

Newsletter

A Message from the President

The United States has been credited as the country with more Volunteer organizations and Volunteers than any other country on the planet. Jonathan Dickinson State Park (JDSP) is fortunate to have nearly 200 Friends that Volunteer from time to time in support of our favorite state park. Those Volunteering at JDSP enrich the lives of their families, the community of park visitors and the park itself through their learning, variety of interesting tasks performed and the rewarding feeling that, as a result of their Volunteering, the world is a little bit better off.

How have you used your Friends membership lately to benefit yourself, your family, your community or Jonathan Dickinson State Park? Opportunities for Friends participation exist in many capacities. Friends

can serve on one of our committees such as the Events Committee where quarterly events at the park are planned and conducted by Volunteers in close association with our park Staff for learning as well as fun and entertainment too. Volunteers may participate by assisting with park programs and activities on a regular basis or when we have a free weekend or week day every now and then.

I encourage all of our Friends to contact Libby Reinert (libby.reinert@dep.state.fl.us) or me (noxnick@ix.netcom.com) and Volunteer a little bit of yourselves to service above self at our favorite state park. Thank you and I look forward to volunteering with you!

Dave Nickerson, President

Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

Corner

By Rob Rossmanith, JDSP Park Biologist

Plant Name: Many-flowered Grass Pink
Genus/Species: *Calopogon multiflorus*
Family: Orchidaceae

Can be found at JDSP: In recently burned flatwoods.

What it looks like: Short, terrestrial plant (up to 1-foot tall) with one or two leaves. Flowers in March to July, after having been burned, with a single inflorescence having up to 15 flowers. Flowers are crimson to magenta to light pink.

Status: Listed by Florida Division of Agriculture and Consumers Services as "Endangered" because it is found in ecosystems (flatwoods) that are now seldom seen in their natural, healthy state and seldom maintained with the appropriate fire regime (a 2 to 5 year rotation of prescribed burning).

Range: Chiefly in Florida. Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina are thought to have smaller populations.

Interesting Facts:

- Thought to be almost extinct in Georgia - very uncommon outside of central Florida.
- This particular plant does poorly in agricultural lands like pine plantations because of the soil disturbance that occurs in these operations.
- Difficult to detect by the casual observer because of its small size, and the fact that it flowers only after fires.



Photo of *Many-flowered Grass Pink* taken by Rob Rossmanith

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Biologist's

**Friends of
Jonathan Dickinson
State Park, Inc.**

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Alana Edwards

Patrick Hayes

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Park Biologist

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Barry Richardson

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Jane Shauan

Scott Tedford

Pat Walsh

Cheri Wells

**Jonathan Dickinson State Park
Hosts the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce
June Business after Hours Social
June 30, 2010**

More than 150 chamber members and guests attended the 5:30 – 7:00 PM event and Chamber Executive Director, Jennifer Ferrari, deemed it highly successful. In fact, she asked Park Manager, Mark Nelson, to consider hosting the annual Hobe Sound BBQ Festival at the Center in 2011. Many attendees expressed surprise and wonder at the facility and the programs offered to park visitors as well as the tremendous expanse of natural land in our park. Chamber President, Wayne Glick was one and he promised to return to the park with his family and learn more about what JDSP has in store for local residents. Participants enjoyed networking while sharing great food and drink and learning about the Kimbell Center and the programs and resources available at JDSP. For most of the group it was their first experience at the Kimbell Center and many had not been in the park before.

Our JDSP video was shown in the Theater where spectacular food catered by Scooters was spread on tables along the walls. Kathy Warren serenaded us with live piano music throughout the event. Five local businesses Co-Sponsored and made generous donations to the Friends that were used to completely cover the cost of the caterer. The businesses included AMAC Insurance, Forest Hills Funeral Homes, Christina's Resale & Thrift Shop and two anonymous business donors.

