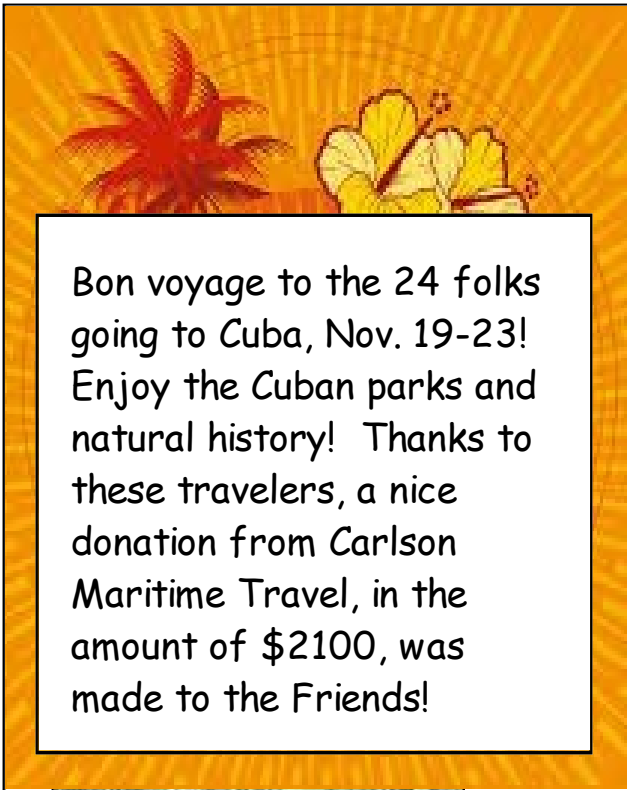

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

November - December 2019



Bon voyage to the 24 folks going to Cuba, Nov. 19-23! Enjoy the Cuban parks and natural history! Thanks to these travelers, a nice donation from Carlson Maritime Travel, in the amount of \$2100, was made to the Friends!



Barn Owl at Owlween.
Photo by Lynn Whitelaw.

**Save the Dates
Upcoming Friends Events**

- Nov. 2 FOBCP Readers Club 9:30-10:30 am
- Nov. 3 Beekeepers Club 9 am
- Nov. 10 Paint for the Wild 12-3 pm
- Nov. 10 Music in the Woods: Florida Cracker Cowboys 4:30 - 7 pm
- Nov. 19-23 Eco-Tour to Cuba
- Nov. 30 Night Hike 6 pm
- Nov. 30 Wildflower Garden work day 8-10 am
- Dec. 1 Beekeepers Club 9 am
- Dec. 7 FOBCP Readers Club 9:30-10:30 am
- Dec. 8 Opening reception 1-3: Tarpon Springs Art Assoc. Annual Exhibition
- Dec. 28 Wildflower Garden work day 8-10 am
- Dec. 28 Night Hike 6 pm
- Jan. 12, 2020 Annual FOBCP board meeting
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- Jan. 18, 2020 Return the Preserve Work Day

SAVE THE DATE!

**Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve
Annual Meeting & Brunch**



**Sunday, January 12, 2020
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

Approved Budget 2019 - 2020

INCOME	
Operating Income	
Memberships	14,000.00
Nature Store	32,000.00
Iron Ranger	1,000.00
Donation Boxes	1,000.00
Donations \$1,000+	1,000.00
Other Donations	2,205.00
Subtotal Operating	51,205.00
Major Events	
Fall Wildflower Festival	4,200.00
Spring Wildlife Safari	4,000.00
Owl-O-Ween	1,200.00
Birdathon	300.00
Music in the Woods	2,500.00
Subtotal Major Events	12,200.00
Activities	
Off the Beaten Path Hikes	1,500.00
Adult Ecology Workshops	-
Art Classes	200.00
Guided Hike Donations	150.00
Night Hike Donations	500.00
Beekeeping	250.00
Gallery	-
Subtotal Activities	2,600.00
Total Income from Operations	66,005.00

EXPENSE	
Major Events	
Fall Wildflower Festival	5,000.00
Spring Wildlife Safari	3,500.00
Owl-O-Ween	2,000.00
Birdathon	400.00
Music in the Woods	3,000.00
Subtotal Major Events	13,900.00
Nature Store	
Cost of Sales	22,000.00
Expenses	5,000.00
Subtotal Nature Store	27,000.00

