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## President's Letter: Always Improving ~Kit Adcock

My foremost goal this year as Association president is simple: do what we do better. The phrases "Less is more" and "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" play constantly like songs in the background of my consciousness. Examples of two areas that deserve constant attention, tweaking and updating if our

members are to get the most bang for their buck: communication and architectural review, and, perhaps not surprisingly, communication about architectural review and covenants.

The architectural review processes are fodder for much communication and often consternation. I assure you they are a work in progress. In July, the Association organized a firstof-its-kind meeting with builders

and contractors, BHA and Stage Two Association architectural review committees and Board members, the Village Building Inspector and our insightful new ARC Coordinator, Karen Mosteller. Two design guidelines were targeted: building site rules and contractor signs. The meeting was extremely productive and helpful to all parties attending. This group will now meet quarterly to continue to address issues that will enable all of us to work more effectively together.

Last month, the Association launched its new website. Initial feedback has been superb. We appreciate those who took the time to share their opinions and our newest staff member Jane Baldridge who makes it all seem easy (it's not!). We hope to hear from more members about how this tool can be built upon to improve our members' experience with and knowledge about the Association, including how one goes about accomplishing seemingly simple things on this remote island.



This month, I draw your attention to another more subtle change. The *Island Report* has a new look with a design similar to the new web site. The Association is working to bring design consistency or "branding" to all of its materials, including publications, both print and online. It is surprising how many materials

> the Association generates to assist our membership, with many more in the works. Now each will be part of a coherent whole with a consistent look that identifies it as a Bald Head Association document.

> Of course, the first element to be considered in any communication is the audience and our goal in sending communications is to have them read. Are you more likely to read the *Island Report* if it comes to you in a paper version via snail mail or

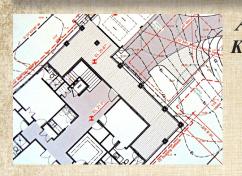
do you prefer to read it online? The Communication, Education and Recreation Committee has been tasked time and again over the years with determining if the Association should move to all-electronic communications, to save paper and mailing costs. In each monthly issue of the *Island Report* we encourage members to sign up to receive both the *Island Report* and the weekly email blasts online. Many, if not most, of our members still prefer the *Island Report* in print, so we will continue to offer both. We will also continue to consider this issue.

In ways both big and small, it is my hope that the Association's practices will get better and better in order to serve our members usefully and efficiently.

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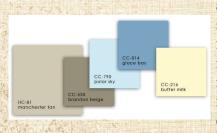


ARC Corner Karen Mosteller, Architectural Review Coordinator

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Here in the middle of summer on Bald Head, it seems a little early to start thinking about fall but some homeowners may have already decided that this fall will be a good time to get the outside of their home painted.

According to the BHA Architectural Review Design Guidelines, no approval is necessary to repaint the exterior of a home with the originally approved color scheme. Any changes to existing exterior paint colors must be submitted to the ARC for a paint color review. The Paint/Color application can be found in the forms section of the guidelines. A complete



application submittal should include the name of the colors, numbers, paint manufacturer and manufacturer-provided color samples.

The ARC office has a book of ten pre-selected color schemes that may help provide guidance for color choices and homeowners are welcomed to submit their own color choices for review. Once painting has begun on a property, it's required to be completed within three months.

Keep in mind, there's no charge for a paint review and it's always best to start the review process early, that way you will be ready when your painters are.

Please remember to use us as a resource to answer questions about the ARC review process and the Design Guidelines.

We can be reached at 910-4676 ext 22 or karen@baldheadassociation.com

#### Tropical Storm/Hurricane Arthur ~ Diane Mesaris, BHA Administrative Assistant

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As in a Broadway production, what goes on behind the scenes is rarely viewed by those who come to enjoy the performance.

I had this unique prospective as a resident on Friday, July 4th, after Hurricane Arthur made a hasty departure. Early Friday morning it was evident that it would soon be business as usual. Roads were cleared, tram and ferry service resumed, shelves were stocked, meals prepared, merchandise readied, service calls made, medical needs tended to, carts repaired, golf course made ready for play and schedules altered to allow the show to go on! The "big red truck" was steered along the narrow Wynds by an island resident/councilman with an eye on safety for viewers and participants as those who decorated golf carts provided a spectacular annual 4th of July golf cart parade.

