


Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

January - February 2018

Chairman's Message

by Cathie Foster

Happy New Year! In any well-run organization, those in leadership roles take time to reflect on past efforts and make decisions about how to proceed going forward. At our Annual Meeting, in November, we reviewed the 20 events, activities and ongoing efforts the Friends have undertaken during the last fiscal year. The good news is that all of those have succeeded in drawing people to Brooker Creek Preserve, and so we will continue to offer them.

More good news is that we have begun, in the 2018 fiscal year, a series of ongoing art exhibits in our Art Gallery in the auditorium. This is important because it gives us all a chance to view the natural world through artistic impressions, and also because it brings in visitors to the Preserve who might not otherwise come. My own circle of friends includes many nature enthusiasts, but also some who are not so comfortable in the great outdoors. One of my resolutions this year is to get as many of those friends as I can to join me in some event or activity at the Preserve; perhaps Music in the Woods, the art exhibits, the Star Party, the Brooker Reading Club, or an interesting program. We know there are many folks who come to Brooker for the first time and are in awe of, not only the beautiful Education Center, but the fantastic hiking trails and the many programs offered. I encourage each of you to share your love of Brooker with as many of YOUR friends as possible this year by inviting them to come with you to your favorite activities here! Help spread the word about this wonderful treasure we have!

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Wishing you all the best in 2018! Cathie



Coyote tracks from the 2017 Off the Beaten Path sandhill hike. Photo by Craig Huegel.

Save the Dates Upcoming Friends Events

- Dec. 22 - Jan. 7 National Audubon Society Exhibit:
2017 Best Avian Photography
- Jan. 6 Brooker Book Club 9:30-10:30 am
- Jan. 13 Night Hike 6-8 pm
- Jan. 20 Return the Preserve Work Day
- Jan. 21 Taylor Ikin Artist Reception 1-3 pm
- Jan. 21 - Apr. 1 Gallery Exhibit: Taylor Ikin
- Jan. 27 Wildflower Garden Work Day 9-11 am
- Feb. 3 Brooker Book Club 9:30 - 10:30 am
- Feb. 4 Music Jamboree 2-4 pm
- Feb. 11 Music in the Woods: Florida
Cracker Cowboys 3:30-6:00 pm
- Feb. 17 Painting on Yupo: A Workshop with
Taylor Ikin 10 am-2 pm
- Feb. 17 Star Party 6:30 - 10:30 pm
- Feb. 17 Night Hike 6:30 pm
- Feb. 24 Wildflower Garden Work Day 9-11 am

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ACRE ADOPTIONS FOR BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

We thank the donors below who have chosen to adopt an acre of the Preserve.

In memory of Betsy Rutledge from Barb & Eddie Hoffman.

See page 15 for the Adopt an Acre Form and additional information.

Music in the Woods: 2PM - Nov. 11

The Friends hosted two wonderful music groups this Fall! In November the group, 2PM, entertained many people with their contemporary folk music. (See attached photos)



2PM concert in our outdoor music pavilion, photos by Jane Myers.



2PM after dark, photo by Allyn Childress

Merigiare String Quartet - Dec. 10

In December, the string quartet, Merigiare, played gorgeous music to an audience of approximately 100 people. A slideshow of artwork, from the same turn-of-the-century era as the music, was a great addition to the experience this year. Many thanks to the Friends' donor who brought these four musicians to our auditorium! Thanks, also, to Jon Burr and Lynn Whitelaw for the beautiful slideshow!

These events could not happen without volunteers, and Jane Myers would like to thank everyone who gave their time and energy!

Upcoming Music Events

Music Jamboree: Feb. 4, 2018

Our next Jamboree will be held on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, at the outdoor Music Pavilion (We will move indoors if weather doesn't cooperate). Please bring your acoustic instruments and join in the fun!

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Presents **A Music in the Woods Series Event**

Come enjoy the Florida Cracker Cowboys' eclectic mix of **bluegrass and contemporary music**, at our music pavilion. Remember to bring chairs and a picnic.

Florida's original Bluegrass Power-trio

FLORIDA CRACKER COWBOYS

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February 11, 2018

3:30-6pm

Florida boys
combine
classic
bluegrass with
some fresh
sounds

**Brooker Creek
Nature Preserve @
3940 Keystone Road
in Tarpon Springs**



Tucker, Munoz, and Rich perform at the Florida Pioneer Museum

**Florida-themed
originals, classics like
Doc Watson's
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like *Us and Them* by
Pink Floyd**

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2018 NIGHT HIKES!