Activities	
Night Hikes	400.00
Adult Ecology Workshops	100.00
Art Classes	200.00
Off the Beaten Path Hikes	100.00
Beekeeping	1,100.00
Activity Support	1,000.00
Subtotal Activities	2,900.00
Brooker Creek Preserve Support	
IFAS Annual Request	1,890.00
Education Programs	4,000.00
Wildflower Garden	300.00
Return the Preserve	1,075.00
ANCA Summit	600.00
ANCA Membership	130.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Signage	1,000.00
Education Materials	100.00
Outreach	500.00
Gallery	1,100.00
Exhibit Hall	210.00
Other Preserve Support	2,500.00
Subtotal BCP Support	14,205.00
Membership	
Annual Meeting	300.00
Publications	100.00
Family Campout	200.00
Software	600.00
Administration	100.00
Subtotal Membership	1,300.00
Public Relations	
Tarpon Springs Chamber	850.00
Iron Ranger Repairs	200.00
Website	200.00
Other	500.00
Subtotal Public Relations	1,750.00
Administration	
Telephone	250.00
Bank Fees	250.00
Office Expenses	100.00
Postage	100.00
Filing Fees/Permits	100.00
Insurance	3,650.00
Professional Fees	300.00
Other	200.00
Total Administration	4,950.00
Total Expenses	66,005.00
Net Income/(Loss)	0.00

AUDITORIUM GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

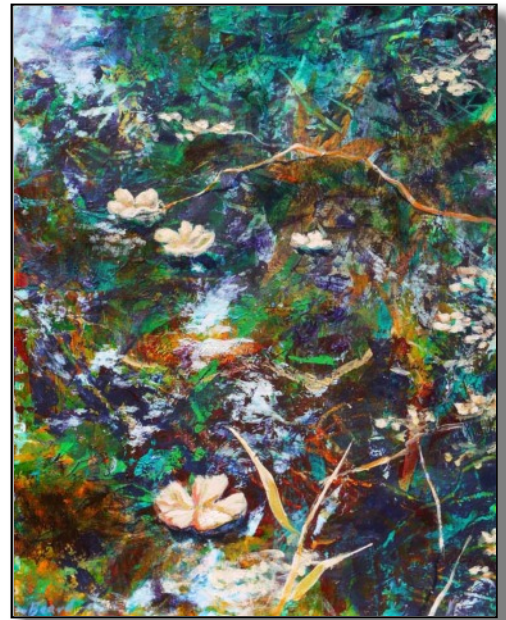
by Lynn Whitelaw, Gallery Curator

November Exhibition

The opening reception on Sunday, Sept. 15 for the *Nathan Beard: Drawing Water* exhibition of drawings and paintings was very well attended. A special thanks to John Hoffman for providing guitar music as our entertainment and to the FOBCP members who provided such delicious refreshments. Beard, a well-known and highly respected Tampa Bay artist, sold three



works during the opening. With his observations of reflections, shadows, color and light on water translated into semi-abstractions, Beard's work brings the beauty of Brooker Creek's water's edge into the Auditorium Galleries.

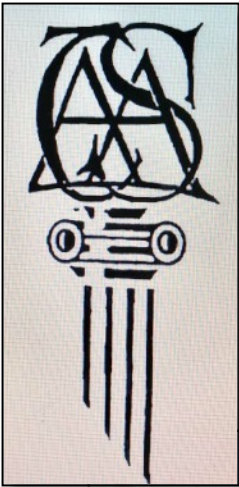


Nathan Beard (American, b. 1976)
Pond's Edge 75 - Brooker Creek, 2019
Acrylic on panel, 14 x 11 inches

The exhibition has also received extensive publicity on social media, and was reviewed by Sarah Telesca for the on-line *Arts Coast Journal* produced by Creative Pinellas (see "[Layers in the Water Nathan Beard's Drawing Water on view at Brooker Creek Preserve](#)") and was featured in the September issue of *Creative Loafing: Fall Guide* with an article by Jennifer Ring entitled *Bring Me to Brooker*. Ring also promoted Craig Huegel's Off the Beaten Path Hike, Karl and Kathleen Nicter's Guided Photography Hikes, and the Fall Wildflower Festival and Plant Sale in a separate article on upcoming fall events in the Tampa Bay area - thank you Jennifer! *Nathan Beard: Drawing Water* will be on view in the Auditorium Gallery (Saturdays and Sundays) through November 17.

