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## **Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer News**

February 2013

**SUCCESS!!**

FIFTEENTH  
ANNUAL  
**Wildlife  
&  
Wildlands**  
ART SHOW



January 19, 2013  
10am - 3pm  
Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

THANK YOU Friends and volunteers!!!



For more pictures than I can provide here, check out Hank Linck's wonderful video of the Art Show is up at:

<http://www.delnorwiggins.org/photogallery.htm>

*JoAnn Linck*

*Sally Madden*

*Ruth Rittermeyer*

*Colleen "CC" Cleveland*

*Julie Meyer*

*Kaye Klug*

*Jackie Wittler*

*David Eastlake*

*Sharon Eddy*

*Carolyn Shaw*

*Deloris Kernochan*

*Johann Schwertner*

*Sally Madden*

*Gene Byrd*

*Ann Knowlton*

*Alliene Liden*

*Larry Beer*

*Wally Lucas*

*Phil Nye*

*Bill & Jane Moore*

*Linda Colvin*

*Carl Thrushma*

*Carolyn Shaw*

*Kathe & Edgar Rasch*

*Brian Bittner*

*Hank Linck*

*Jay & Valerie Thompson*

*Sarah Taminosian*

*Maria Eppich*

*Kathe & Edgar Rasch*

*Paul and Linda Loiselle*

It took many dedicated Friends and volunteers to make the Art Show the success it was! At the Ranger Station, volunteers **CC Cleveland** and **Jay Thompson** cheerfully greet & direct visitors and assist with processing annual passes; AWESOME **FGCU students** work in area 1 greeting & directing beach walkers to the Art Show as well as cleaning the area of fish from Red Tide. They did an amazing job! Art Show organizer, **Jo Ann Linck** and assistant and longtime Friend & volunteer of the Park, **Aliene Liden** sit for a moment at the donation table.





**Ann Knowlton & Kathe Rasch** work at the Friend's table selling the shirts; Park Manager, **Bob Steiger**, volunteer and Friends member, **Gene Byrd** and our new resident artist, **Heidi Saletko**; **Carolyn Shaw** and **Colleen North** (daughter of artist **William North**); **Volunteers/Friends, Jackie Wittler, Ruth Rittermeyer and Julie Meyer.** Thank you!



And special thanks to our Rangers, resident volunteers, Friends of Delnor-Wiggins and volunteers.....all working together to help with just about everything that day! L to R; **Brian Settle, Wally Lucas, Terry Nowak, Marcio Oviedo,** Intern **Sarah Taminosian, Ralph Philips, Larry Beer** . I would also like to send a special thanks to **Brian Bitner** who was there at 7am in the morning putting in all the Art Show signs and stayed until 2:30 that day!



***Name the Loggerhead Contest*** is on the website: <http://www.delnorwiggins.org/>

***Special thanks to Sharon Eddy for volunteering her time & talent to design the posters and entry forms for the contest and for Aileen Liden for coming up with this great idea!***

**Sharon Eddy and Linda Colvin** managing the Name the Loggerhead table at the Art Show



**District 4 Volunteer Appreciation Picnic  
March 9, 2013  
Lake Manatee State Park  
9:00 am**



**Picnic Activities**

- ◇ Birding (in the morning)
- ◇ Canoeing / Kayaking (This is weather dependent)
- ◇ Tram Tours
- ◇ Fishing 101
- ◇ Live Animal Displays
- ◇ Exotic Plants /AmeriCorps Station
- ◇ Music Sharing (bring an instrument)



*Note – Lake Manatee State Park also offers geocaching (bring your GPS) visit [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) to download your coordinates*



**10:30 am to 11:30 am**

Friends of Florida State Parks  
Volunteer Recognition Ceremony



**11:30 am – Lunch**

**Please RSVP to Donna Young  
no later than February 12<sup>th</sup>. Call or  
email 239-597-6196**

**[donna.young@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:donna.young@dep.state.fl.us)**



Meet our new resident artist for 2013, **Heidi Saletko!** She will be holding classes here at the park on the following dates:

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30  
Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30

Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30  
Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30

Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30  
Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 11:30-1:30

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1:30  
Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30-1:30

Heidi makes wall-hanging animal masks from recycled palm fronds. Her medium is acrylic on palm frond and she also paints on canvas. Her three-dimensional animal masks are as unique as the trees from which they came.

