

A community of friends enjoying enriched, vibrant and independent lives together

Meet Peggy Watt, co-chair of The IAH Program Committee

George and I moved from Annapolis MD to CHS on August 2008 when he took a position as the EVP of Institutional Advancement at the College of Charleston. We lived on campus for the first 4 months (interesting!) while we house hunted.



Late October our agent brought us to I'On. Halloween in the Hood was being celebrated and we fell in love. We moved into our first house in December and in 2014 we downsized to our current home several doors up the street on lonsborough.

I built new friendships through my volunteer work as an I'On Ambassador and an organizer for First Friday Cocktails for 3.5 years and I'On Giving Lights for 2 years.

I spent 3 years volunteering at the SC Aquarium on the Holland Life Long Learning committee planning 8 seminars a year for adults on issues of conservation and environmental issues.

We joined IAH in 2017 to take advantage of the social activities and services. I volunteered to join the Programs Committee when Joe Fanelli stepped up as well. We both know how important a varied and interesting array of programs and activities are to IAH members. The pandemic presented challenges but we adapted quickly to provide a rich variety of virtual and safely spaced live events.

Over the years we've enjoyed wonderful IAH get togethers with neighbors and friends. We've used the volunteer services for repairs and transportation. We very much enjoy and benefit from I'On At Home's "aging in place" concept.

Here's what's happening in September:

September 21st 8:00AM - 9:30AM IAH Hiking Group - Laurel Hill County Park Trail

We are going back to Laurel HIII as the trail is very shady and sometimes has a breeze. It may still be hot in mid September.

Please remember to sign up on the website so we don't head out without you.

Take Highway 17 North to the Park West Subdivision. Proceed on Park West Blvd, pass Thomas Carjo Blvd, pass the signs for the school and look for the second left hand turn into the parking lot. There is a small Charleston County Park sign there.



We will meet in the parking lot by the softball/baseball fields.

Libby Eble is our scout leader!

September 21th 3:00PM - 4:30PM IAH Board Meeting

September 23 & 30 8:00AM - 9:00AM IAH Biking Group

Hop on your bike and join our IAH biking group. Meet us at the I'On Club parking lot every Thursday morning for an hour ride. All levels are welcome.

Please be sure to bring a helmet and water. We will be passing in and out of I'On so participants can stop when they want.

Masks are not required for this event. However, if you are not vaccinated, please practice social distancing at all times.

The group will depart promptly at 8AM.



Len Hanson keeps our Bike Group rolling!

September 24th at 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Cocktails and Conversations is a great way for members, especially if you are new to IAH, to meet others in the IAH community.



Groups of six or eight people meet for cocktails outdoors on a member's porch or patio. Everyone brings their own drinks and snacks. Seating is arranged to allow for social distancing. It's an enjoyable way to meet new people and enjoy lively conversation. Please go to the IAH Website and register by Thursday 5pm, the evening before the event to allow for logistical organization.

All registered participants will be contacted, by the morning of event, regarding location.

This event will be held outdoors at private homes. Whether or not you are fully vaccinated, please wear a mask until you are seated and maintain social distancing at all times.

Kathie Haas is the Get Together Guru for this event!

Consider becoming a host for future get togethers!

Go to the comment box for this event on the IAH website and let us know that you're interested and if you can accommodate six or eight people with appropriate social distancing.

September 29th 10:30AM - 2:00PM Tour of the American College of the Building Arts



Named a "Hero of the New South" by Southern Living magazine, The American College of the Building Arts founded in 2005, educates and trains artisans in the traditional building arts to foster exceptional craftsmanship and encourage the preservation, enrichment, and understanding of the world's architectural heritage through a liberal arts education. Master skill development is focused on Blacksmithing, Carpentry, Plaster, Timber Framing, Wood and Stone Carving.

The school has grown and is now located in a beautifully restored 1897 brick warehouse that once housed Charleston's first electric trolleys. The quality of the school's teaching is demonstrated in ACBA's growing body of work.

Along with restoration projects in Charleston, students and graduates have repaired the U.S. Capitol dome's ironwork, restored stonework in England's thirteenth-century Lincoln Cathedral, and rebuilt a garden folly at Germany's Hundisburg Castle. Not only that, but their projects have expanded quickly beyond preservation.







Thanks to a flourishing appreciation for craft across the nation, more and more commissions are coming to ACBA, like the elaborate stone gate carved for the University of Arkansas or the new timber-frame welcome center at Charleston's Drayton Hall estate.

Come join us in a tour of this wonderful historic facility and meet the master craftspeople of tomorrow.

Tour will be followed by an optional lunch at Edmund's Oast Restaurant & Brewpub

This event has been carefully crafted by Peggy Watt.

CLICK HERE to go to the IAH Website <u>and</u> signup for these and other events and programs.

We're always searching for new subjects and activities that interest you. Please email your ideas to Joe and Peggy, your IAH Programs co-chairs.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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