Three paintings exploring the same subject.

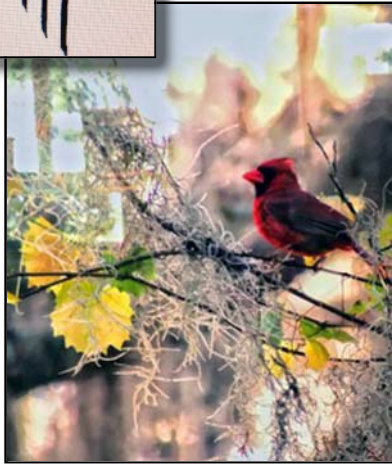




Upcoming December Exhibition

The Tarpon Springs Art Association will host its annual Members' Exhibition in the Auditorium Gallery and they invite all the Friends of Brooker Creek to attend their awards program and reception from 1 to 3 pm, Sunday, Dec. 8.

As many as 60 works will be on view in the categories of oil, acrylic, pencil, water media, photography and 3-D. Ann Larsen, former Director of the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, will be this year's Judge. The show will be on view (Saturdays and Sundays) through Dec. 29. FOBCP are grateful to the Tarpon Springs Art Association for their support in promoting the Preserve as a place of inspiration for artists.



(At left, a piece from the FOBCP Members' Photography show.)

Sue Thomas
It's Spring
Color Photography, 2019

Thank you John Hoffman,
for providing music for
the gallery reception.



Volunteers Needed for FOBCP Art Gallery

What do I do? Greet gallery visitors and keep a tally sheet.

Explain a little about the gallery (training and cheat sheet provided)

It's a beautiful, peaceful atmosphere. Gallery visitors come in and out throughout the day. In between visitors, feel free to read, write letters, knit, do yoga, or just enjoy the view out the windows!

When? Weekends now through Nov 17

Saturdays: 9 am-12:30 pm and 12:30 pm-4 pm

Sundays: 11 am-4 pm

Shifts are flexible. Let us know when you are available!

Contact: fobcp@tampabay.rr.com OR 727-934-2680

Off The Beaten Path - In Search of Catesby's Lilies

By: Craig N. Huegel

It all started on a beautiful Sunday morning, September 22. Our last hike of the Off the Beaten Path Series had been fully booked for weeks, the weather was just as auspicious, and the Preserve parking lot was filling up with people and anticipation. Each time I've led this hike, I've promised the attendees a close encounter with one of the Preserve's most iconic wildflowers - Catesby's lily (*Lilium catesbaei*), and we've never failed to find at least one, but each new hike I worry a bit about whether this time might be the first to fail. As it turned out, this was the best of them all. We found 13 lilies in full bloom!

The fall Off the Beaten Path hike is really a wildflower walk. Fall is the best time in Florida to see wildflowers so it is always guaranteed to be a beautiful walk. The Catesby's lilies are just an added bonus to the overall experience. In a way, they are the giant pandas of the plant world - the photogenic species that everyone wants to see above the rest. Catesby's lilies are found statewide, but they are extremely habitat sensitive and only found in places that meet their strict habitat needs. Their persnickety needs have made them a state threatened species and a wonderful indicator of habitat quality. At one time, the staff at Brooker Creek Preserve was monitoring over 500 marked lilies. That study was terminated over a decade ago and areas that once supported hundreds are now nearly devoid of them. Finding blooming plants now is even more of a thrill than it was in the past.



The walk (it is hardly a hike the way we do it) began promptly at 9 am. We left the main parking lot, wound our way along the public trails and then broke away from them on trails not open to the public. Thanks to Duke Energy, we also crossed over their property with permission and eventually scoured the xeric uplands along the Hillsborough County line for additional wildflowers. The Florida paintbrush (*Carphephorus corymbosus*) and the blazing stars (*Liatris* spp.) were just beginning to bloom here while the honeycombhead (*Balduina angustifolia*) was nearing its peak. With the wildflowers in bloom, we also saw lots of butterflies, bees, and other pollinators.