Park Staff, volunteers and AmeriCorps folks prepared the center, answered questions, provided tours of the Center and helped clean up too. Mark Nelson circulated among the crowd and made several good contacts on future activities and public relations for our park. The Friends Board of Directors was well represented with Jim Snyder (and Wife Carol), Alana Edwards and Lois Brenner serving beverages; Pat Magrogan, Pat Jebb and Randy Hoefling promoting the Friends and recruiting 11 new members at the Friends table; Joanne Talley, Anne Cox and Henry Blakiston circulating among the crowd answering questions and promoting the Center and our park. Mark Nelson and Dave Nickerson briefly spoke to the group about opportunities at the park and with the Friends.

Friends Board members continued to play a role near the end of the Social by providing two walking sticks, fabricated by Randy Hoefling, and a Park Guide, authored by Jim Snyder that were given away as door prizes to three lucky recipients. A special drawing was held from the 11 new Friends members joining at the event and Craig and Karen Kingston, owners of the Taste, won a kayak tour of the Wild and Scenic portion of the Loxahatchee River specially guided by County Commissioner Patrick Hayes.



*Hobe Sound Chamber Members
enjoying the evening at the Kimbell Center*

**Tree Planting
at Pine Grove**

Thanks to a generous donation to the *Friends of JDSP*, we were able to plant ten new trees in the new Pine Grove Campground. They were put by the playground so that the children will have a nice shady in which to play. The trees were purchased from *Tom's Tropical Tree's*. Thanks again from all of us in the Friends of JDSP and Jonathan Dickinson State Park and keep those donations coming.

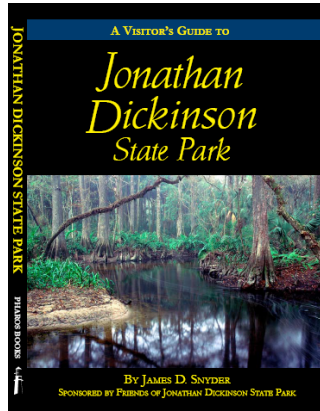


*Tom (left), of Tom's Tropical Trees, helps to
plant a Live Oak in Pine Grove Campground*

Available Now!
A Visitor's Guide to
Jonathan Dickinson
State Park

Only \$9.95

Pick up your copy
today at the
River Store



This 96-page, four-color booklet with 12 maps and 173 photos has sections on:

- Plants, trees and animals in the park.
- The park's eight major ecological systems.
- Activities for visitors – including neighboring sites.
- Stories of Camp Murphy, Trapper Nelson & other highlights of our 5,000-plus years of human habitation.

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF JDSP!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Friends

Marty Baum
Henry & Patricia Blakiston
Liane Brown
Capps Roofing
Debbie Clark & Jack Horniman
Ken Coe
Forest Hills Funeral Homes
Ron & Gloria Gould
Marie Hayman
Ken & Leslie Kandefer
Karen & Craig Kingston
Beth & Charles Lewis
Gary & Kim Lott
Darren O'Brien
Ronald & Ursula Orr
Rich & Jan Otten
Bob Paci & Kristine Scully
Mona Sturgis
John Szewczyk
Christine Weber
Jerry & Gloria White
John & Elizabeth Williams

Friends Renewed

Nancy Armstrong
Doug Bendix
Rick Binder & Donna Korora
Ron & Norma Bock
Connie Clapp
Fred & Cynthia Cone
Bobby & Fayola Cook
Richard & Patricia Dopsovic
Lana & David Edwards
Geoffrey & Marie Etherington
John Ford
Bonnie Gall
Patrick Hayes
Randy Hoefling
Laura Kerr
Roy Kimbell
Clare Kirchman
Louise Koski
Davie & Sally Manz
Erin McDevitt
Lynn & Joseph McGrew

Kevin McLaughlin & Debra Warmuskerken
John & Linda Pelong
Sean & Rebecca Petrie
Vicki Putnam & Ernie Cantelmo
Barbara & Bob Raymer
Jeff, Lisa & Delaney Ridgway
John & Jan Schick
Michael & Linda Smith
Peter Staffaforde & Jean Kluge
Bridget Titone
Allen Trefry
Mason & Gil Walsh

INVITE *YOUR* FRIENDS
TO BE A FRIEND!
DOWNLOAD A
MEMBERSHIP FORM AT

www.friendsofjdsp.org/membership.php



Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

Membership Application

A not-for-profit Citizen Support Organization (CSO)

- Lifetime Corporate: \$2500 Lifetime Patron: \$1000 Corporate: \$500
 Patron: \$100 Organization: \$50 Family: \$30

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I am interested in volunteering with the Friends.

