

# Lydia Thompson

*Birder, Artist*

Best place to bird watch



“The Colonial Coast Birding Trail, a birding trail along our coast. Jekyll is a wonderful place to go birding. Several spots on Jekyll Island were developed so birdwatchers can get their footing and start birding. There’s a bird sanctuary, the amphitheater area with the pond. You’ll see wood storks, herons and night egrets.

“Go to the beach. There’s the Andrews Island Causeway (off Hwy. 341 just west of downtown Brunswick) that’s actually pretty neat. There can be some wonderful birds there. Overlook Park is a good place. I was just driving back from Jekyll and went Lanier Boulevard rather than Highway 17. There’s a pond there that can have some pretty neat birds.

“It’s finding those nooks and crannies. You can do it in your backyard but you can also become the explorer.”



# Laura & Brian Justice

*Caterers, Tasteful Temptations*

Most popular coastal food

“Visitors to the Golden Isles love to eat fresh seafood – local caught Wild Georgia Shrimp, Sapelo Clams, oyster roasts, crab cakes and sushi seem to be some of the favorites.

“The meal which we have requests for the most from our out-of-town guests is the Low Country Boil. We prepare this dish a little bit differently than most, and pair it with Pulled Pork barbeque frequently.”



# Mary Anderson

*Owner, Anderson Fine Art Gallery*

The landscape that artists most love to paint

“I do not think there is an artist who has not been seduced by the beauty of the marshes and one of their favorite places to paint is Bloody Marsh. This site was named after the 1742 Battle of Bloody Marsh where General Oglethorpe’s soldiers defeated the invading Spanish forces. In the celebration of victory the English said the marsh ran red with Spanish blood although we know the numbers were minimal. The significance of the battle is that it proved to be so demoralizing to the Spanish that they never attempted to invade Georgia again.”