The Off the Beaten Path hikes have become very popular with our members and the general public. The funds raised from the registrations are also an important source of revenue in our efforts to support the Preserve and its programs. We get to go to some of the best parts of the Preserve in doing so - places not open to the public and places you can't see otherwise. As we plan the dates for next year, watch the newsletter so you can mark your calendars and consider joining us for the series or for just the walks/hikes that interest you the most.



Balduina



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**ACRE ADOPTIONS FOR
BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE**

Many thanks for the following Acre Adoptions for Nov/Dec 2019:

One acre by Barbara Genthner Moritz

Two acres in honor of Jenny & Rick Grahn by Barb & Eddie Hoffman

One acre in memory of Muriel Harris (Barb's Mom) by
Cathie Foster & Julie Wade

Please consider adopting an acre as a birthday gift, memorial or to honor a special person. See p. 20 for Adopt an Acre Form and additional information.

9th Annual Fall Wildflower Festival

Over 1000 people attended the festival this year to enjoy the many FREE activities! These photos tell the story of a very successful event! Thanks to all who came, to all our hard-working volunteers, and to all of our generous sponsors!



Volunteers Seventy-four volunteers worked diligently and happily the day of the event, contributing more than 400 hours, in addition to the many hours spent preparing for the festival!



Thanks to the 4-H Brooker Creek Explorers who showed amazing sales skills managing our Snack Bar!



Butterfly Tent



Native Plant Sale

Wildflower Quest Participants searched for marked wildflowers along the Ed Center trails and learned a bit more about native flora at the Preserve.



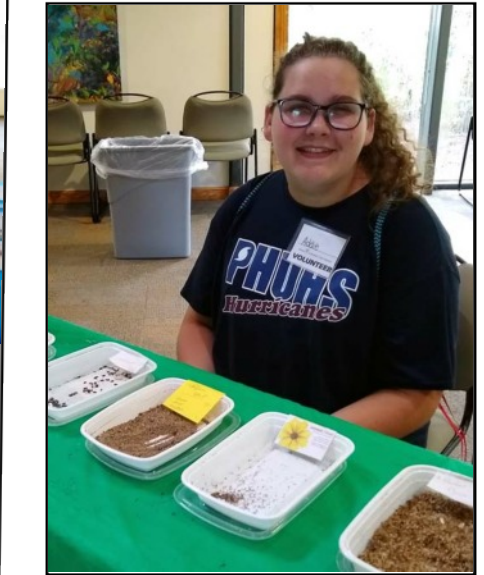
Beekeeping



Fall Wildflower Festival
photos by Evan Earle,
Jr., Julia Myers, and
Cathy Vogelsong



Nature Crafts





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Fall Wildflower Festival
Brooker Creek Preserve
Saturday, October 5, 2019

MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

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Radiology Associates of Tarpon Springs,

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“Snowbird Friends”

The Westfall Team, Inc.





Volunteers pulling out Pepper Vine (try to say that fast three times) from the Muhley Grass in the parking lot.



Our next RTP work day will be Saturday, Jan. 18. Join us!

Are you a good grass or a bad grass? What's missing from this photo? All the St. Augustine Grass that was removed from this area of Muhley Grass next to the sidewalk from the delivery loop road.

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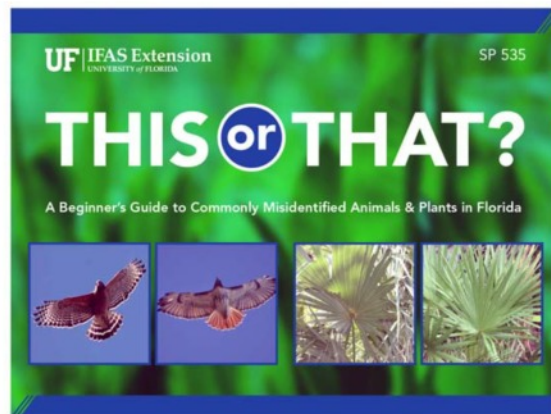
A field guide written by Brooker Creek Preserve Staff!

This or That?

A Beginner's Guide to Commonly Misidentified Animals and Plants in Florida

Lara Milligan and James Stevenson, UF/IFAS Extension

That's OUR James & Lara!!!



Is that a cormorant or an anhinga?
 A crocodile or an alligator?
 Poison ivy or Virginia creeper?

