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DeBordieu

One of the earliest beach communities on the Carolina Coast, DeBordieu was established in the mid-1700's as a beach colony for the affluent Waccamaw Neck rice planters, who reached their homes via the old carriage lane to the right. Much of DeBordieu was included in Clifton Plantation, once a showplace of the Waccamaw Neck rice empire, and the site of a visit by President George Washington in 1791. William ("King Billy") Alston, the owner of Clifton Plantation, was the father of S.C. Governor Joseph Alston, who often visited DeBordieu with his wife, the famous Theodosia Burr Alston. Numerous historical events occurred at DeBordieu and its surrounding area.

Introduction

The occasion was Matt and Kristin's wedding. But why was it held at the beach in Debidieu 450 miles from their home in Washington?

It seems that Bev's aunt and uncle moved there after the Second World War to run the new medical clinic. Since the Armstrong's, Burke's, and Gunther's all love the beach, it became the home of family vacations. These started when Bev was still a girl and has continued so that now the fourth generation is in attendance.

Why was this guy from Alabama included? I am still struggling with how to describe my relationship to Bev and Steve. Saying that they are my son's wife's mother and father doesn't flow easily from this Southerner's tongue. Or, we're all grandparents ...pause... with the same grandchildren; this usually evokes blank stares while the listener tries to figure out what I'm talking about. In any case, I am fortunate to have been added to the vast list of aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, in-laws, and close friends who make up this boisterous, happy clan.

As you will no doubt observe in this album, unlike professional photographers, I mess up pictures. There was a great one of Liz just waking up from a brief night's sleep in the hammock, but somehow the file was corrupted. And there were clean images of Cousin Rick's new granddaughter, but they were all a-blur. The beauty of digital cameras is that it doesn't cost anything to shoot away, so shoot away I do, annoying most everyone around me. Occasionally though, I do get something that is in focus and properly framed; and I've tried to limit the photos that follow to those.

Also unlike professionals, I am a "target of opportunity" picture taker which means I don't get pictures of everyone who should be included. For example, I missed Aunt Ellie, the person most responsible for our being at DeBidieu. There were none of Nephew Eric who practices law locally and through his connections and legal expertise got Camp Director Vinnie from New England accredited in South Carolina so that Matt and Kristin would be legally married. No doubt, this failure to maintain a checklist of essential people is why the powers that be wisely employed professionals to record the important events like the wedding and reception while I correctly left my camera at the house.