Thank you to each individual who worked so hard behind the scenes. We deeply appreciate the effort you put forth each day but on this day you went above and beyond. It did not go unnoticed.

#### BaldHeadAssociation.com is now LIVE! ~Jane L. Baldridge, ARC/Communications Associate

If you haven't checked out our new website - go to www.baldheadassociation.com. It has lots of information you may not know about - everything from the library service to the barge pricing.

Also please go to the Bald Head Association facebook page and share our posts and like us so more people see what is happening on Bald Head Island!

Last but not least we hope you like the new look of the *Island Report*. Our goal is to add to this publication to make it more about you and your neighbors.

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## Do Not Feed or Disturb the Alligators NO FISHING NO SWIMMING

Signs are being erected in strategic areas of the golf course and BHA common area informing of the new 'no fishing' policy.

#### No Fishing in BHI Ponds

The Bald Head Association's (BHA) Board of Directors recently voted to prohibit fishing in all ponds owned by the Association. The prohibition applies both to ponds solely owned by BHA and those jointly owned by Bald Head Island Club. The Board's decision came on the heels of a similar decision by the Club's Board of Governors.

The Association's Board made the decision after consideration of the potential for a negative human/ alligator interaction, given the increasing size of the Island's alligator population. Another factor the Club's board considered was what it called 'irresponsible disposal of fishing-related items that pose a safety risk to golfers, residents, staff, pets and wildlife.' Consequently, no fishing is allowed from either the Club banks or BHA common area banks of the Island's ponds.

BHA and the Club ask property owners and visitors to observe the 'No Fishing' policy in ponds throughout the course and our community.



Nominations Sought

It's that time of year again, when we begin planning for next year. Do you know of any good candidates, including yourself, who would serve the Bald Head Association well?

#### **BHA Board**

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There will be two vacancies on the BHA Board for a 3-year term beginning January 2015. Joe Hawkins is the 2014 Nominating Committee Chair. Please send your nominations to: hawkran1@yahoo.com

The deadline for nominations is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Your ideas, input and recommendations are always welcome!

#### **BHA** Committees

There are also opportunities to contribute to the Association's future. There are five committees, each having members rotate off each year. Please consider sharing your expertise on one (or more!) of the Association's committees.

#### Architectural Review

Communication, Education and Recreation Finance Long Range Planning Natural Resources and Beautification

For more information about each committee, please visit our newly redesigned website at baldheadassocation.com

#### Volunteer Architect Needed

If you are an architect and own property in Stage One, please consider serving on the Architectural Review Committee. This team meets on the first Friday of every month and participation can occur long distance via Go To Meeting. Term is three years.





BHI Artisans Show & Sale Saturday, August 30th; 10am-5pm BHA's Association Center

Please stop by the Association Center on Saturday, August 30th from 10am-5pm to see the creative talents of the BHI Artisans.

Numerous unique handcrafted items created by island artisans will be for sale including:

- Shell inspired scarves, beach bags, baby blankets and bow ties
- Handcrafted earrings, bracelets, necklaces and anklets by three vendors
- Variety of fabric art such as aprons, purses, embroidered items, tote bags, stuffed animals and dolls, children's clothing and gifts and home décor
- Handmade dog leashes and accessories and original beach bracelets
- Large variety of doll clothes for 18" American Girl type dolls including dresses, coats, play clothes and accessories plus cheerleader outfits for many Southeastern colleges

For more information, please contact Sally Klippel at <u>sallyklippel@bellsouth.net</u> for more information.



#### Don't Forget...

The weekly Library Run transports books checked out through the Brunswick County Library System to and from the Island each week on Wednesdays.

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Contact BHA at 910-457-4676 x21 or diane@baldheadassociation.com with questions. Here's to the next good book!

#### **ARC** and Island Contractors

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With the recent increase in new construction, issues relating to the management of construction sites have drawn some attention.