Now available in the Friends Nature Store!

This or That? is a truly unique identification guide that uses detailed descriptions and side-by-side photo comparisons to help you distinguish between look-alike species. More than 98 birds, mammals, reptiles, invertebrates and aquatic and terrestrial plants are featured, including venomous, invasive, non-native and threatened species. Whether you're teaching a class, managing land, exploring outdoors or settling a bet, This or That? is a useful resource to have at your fingertips.

6" x 4.5", 128 pages, ring bound | SP 535, **\$18.00**

OWL-O-WEEN 2019!



Clearwater Audubon brought three owl species to the event.



Everyone got the opportunity to get up close to the live owls.



Mr. Hoot, escorted by Chairman Cathie Foster, posed with many children for many photos.



Nearly 600 people attended our event!



The children enjoyed getting their faces painted, each one a unique design.

Many thanks to the eight owl face painters, three of which are shown to the right, including volunteer, Jane Myers. We had help with face painting this year from East Lake Sunrise Rotary Club and Palm Harbor University High School National Honor Society students.





The youngest children enjoyed owl story time. Story time was provided this year by volunteers from the Tarpon Springs Women's Club.

Ten owl nest boxes were built by families with help from volunteer woodworker, Ray Poyner.



Volunteers Hanna and Addie helped with the Owl Pellet Science where children and their parents dissected real owl pellets to find bones and skulls of the prey the owls had eaten.



Volunteers Paul Mellican and Marilyn Collins manned the Owl Scavenger Hunt table in the morning. The hunt was a huge success, with 53 owls hidden all over the exhibit hall.

Many thanks to the following for their help with Owl-O-Ween 2019:

- East Lake Sunrise Rotary Club
- Tarpon Springs Rotary Club
- Palm Harbor University High School National Honor Society
- Tarpon Springs Women's Club



Many thanks to Nichter Photography for sponsoring Owlween 2019!

Owl-O-Ween photos by Barb Hoffman, Julia Myers, and Lynn Whitelaw



Thank you, East Lake Sunrise Rotary Club, for making owl pancakes in the morning!

Thank you, Tarpon Springs Rotary Club, for making owl pancakes in the afternoon!



The owl pancakes were fun and delicious!



Amazon Smile

If you'd like to make a donation to Brooker Creek Preserve every time you shop using Amazon - please consider using Amazon Smile and designating Brooker Creek Preserve as your charity. The Preserve has a unique charity-link to take customers directly to our smile.amazon.com site:

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Friends  of Brooker Creek Preserve
presents
MUSIC IN THE WOODS SERIES
featuring
Florida Cracker Cowboys
bluegrass with a twist



Sunday, November 10, 2019 4:30 – 7:00 pm
Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center
Outdoor Music Pavilion

\$5/person donation requested, children under 16 FREE!

Bring drinks, picnic dinner and lawn chairs or a blanket.
(If raining, concert will take place inside the Auditorium.)
Sorry, no pets or alcoholic beverages.

Questions: fobcp@tampabay.rr.com
or
727-934-2680

Paint for the Wild!

Sunday, November 10 from 12-3 pm



Join our next **Paint for the Wild** class and create this playful little Roseate Spoonbill. We will teach you how to paint in a new style. No need to fret, our experienced acrylic artist Kelly Quinn, will be there to guide throughout the entire class, both as a group and one-on-one! So grab your friend, or family and join the fun!

All materials provided
No experience required
Enjoy an assortment of snacks
Explore the exhibits and Nature Store during breaks

Cost: \$45/person

Register online at <https://paintforthewild.com/>

“Paint for the Wild” generously donates a portion of registration fees to the *Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve* (non-profit) to support our mission: *to provide public support for the Preserve through fund raising, volunteer programs, and education to ensure that the Preserve remains a natural wilderness for future generations.*

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NIGHT HIKES!

Join the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve for a hiking experience along the Education Center Trail...*at night!* These special hikes are open to the public and limited to 20 people per hike. **A \$3 per person donation is requested.** Hikes are led by Mark Yeager, a Preserve volunteer who is knowledgeable about nocturnal wildlife. The hike is about one-mile in length and will take about 1.5 hours.