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Beach Life



















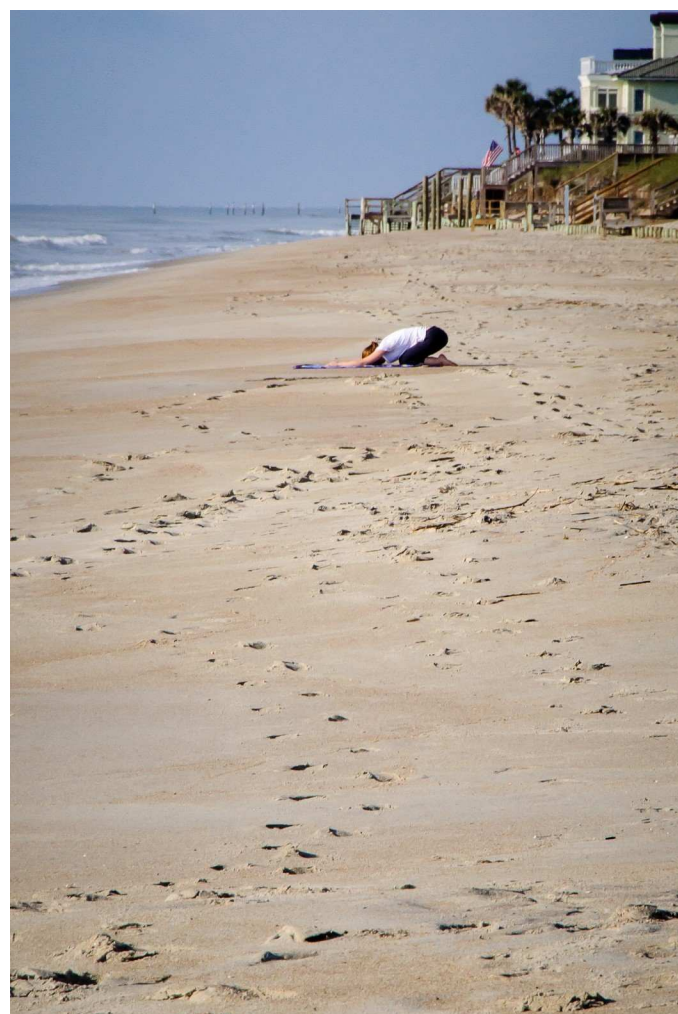
