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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer News

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013

September is Florida State Park Literacy Month

Our park celebrated Literacy Day last weekend with a book reading by Volunteer Beach Steward, Richie T. reading One Tiny Turtle by Nicola Davies to our youngest visitors.



SAVE THE DATES!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st – 8am-11am

It's that time of year again! If you or your group would like to participate in Coastal Cleanup here at the park please contact Park Services Specialist, Donna Young phone # - 239-593-2658 desk or donna.young@dep.state.fl.us

We will meet at the boat launch parking area where all supplies and tee-shirt will be giving out to all volunteers. More cleanup by water needed. Bring your kayaks!



Coastal Cleanup

September 21, 2013

8:00 AM—11:00 AM

Volunteers Needed

Cleanup/Signup Sites:

Delnor Wiggins Pass, Vanderbilt Beach

Lowdermilk Park, Naples Pier, Clam Pass, Rookery Bay NERR

Tiger Tail Beach, Golden Gate Canals, Isle of Capri,

Panther Preserve, Barefoot Beach, Naples Bay (NSYC),

Haldeman Creek (exact location TBD)

Additional Sites to be Added



More dates.....

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st 10am-3pm
OUTREACH EVENT



The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass will host an educational table at the **Golisano Children's Museum**, "World Wide Day of Play." The museum will provide us with a 6ft table and we will provide an activity for the children as well as information about the park and our own upcoming events to encourage family to visit and also become members. We already have volunteers but have room for a few more. A 2 hour shift would be most helpful but you are welcome to stay longer! Contact Donna Young, PSS



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National Public Lands Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th is National Public Lands Day, 8am-2pm. Thousands of volunteers around the nation will build trails and bridges, pull invasive plants, plants trees, remove trash and have fun getting back to nature. OUR project involves transplanting some native flowering plants on the island behind the ranger station and beautifying this area of the park. If you would like to participate in Public Lands Day here at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Contact Donna Young, Park Service Assistant to sign up or email donna.young@dep.state.fl.us

OUTREACH EVENT
Saturday, October 19 , 2013 3pm and 9 pm, kids will be having a wildly good time celebrating Halloween in a safe environment during Boo at the Zoo. We will have a table so that we can



share information about the park and the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Group (as well as give out tons of candy!). Volunteers are needed for a minimum of 2 hour shifts. Please contact Donna Young, donna.young@dep.state.fl.us to register.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 14th at 10am – FRIENDS OF DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS, first meeting of the season with guest speaker, author and photographer **Maureen Sullivan-Hartung**. Maureen will have some copies of her book, “Hidden History of Everglades City” at the meeting for sale and signing. Please join us to kick-off the new season and enjoy this wonderful local author.

www.maureenwrites.com

❖ Welcome

Welcome to www.maureenwrites.com, the website of writer, author and photographer Maureen Sullivan-Hartung.

In addition to her love of local history, Naples freelance writer Maureen Sullivan-Hartung is also a nature lover and supporter of our local environment belonging to the Friends of the Everglades begun by the late grande dame environmentalist Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Maureen is also a Friend of Rookery Bay, a Friend of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida; a Friend of the Audubon Society, as well as a Friend of the State Parks and a Friend of the Everglades National Park. "Everyone who comes to visit me here in Naples always gets a tour of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, the Naples Pier and the nearby Everglades. Southwest Florida's climate is totally different from our northern neighbors and I want them to be able to see those differences, because we do indeed live in a beautiful paradise."



Maureen has lived in Naples since 1981 and has been freelance writing since 1994, following a year-long stint as a weekly newspaper reporter. Her articles and photographs have been published in numerous magazines throughout the state of Florida. A sampling of her [articles](#) and [photographs](#) are available at this website for your enjoyment.

Maureen's book, articles and photos are now available for purchase. She is also available for speaking engagements, book signings and writing or photography assignment. For additional information, please e-mail Maureen at mshwrites@gmail.com.



OUTREACH EVENT



Saturday, December 7th, 2013 10am- 3pm

Lovers Key State Park will host the Annual Great Outdoor Adventure Day, located at the Kayak Launch /Picnic Area of the park. Food, music, touch tanks, children's activities, as well as Ranger-led programs will highlight the fun-filled day geared towards encouraging participants to recreate responsibly while enjoying the

park's unique habitats and wide variety of wildlife. The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins will host a table at this event. Volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts. Come and enjoy this event while promoting the Friends! Contact Donna Young

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Tennis anyone?