At a BHA ARC meeting this winter the possibility of scheduling regular brief meetings with architects, builders and contractors was discussed. A range of topics, timing and frequency of meetings and prospective participants were all considered. The first of these gatherings, coordinated by Karen Mosteller, ARC coordinator for BHA and agent for Stage II Association - with the assistance of Jane Baldridge was held on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Generator Society Hall.

The agenda for this session covered two topics: construction site management guidelines and construction signage. Attendees included architects, builders, contractors, the Village Building inspector, members of both property owners associations' architectural review committees and representatives from both associations' boards.

Both the Village and the Associations have rules regarding construction activities. Having the opportunity to hear from those building or renovating homes made it obvious that adjustments to the Covenants and Design Guidelines may be in order to accommodate the reality of today's building environment.

Working together with those who perform the challenging task of building on Bald Head Island resulted in some wonderful ideas. Some of the ideas will be vetted and input solicited when the group begins meeting on a quarterly basis.

The Association appreciates the participation of all those who attended. Great progress was made on two important issues. We look forward to future collaborations and results.  $\sim$ 



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#### Know Your Association... Governing Documents

While it may seem to some that home owners associations (HOAs) in general wield a great deal of power over property owners' lives, it is important to understand that HOAs have a legal obligation to be governed according to certain terms and conditions that are outlined in the organization's governing documents. Ideally, these documents work in tandem to promote the common good and protect members' investments.

Below is the hierarchy of HOAs' governing documents, including those of BHA. All can be found on the Association's web site at www. baldheadassociation.com.

- Articles of Incorporation
- Bylaws
- Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR)
- Design Guidelines

#### Articles of Incorporation

The Articles of Incorporation establish the existence of the organization. BHA's articles were filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State on April 27, 1982. The Articles provide a general skeleton of the organization, including its name, location, purpose, membership, voting classes and powers.

#### **Bylaws**

Bylaws are important because they describe exactly how the organization will work. BHA's bylaws describe topics such as the size, structure and responsibilities of the board of directors and volunteer committees. They also lay out a process for calling meetings of both the board and the membership, as well as the nomination/election of board members. They even layout the process for levying assessments (dues) and overseeing accounting practices. Changes require approval of the membership.

Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Most frequently referred to as simply "the Covenants," this document is the most comprehensive and most important document that governs the Association. It describes the general structure of the Association including the responsibilities of the organization and its property owners. It also contains the restrictions on the use of each owner's property, as well as the common area.

Property owners and BHA must abide by the rules, restrictions, terms and conditions found in the Covenants. It is important that property owners review the document to understand their responsibilities because acceptance of these responsibilities accompanies the purchase of property within BHA's service area. As with the bylaws, changes to the Covenants require membership approval.

#### Design Guidelines

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The Design Guidelines set basic requirements that support the aims of the Covenants. The Guidelines promote a harmonious community aesthetic and a conservation consciousness, and, more practically, a uniform review process for obtaining approval of the Architectural Review Committee. This document provides clear expectations for home size, color and other architectural aspects. It also provides a detailed description of the design requirements for members entering the building process. Changes to the Design Guidelines are recommended by the Architectural Review Committee and approved by the Board – with member input – typically annually but also on an as needed basis.

Members are encouraged to review these documents to gain a deeper understanding of how the Association works. Contact Carrie Moffett at <u>carrie@</u> <u>baldheadassociation.com</u> with questions about any of the documents or other issues of interest.



#### Help Us Go Green!

Sign up to receive the monthly Island Report electronically. Send an email to carrie@baldheadassociation.com and

ask to be removed from the 'snail mail' list. Thanks for your support of our effort to save a few trees!

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#### The Night the Light Went Out

The 2014 Old Baldy quilt is truly unique—even for the Old Baldy quilters who try a different approach each year to raise funds for Old Baldy.

The quilt this year is a wall hanging that tells the story of a frog family that lives on the island. Little sister frog notices the light in Old Baldy is out, hence the title of the quilt: The Night the Light Went Out. The family of four frogs is joined by dragonflies who fly over the marsh water lilies and fireflies who are called into service to relight the light. The quilt, with the help of LED lights and conductive thread, lights up.