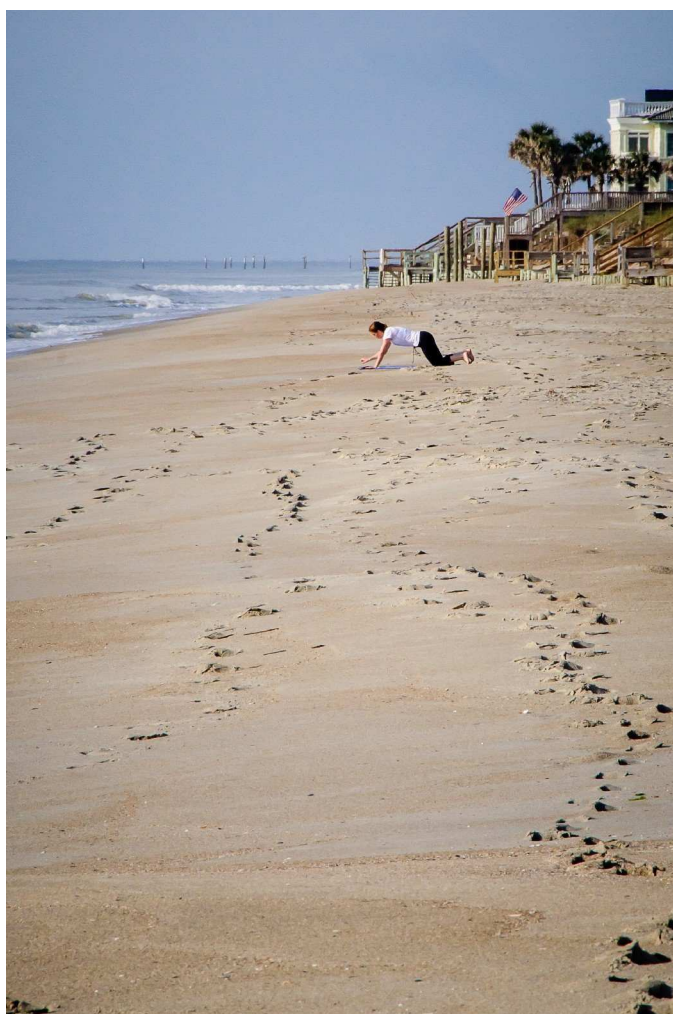
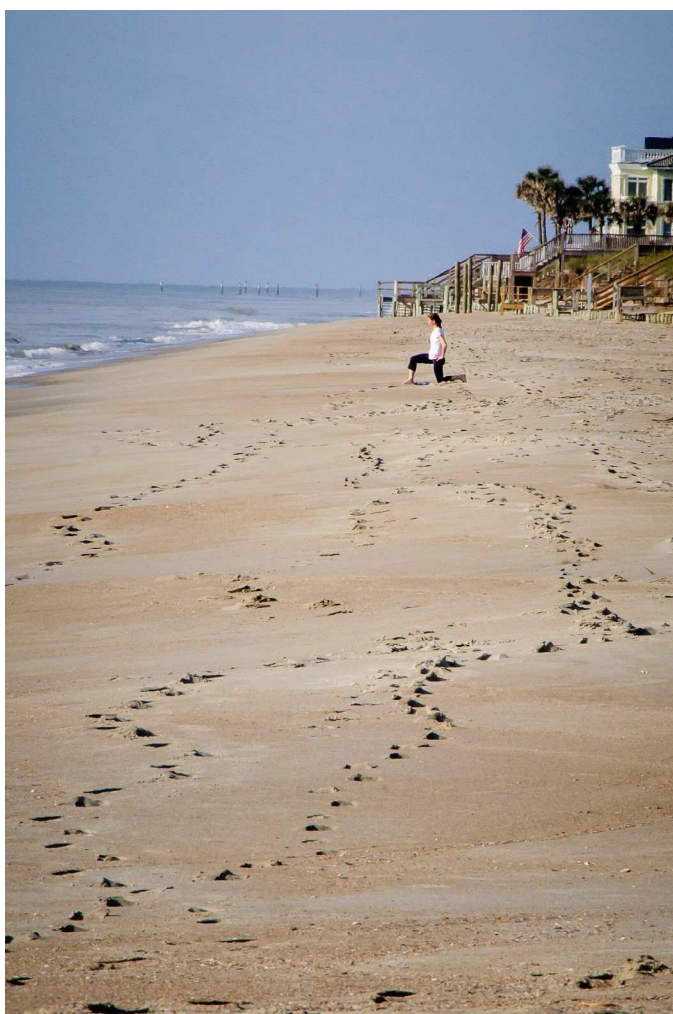




