~~Saturday Oct. 26, 2019 7:00 pm Owl Prowl~~
Saturday Nov. 30, 2019 6:00 pm
Saturday Dec. 28, 2019 6:00 pm
Saturday Feb. 29, 2020 6:00 pm *Star Party!*

Pre-registration is required! Once you register, more information will come to you via email. Pre-register online by logging onto: <https://nighthikes.eventbrite.com>

These hikes are for adults and families only. Children must be accompanied by parents. Please leave your pets at home. Pets are not permitted in County Preserves.

Star Party! Join the Friends AND the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club to view planets, stars, and the moon with telescopes. Night Hikes will be conducted as well.

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BEEKEEPERS CLUB

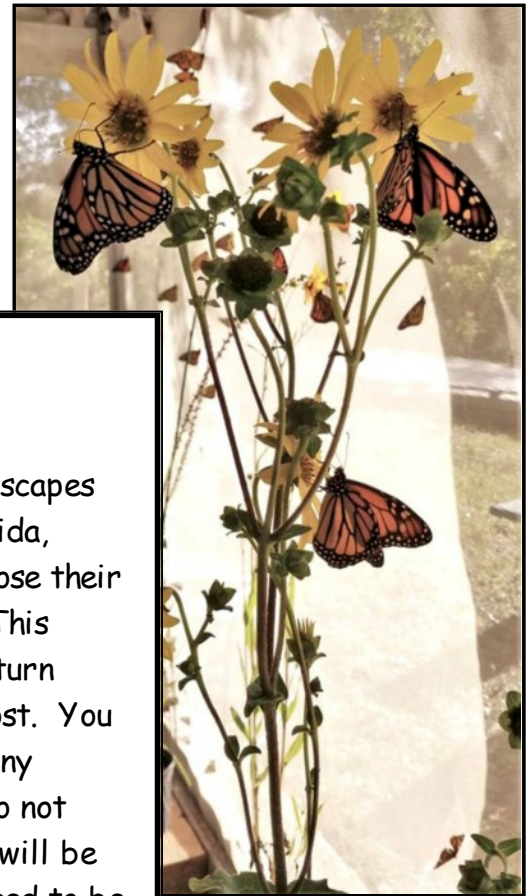
The Friends Beekeepers Club is open to anyone who is interested in beekeeping. Those of us already in the club are very new to the hobby and are learning as we go. Bob Burkard, Beekeepers Club President, is very knowledgeable about beekeeping. We have now built TEN hives, each hosting between 10,000 and 20,000 bees.

Meetings are held the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 am. We meet at the Bee Shed at Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center, gather equipment, and then go to the apiary located about two miles away. Everyone shares in all work. Annual dues for the club are \$25 per person. You must also be a member of *Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve* in order to join the Beekeepers Club. The Friends Beekeepers Club is an affiliate of *Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve*. If you would like to join the **Friends Beekeepers Club** or simply have questions, please email fobcp@tampabay.rr.com.

News from the Wildflower Garden By: Pam Brown

The Wildflower Garden put on a spectacular show in September and October. The blazing stars, blue curls, black-eyed susans, and others were in full bloom. By the time of the Owl-O-Ween Festival on October 26th the narrow-leaved sunflowers and Gulf muhly grass were in their full glory as well. I want to thank everyone who volunteered this year and helped make the Wildflower Garden great. With your help and the abundant rain during the summer, the garden has been especially lovely. You are all the best!

Our next workday in the Wildflower Garden will be on January 25, 2020 (no workday in November or December due to proximity to holidays). We will be partnering with the "Return the Preserve" work group to do some heavy renovation of the garden for our January 25th workday. Watch for a notice for the hours for this day. If you can help in the garden, please bring your hat, gloves, tools and wear closed toed shoes and join us for some gardening fun. We will provide breakfast snacks. We would love to see you there!



Pam's Gardening Tip

We have finally cooled down a bit and the plants in our landscapes are slowing down and going dormant for the winter. In Florida, dormancy is not as easy to spot. Some trees and plants do lose their leaves, but our evergreen plants go into dormancy as well. This means that they do not require as much irrigation. You can turn automatic irrigation back to only every two weeks at the most. You should not need to prune and definitely do not need to add any fertilizer. Dormant plants are not really growing so they do not need the added fertilizer. Any fertilizer added to the soil will be wasted or washed into the street gutters. Grass will only need to be mowed every two to three weeks. The only exception to this is annual flowers that are planted for color. They will need to be spoon fed a small amount of fertilizer each month during their bloom season. I have most of my annuals in large containers so that watering and fertilizing is easier.

