

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

January 2016

Volunteer Spotlight:

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the Nature Fest volunteers! The event was a great success thanks to all your team work and support. A special thank you to volunteer **Alliene Liden** and Ranger **Dave Sidars** for their help in the planning and organization of the event.



Wally & Jacquie Lucas



Alliene Liden & Susan Zimmerman





Paola Gervasi & Nehema Georges



Ranger table

Jay Thompson helped direct traffic during the Park's 3-day new traffic pattern trial. Thanks Jay for keeping the traffic flowing smoothly!



Jay Thompson

Upcoming Events:



18th ANNUAL WILDLIFE & WILDLANDS ART SHOW Saturday, January 16 from 10:00am-3:00pm FREE with park entry fee

The art show site is in a unique and beautiful setting alongside the beach where visitors can meet the artists in a naturally shaded area of the park. Artwork depicts "Old Florida" and/or uses natural materials. Various mediums, such as photography, watercolors, acrylics, fusion glass, ceramics, and jewelry design are represented at the show. A percentage of the proceeds through sales of the artwork is donated to the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, a nonprofit 501 3c. Food from Naples Beach Adventures is available on site for lunch; ice cream from Royal Scoop Ice Cream and popcorn are also for sale. Acoustical guitarist, Amber Crowley, is scheduled to provide musical entertainment.

Turtles by Betty Wilson, 2016 Wildlife and Wildlands Resident Artist



Save the Date! 3rd Annual Children's Art Show

Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 10am-3pm Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 2pm-5pm

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Lori if you want to help: Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us or 239-593-2658

Information:

Welcome back snowbirds!

Just a friendly reminder- when you get into town, contact Lori about your annual training and renewal of the volunteer agreement: Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us or 239-593-2658

A Message from the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park:

Becoming a Friend of the Park - Make a Difference

The Friends group would like to cordially invite those of you who may not already be members of Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to become a member and receive12 free passes to the Park, among other benefits. The Friends mission is to promote public awareness, use and enjoyment of the Park, and to assist the Park management and staff. Your annual membership fees help the Friends group accomplish our mission as well as to improve the Park facilities by providing amenities through funds raised at our annual Art Show fund-raiser, to be held January 16, 2015. The Friends is the only organization that contributes funds directly to support the Park.

As a member of Friends, in addition to 12 free passes to the Park, you will be invited to member meetings, special events and have the opportunity to volunteer in the Park and be as involved as your time allows. Friends assist Park staff with maintenance and resource management. Friends is a 501 (C)3 charitable organization. Your membership dues and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. For membership information please contact Gabriella Miyamoto at: dwmembershipchair@gmail.com

Upcoming Friends meetings at the Park, all are welcome:

- January 11 at 10am
- February 8 at 10am
- March 14 at 10am
- April 11 at 11am, end of the season picnic at the pavilion

January Programs:

All programs are free with park entry fee unless otherwise stated.

YOGA ON THE BEACH & SUNSET YOGA

Yoga on the Beach: Every Wednesday in January from 9:00am-10:00am
Sunset Yoga: Every Monday in January from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Class fee is \$5 plus park entry fee.
To make a reservation and payment please call the yoga studio at 239-598-1938 or visit their website:
www.greenmonkey.com.

BEACH COMBING

Every Sunday in January at 9:30 AM

SEA TURTLES

Thursday, January 7 at 9:30 AM

NATURAL COMMUNITIES OF A BARRIER ISLAND

Thursday, January 14 at 9:30 AM

WILDLIFE & WILDLANDS ART SHOW

Saturday, January 16 from 10am-3pm

CAST NETTING

Thursday, January 21 at 9:30 AM

MANGROVE WALK

Thursday, January 28 at 9:30 AM

Any questions? Contact:
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