We are collecting empty tennis ball cans as shown in the picture and making them into personal fishing line recycling containers to hand out to the fisherman at the park. They will

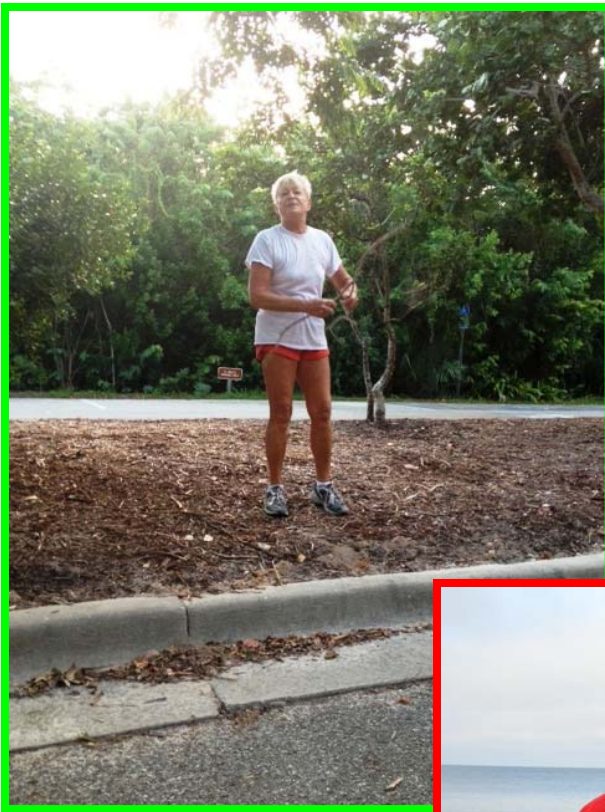
be equipped with velcro to attach to their fishing equipment or boats. Special thanks to our local Sea Grant Extension Agent, **Bryan Fluech**, who provided the idea and recycle stickers for the containers and other helpful info to include for the fisherman. Excellent project for FGCU students.....hint, hint.



FYI *Mangroves: Smelly Habitats but fantastic nurseries!*

<http://www.talkingnature.com/2010/04/biodiversity/mangroves-nursery/>





Next time you enter the park, check out how neat, trimmed and weed-free the Ranger station "island" is! Thanks and appreciation goes to volunteer **Ingrid Twiefel** for being a one-person gardening machine! Ingrid brings her love of gardening straight from the Garden State. A "Jersey Girl" like myself! The area is now prepared for the additional landscaping that will be done on **Public Lands Day, September 28th**.



Our Local Target store manager and employees volunteered their time this week to help keep our park litter free! Thanks!



We couldn't do it all without the help of our wonderful volunteers! **Candy Settle** helps me keep the Manpower report updated by inputting volunteer hours every week. Last year we managed 566 volunteers! These reports are sent to Tallahassee every quarter. Volunteers make a difference!

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
YARD & GARDEN SHOW
OCT 26 - OCT 27 2013

Here's the **BUZZ!** Don't Miss the Annual
SW Florida Yard & Garden Show

ORCHIDS • TROPICALS • HERBS
BROMELIADS • PALMS • NATIVE
PLANTS & MUCH MORE !!!

WHEN  **WHERE**

Saturday October 26th 9am to 4pm	UF/IFAS Collier Extension Office 14700 Immokalee Road Naples, Florida (10 miles East of I-75)
Sunday October 27th 10am to 3pm	

Educational Programs & Demonstrations Both Days

ADULTS: \$3.00 CHILDREN UNDER 13 FREE!


BEE THERE!



For more information: Call (239) 353-4244
 Or visit our website at: <http://collier.ifas.ufl.edu>



FYI...If you've never been to the **Yard & Garden Show** at the Collier County Extension, the opportunity is back! Check out their website for more information.



Special Events Coordinator – Do you enjoy organizing events? We have several events put on by the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins and run by many capable volunteers and members. These Friends sponsored events are the **Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show** in January; our first ever

Children's Art Show in February; **The Nature Festival** in November and coming soon, our first annual "Paddleboard Festival." We have been very fortunate to have had the expertise and tireless efforts of volunteer, **JoAnn Linck** for the past 8 years as our Special Events Coordinator. Although JoAnn is "retired" as coordinator she still volunteers at the park as a Beach Steward and is on hand to assist with any event details. If you would like to help with one or more of our events, please contact Donna Young, donna.young@dep.state.fl.us





The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins - MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON -

TFODW are looking for help with processing new memberships as well as renewals. If you like be in the A/C, are organized, appreciate spread sheets and helping our membership grow, then this is the job for you! Contact Donna Young, Park Service Specialist for more detailed information. 239-821-1618 or donna.young@dep.state.fl.us



Our wonderful volunteers come from such varied backgrounds and bring so many different skills and talents to the park. If you or anyone you know is a **Certified Deaf Interpreter** and would like to donate their services to the park when needed, please contact Donna Young, Park Services Specialist.