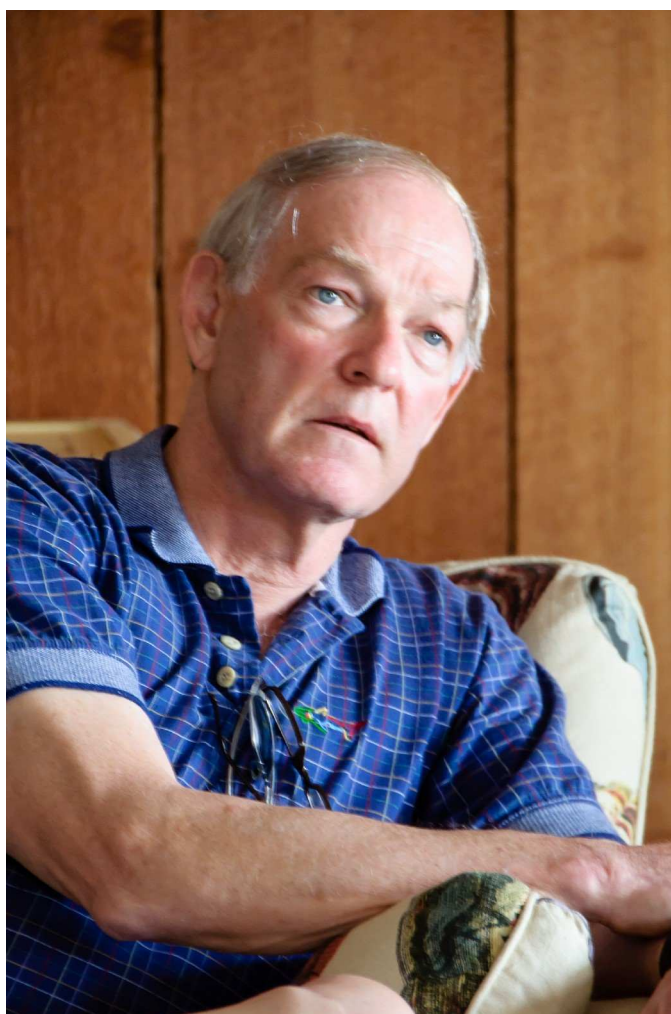


















Gone Fishing



