Take a break from gardening chores and enjoy the cooler weather!

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BROOKER READERS CLUB

Focusing on Florida Authors and Natural History

The first Saturday of each month (unless noted)

9:30 - 10:30 am

Conference room of the Environmental Education Center

Bring your own coffee!



Book Club Co-Leaders: Jon Burr & Kathleen Nichter
(Photos by Karl Nichter)

2019 Selections

September: *Anthill* by E.O. Wilson

October: any book by or about Archie Carr

November: *Journeys Through Paradise* by Gail Fishman

December: *The Other Florida* by Gloria Jahoda

2020 Selections

January: *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson (a reread of Sep 2014)

February: *Son of Real Florida* by Jeff Klinkenberg

March: *The Sea Around Us* by Rachel Carson (compare and contrast)

April: *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea* by Jack E. Davis (thru chapter 9)

May: *The Dolphin in the Mirror* by Diana Reiss

June: *The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea*, by Jack E. Davis (chapter 10-end)

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve Readers Club

By: Jon Burr

September's discussion was about E. O. Wilson's 'Anthill' (2010), a story of a young man's coming of age in the Deep South. The book was generally liked by our crowd of readers. The ending seemed to come suddenly and in an unexpected way. (Spoiler alert: In



thinking about what to write, I realized the ending reminded me of an unexpected incident in the movie 'Contact'.) Dr. Wilson spoke at Eckerd College a number of years ago. When asked after his talk what the single most important thing one could do for the environment was, he answered: "Get rid of your lawns." This was alluded to in 'Anthill'. Liz and I went to Chicago to see him speak at the Newberry Library (guess what snow looks like in the air!). The book he was pushing was sold out but I had taken my copy of his book 'Consilience'. He signed it and drew a little ant over his signature.

The Friends group wondered how autobiographical the book was. Parts seemed very personal. I reread most of my copy of his autobiography, "Naturalist" (1994), looking for clues and finding few. Wilson did mention he got help from Archie Carr, "...the great expert on Caribbean natural history..." Ah, the perfect segue.

In October we discussed any book by or about Archie Carr (1909-87). We had a special guest, Barb Hoffman, who worked with Archie. Barb's talk was awesome!

I read "A Naturalist in Florida" (Yale Univ., 1994) A Celebration of Eden, ed. by Marjorie Carr, foreword by E. O. Wilson. Let me hazard a paragraph from the book:

"No significant preserving of nature can be done with slight sacrifice. The true test will come when great sacrifices are needed, when it becomes necessary to fight the indifference of most of the world and the active opposition of much of it, to surmount man's ingrained determination to put the far future out of his mind in matters of current profit." p 233.

It is accepted policy not to discuss political topics in the activity and doings of the Friends. I cannot help but say that Brooker Creek Preserve's very being is as political as it gets.

Next time, we discuss 'Journeys Through Paradise' by Gail Fishman. There is plenty of room at the table. We meet the first Saturday of the month at 9:30am at the conference room in the Ed Center (main building).

Volunteer News

Education Center Updates & More

By Julia Myers, Education Support Specialist, Brooker Creek Preserve



The Brooker Creek Explorers 4-H

club is hosting the annual Pinellas 4-H

Cooking Contest here at Brooker Creek on Friday, January 3, 2020, from 9 am to 12 pm. They are looking for judges who do not have any food restrictions to help judge the contest. Would you like to be a tasting judge for the contest? 4-H Youth will prepare recipes in three areas: Healthy Snacks, Florida Citrus, and Cookies. Let me know if you are interested and I can provide more details!

Birding Scavenger Hunt: We have a brand-new activity available in the Education Center for families to enjoy on a self-guided hike! Danielle, A local girl scout working towards her gold award wanted to create something to help families get to know our local birds better. Danielle came up with the idea of a birding scavenger hunt and under the supervision of Preserve staff she developed an excellent activity. We are excited to debut it!



Holiday Hours:

For Thanksgiving the Environmental Education Center will be closed on both Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th.

The Preserve will be open on Thanksgiving Day and closed on only Friday November 29th.