Join the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve for a hiking experience along the Education Center Trail...*at night!* These nocturnal 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.

2018

Saturday, Jan. 13, 6-8 pm

Saturday, Feb. 17, 6:30 pm **Star Party with St. Pete Astronomy Club**

Saturday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Saturday, April 14, 8-10 pm

Saturday, May 12, 8-10 pm

Pre-registration is required! Once you register, more information will come to you via email. Pre-register online by logging onto:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-hikes-tickets-15245149653>

These hikes are for adults and families only. Children must be accompanied by parents. Please leave "Fido" at home. Pets are not allowed in any county Preserve.

Special Night Hikes – If you have a group of ten or more people that would like to schedule a special night hike just for that group, please contact the Friends: fobcp@tampabay.rr.com or 727-934-2680.

Star Party! Join the Friends AND the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club to view planets, stars, and the moon with telescopes. Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, 6:30 pm. Night Hikes will be conducted as well.

Questions? Email fobcp@tampabay.rr.com

**Traveling Exhibit
2017 Best Avian Photography
National Audubon Society Winners**

Dec. 22 - Jan. 7

Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium Gallery

Fridays & Saturdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Sundays 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Grand Prize Winner, Deborah Albert



Amateur Winner, Heather Skelley



Youth Winner, Zachary Webster

The top twelve photos are on display. Selected from more than 5,500 entries, the winning photos were published in the Summer 2017 issue of Audubon magazine and show birdlife at its most vivid, vulnerable, formidable, and elegant. Photographers from 49 states and eight Canadian provinces submitted images in three categories: professional, amateur, and youth. A panel of five judges had the daunting task of sifting through the stunning images and grading them based on technical quality, originality, and artistic merit. This exhibit is on display for only two weeks at Brooker Creek Preserve!

This exhibition is hosted by:





TAYLOR IKIN

Into The Woods

Nature-inspired paintings by nationally known watercolor artist Taylor Ikin captured on synthetic YUPO paper.

exhibit on view

January 21st
through
April 1st
2018

the gallery at

**Brooker Creek Preserve
Environmental
Education Center**

Daytime Hike, 2017
Watercolor on YUPO paper, 26 x 20 in.

My specific strengths as a painter relate to my strong feelings about our earth and how we envision our responsibility as being the watchdog for our planet. Taylor Ikin

Artist Reception

Sunday, January 21, 1-3 PM

Refreshments, live music provided by

Dedicated Dulcimers of Dunedin • Free to the Public

Painting on YUPO: A Workshop with Taylor Ikin

Saturday, February 17, 10 AM-2 PM

\$40 (includes YUPO paper and instruction; open to all artistic levels)

To sign up: Email - fobcp@tampabay.rr.com Phone – 727-934-2680

Gallery open

Saturday 9am-4pm / Sunday 11am-4pm

Some Fridays – please call

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Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center

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PAINTING ON YUPO: A WORKSHOP WITH TAYLOR IKIN

Saturday, February 17, 10 AM - 2 PM

\$40.00

Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center



Come learn about painting on YUPO, a synthetic tree-free surface, with master artist/teacher, Taylor Ikin. Known as the “Queen of YUPO”, paintings by Ms. Ikin are featured this winter in the exhibition *Into the Woods* in the Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium Gallery. The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for artists at all levels, from beginner to experienced, to learn about this fascinating material that allows you to “artistically document a tree without tearing down a tree.”

The class is limited to 20 students. Bring art supplies (brushes, preferred media: watercolor, acrylics, oils, or crayon, etc.) and a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Ms. Ikin will supply YUPO paper along with engaging instruction and artistic fun for all!

Taylor Ikin teaches YUPO workshops around the country and is on the faculty of the Dunedin Fine Arts Center. She is a past president and Signature Member of the Florida Watercolor Society and was juried into the National Watercolor Society annual exhibition in 2012. Currently Ikin is on the boards of the Gasparilla Festival of the Arts and the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, and has also served on the Board of the Arts Council of Hillsborough County. She has exhibited in museums and galleries around the country and *Fragile Florida*, a national touring exhibition of Ikin paintings commissioned by Hillsborough County ELAPP (Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program), was featured at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art in 2005.

