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## Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter 2018

### Volunteer Spotlight:

In January and February, we held our annual art shows: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildlife and Wildlands Art show on January 20 and the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Art Show on February 24 and 25. Both events were a great success and we had many volunteers come out to help. A big **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers at each event! Your hard work and support were greatly appreciated. A special thank you to art show committee chairs **Kathy Foster** and **Valerie Thompson** (Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show) and **Marcia Byrd** and **Ann Petrillo** (Children’s Art Show) for all their many hours and hard work!

#### Art Show Volunteers:

Larry Beer  
Michael Bodzenski  
Gene Byrd  
Marcia Byrd  
Bob Carlson  
Sue Carlson  
Colleen Cleveland  
Linda Colvin  
Catherine Connor  
Jerry Connor  
Barb Craig

Milagros Dougan  
Patti Forman  
Kathy Foster  
Heidi Gagnon  
Jerry Guthier  
Alliene Liden  
Jacquie Lucas  
Wally Lucas  
Michele MacFarlane  
Sally Madden  
Doug McFarland

Nancy McFarland  
Phil Nye  
Ann Petrillo  
Johann Schwertner  
Jay Thompson  
Valerie Thompson  
Richie Twiefel  
Susan Zimmerman  
Ann Zogbaum  
Dave Zogbaum

#### Children’s Art Show Volunteers:

Larry Beer  
Gene Byrd  
Marcia Byrd  
Pauline Cataldo  
Colleen Cleveland  
Linda Colvin  
Barbara Craig  
Kevin Dougan  
Milagros Dougan

Kathy Foster  
Jim Geske  
Kathy Geske  
Alliene Liden  
Jacquie Lucas  
Wally Lucas  
Sally Madden  
Julie Meyer  
Phil Nye

Jackie Olson  
Ann Petrillo  
Ruth Rittermeyer  
Johann Schwertner  
Jay Thompson  
Valerie Thompson  
Richie Twiefel



2018 Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show



Winners of the 2018 Children's Art Show

### Thank you Early Field and Resident Volunteers!

This season has been a very busy one in the park. Our early field and resident volunteers have been working hard to keep up with the grills and trash. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to **Tom Langan, Wally and Jacquie Lucas, Jim and Paula Rogers, and Bob Williams.**

### Staff Update:

Park Services Specialist, Lori, will be going on maternity leave in mid-April. Please contact the staff below if you need help with the following:

**Volunteering or park programs:** Ranger Brittany Bremer, [Brittany.Bremer@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Brittany.Bremer@dep.state.fl.us)

**Nature Fest:** Ranger Matt Miller, [Matthew.R.Miller@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Matthew.R.Miller@dep.state.fl.us)

**Any other park questions:** contact the main number 239-597-6196

### Lunetta gets a new coat of paint after the hurricane!



Ever alert while guarding the front entrance to the park, Lunetta, our loggerhead turtle smiles after receiving a fresh coat of paint. Artist and Part-time Ranger, Rosa Simone, applied the paint.

Great job, thanks Rosa!

## Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Corner

Articles by Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Board Member

### 2018 Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show

The **Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park** hosted the 20th annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show in picnic area 3 on Saturday January 20, 2018. Twenty artists displayed their art to our visitors. Since this event is our primary fund-raiser, good weather is a must; event co-chairs Kathy Foster and Valerie Thompson guaranteed this – and we had a beautiful day with good show traffic.

Our new Resident Artist, Gary Wilson, was presented with the traditional artist's chair with his name on it and he provided a spectacular booth with his unique fusion stained glass. Thanks to all our artists.



Gary Wilson and his wife pose outside his interesting booth



Three bands continuously entertained our visitors throughout the day

Almost 30 people volunteered their time to make this event a success. Duties were wide-ranging from set-up, parking, greeting, managing the Friends table, Drawing of Chance table, running the popcorn and ice cream sales and take down. And a big thank you to those artists, vendors and Friends who donated items for our drawing. We especially appreciate the help from our perennial sponsor Royal Scoop Ice Cream.

And we would be remiss in not mentioning our Park Rangers and especially Park Services Specialist Lori HeathThorn who provided invaluable coordination between the Friends, artists and Park Staff.



Katie Park handled the Drawing of Chance (left) and Friends Members Kevin Dougan, Colleen Cleveland, Sally Madden, Milagros Dougan and Richie Twiefel ran the T-shirt table (right).



**Looking forward to next year! Save the date: January 19, 2019.**

## 2018 Children's Art Show

The **Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park** sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Children's Art Show at the Pavilion on February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. This competitive show was open to all Collier County elementary schools and eight schools took up the challenge: Sea Gate, Laurel Oak, Poinciana, Gulf Coast Charter Academy South, Pelican Marsh, Village Oaks, Parkside and Naples Park. The latter three schools were new to the show and we welcome them. **Thank you art teachers!**



What is the common denominator in this collage? No, not the missing teeth...it is the smiles on the faces of the children as they proudly identify their artwork for parents and grandparents. The kids beamed and the parents did too!



Show chairperson Marcia Byrd tasked the kids to create artwork that had a nature theme or one that embodied the best of a beach park. Over 150 entries delighted the visitors and five awards were judged as winners in grades K-2 and a similar amount in grades 3-5. The winning students received ribbons and cash awards for their school's art program.



A special thanks to all of the Friends and volunteers who worked at the pavilion selling T-shirts and popcorn, and interfaced with the parents and kids. Thanks to Lori HeathThorn, Park Services Specialist, for her coordination with schools and art teachers. Kudos to the folks and Rangers who helped with the preparation of the art, the set up and take down of the art and display materials. Thanks to our three-judge panel composed of our Resident Artist Mary Limont, retired Fine Arts Coordinator for CCPS Linda Cummings and Friends board member Gabriella Miyamoto. It was not an easy job. And a final thank you to our visitors who voted on and selected our Peoples' Choice Awards.



We look forward to an even bigger and better show next year so save the date:  
**February 23-24, 2019.**

### **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 receive 12 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. 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 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 visit

[www.delnorwiggins.org](http://www.delnorwiggins.org) or contact Gabriella Miyamoto at: [dwmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:dwmembershipchair@gmail.com).

Any questions? Contact:

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