Christmas and New Years do not affect the Education Center's opening hours this year. The Preserve is closed on Christmas Day.

If you would like to join our active volunteer group at Brooker Creek Preserve, please call us at (727) 453-6800.


 Friends of
 Brooker Creek Preserve

ADOPT AN ACRE



*A program to enhance restoration
 and land management programs in
Brooker Creek Preserve*

The **ADOPT AN ACRE** program was established by the Friends in 2016 to give individuals the opportunity to help keep intact the ecological integrity of the Preserve.

100% of funding will be used for:

- Removing exotic and invasive plants
- Restoring the natural flow of water
- Fire management
- Restoring natural plant communities

Acres make great gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and more!

Upon receipt of the donation, the donor or honoree's name will be placed on the **ADOPT AN ACRE** display inside the Environmental Education Center for one year. A certificate will be sent to the honoree acknowledging the adoption.

Donor
 Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

___in honor of ___in memory of ___for myself

Honoree
 Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

I wish to adopt _____ acres @ \$100/acre

Total Due: _____

Make check payable to: FOBCP

Mail to: 3940 Keystone Road
 Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Questions? fobcp@tampabay.rr.com

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BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

Cool calendar for your refrigerator!

November 2019

**Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve events*

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Wetlands)</i> *Friends Readers Club 9:30-10:30 Rain Gardens Program 10:30-12:00	3 Bird Hike 8-10 *Beekeeping Club 9am-12 pm Macro Photography Workshop 10:30-12:00
7 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:15	8 Guided Hike 9:00-10:30 <i>(Botany Walk)</i> Wild Things (pre-K) 10:00-10:45	9 Beginning Bird Hike 8-10 am Spice Science 10:30-12:00	10 *Paint for the Wild 12-3 pm <i>Registraton required at paintforthewild.com</i> *Music in the Woods 4:30-7 pm \$5/person (under 16 free)
13 *FOBCP Board Mtg 6:00 PM	14 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:15	15 Family Fun Friday 10:00-11:00	16 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Autumn in Brooker)</i>
21 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:15	22	23 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Our Wildest Place)</i> Stormwater Ponds 10:30-11:30	24
28 THANKSGIVING DAY EDUCATION CENTER CLOSED TRAILS OPEN	29 EDUCATION CENTER AND HIKING TRAILS CLOSED	30 *Night Hike 6-8 pm Pre-registration required \$3/person	December 1 Bird Hike 8-10 *Beekeeping Club 9am-12 pm

December 2019

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	6	7 *Native Plant Society Holiday Celebration 9am-4 pm Registration required	8 Guided Hike 9:00-10:30 <i>(Classical Music Walk)</i> *Art Reception Tarpon Springs Art Assoc. 1-3 pm
12 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	13 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Botany Walk)</i> Wild Things (pre-K) 10:00-10:45	14 Beginning Bird Hike 8-10 am Birds in Classical Music 10:30-12	15
19 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	20 Family Fun Friday 10-11 am	21 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Nature's Hidden Wonders)</i>	22
26 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	27	28 Guided Hike 9:00-12:00 <i>(Our Wildest Place)</i> *Night Hike 6-8 pm Pre-registration required \$3/person donation	29

For program details and updates go to <http://www.brookercreekpreserve.org/programs-classes.htm> Click "Calendar of Classes/Programs/Hikes"
Hiking Trails are open every day from 7:00 am until one hour before sunset

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve - Mission Statement: The mission of the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve is to provide public support for the Preserve through fund raising, volunteer programs, and education to ensure that the Preserve remains a natural wilderness for future generations.

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve - Land Use Position Statement: The Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve support land uses within the boundaries of Brooker Creek Preserve which have a main purpose that furthers the preservation, conservation, restoration or protection of the land and resources of the Brooker Creek Preserve.

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Hours: Thurs. - Sat. 9am - 4pm, Sun., 11am - 4pm.

Friends Nature Store is located in the Education Center. Hours: Thurs. - Sat. 9am - 4pm, Sun., 11am - 4pm.

Preserve Hiking Trails open 7 days a week, 7:00am to 30 minutes before sunset. Closed the day after Thanksgiving and Dec. 25.

Horse Trails open 7 days a week, all year, sunrise to sunset.

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