

# FDWPSP Quarterly Newsletter

## March 2026



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### **TURTLE NEST ADOPTIONS.**

Adoptions are rolling in! As this is the Friends largest fundraiser, we greatly appreciate your generous donations. Please consider adopting a nest if you have not yet done so.

### **NEW STAFF MEMBERS ARRIVING SOON**

Within the month we expect to welcome a new administrative assistant, two new rangers, and a Park Service Specialist (PSS). Introduce yourself if you see them on the beach.

### **NATIVE PLANT WALK**

After sadly having to cancel our walk in January because of the cool rainy weather, we rescheduled on Feb. 14th and were greeted by a beautiful morning. Eleven Friends enjoyed a 2 hr walk and made identifications using their “Seek” App. Another walk coming up Mar 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us and add to your plant ID/Seek collection.



### **POP-UP BOUTIQUE**

New T shirt styles (regular T’s and a unisex tank top) and hats with a contemporary “distressed” look are now available! Visit our next Pop-up—watch for details in a FB posting and your Friends e-mail. We’ll be on the beach at the north end of Parking Area 1.

### **“NAME THE GREEN TURTLE” Congratulations!**



And the winner is—Eileen Kurtz who named the turtle Casey (after her beloved dog). We had a total of eight entries. Anonymously reviewed names were ranked with a score of 5, 3, and 1 point (first, second and third choice) by BOD members. Scores were totaled and the winner determined. Casey works well for our juvenile turtle because it’s both a male and female name. Eileen (LEFT) picked up her adventure book with a bonus Florida birds pamphlet!

## LUNETTA RESTORATION

Lunetta (large sea turtle model) received her final coat of marine varnish and is ready to be placed at the front entrance to greet visitors. The entrance sign has also been repositioned and the area roped off in preparation for landscaping and shell mulch.



## INTERPRETIVE TRAILER

The interpretive trailer has been ordered and will hopefully arrive soon. The unit will serve as a movable “station” where visitors can interact with park staff, pay fees (selling both state park passes and Friends memberships), and select Friends merchandise for donations. We hope to have various park scenes decorating the outside of the trailer to reflect our favorite animals, plants, and activities in the park.

## NEW UTV WITH WATERING TANK

Has arrived!! Check it out in the shop area (note the big water tank on the back). This Friends purchase will allow us to water, fertilize, and tend to new plantings in the park with ease.

## UPCOMING EVENTS-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Native Plant Walk** with John—new and returning native plant lovers are invited!

- March 7, 2026, 8:30 AM. Meet in Area 4, parking lot. *Limited to 10 participants*
  - Pre-registration: [Finer.1@OSU.edu](mailto:Finer.1@OSU.edu)

**Workshop with Professional Photographer, Capturing Nature with Your Camera.**

- March 7<sup>th</sup> @4:00 PM, Meet in Area 4 (look for our Friends Beach Tent)
- Registration **limited to 10 participants**. Pre-registration required, <https://volunteersignup.org/KLY3K/9286018>
- View Catherine’s work : The blog address is [blog.cathykellyphotography.com](http://blog.cathykellyphotography.com) or on Instagram; @cathykellyphotography.

**Mod Podge: We’ll be making Clam Shell trinket holders (a’ la Janice Kmetz)**

- All supplies provided.
- March 25, 2026, 9:00 AM. Meet on the beach in the middle of Area 4.
  - Pre-registration required: <https://volunteersignup.org/TP4JA> **Limited to 10 participants.**

Great American Coastal Clean-up. March 28<sup>th</sup>. 8:00 AM, Area 1

- Preregistration required: Select, Delnor Wiggins Pass <https://kcb2021.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/12444>

Earth Day Celebration, Nature Conservancy, Naples, FL. April 18, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

- Friends Boutique and Park Information on display.

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