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

January 2013



FIFTEENTH  
 ANNUAL  
**Wildlife  
 &  
 Wildlands**  
 ART SHOW



**January 19, 2013**  
**10am - 3pm**

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> Is the ***Wildlife and Wildlands*** Art Show from 10-3 in area 3

The Friends will host the **Fifteenth Annual** Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show. This is an annual event showcasing the natural and cultural resources of Florida.

20 local artists display on the beach and under the shade of the trees. A percentage of the proceeds, through sales of the artwork are donated to the Park. Jones Cook Shack will be there with hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork, grilled chicken and ribs. And for dessert, Royal Scoop Ice Cream!

**Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please contact Donna Young for more details.**

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These tee-shirts will be for sale at the art show for 15.00 ea

## *RESIDENT ARTIST FOR 2013*



### **WONDERS OF THE FROND ZOO!**

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

Tuesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11:30-1:30
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

*Her classes are 40.00 which include all the supplies with 15.00 going to the Friends.*

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>!*



**We are the BEST! Check it out.....**

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g34467-d532046-r149058435-Delnor\\_Wiggins\\_Pass\\_State\\_Park-Naples\\_Florida.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/ShowUserReviews-g34467-d532046-r149058435-Delnor_Wiggins_Pass_State_Park-Naples_Florida.html)

**THIS FRIDAY:**



**“Beach Steward”** which 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, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am** next door to my office. [Donna.young@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Donna.young@dep.state.fl.us)

*Rescued Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Release at the park in December.....*





Photos: D. Young

### DID YOU KNOW??



The **Kemp's Ridley** sea turtle received its name from a researcher who was studying it, Richard Kemp. Ridley comes from the word riddle, as no one was sure what kind of turtle it was, and some thought it to be a cross between a loggerhead and a green. Nesting behavior was also a puzzle until 1947 when their lone nesting beach was finally discovered at Rancho Nuevo in Mexico. **The Kemp's Ridley is the most endangered and the smallest of the sea turtle species**, reaching an average length of two feet and a weight of about 100 pounds. The carapace is olive green while the plastron is yellowish. Kemp's Ridelys are carnivores, dining on crabs, clams, mussels, jellyfish, urchins and shrimp. Never venturing far from North America, this turtle ranges from the Gulf of Mexico to along the eastern U.S. Atlantic coast. Occasionally, they are found in European waters. Ridley turtles, Kemp's and olive, will lay approximately two clutches of about 100 eggs each. Both species participate in mass synchronized nesting called arribadas. However, the Kemp's nests during daylight; all other sea turtles nest at night.



This **Royal Tern** found on the beach with a fishing hook in its throat. Rangers rescued him and transported the beautiful bird to the Conservancy where it will receive the proper medical attention.

*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/thingstodo/photocontestinformation.cfm#about>



**Reminder:**

The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park will hold their Annual Membership Meeting on January 14, 2013, at 10 AM in the CSO Room



**Can you help?**

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.

**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:



**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**

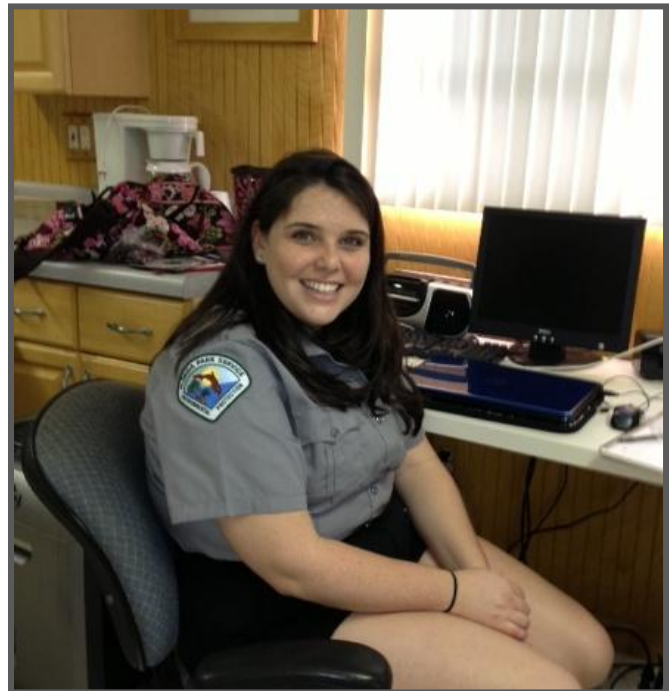
**Where: Collier-Seminole State Park**

**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.

A special welcome to **Sarah Taminosian**, our new intern from the University of Florida! Sarah is working towards a degree in Tourism, recreation and Sport Management and will graduate in the spring. She will be with us for a period of 13 weeks and will be doing everything from assisting the Friend's of Delnor-Wiggins with membership and events; helping the Rangers with their many responsibilities; helping me manage volunteers and helping our staff with whatever they need during this busy season. Be sure to stop and say hello!





***Please visit The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins  
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**Happy New Year**