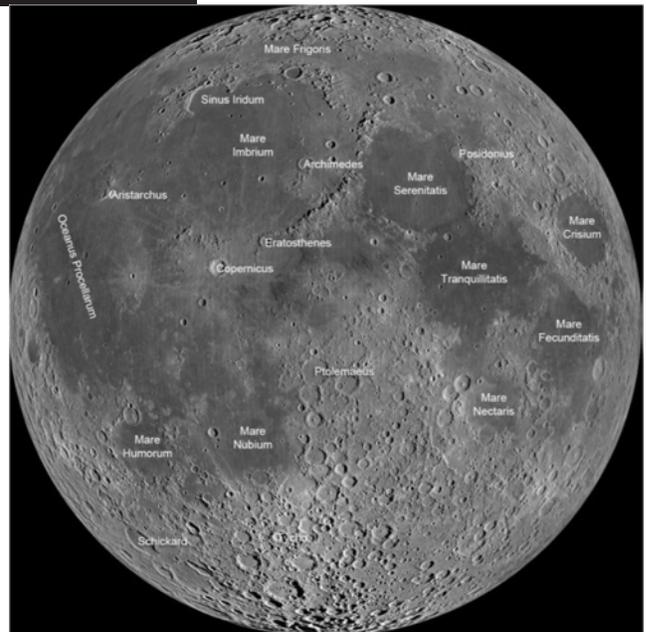
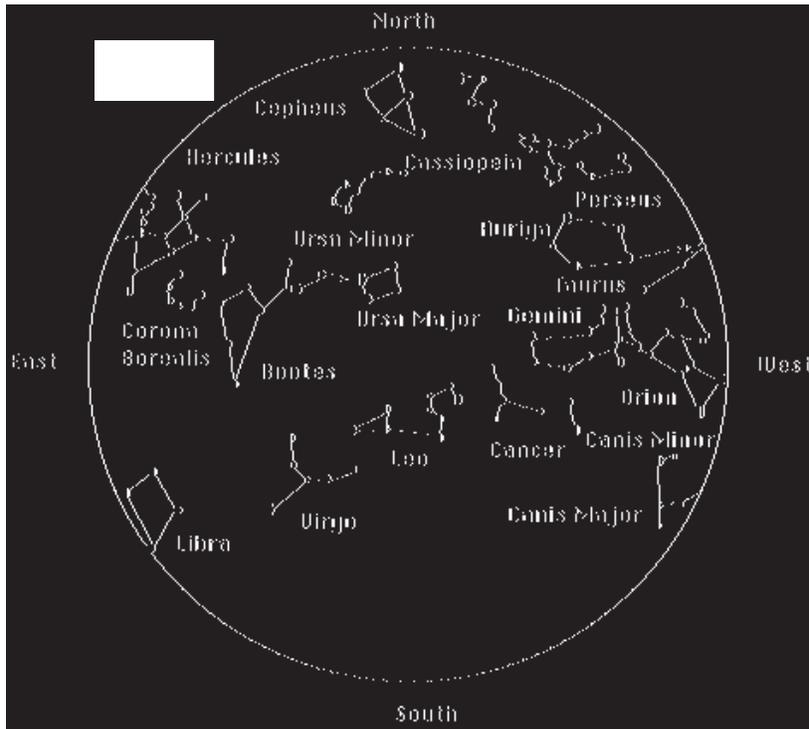
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For questions and to register, please contact the Friends:
Phone: 727-934-2680 Email: fobcp@tampabay.rr.com

Star Party!

Saturday, February 17, 2018
6:30 – 10:30 or so

Join us as we observe the night sky with the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club. Observe the stars through telescopes provided. Night hikes will be conducted as well along the .75 mile Ed Center Trail through the woods. Please bring a chair, water, insect repellent, and your own telescope if you have one. As always, pets, smoking, and alcohol are not allowed. Arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. – the front gates will be open only during this time. A \$3 per person donation is requested; registration is required. Register by calling 727-934-2680 or online at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/star-party-tickets-21136182892>



