard



Friday, May 18 from 7am to 3pm  
and  
Saturday, May 19 from 7am to 3pm

 Please contact Liz Ramsey  
([lizramsey56@gmail.com](mailto:lizramsey56@gmail.com))   
if you would like to have a sale at your home so  
directional signs can be placed in  
appropriate spots.

### **OAK STREET**

Mary Lou & Tom Miller  
at Red Bird Cottage  
Helen and Ken Underwood  
Luanne and John Matson  
Alida and Bill Given  
Nancy and Jim Gaines  
Lisa and Jim May  
Bob and Lolly Turner  
Liz Ramsey  
Lauren Mote

### **BAY STREET**

Ginny & Ed Stone

### **GATES AVENUE**

Faye & Jack Pipa

### **PINE STREET**

Dotty and Ken Johnson

### **CAMELLIA STREET**

Betsy and Rodney Hubble

### **COUNTY ROAD 26**

Sandra and Cliff Doyle

### **VILLAGE GREEN**

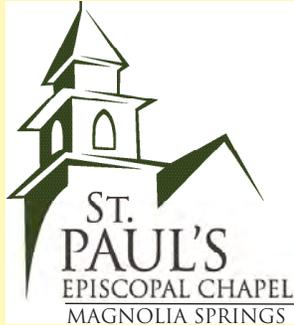
Darlene Tasso  
Teri Grussel

### **MAGNOLIA SPRINGS HIGHWAY**

Vicki Smith—Estate Sale

**More may be added—watch for the signs  
on sale weekend.**

# St. Paul's Summer Classic Film Series: Hollywood Tells Stories of the Spirit



Academy Award winner and Fairhope resident Tod Johnson will be our guide to five classic Hollywood movies telling stories of Jesus and of people whose lives he changed over the centuries. Come to St. Paul's at 8pm on the third Wednesday night of each month for a film, commentary, fellowship, and popcorn! Children are welcome. We'll be outside, weather permitting. Bring your lawn chairs!

**May 16 BEN HUR**

**June 20 THE SONG OF BERNADETTE**

**July 18 THE AGONY AND THE ECSTASY**

**August 15 KING OF KINGS**

**September 19 JOAN OF ARC**

## The Nominating Committee of the Magnolia Springs Community Association Board of Directors proposes the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2018-2019

for approval by vote at the May 12 Potluck and annual business meeting. The new board will begin its service in June, which is the beginning of the Association's fiscal and membership year.

President	Judith Miller
Vice President	Todd Puckett
Recording Secretary	Helen Soulé
Treasurer	Kim Koniar
Corresponding Secretary	Luanne Matson

Director 1	Maury McPhillips
Director 2	Andrew Monaghan
Director 3	Lyndy Kouns
Director 4	Ann Bowers
Director 5	Lolly Holk
Director 6	Jan Pruitt

## 2018 MSCA Scholarship Recipient Named

Taylor Tillman, a senior at Foley High, has been selected as this year's recipient of our annual scholarship. She is the granddaughter of Beckey Harrison.

Taylor is shown at right with Scholarship Committee chair Lolly Holk.



**From the Editor** River Talk is published monthly, October to May, and once (or maybe more) in the summer. Please send your news to [pruitt.jan@gmail.com](mailto:pruitt.jan@gmail.com). Deadline for each issue is the 15th of the previous month unless otherwise announced.

—Jan Pruitt, Editor

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# NCIS

NEW - CAT - INTAKE - SNAPSHOTS



**Leroy Jethro Gibbs**  
Quiet, Observant  
Smart & Cute



**Very Special Agent  
Anthony 'DiNozzo'**  
Lover



**Ducky**  
Everyone Loves  
Ducky!



**Abby' Sciuto**  
Inquisitive, Very  
Sweet & Full of  
Surprises



**Timothy McGee**  
A Very Good Guy  
Kind & Loving



**Ziva David**  
Exotic, Intelligent,  
Super Loyal &  
has a Big Heart

We have these sweet rescues and many, many more!  
Interested in adopting? Email us at [info@StrayLoveFoundation.org](mailto:info@StrayLoveFoundation.org).  
Can't adopt, volunteer, or help us get all of these babies spayed, neutered  
and vaccinated. You can donate on line or mail to the address below.



