

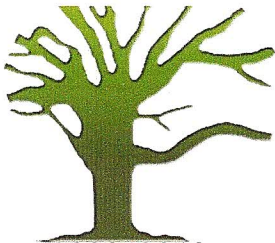
# THE FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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## The View From My Branch



Bob Bouck, President

As we look ahead to 2011, I see great potential to complete the restoration of the historic Greenhouse and the erection of the Gateway Signage. The Fund Committee submitted a grant request to the Florida Department of Historic Resources which if granted will assure the completion of the Gateway Signage. I believe that once we receive the OK from Florida DHR regarding our restoration plans, with sufficient talent and funds, we can complete the Greenhouse also. The construction of the new permanent stage is still in the plan and with estimates ranging up to \$75,000, it's going to take a big push on raising the funds. *If you haven't made your contribution to the FUND-do it today!*

The Chairs of various Friends Committees met in December with Commissioner Milissa Holland, County Commissioner and Chair of the Tourist Development Council and Peggy Heiser, Vice President of Tourism from the C of C. It was a very good meeting as we exchanged information on benefits for each organization. We have further plans for more meetings in the near future.

I hope you will be at "A Day in Old Florida" at Faver-Dykes on Saturday, February 19th and that you are planning on attending the 13th Annual Meeting of the Friends on February 23rd at the Club at Grand Haven. Don Denby and committee have put together three excellent choices for dinner for \$25 all inclusive including hors d'oeuvres and dessert. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with a Cash Bar. Be sure and send in your reservations today.

We will be voting on two important changes to our bylaws, the first being the ratification of our acceptance of the Friends of Faver-Dykes as members and the acceptance of Faver-Dykes State Park to the CSO, Friends of Washington Oaks' purpose and objectives. The second change is the addition of two Board Seats. With the addition of these two seats to the Board, we will be able to cover additional areas of interests and have input from areas not currently represented on the Board.

Board member Allan Lastinger submitted his resignation soon after he was appointed Director of Services Organization overseeing the preservation efforts of the University of Florida on State owned structures in St Augustine. We all wish Allan well with his new venture and responsibilities.

William (Bill) Reardon was appointed to the Board to fulfill Alan's remaining term. Bill has been serving as co-manager of the Gift Shop and has overseen the buying and merchandising for the Gift Shop. Some of you may have seen some of Bill's first experience in merchandising if you had the chance to view the Wieboldt's Department Store windows in Chicago in the early 1960's. I did...

## Friends Annual Meeting on February 23rd at the Club at Grand Haven

The Board is looking forward to you joining us for the 13th Annual Meeting of the Friends of Washington Oaks being held on Wednesday, February 23rd at the Club at Grand Haven. All members are invited to attend. Dinner is being offered of either Sliced Beef Tenderloin, Grilled Salmon or Chicken Marsala including salad, rolls, vegetable and dessert. There will also be a cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person. **RSVP is required by February 17th.** Arrive at the Grand Haven main gate on Colbert Drive and let them know you are with the Friends of Washington Oaks.

Please complete the form included in this newsletter with your check and mail to the park as indicated on the form. Or you may call 445 1764 for a credit card registration. We will begin with a social hour and h'ors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm, surprise entertainment followed with a brief meeting.

At it's last meeting, the Board voted to propose a change to Article II, Section 1-Purpose and objectives. The membership will be voting on accepting the Friends of Faver-Dykes and adding Faver-Dykes State Park to the (CSO) Friends of Washington Oaks purpose and objective. We will also be voting for a change on Article VI, Section 1 to change from 9 Directors to 11 Directors. (See page 2 for official proposal of changes.) The membership will then elect candidates to the new Board of Directors. Members whose terms expire are Don Denby, Cecile Giguere, and Liz Morrison. Upon approval of Article VI Section 1, the Nominating Committee recommends the following 5 candidates to fill the 5 open positions. Donald Denby, Cecile Giguere, Elizabeth Morrison, Lucy Crowley and Frank Quinn. After the general election, the new Board will have a brief meeting to elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We hope that you can join us and bring a friend that may be interested in joining the "Friends of Washington Oaks Garden State