Heidi participates in both the Naples ArtCrafters and Naples Art Association art shows and festivals. Her works are also on exhibit at the Oasis Visitors Center in the Everglades, at the Artist Boutique in Tin City and at Art, Etc. in Bonita Springs. Recently they are displayed at the new Marco Island Historical Museum and at Randy's Fish Market. Come and meet Heidi and see her creations at the Art Show on January 19<sup>th</sup>!



New plants were purchased for **Delora's Garden**. Help is needed to plant them and clean up the garden. Please contact Donna Young if you would love to help!





**We should be thanking *them!* Wally and Jacquie Lucas, our resident volunteers for the past 4 months are getting ready to move on....and they gave US lunch! We will truly miss them and look forward to their return in November.**





**We're  
Searching for  
Volunteers**



**“Beach Steward”** is now a new volunteer position in the park. Stewards at Delnor-Wiggins monitor the beach, picnic areas and parking lots and travel by bike or on foot. They interact with and answer questions that may arise from our visitors in a friendly, courteous and educational manner. Our goal is to have Beach Stewards available 7 days a week during season. If you would be interested in becoming a Beach Steward, please contact Donna Young to join our next scheduled training class which

is **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** next door to my office.

[Donna.young@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Donna.young@dep.state.fl.us)

Our current Beach Stewards:

<b>Brian Settle(Tues &amp; Fri)</b>
<b>Vicki Sowinski</b>
<b>Brad Snow (Tues Wed)</b>
<b>Paul Gordon (Thurs)</b>
<b>Carol Fletcher(Wed)</b>
<b>Kaye Klug (Wed)</b>

*We have room for more! Our goal is to have Beach Stewards present 7 days a week. This is a busy time of year so there can be more than one Beach Steward on at the same time.*





## Outreach Opportunity



6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL "JAMMIN' IN THE  
HAMMOCK" BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL  
DATES: Sat. Feb. 9, 2013 & Sun Feb.10,  
2013  
TIMES: Sat 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Sun  
9:30 AM to 6 PM  
Where: **Collier-Seminole State Park**  
20200 Tamiami Trail E.  
Naples, FL 34114

The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins will host a table at this event to promote membership as well as our beautiful park. If you would like to help out, please contact Donna Young. Collier-Seminole limits the number of volunteers to 4 per day so please let me know as soon as possible.



*Are you good with a camera?*



**Enter the 2013 Florida State Parks Photo Contest**

Click on the link to get all the details on how to enter your photos. Let's get some photos of our beautiful park in this contest!

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/things/todo/photocontest/formation.cfm#about>





Friends,

We are in need of some help in the following areas. If you can share your time and talents please contact Donna Young at the Park [Donna.Young@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Donna.Young@dep.state.fl.us) or call her at 239.597.6196. You may also contact Marcia Byrd at [marciabyrd@comcast.net](mailto:marciabyrd@comcast.net). Thanks.

**Membership management** – involves sending letters and gate passes. Will be managed through Donna Young’s office starting in January. Her intern will set up the procedure. Once a month a volunteer is needed for processing memberships. All work will be done at the Park. **Thank you to Jean Fischer & Connie Bielick for volunteering to help with our membership processing!**

**Sunset Yoga on the Beach management** – involves attending one session per month, Jan – May, selling t-shirts, and handing out brochures. This was very popular last spring and we would like to continue with the same program in 2013. Held in Area 3 an hour before sunset.

**Scrapbooking** – assemble a scrapbook of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. All materials will be provided. Work will be done at the Park.

**Promote the Friends** and join in the fun at **Collier-Seminole State Park**. Volunteers needed to work at a table on one or both days. Information below:

## ***A few words from our President...***

While looking over the Friends’ accomplishments from 2012 one cannot help but feel proud of all we did. Notable among these accomplishments are the purchase and installation of our loggerhead turtle at the gate entrance, purchase of the display cabinets for the CSO room which hold beach and park treasures beautifully arranged, completion of the stainless steel grill project, and updating of offices and the CSO room. The Boardwalk funding was officially recognized by the State heralding the opportunity to work on raising money for this project. We were able to provide 50% of the expense of a new cart for the rangers. Sunset Yoga on the Beach was launched and was well received. Five plant-workshops provided learning opportunities and work opportunities for volunteers. We continued our

very successful Art Show and the Wiggins-Pass Nature Festival. And of course, beach cleanup volunteers are always busy the day after a holiday. We rebranded our organization with a new logo. We now have our very own polo-shirts, visors, and caps.