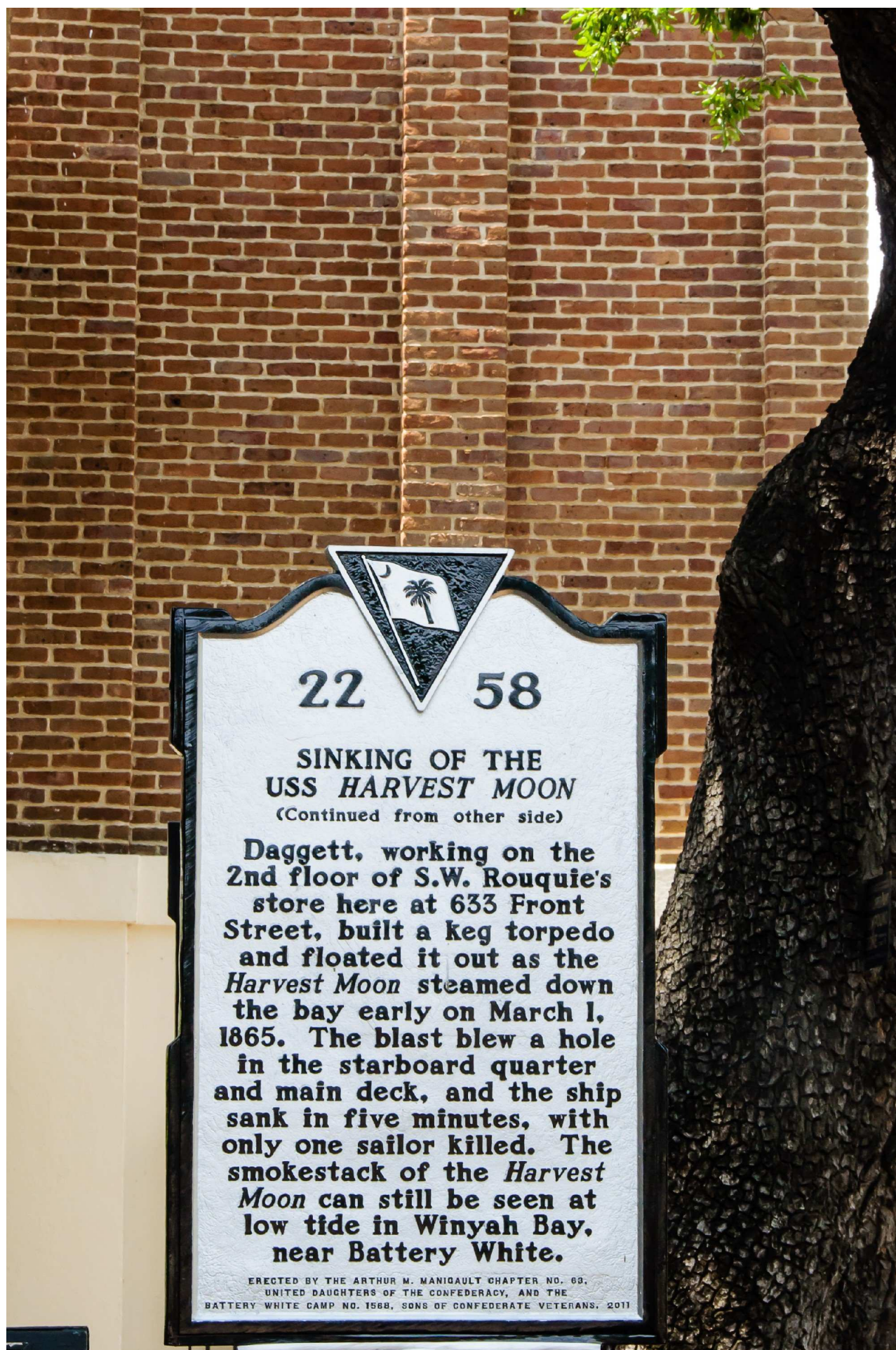


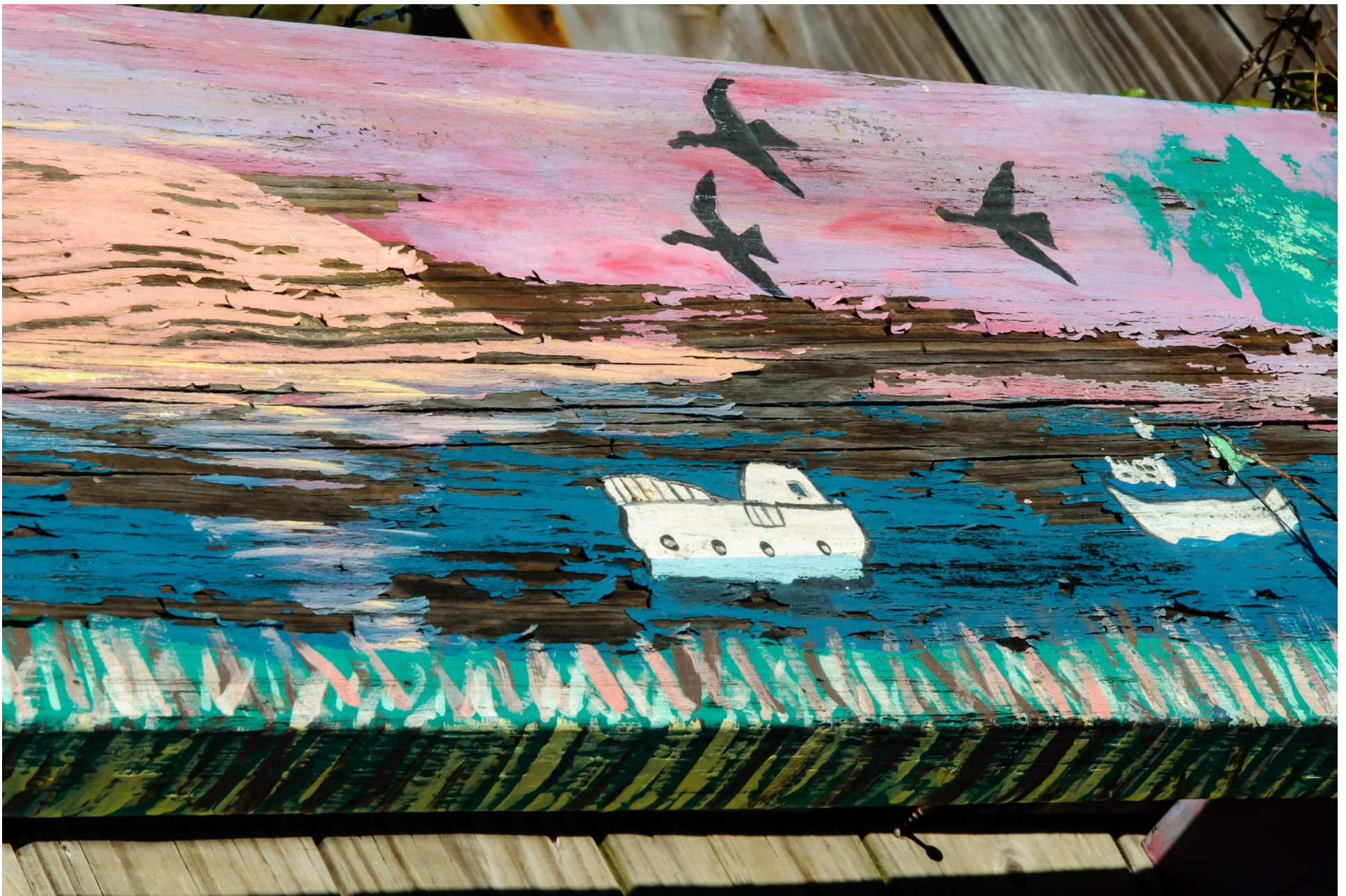