The quilt illustrates not only a story but also the talents of quilters on the island. They have dyed fabric paper pieced, appliqued, wired and quilted to tell a story. Even if it did not light up, the quilt would make a wonderful addition in a home, office or children's area. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Buy 10 and get a free ticket. Tickets will be available online at oldbaldy.org or at the lighthouse.

The quilt can be seen in various locations after Pirate weekend.

#### Nice to know your neighbors...

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The Bald Head Island Club's Croquet Club's 27th Annual Invitational was held May 27th through June 1st. Thirty players, 24 from around the U.S., competed and many of BHI's own brought home top honors.

Bill Daigle won both Championship Flight Singles and Doubles. Bill was also presented with the Billie Jean and Bill Berne permanent Trophy.

Runner-up in the Championship Flight was Bob Roth. First Flight Singles winner was Skip Babcock. Lee Anderson was runner-up in First Flight. Second Flight Singles winner was Bill Rinaman and runner-up was Tom Schick.

Championship Flight Doubles winners were Bill Daigle and Conrad Haas. Championship Flight Doubles runners-up were Bob Roth and Bill Hartmann. First Flight Doubles was won by Thelma Lyle and Marie Haas followed by runners-up Skip Babcock and Judy Porter. Second Flight Doubles was won by Gary Anderson and John May with runnersup Bill Rinaman and Hal Denton.

Bald Head Island Croquet Club will host the North Carolina Singles Championship September 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

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#### The Pirates are coming! AUGUST 1, 2 & 3, 2014

Buy all tickets online at: www. oldbaldy.org or by phone at: 910.457.7481 All proceeds benefit Old Baldy Foundation and historic preservation!

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 1**

#### 4:30 pm Scalawag School

At the Harbourside Pavilion. Learn to walk, talk and act like a pirate. Reservations required. \$20 each/ages 4-10 4:30 pm Pirate Block Party!

NO ADMISSION CHARGE! Beer & Wine Truck opens at 4:30pm at the Harbourside Pavilion. Party with the Pirates! Enjoy a night of magic, music with authentic pirate band Rusty Cutlass and hang with the pirates. Don't have any pirate garb? - Stop by the Boutique! Hungry? Enjoy some

of Carolina's best BBQ and wash it down with what's cold at the bar. Food served 5:30-8 pm. **BBQ TICKETS \$25** 4:30 pm Pirate Booty (Silent) Auction Starts! At the Harbourside Pavilion. Bid on a select set of different objects and one of a kind fun packages, including a private catered cocktail party inside Old Baldy! 5:30 pm Sinbad & the Meka II invade Bald Head Island! Head to the Marina!

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#### 4-6 pm Island Wide 24 **Hour Treasure Pursuit Begins!**

This Treasure Pursuit is more than just a hunt! It is a family challenge full of fun for all ages. Use your head to build up points to win the grand prize and, of course,

#### bragging rights. Pick up registration packages at 4-6 pm at the Harbourside Pavilion. Reservations required. \$25 per team of four,

#### 6:30 pm Scalawag School!

At the Harbourside Pavilion. Learn to walk, talk and act like a pirate. Reservations required. \$20 each/Ages 4-10

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 2** 10:30 am Pirates and Pancakes!

Bald Head Island Club. Pirates love a hearty brunch buffet, too! Join them as they launch Pirate Weekend with music, songs and declarations of loyalty to Bald Head Island. Reservations required. THIS EVENT ALWAYS SELLS OUT! GET TICKETS EARLY! \$25 adults, \$15 children Bricks For Kidz Pirate Lego class!

9:30 am Age 3-5 /10:30 am K-3 /1:30 pm K-3 /2:30 pm Advanced Join Bricks 4 Kidz at Old Baldy Lighthouse's Pirate Weekend and build a Pirate's Ship from Lego® Bricks and Technic® Elements to explore the seven seas! You may also build a working catapult to defend your crew. Everyone will get to construct a pirate Lego® Mini-Figure to take home. \$20 RESERVATION REQUIRED 2 pm Pirate Duck Race!

