



## Spring Island Philosophy

Spring Island is the last of the great, private Sea Islands on the Atlantic Coast. Its habitation predates recorded history and its stunning natural beauty has remained virtually unchanged to this day. Like a land frozen in time, its effect on all who see it is immediate and profound. It is, without exaggeration, one of the rarest and most beautiful places left in America today.

Twelve generations of private owners, spanning more than three centuries, have helped to preserve, mold and enhance the land with a gentle passion which is evident everywhere today: along the winding sandy roads, in the the dense primordial Live Oak Forest, in the freshwater ponds, which dot the island's rim, and in the historic tabby ruins of the magnificent Edwards Mansion, which has become symbolic of the island itself.

Now the torch is being passed to a new generation of owners, but the tradition of land stewardship on the island will continue, so that future generations can take pleasure in the peaceful enjoyment of its marshes, forests, and fields. The restorative sense of solitude will not vanish, but instead, will be protected by the studied decision to permit only 400 families to share the experience of Spring Island. The rookeries will still teem with bird life, the ponds and creeks abound with fish. Everything that is natural and beautiful about the island will be maintained, and human presence will be subtle and unassuming here.

Spring Island will appeal most to those who come not to be seen, but to behold; not to be heard by others, but to listen - to the special wisdom which only nature and history can impart. And yet, the Spring Island experience will be more than just a passive one. Golf, tennis, and equestrian facilities, second to none, are folded carefully into the island's lush tapestry of woods and fields. Fishermen and boaters find at their doorsteps two of America's cleanest and most beautiful rivers. The tradition of the island's legendary quail hunting will go on. And everywhere, the emphasis is on quiet enjoyment and casual, understated charm.

On Spring Island, the spirit of past generations will live on. It will continue to guide the island's destiny, not only in the commitment to preservation and appreciation of God's natural gifts to this special place, but in the tradition of land stewardship which others have fostered here. It will endure through the indelible stamp of quiet good taste that they left behind.