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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

November 2016

Volunteer Spotlight:

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

Nature Fest Volunteers:

Camila Andia-Lantigua
Muffin Beaudry
Alese Blank
Charlie Brown
Gene Byrd
Marcia Byrd
Bob Carlson

Sue Carlson
Milagros Dougan
Patti Forman
Kathy Foster
Luis Hernandez
Hayli Hingson
Stephanie Jean
Kaye Klug

Alliene Liden
Jacquie Lucas
Wally Lucas
Sally Madden
Mary McManamon
Beth Merchant
Jakara Miller
Frantz Paul

Ann Petrillo
Kaitlyn Sharpe
Ian Snowden
Jay Thompson
Valerie Thompson
Richie Twiefel
Susan Zimmerman



Bob Steiger & Alliene Liden



Sue Carlson & Valerie Thompson



Susan Zimmerman & Kaitlyn Sharpe



Kaye Klug



Marcia Byrd & Ann Petrillo



Mary McManamon & Jay Thompson



Wally Lucas & Charlie Brown

Information:

Save the Dates!



19th Annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show

Saturday, January 21st, 2017 9am-4pm

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Lori if you want to help:

Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us or 239-593-2658



4th Annual Children's Art Show

Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 10am-3pm

Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 2pm-5pm

Volunteers needed!

Please contact Lori if you want to help:

Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us or 239-593-2658

Meet Milagros Dougan, new treasurer for the Friends group:



Milagros Dougan

You may have seen Milagros at park events with her husband, Kevin, or swimming in the Gulf when the temperature permits. Once a week she swims from Area #1 to Area #5 and back, continuing a long time tradition of ocean swimming in her native country, Venezuela. She walks the same distance when the Gulf is too cold for swimming and enjoys the beauty of the beach and the water as she walks the 2 mile distance.

Milagros grew up in Caracas and attended the Universidad Catolica Andres Bello, majoring in Civil Engineering. A Fulbright Scholarship brought her to MIT where she completed a master's degree in Civil Engineering and then returned to Venezuela to work for two years in her chosen field. She returned to MIT and this time she got a master's degree in Management and while there she met her husband, Kevin, also an engineer. Milagros and Kevin got married in New York where she worked at Chase Manhattan Bank. Job changes took the Dougans to Chicago and finally to Michigan where they raised their family and where she served as assistant treasurer at the University of Michigan. The Dougans have two grown children, a son, Thomas and a daughter, Katherine.

Upon retiring, Milagros and Kevin wanted to move to a warmer climate. They helped their daughter move to Miami and while in Florida they discovered Naples and loved it! With a son still in Michigan

and a daughter in the Sunshine State, it was no question as to where they would move! The only stipulation for the location of their house was that it be no more than five miles from the Gulf and have room for their beloved Golden Retriever, Rocky.

Drawn by the natural beauty of the beach and water at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Milagros and Kevin became active volunteers for the park and members of the Friends. You'll see Kevin walking along the beach, too, as one of our beach stewards. And we welcome Milagros to the Board and to the office of treasurer.

Interview by Marcia Byrd

Thank you Kathe Rasch, former treasurer for the Friends group!



A big **THANK YOU** goes to Kathe Rasch who served as treasurer of the Friends for over four years. Kathe also worked on many committees and was the co-founder and co-chair of the Children's Art Show. Her husband, Edgar, managed the membership data base for many years. We recognized his service at a membership meeting this past year. They are moving from Naples to be closer to their three grandchildren in the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina area. We will miss them both!



Kathe and Edgar Rasch

November Programs:

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

BEACH COMBING

Every Sunday in November at 9:30AM

SUNSET YOGA:

Every Monday in November at 4:30PM

YOGA ON THE BEACH

Every Wednesday in November at 9:00AM

Yoga class is \$5 plus park admission. To make a reservation and payment please call **Greenmonkey Yoga** at 239-598-1938 or visit: www.greenmonkey.com.

BEGINNING PADDLE BOARDING

Thursday, November 3 at 9:30AM

GOPHER TORTOISES

Thursday, November 10 at 9:30AM

SEA TURTLES

Thursday, November 17 at 9:30AM

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 contact Gabriella Miyamoto at: dwmembershipchair@gmail.com

Upcoming Friends meetings at the Park, all are welcome:

- November 14 at 10am
- December 12, **holiday picnic at the pavilion at 5pm**
- January 9 at 10am
- February 13 at 10am
- March 13 at 10am
- April 10, end of season picnic, time to be determined

Any questions? Contact:

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