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

**February 2015**

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### **Upcoming Programs:**

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

#### **BEACH COMBING**

***Tuesday, February 17 & 24 at 11:00 AM***

***Wednesday, February 18 & 25 at 9:30 AM***

Join a Volunteer for a talk about beach treasures where you'll learn about sea shells, sea creatures and tidal movement. This is a great interactive event.

#### **SUNSET YOGA**

***Wednesday, February 18 & 25 from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM***

**Class fee is \$5 plus park entry fee.**

Join instructor Candice Oligney from Green Monkey Yoga powered by Bala Vinyasa for an all-levels gentle yoga class while the sun prepares to set. Then stay to soak in and celebrate the closing rays of the day over the Gulf. Bring your yoga mat, water, a towel, and bug spray! To make a reservation and payment please call the yoga studio at 239-598-1938 or visit their website:

[www.bvyoga.com](http://www.bvyoga.com).

#### **NATURAL COMMUNITIES OF A BARRIER ISLAND**

***Thursday, February 19 at 9:30 AM***

Join a Ranger and explore our barrier island. Learn about the Maritime Hammock plants, how they protect us, and what we can all do to protect them. Exciting discoveries are made along the beach, across the dunes and through cool, shaded hammock areas. Comfortable clothes, water bottle, sunglasses, and sunscreen are all recommended.

#### **GOPHER TORTOISES**

***Thursday, February 26 at 9:30 AM***

Learn about the park's shy, shelled, terrestrial friends, their habitats and why they are referred to as a "keystone species." Learn how they protect their neighbors and how you can protect them.

## News and Information:

**Thanks to all the volunteers that made both of our art shows a great success!**

- The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show took place on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> and volunteers worked hard to help the artist set-up and take down their exhibits. Volunteers also sold ice cream, popcorn, and art show t-shirts. The day was busy with visitors meeting the artists and purchasing their art work.



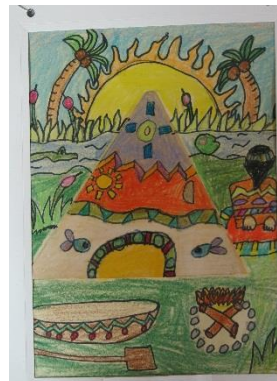
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Children's Art Show took place on Saturday, Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Feb 8<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers organized the art work from local Collier County schools on Friday night and were in as early as 7am on Saturday to hang the various drawings, paintings, and screen prints. Many families attended the art show and some of the families stopped by on both days!



First Place  
K-2<sup>nd</sup>  
Courtney Crown



First Place  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
& People's Choice  
Award  
Alanna Jaron



Second Place  
K-2<sup>nd</sup>



Second Place  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>  
Avia Chickk

**The next meeting of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park will take place on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** After the general meeting, guest speaker Dr. Michele Williams from Florida Public Archaeology Network at Florida Atlantic University will give a presentation on “Who Made the Everglades.” Hope to see you there.

### **Fieldtrip to Cayo Costa State Park**

The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins is organizing a trip to Cayo Costa State Park! The Friends group is receiving a discounted rate of \$25 for the boat cruise and admission to the state park. This fieldtrip is open to anyone, not just volunteers. Feel free to invite a friend!

#### **Things to know:**

- The fieldtrip is Wednesday, March 11. Meet at the boat ramp at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. We will be leaving from the park no later than 8:00am and will be caravanning to Captiva Island. Plan on a 1-2 hour drive, depending on traffic. If you have a Sun Pass please offer to take others as it will reduce the cost of the toll on Sanibel Island.
- The boat over to Cayo Costa State Park will be aboard the “Santiva”, a 49-passenger, single deck, fiberglass catamaran vessel. The Santiva departs from McCarthy’s Marina, 11401 Andy Rosse Lane, Captiva 33924 at 10:00am and returns at 4:00pm.
- Folks who are going to the Cayo Costa State Park generally bring a picnic/bag lunch and enjoy their time on the State Park beach or trails.
- Be sure to bring sunscreen, snacks and water. Once we arrive at the island and board the tram an interpretive tour will be given by the Park Staff. Time on the island is approximately 11:00am-3:00pm.
- The price is \$25.00 per person. Your payment will go to the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park **prior** to the trip.
- Space is limited. Please RSVP to Lori ([Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us)) no later than March 2, 2015.

### **The Florida State Park websites have been redesigned!**

Check out the new [Delnor-Wiggins State Park](http://www.delnorwiggins.org) and the [Florida State Park](http://www.floridastateparks.org) websites.

**Welcome back snowbirds!** Just a friendly reminder- when you get into town, contact Lori about your annual training, the new emergency information sheet, and renewal of the volunteer agreement.

Don’t forget to visit our website: <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Delnor-Wiggins> and the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park website: [www.delnorwiggins.org](http://www.delnorwiggins.org)

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