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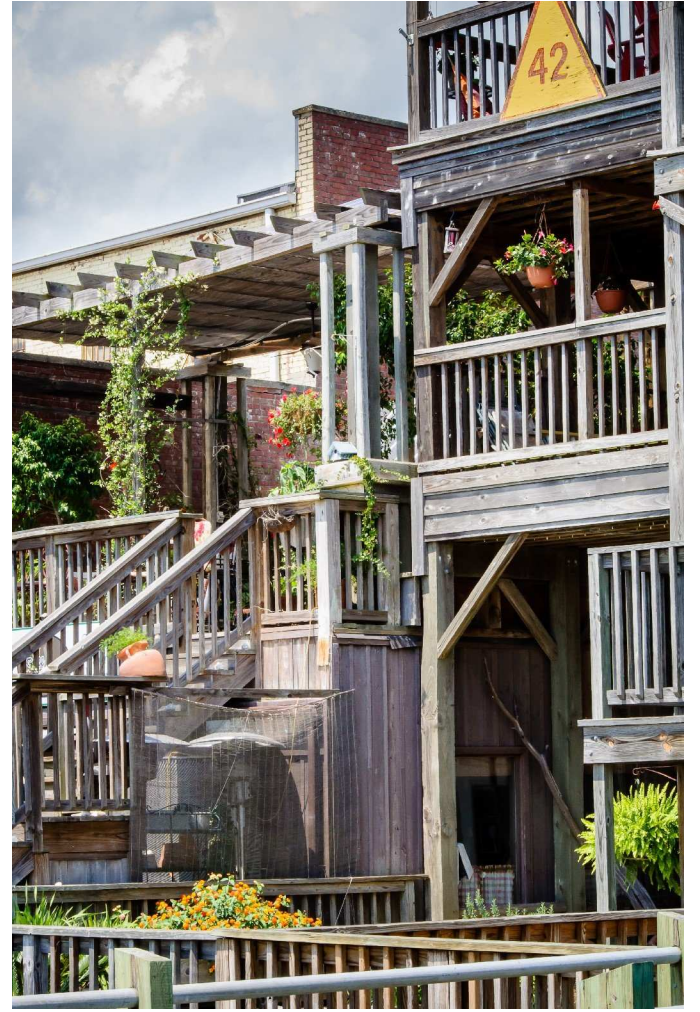
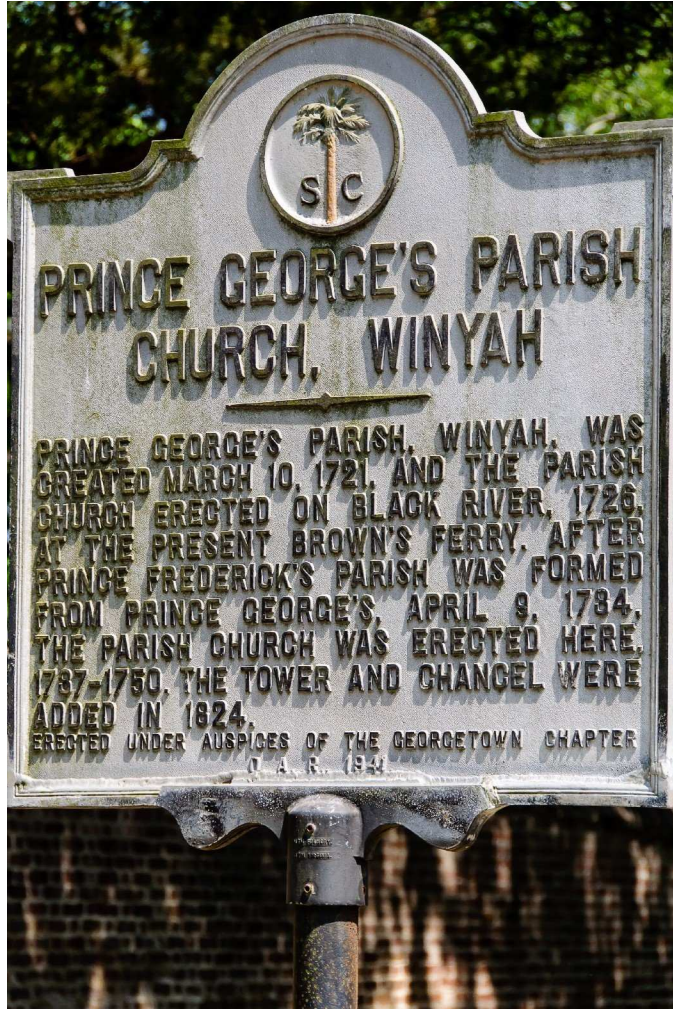