Here at the park we pride ourselves with being accessible to all and this is just one more way we can be of service to our visitors.



Once again **The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass** will join forces with bala vinyasa Yoga for Yoga on the Beach! Please stay tuned for more details and the schedule which we are still working out.

Bala Vinyasa Yoga www.bvyoga.com

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SEPTEMBER Interpretive Programs

Beachcombing every Tuesday @ 9:30 w/ Brian



- **CASTNETTING**

Friday, September 6th – 9:30 am



- **SNOOK**

Friday, September 13th at 9:30 AM



- **SPIDERS**

Friday, September 20th at 9:30 AM



- **GOPHER TORTOISES**

Friday, September 27th at 9:30 AM



VOLUNTEERS: *If you are interested in giving an interpretive program, let us know! We will train you and provide you with the materials needed to give an enjoyable and educational program here in the park.*



Naturalist's Notes

"In the end we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand; and we will understand only what we are taught." (Baba Dioum, 1968.)

If you would like to write an article about something in the park, please let me know!

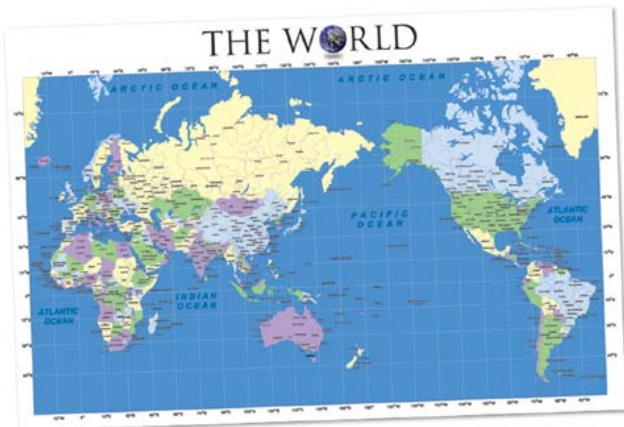
Join our Beach Steward Team!



L to R, **Bill & Jane Moore, Vicki Sowinski, JoAnn & Hank Linck, Carol Fletcher, Kaye Klug** and pictured giving a Beach Combing program is **Brian Settle**.

Welcome new Beach Stewards: Richie Twiefel, Ira Rubenstein, Jerry Guthier, Bonalyn Plante, Jim DeVore, Muffin Beaudry, Jackie Randel (updated team picture coming soon!)

“Beach Steward” is 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. **If you would be interested in becoming a Beach Steward, we have a meeting coming up on Wednesday, Sept 25th at 1pm. This is for ALL current Beach Stewards as well as anyone who is interested in becoming one. Special presentation on Heat Stress by Ranger Christopher Davidson. Please RSVP to donna.young@dep.state.fl.us**



All within 1 month! Volunteer Beach Steward, Richie Twiefel met visitors from the following countries right here on our beach!

Scotland, England, France, Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Russia, Canada, Dominican Republic, Argentina, San Salvador, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Columbia, Phillipines, Honduras, Wales, Puerto Rico, China, Chile, Ghana, Rumania, Ukraine, Indonesia, Hungary, Luxemborg
Pretty impressive!



Have a great shot you took in the park? Please share with us so we can show it off in the newsletter! Email donna.young@dep.state.fl.us



We continue to work with FGCU students year round. These students help in so many areas of the park, especially on weekends when visitor numbers are even higher. Our partnership with the Office of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement has proved to be a win-win for all involved. Students are learning about this amazing park and what it takes to carry out our mission; **“Provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, and restoring natural and cultural resources.”**

New direct line to reach Donna Young:

New desk phone # - 239-821-1618





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The app will download faster if you are connected to Wi-Fi. The app is also formatted for a mobile website at <http://fl.pocketranger.com>.



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The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/friends.delnorwiggins?ref=ts&ref=ts>



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