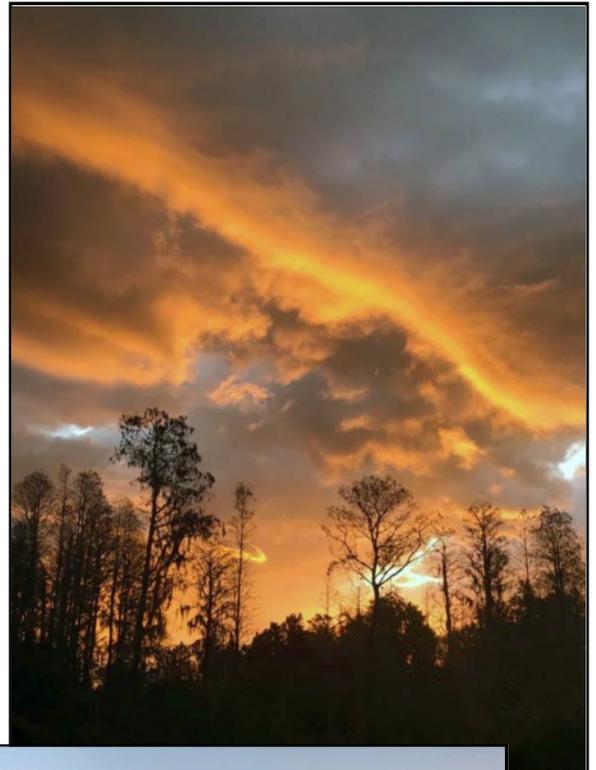
A Bit of Early History of Brooker Creek Preserve - Part 2

By: Craig Huegel

Several issues ago, I wrote about the early history of Brooker Creek Preserve. In this issue, I will add to that story. Brooker Creek Preserve did not begin as a conservation initiative. It was all about Pinellas County taking preemptive measures to prepare for the future development that was envisioned. Land that would someday become part of the Preserve was land intended for wellfields and trash disposal.

The runaway development that characterized Pinellas County for much of its early history met its first real obstacle in the growing public concern for the environment that began to seep into the nation in the mid-1960's and which culminated in the inauguration of the first Earth Day on 22 April 1970. What began here in Pinellas County as an organized concern over the dredging and incremental destruction of Boca Ciega Bay in the late 1960's, resulted in special legislation prohibiting its dredging several years later. Pinellas County responded in several ways to this cultural shift directed at concern for the environment. Of most impact to Brooker Creek Preserve were the meetings and input that led to the so-called Red Flag Charrette published in 1972. This publication brought together city and County government officials, environmental interests, architects, planners, and private citizens to identify and prioritize environmental lands throughout the County for protection, potential acquisition, and environmental management. As an outgrowth of the 1972 Charrette, the citizens of Pinellas County supported the first referendum (of several) presented to them by the Board to increase ad-valorem taxes to purchase parkland and environmentally-sensitive land. In 1974, the Board established the Pinellas County Department of Environmental Management, for the first time employing a full staff of environmental professionals. All of these significant events occurred within the three years from 1972 to 1974.

The most obvious result of the Red Flag Charrette was that Pinellas County had very few options to meet preservation and conservation goals. The only viable one was to get serious about protecting the only large tract of undeveloped land that still remained - land in the northeastern corner of the County; the land that would become Brooker Creek Preserve.



Brooker Creek sunset, photos by Julia Myers.

The creation of the Environmental Management Department was a purposeful decision to separate lands that would be managed primarily for public use (the Parks Department) from lands that would be managed primarily for their environmental value. The Parks would emphasize passive (and some active) public uses within a natural-lands framework; the Preserves would allow for passive public uses as long as those uses did not cause damage to the integrity of the environmental resources. This is a major philosophical difference and one that has had to be revisited many times since.

The County already owned land in what is now Brooker Creek Preserve. The wellfields south of Keystone Road were not presently needed to generate potable water and the second incinerator idea was scrapped as unnecessary. It was at this time that the County met with officials of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) for help in further land acquisitions. SWFWMD had funds from the state for this purpose thanks to the initial P2000 Program. Over the next few years, they purchased nearly all of the land from our southern border in the City of Oldsmar to the diagonal powerline. Pinellas County purchased key properties south of the current education center. Together, these lands constituted the nearly 5,000 acre Brooker Creek Preserve that was unveiled to the public in early 1991.

A lot has changed since that time. I was hired as the Preserve's first manager in 1992. I helped to establish the first Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve shortly after that. Together, we pushed to expand both the land and the programs that constitute what we have today. We've nearly doubled the acreage of what is now a contiguous conservation area. Some of this land has yet to be formalized within the recognized borders of Brooker Creek Preserve, but that seems a moot point right now as it is protected as conservation land. We have built one of the best facilities in Florida to help educate our residents about the importance of land conservation, we have built one

of the strongest citizen support organizations anywhere, and we have fought the battles that needed fighting and supported the programs that needed supporting.

