



Foundation & Education Alliance

2025 by the Numbers

Ossabaw Island is a 26,000-acre undeveloped barrier island on the Atlantic Ocean, owned by the State of Georgia. Georgia's first Heritage Preserve, accessible only by boat, is set aside for natural, scientific and cultural study, research and education; and for environmental preservation, conservation and management of the island's ecosystem.

The Ossabaw Island Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)3. Through a partnership with the State of Georgia, TOIF inspires, promotes, and manages exceptional educational, cultural, and scientific programs that are designed to maximize the experience of Ossabaw Island, while minimizing the impact on the island's resources.



Photo by Elizabeth DuBose



Photo by Ben Wells



Photo by France Dorman

20%
*of visitors
were volunteers*

TOIF hosted an unprecedented number of volunteers in preparation for the rehab of the Torrey West House and Little Torrey House. Five temperature-controlled shipping containers plus other island sites now hold the furnishings of both buildings, moved and stored by volunteers over a five-month period.

30%
*K-12 and universities,
studying social studies, art,
ecology and archaeology.*

Georgia Southern University Master's of Science student Henna Gavem travelled to Ossabaw Island for research on a common fully aquatic salamander (*Amphiuma means*)

50%
*creativity, art and
cultural studies*

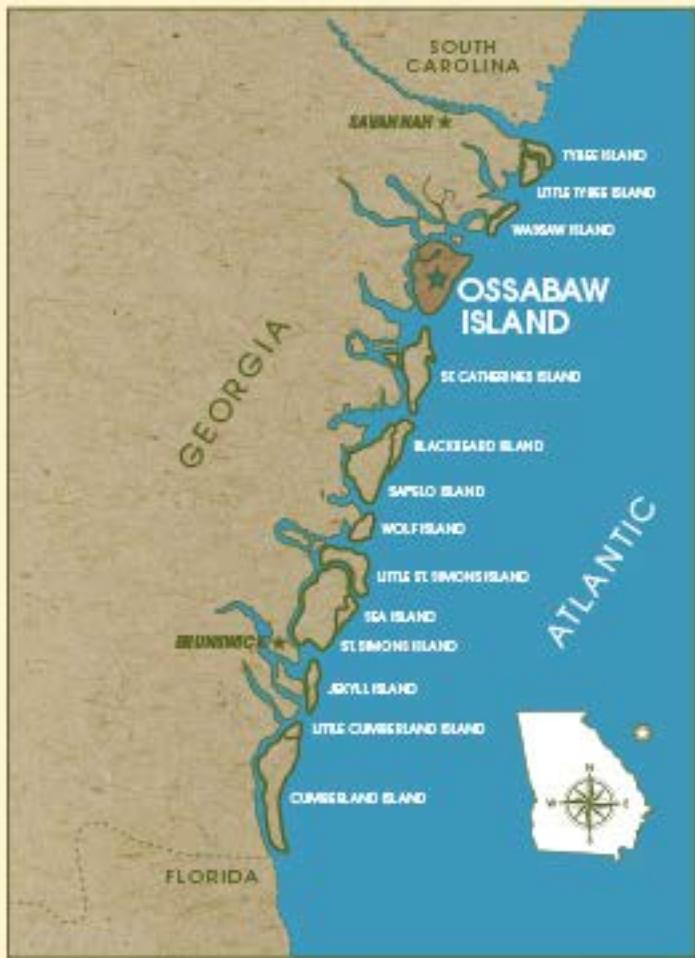
Ceramacists France Dorman and Rick Berman hosted a pit fire pottery workshop focusing on indigenous clay and ceramic techniques inspired by Ossabaw's native Guale people (1150 - 1600). To avoid digging a hole in an archaeological sensitive area they used a salvaged old bath tub.

2,251
visits to Ossabaw Island hosted by TOIF

VISIT
OSSABAW
ISLAND!



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2024/2025 Financial Report (August 1-July 31)

REVENUE • \$391,194

- On Island Revenue: 38%
- Donations: 23%
- Fundraising Events: 23%
- Grants: 9%
- Interest: 7%

EXPENSES • \$383,371

- Program Expenses: 75%
 - on-island staffing
 - off-island education expenses
 - cleaning, maintenance & repairs of buildings & equipment
 - transportation to/from Ossabaw
- General & Administration 25%
 - staffing
 - printing & postage
 - fundraising expenses
 - audit fees

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