#### Buy a duck and enter the race. Your duck floats from the creek access to the pavilion. Prizes go to the first 5 ducks to cross the finish line! First Prize is \$500! Ducks are \$10 each or 11 ducks for \$100.

7:30 & 8:30 pm Pirate Ghost Walk with Riverside Adventure. Bald Head Association. Meet some of Bald Head's famous ghosts as you start on this trail and weave your way along the guided path. \$25 adults, \$15 children. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3** 8:30 am Pirates Are Coming...RUN! 5K & 10K Shoal's Club. Race starts 9am. Registration required.



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Details at oldbaldy.org.

#### 11:30 am -2:30 pm Shoal's Club Shindig

Shoals Club terraces. It's the end of Pirate Weekend so let's end it with a bang! Join the Pirates for this familyfriendly cook out. Enjoy live music with Rusty Cutlass and the Motley Tones, magic show, games, crafts, popcorn, sno-cones and more! Everyone welcome, membership not required. \$25 adults, \$15 children

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### Deer Project Calling for Volunteers – and Donations

The BHI Friends of Deer group is looking for volunteers to help with fundraising activities during the coming months. If you have time to contribute, contact Diane Robinson at <u>dederob@bellsouth.net</u>.

The group is also working diligently over the coming weeks to raise money to begin the next phase of the white-tailed deer immuno-contraception project – North Carolina's first attempt to control the population through a non-lethal method. Those interested in supporting the effort should mail a donation to the BHI Conservancy, PO Box 3109, Bald Head Island, NC 28461. (Write 'Deer Fund' in the memo section.) All contributions received for this landmark effort are maintained in a separate designated fund and not co-mingled with the Conservancy's operating monies.





Location across the U.S. where patterns can be found.

#### 2015 Row by Row Quilt

Even if you do not quilt, you can help make the 2015 Old Baldy quilt. Go to <u>www.rowbyrowexperience.</u> <u>com</u>. Click on "Start Here". There will be a list of 35 states that are participating. Click on your state or a state you plan to visit. Find the nearest quilt shop that is participating. Go to that quilt shop and ask for their Row by Row Experience pattern. Each quilt shop has a different pattern depicting Sew for a Season. There is no cost for this pattern. The pattern must be picked up **in person** and by **September 2.** 

Mail the pattern or deliver it to Old Baldy Lighthouse, OB Quilters, P.O. Box 3007, Bald Head Island, North Carolina 28461.

What season is your favorite season on Bald Head Island? Winter? Summer? Fall? Spring?

To vote for your favorite season, purchase a yard of material from The Timeless Treasure Sew for Season Collection by Debra Gabel. Send your donated fabric along with the pattern to the above address. Old Baldy Quilters will make the blocks and your votes will decide which season is your favorite season on Bald Head.

In the meantime you won't want to miss the chance to win the 2014 Old Baldy Quilt, The Night the Light Went Out. It will be premiered on August 1, Pirate Weekend. Raffle tickets are \$10. The drawing will be held Thanksgiving weekend. See page 6 for story. August Island Report

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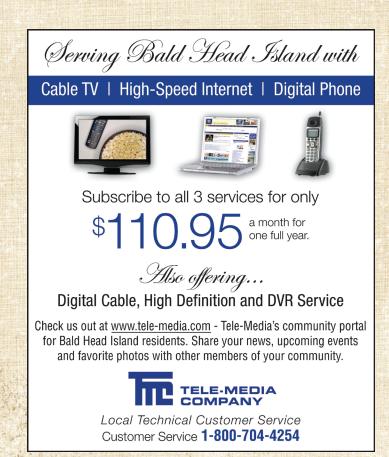


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8:30 & 10 am Rev. Andi Woodhouse Methodist				<ul> <li>Alcoholics Anonymous—Mon &amp; Fri, 12 - 1pm, Association Ctr. Contact John B. at 454- 9251 or sober.1.day.at.a.time@gmail.com</li> <li>Knitting—A group of knitting enthusiasts meets every Wed at the Association Ctr., 9:30 -</li> </ul>		

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