Our Silver Anniversary Celebration gave us a chance to reflect on the work done by so many folks to charter our organization then known as Supporters of Del-Nor Park, Inc. and look ahead to the next 25 years. We are now known as the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. There will be other changes for sure. Park Services Specialist, Donna Young, has created opportunities for more exposure and outreach for our organization. She has streamlined a process for any member of the Friends to promote our organization at other festivals and events. How many locals do you know who have never been to our park or never even heard of it? That surprises many of us so one of our goals is to raise awareness about our special place.

Donna has created a monthly newsletter which contains a wealth of information. With this change brings a responsibility on each one of us to read it because there will not be a printed version, and if you are not receiving it to let her know. We welcome any news, articles, photos, information to put in the Friends section of the newsletter, so that is another opportunity for you to participate. In addition, as we continue to beef up our website, be mindful of the calendar. Look for us and LIKE us on Facebook.

Our major goal for the future is to fund the Boardwalk. The Board is working on a plan to launch our funding. It will take years to get this project completed, but we are committed. We hope that you are too. Many parks have boardwalks, but do you know how many habitats our boardwalk will traverse? (Bob Steiger has the answer!) Have you taken the tour of the proposed site? (You can request one!) Do you even know where it will begin and end? (Look at our poster!).

Keep in mind the accomplishments and future opportunities as you read the By-Laws of Supporters of Del-Nor Park Inc.(1987):

- To assist park staff with resource management, facility maintenance, recycling, and visitor services
- To improve park resources and facilities through fundraising events and volunteer activities
- To engage in the business of promoting environmental awareness, and the enjoyment of and use of the state park...
- To learn more about the park's ecosystem, inhabitants, and functions.

Our work is guided by these mission statements which have stood the test of time. Our mission has not changed but what we do in today's technological world has changed the way we work and communicate. We look forward to your continued support and participation in the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park.

***Marcia Byrd, President***  
***Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park***



## **Friends' Accomplishments in 2012**

In addition to our clean-ups and recycling here are some other highlights:

Sponsored Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show in January

Updated Friends' meeting room. Cleaned, painted and de-junked.  
Added two new display cabinets and filled them  
with an impressive display of our shells and other natural artifacts

Sponsored Wiggins-Pass Nature Festival in April

Provided outreach with tables at various local events including Boo at the Zoo, Earth Day at the Conservancy and the Great Outdoor Adventure at Lover's Key.

Held five plant workshops  
The D-GGGs plant group managed a watering and weeding schedule.

Celebrated our Silver Anniversary with over 80 people attending.  
It was coupled with a ribbon cutting of Dellora's Garden with Laverne Gaynor as special guest.

Mangrove Boardwalk fundraising officially recognized by State

Purchased five new stainless steel grills, completing our replacement  
program. All fifty grills in the park were provided by the Friends

Sponsored great educational field trips:  
Green Cay Wetlands and Nature Center and Wakodahatchee Wetlands.  
Rookery Bay  
Selected Heidi Saletko as Resident Artist for 2013

Attended Volunteer Appreciation Day at Paynes Creek Historic State Park in March

Installed new tile floor in Donna's office and new carpet in Mark's office

Purchased loggerhead turtle for a display area at gate.  
Installed loggerhead turtle at entrance on National Public Lands Day  
Landscaped area with sand and sea oats

Held an all-day Board Retreat to review our mission and create action plan, spanning five years.  
One of the action items was the need to re-brand our organization. A new logo  
was created and donated by a local advertising agency.

Polo shirts, caps and visors with the new logo were made available for sale to members

Continued our fund raising meals at Sweet Tomatoes

Applied for grant from National Environmental Education Foundation

Initiated Sunset Yoga on the Beach and held five sessions

Supported the Park Staff on Bay Days and on Coastal Cleanup Day

Wrote and published articles in the Florida Weekly, e Bella, and other print media

Hosted a Holiday Dinner in December with over 40 people in attendance

Provided 50% coverage in purchase of another cart for the rangers

Continued our membership in the United Arts Council and the Naples Chamber of Commerce

**As you can see we did A LOT!**  
**Thank you for your participation!**  
**And if you were not involved in 2012 please find an**  
**area of interest to you and join the fun.**



**I found this on our beach and  
want to share it with you!**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**



***Please visit and LIKE us on Facebook!  
The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins***



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