



theater occupied the current post office tract on Frederica Road. Bill had only four digits to remember in his home phone number. His address was Route 4, Box 177.

Another person I think of when I think of a true “SSI Local” is Bo Anderson, owner of The Stitchery, a very popular needlepoint and yarn shop on St. Simons Island. Bo also plays the harp in the Georgian Room at The Cloister. I met her about 10 years ago, when my children started having their families. Anderson has been instrumental in my completion of five large Christmas stockings (one for each of my grandchildren), two Christening blankets and numerous other hand made treasures.

Often in the past few years, we have lamented the loss of our small quaint island.

“St. Simons was a warm and nurturing place. Mothers stayed at home to raise their children. We had one car and

no air conditioning. We felt safe from any danger and had not a care in the world,” Bo recalls.

Being young in a small town had many such advantages.

“I truly miss our old library,” she says. “It had that wonderful musty smell of old books and had one of the best summer reading programs.

Frazier Ledbetter was the librarian who created fun themes for the summer program.”

Anderson also fondly recalls her time as a student at St. Simons Elementary.

“We were so close to the ocean.

In fact, from some rooms, you could see it.

When the fog settled in, we really could hear the bell buoys. Of course, there was no air conditioning.”

It was during her harp years (starting at age 12), that Bo met another true “SSI Local,” Willou Copeland Smith.

