

FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON OAKS GARDENS STATE PARK NEWSLETTER



The President's View

Adjusting to others agendas and timetables can be hard for the impatient. I appreciate all the patients and support given to the various Friends projects and progress. I now believe our projects are moving ahead. Flagler County has agreed to the Park pulling the permits for work done on the Green House project. The State DEP cannot give us a timetable for completing working drawings, therefore the Board of Directors has voted to solicit proposals from architectural engineers in order that the work can begin.

Workdays have been scheduled for the Log Cabin/Gift Shop project. **Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 18th, Friday, September 19th and Thursday September 25th, beginning at 8:30 am.** The Park staff has vacated and removed everything from the Log Cabin and we are ready and enthusiastic about starting this project. We will appreciate any time you can spare on any or all of the days. As we are still awaiting approval for State DEP for interior renovations, the projects we will be working on include: redo of exterior landscape, clearing for ADA parking and ramp, create walking path to parking lot, clean and repair outdoor shop for plants and garden items, clean windows, caulking of exterior, clean coquina fireplace, remove shower and toilet, paint ceiling in main room. Please call or leave a message for Mark Giblin, our new Park Service Specialist at 446-6783 and let him know when you can work and what project on the list you would like to work on.

From my view, things are happening.

Sincerely, for the Board of Directors

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New Park Services Specialist

Be sure to meet our new Park Services Specialist, Mark Giblin. Mark was born in Concord NH but moved to Florida when he was seven years old. Mark has a degree in Business Administration and Management and is currently working towards another degree in Applied Science in Supervision and Management. He started as a reporter and anchor for a local TV station before being promoted to assistant news director. Mark started with the Park Service in 2006 at Tomoka State Park before coming to Washington Oaks and Favor Dykes State Parks. Mark is responsible for volunteer coordination and special events.

Our Holiday Event on December 13 is currently being planned. Mark will need a Chairperson for his many committees. Those Chairs especially needed is 1. Bake Sale, 2. Chance Drawing, 3. Gingerbread Contest. Also the Tea Party on December 6th. Please call Mark at 446 6783 if you can help him with the above and any of the upcoming special events listed on page 2.

Sun Trust has extended their "My Cause" offer through December 31st. Open a Sun Trust no fee account with a minimum of \$100. You will get a debit card. One purchase with the debit card qualifies you to designate a \$100 donation to your favorite charity. Be sure you have completed all necessary paperwork.

Mark your calendar with your special events from this year's upcoming events.

Enjoy and bring a friend and make new Friends.

Included in this mailing is an application for membership to the Friends of Washington Oaks Gardens State Park. You may know someone or have a friend that would like to join the FRIENDS and make new friends.

2008

- September 10-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:30-12:30
13-Second Saturday Plant Sale 10:00-2:00
13-Celebrating Literacy
13-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:30-12:30
15-Indians of the Estuary Kayak Tour 9:00-12:00
20-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:30-12:30
25-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:30-12:30
27-Kids Saltwater Fishing Workshop
29-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:30-12:30
- October 2- Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:00-12:00
4- Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:00-12:00
10-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:00-12:00
11-6th Annual Herbs in the Gardens
Fresh Flavors for Fall Workshop 10:00-3:00
11-Fresh Flavor for Fall
Herb and Vegetable Workshop 11:00
11-Second Saturday Plant Sale 10:00-3:00
12- Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:00-12:00
16- Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:00-12:00
18-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:00-12:00
24-Wings Over Florida Kayak Tour 10:30-12:30
27- Indians of the Estuary Kayak Tour 9:00-12:00
- November 8-Camelias in your landscape Workshop 11:00
8-Second Saturday Plant Sale 10:00-2:00
Kayak Tours TBA
- December 6-Tea with Mrs. Claus
13-Holiday in the Gardens
13-Second Saturday Plant Sales
Kayak Tours TBA
- 2009
- January 10-Second Saturday Plant Sale 10:00-2:00
Kayak Tours TBA
- February 14-Citrus Festival
14-Second Saturday Plant Sale
Kayak Tours TBA
- March 14-Second Saturday Plant Sale
Kayak Tours TBA
- April 11-Second Saturday Plant Sale
18-Earth Day Celebration
19-Earth Day Celebration
Kayak Tours TBA
- May 9-Bromeliad Workshop
9-Second Saturday Plant Sale
9-Bird Migration Tour
Kayak Tours TBA
- June 6-National Trails Day
7-13 National Gardens Week
13-Second Saturday Plant Sale
Kayak Tours YBA

For information on any event, call the Park Specialist at 386 445 6783.

Celebrating Literacy Month-September 13th

On September 13th from 9:30 am to 12 pm, the Park will be hosting a "Story Time Celebration". Come to the Park and listen to the wonderful children's story telling of Sharon Sappington, a retired Librarian whose quiet style is a joy for all who hear her tales of myth, myrth and magic. For children or for those young at heart, Frank and Mary Lee Sweet also known as "Back in Tyme" will perform. Back in Tyme uses the art of storytelling and the emotion of music to illuminate Florida's history and folklore.

To sing up please call: 386 446 6783 or email Mark.Giblin@dep.state.fl.us.

Herbs and Vegetables Workshop

Now is the time to plant vegetables and herbs for your own fresh flavors for fall. Join the Friends of Washington Oaks to celebrate the 6th Annual Herbs in the Gardens on Saturday, October 11th from 10 am to 3 pm.

Traci Anderson of Seminole Springs Herbs Farm will present a workshop "Fresh Flavors for Fall" at 11 am. Whether you have a garden or container on your patio, learn what to plant, how to plant, how to make them grow and the correct time to harvest. Fresh herbs and vegetables will add zest and spice to your fall meals. USDA Certified Organic herbs and vegetable plants will be available for sale in conjunction with the Friends monthly Second Saturday Plant Sale. Herbed theme baked goods, beverages and Park themed merchandise will also be on sale.

Visitors will find unusual and hard to find plants, a portion of which were propagated and grown in the park by volunteers.