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# News from the Magnolia Springs Garden Club



April did not disappoint. We ended the month with blooming Magnolia trees and daylilies in full flower. I have one agapanthus that is about to pop. I divided the plants during the winter and don't expect to see more than a couple more blooms this season. The fuchsia impatiens and red-orange begonias are brightening up my side shade garden. I have high hopes that the three sticks of frangipani that I have stuck in the ground behind my deck will produce exotic blooms before summer ends.

Our pontoon boat tour on April 13 was fun and interesting. Our guide, Angela Underwood who works at the Weeks Bay Estuarine Reserve, provided us with a lot of information about the history and horticultural makeup of Weeks Bay and the land that surrounds it.



*Our hostesses this month were Pat Welty and Lyndy Kouns.*

Our plant order from Superior Trees in Florida fell through when we found out that the shipping costs would exceed the price of the plants. Luckily, we were able to find excellent replacements at Graham's Nursery in Wilmer. April 20 was our big planting day in the Arboretum. Jose Ortega's crew worked all day installing the 110 plants that we had on hand. We had acquired plants from the Weeks Bay Plant Sale, Davis Nursery, Arbor Day, and Graham's Nursery as noted above.

Please take a few minutes and walk through the Arboretum. It looks great. By this time next year, it will be more filled out and hopefully our native azaleas and mountain laurel and other shrubs will still be blooming. We are still looking for Japanese Holly Ferns, Autumn Ferns, Christmas Ferns, Woodland Ferns and/or similar ferns to plant in a few places. If you have any to donate, please let me know.

Master Gardener Loree Hadley was our speaker at the April 25 monthly meeting. Loree lectured on propagating amaryllis bulbs, a skill that she has mastered over a period of many years. She brought about ten examples of her work which she gave to lucky members at the end of her presentation.



*Master Gardener Loree Hadley, center, was our speaker at the April 25 monthly meeting.*

At the business meeting that followed Loree's talk, Elaine Slay of the Nominating Committee announced that officers for 2018-2019 have been nominated as follows: Luanne Matson, President; Mary Freeman, First Vice President; Becky Estes, Second Vice President; Judith Miller, Treasurer; Lyndy Kouns, Recording Secretary; and Elise Koberg, Corresponding Secretary. These nominations were accepted by the membership. Thank you and congratulations.

Our hostesses this month were Pat Welty and Lyndy Kouns. Lyndy designed a lighted centerpiece of purple petunias which highlighted the buffet table. Thank you, Pat and Lyndy.

We have one more trip planned for this season. On May 8 we will have a guided walking tour of the Weeks Bay Pitcher Plant Bog. The bog changes from week to week and never fails to disappoint with displays of its treasures. Please plan to arrive at the Bog by 9:30 a.m. for the tour. I will send out more specific directions later.

Regards,  
**Gerry Lester, President**

**Editor's Note: Have you walked through the Arboretum down to the Springs lately? Kudos and thanks to the Magnolia Springs Garden Club for all their work done to renew it!**



You know what a great venue for a gathering our historic Community Hall can be— please help pass the word!

The Hall is available for gatherings large and small: birthday parties, showers, wedding receptions, family reunions, etc.

Hall rental rates

Under 2 hours: \$125

2-5 hours: \$350

Greater than 5 hours: \$600

Use of tables & chairs included; cleaning fee additional.

Beginning with their second consecutive year of membership, MSCA members receive a 20% discount.

Interested renters can contact Judith Miller at [drjudithmiller@bellsouth.net](mailto:drjudithmiller@bellsouth.net).



**The Magnolia Springs Public Library recently celebrated our young volunteers with a trip for ice cream at Stacey's Drugs in Foley. Our volunteers are an essential part of the library and we appreciate all their help. We are looking forward to thanking our adult volunteers with a luncheon in a few weeks as well. Stay tuned for our summer reading program, soon to be unveiled!**

**—Elise Nodar, MSPL Director**

**2018-2019 Magnolia Springs Community Association Directory Information**

*Please fill in all information even if you are renewing so we are sure to have your most current information.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**2018-2019 Membership and Dues Information**

If Family Membership, please list any additional members of household for nametags:

Family (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

OR

Individual (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**EXTRA:** Mailed Paper Newsletters (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Tax-Deductible Donation \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL** \_\_\_\_\_

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