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**Come and enjoy
the Beautiful
Favor-Dykes
State Park**

The View from My Branch

Bob Bouck, President

Thanks to the nearly 500 attendees, Tim Rippey and his crew, some 50 volunteers, the Park staff, the weather and to the Co-Chairs Sandy Barrett and Cecile Giguere, the inaugural event for the FUND for improvements to the Historic District was a huge success. The planning by the Co-Chairs for our first Music in the Park was superb and the execution nearly flawless. The only thing that was needed is a new permanent stage. When the final tallies are in we should add somewhere between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

Tim Rippey in Concert



Congratulations to Don Denby and the FUND Committee for their successful grant application to the Flagler County TDC (Tourist Development Council). They were awarded a maximum grant of \$5,000 from the 109 Capital Improvement Fund subject to approval by the Flagler County BOCC (Board of Commissioners). Prior to the recent changes to the TDC grant procedures, requested by the BOCC, the maximum award was \$50,000. Don and the Committee had been working on and prepared an application on the assumption that they would be eligible for a maximum of \$50,000 until they were informed that they had been given the wrong application. Only the County and or municipalities are eligible for more than \$5,000. The town of Marineland was awarded \$150,000 for 21 boat slips in July by the BOCC after the TDC had recommended only \$75,000.

Twenty-three volunteers showed up on Saturday November 20th to help the Park Staff ready the Gardens for the Annual Holiday in the Gardens. I appreciate the enthusiasm of our volunteers and I am continually amazed by their talents, skills and efforts as they are planning for the Friends Tea with Mrs. Claus and the Park's Celebration of Holiday in the Gardens. New this year for HIG is the "Holidays around the World Playground" created by our Park Service Specialist, Melissa Kafel. The children will have the opportunity to participate in games of Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa and Winter Solstice. They will also receive a Holiday Passport when they complete the tour. The Friends will host Hot and Cold Beverage Booth, Arts and Craft vendors, Chance Drawings and a Silent Auction, Gift Shop, Gingerbread House Contest and the Second Saturday Plant Sale featuring Holiday plants and gifts.

On Saturday, February 19th the Friends will sponsor "Day in Old Florida" our first hosted event at Faver - Dykes State Park. Re-enactors will set the stage as you will have the chance to step back in history, taste Minorcan Style Clam Chowder, take a wagon tour of the Park, and enjoy the Arts and Crafts and a chance to learn more about Faver -Dykes State Park. Admission will be \$5 per vehicles up to 8 people, there will also be kayak tours available for an additional fee. If you would like to volunteer and become a "Cracker" for a "Day in Old Florida" call Melissa at 386-446-6783.