What we know as Brooker Creek Preserve was forged by citizen action in the 1960's and shaped by citizen action after its inception in 1991. It will remain healthy only through our continued involvement with County government and other governmental agencies. Your continued involvement is vital; never feel complacent about how important you are and continue to help us grow and prosper in the years ahead.



Dung beetle and summer milkweed, photos by Craig Huegel.

News from the Wildflower Garden

By Pam Brown

Volunteers work to maintain this garden as a wildflower meadow that contains wildflowers native to Brooker Creek Preserve. Most of the plants have gone to seed and we let those seeds fall in hopes of increasing the number of wildflower plants in the garden. Not much is in bloom now, but the lyre-leaf sage should be sending up spikes of blue flowers in late January followed by violets. We took November and December off from working in the garden during the Holidays. Beginning in January or February we will be creating a bog garden in a corner of the Wildflower Garden so that we can plant some of the wildflowers that prefer more moisture. This will be a more labor intensive project that could use several persons with strong backs to help dig out the area.

If you are interested in helping maintain this garden, we meet in the morning of the last Saturday of each month. Our winter hours are 9 - 11 a.m. Bring gardening tools, gloves, a hat, and wear closed-toed shoes. We will provide breakfast snacks and coffee. We would love to have you come and join us on January 27 or February 24, 2018.

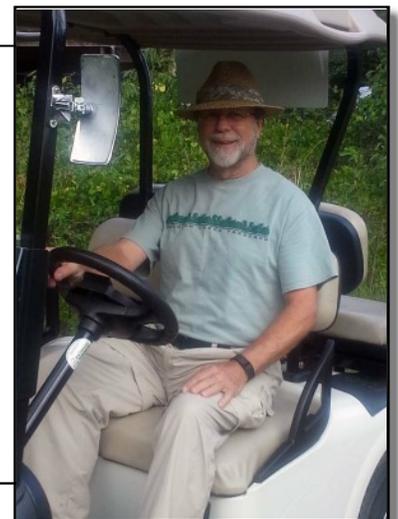
Pam's Tip

I like to use winter months to survey my landscape and take note of what is working and what might need to be changed. I also like to consider how the landscape is friendly to wildlife since Brooker Creek Preserve bounds our back yard. The University of Florida/IFAS website has a compendium of great publications regarding landscaping for wildlife available on the Internet at: http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_landscaping_for_wildlife.

Whether you wish to start small and just add a few wildlife friendly plants or you are thinking of redoing your landscape, you will be able to find good ideas in these publications. Keep in mind that pollinators are wildlife too! Happy Gardening.

An Invitation from Barry

Barry Andress, our Golf Cart Guy, invites you to take a tour with him in the golf cart along the paved 2-mile driveway loop at Brooker Creek Preserve. The golf cart provides a quiet ride and a new way to see the beautiful landscape and possibly some wildlife. Barry knows some natural history and Preserve history, and is happy to share his knowledge with you. Please email Barry to set up a date and time: alfabarry3@gmail.com.



Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve Readers Club

By Jon Burr

The last two Reader's Club meetings have been -- as usual -- spirited, informative and rewarding. We have a good group with room for more.



Photo by Karl Nichter

We have learned to tolerate each other's various quirks and very much enjoy our hour or so together each month. So much for the promotional stuff.

In November, we discussed "Death in the Everglades" by Stuart B. McIver. The book was about the murder of Guy Bradley in south Florida in 1905, "America's first environmentalist martyr". The man who shot him pretty much admitted he did it but was acquitted anyway. The scourge of plume hunters in Florida at the beginning of the Twentieth Century and their relentless slaughter of birds was not really a big deal to most people then. And it was the only means of subsistence for some. (You know, JOBS.) So it didn't seem too surprising that the shooting death of someone who stood in the way of this enterprise was not an offense that anyone should be guilty of. However, events fairly quickly occurred that led to the ending of the plume hunting practice. The book was well written. The discussion was collegial.