The Rehearsal











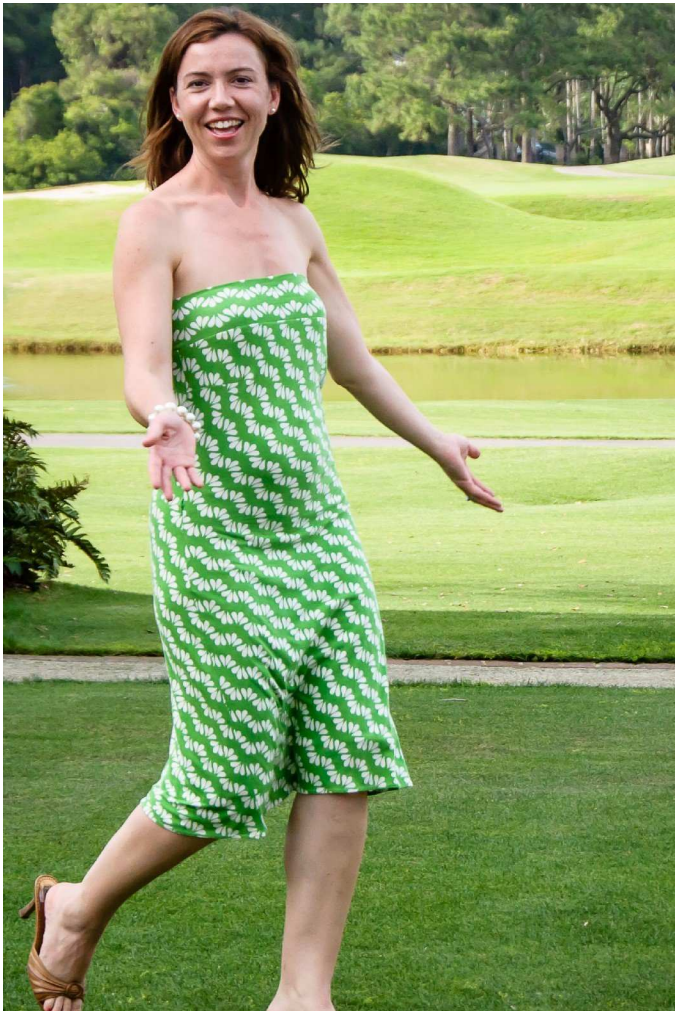
































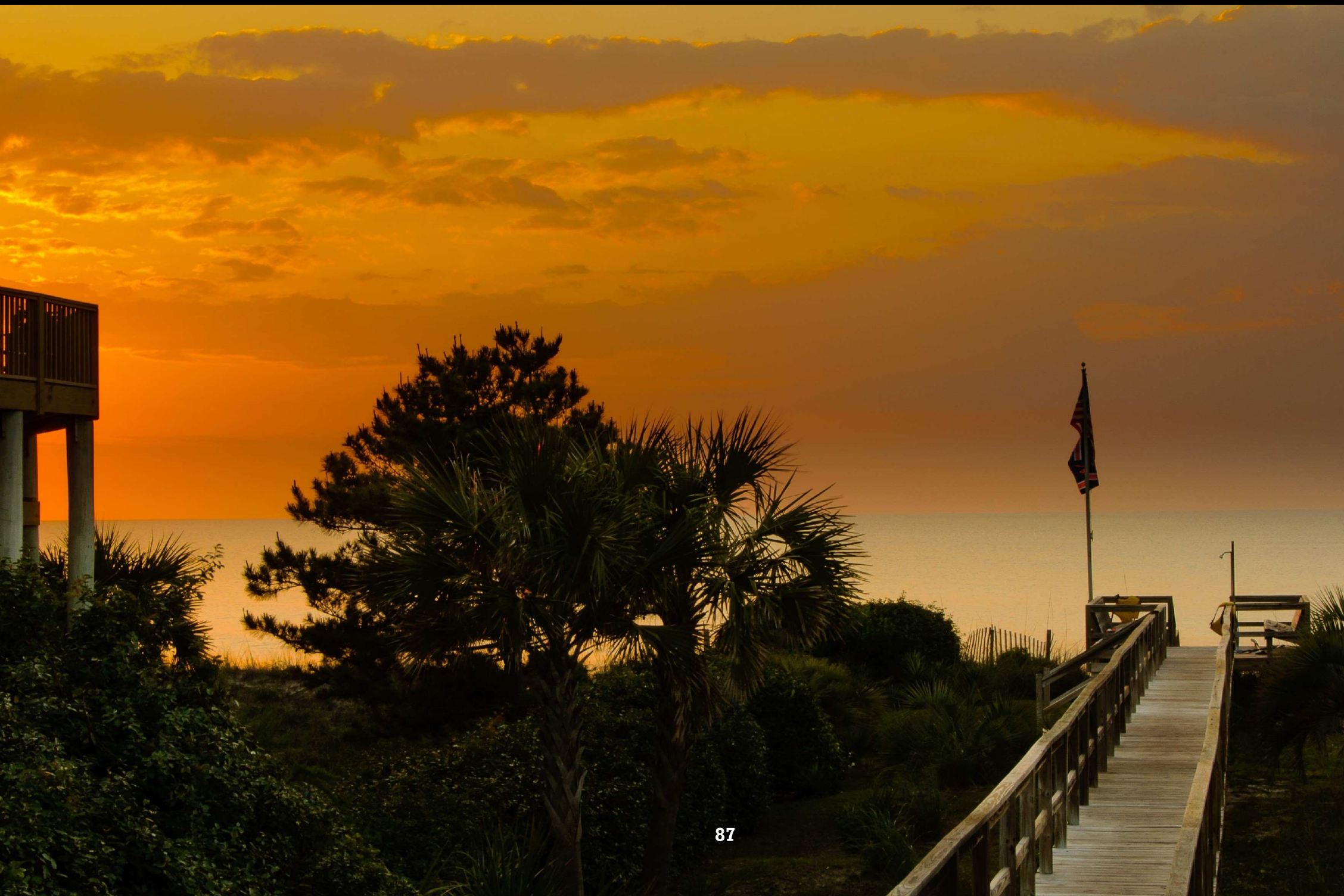








The Morning After













It's Just The Beginning



BEVERLY BURKE GUNTHER

**Director, Camp Beverly
Potomac, Maryland**

**“I see trees of green.....red roses too
I see ‘em bloom for me and you
And I think to myself....what a wonderful world.**

**“I see skies of blue....clouds of white
Bright blessed days....dark sacred nights
And I think to myself....what a wonderful world.**

**“The colors of a rainbow....so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces....of people going by
I see friends shaking hands....sayin’....how do you do?
There’re really sayin’....I love you.”**

**Matt and Kristin quoted part of these lyrics on their
invitation.**

Matt and I danced to this Louis Armstrong hit.

**Thank you for being part of the “wonderful world”
wedding weekend**