In December, everyone very much enjoyed the collection of writings gathered by Susan Cerulean, Janisse Ray, and Laura Newton titled "Between Two Rivers: Stories From the Red Hills to the Gulf." Cerulean and Ray, two of these author/editors, are worth a visit to your favorite search engine. Newton is not as well known yet. Although I missed it, I understand they gave a talk here at the Preserve several years ago. I am very much taken by the writings of Janisse Ray. I have most of her books. She is what I would call "A South Georgia Treasure," better yet, a universal one. In April, we'll be reading one of Janisse's books. We all seemed... charmed... by these stories. One of our club stalwarts thought the term "spiritual" very much applied to this collection. While we all agreed most of them were recollections of enjoyable episodes there was a sadness implicit in how unrepresentative of the real concerns of the vast majority of most people living in that region.

Next year starts with a bang. (Bad taste?) We are reading anything by or about that sometimes-Florida-resident, Ernest Hemingway. Please take a look at the reading list for the first half of 2018 under the Quick Links: Brooker Reading Club at www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org.

Please join us. The requirements are minimal: curiosity and a willingness to participate in, or at least tolerate, wry humor. 9:30, conference room Brooker Creek Preserve Ed Center, first Saturday of the month.

Volunteer News and More!

By Julia Myers, Education Support Specialist, Brooker Creek Preserve



- **Thank You for another GREAT Year!** In fiscal year 2017, Brooker Creek volunteers contributed 8,194 hours, which is an equivalent of \$197,803.16 of service to our Preserve! On top of that we had 29,528 visitors in the Education Center this year, a 20% increase from last year! We offered a total of 431 programs reaching 13,258 visitors. We've added three new volunteer led guided hikes to our regular monthly hikes as well as roaming naturalists on the trails! You all are amazing! Keep up the AWESOME work.
- **We are kicking off January** with some wonderful programs, be sure to check out the January schedule, it is jam packed! There will be new programs as well as a new Junior Naturalist hike for 8-14 year olds starting in January. Cheers to 2018!!
- **All active Pinellas County Park and Preserve Volunteers** are invited to Pinellas County's 3R Volunteer Event-Recognition, Retention and Recruitment! Join us on January 27th from 11am to 2pm in the Magnolia Room at the Florida Botanical Gardens. Lunch will be provided by the Cabot Cheese Gratitude Grill! If you'll attend, please RSVP by Jan. 20th to jskinner@pinellascounty.org. See Julia if you have any questions.
- **Don't forget** to "like" Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center on Facebook and share the page with your friends! We are also on Instagram now, you can follow us under [@brookercreekpreserve](https://www.instagram.com/brookercreekpreserve).



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

Hike guide trainees, Dec. 3, 2017


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!

January 2018

***Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve events**

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	5 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Florida Forests)</i>	6 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Habitats & Communities)</i> *Brooker Readers Club 9:30-10:30 Birds of Prey 10:30-12:00	7
11 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	12 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Native Plants)</i>	13 Beginning Bird Hike 8-10 am Big Turtle Year 10:30-12:00 *Night Hike 6:00-8:00 pm <i>\$3/person donation</i>	14 Guided Hike 9:30-11:00 <i>(Nature of Change)</i>
18 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	19 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Wildlife in the Preserve)</i>	20 * Return the Preserve Work Day 8:00-11:00 Guided Hike 9-10:30 <i>(Nature's Hidden Wonders)</i> Visiting Critters 10:30-12:00	21 *Art Gallery Opening Reception Artist: Taylor Ikin 1:00-3:00
25 Pre-School Book Time 10:30-11:30	26 Junior Naturalist Walk 9:00-11:00 Family Fun Friday 10:00-11:00	27 *Wildflower Garden Work Day 9:00-11:00 Extended Hike 9:00-12:00 Microplastics 10:00-11:00 Water Wonders Youth Program 1-2 pm	28 Guided Hike 9:30-11:00 <i>(Swamp and Sandhill Surprises)</i>

FEBRUARY 2018

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For program details 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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Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center is located at 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs, Florida, 34688. Phone: (727) 453-6800
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.

This newsletter is published every other month. Please submit articles to Newsletter Editor Dr. Craig Huegel (727) 422-6583 or email Huegelc55@aol.com

Pinellas County PCR Mission statement: The mission of the Parks and Conservation Resources Department is to maintain and protect the inherent value of the County's natural, cultural and recreational resources through sustainable access, education, and stewardship that enhance quality of life for our community and future generations.

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