Please send this application along with your donation to:

The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.
16450 SE Federal Hwy, Hobe Sound, FL 33455

For more information on the "Friends" please call (561) 744-9814

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the "Friends" may be obtained from
The Division of Consumer Services by calling 800-435-7352

NEW BRICK POLICY

Bricks are available again! Bricks will be installed in batches, *four times a year*. So get your order in today!



ADOPT-A-BRICK!

The Elsa Kimbell Environmental Education and Research Center at Jonathan Dickinson State Park belongs to us all. It houses our Visitor Center, classrooms for students and adult programs, research labs for ongoing environmental studies, interpretive displays, special events, administrative offices and a meeting place for the Friends and volunteers! AND NOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT ALL!

YOUR INFORMATION:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____
Fax: _____ Email: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Three lines, 20 characters per line, spaces and punctuation count.

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2nd Line (20) _____
3rd Line (20) _____

CHECK ENCLOSED: ()

Volunteer Opportunities – HELP NEEDED

We are currently defining areas where members of *Friends of JDSP* who wish to volunteer can help. Please identify where you can assist the *Friends* by calling Libby at the Ed Center at 561-745-5551. If you can help with something that you don't see listed here, please let us know. Your comments are welcome.

Ways you can help the *Friends*:

- Man table at events in park
- Help at socials
- Help with phone calls – for members without email
- Distributing membership forms – libraries, _____(other?)
- Help with mailings
- Accounting help
- Other _____

Education center volunteers can help with:

- Greeting visitors at the reception desk
- Maintaining program and activity supplies and materials
- Maintaining exhibits and displays
- Leading school and visitor programs and activities
- Coordinating special events

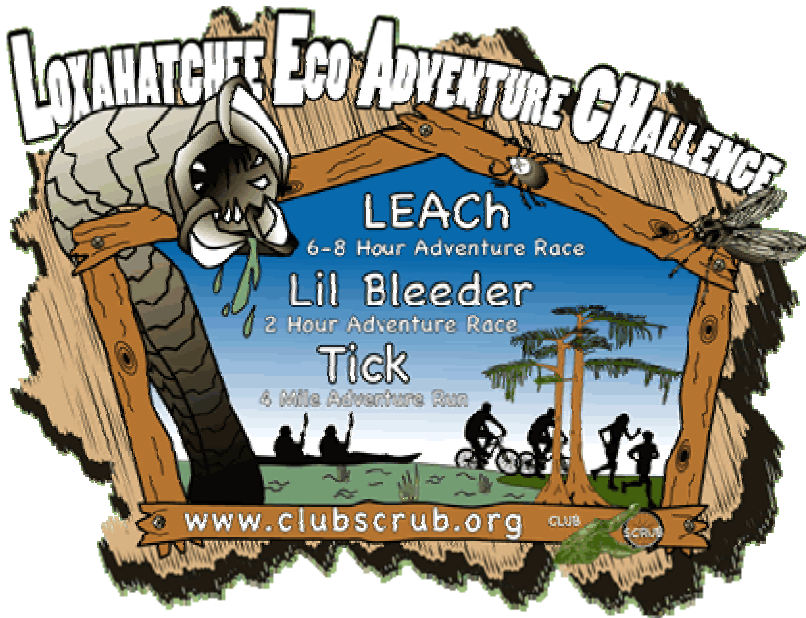


Also, please tell your friends or neighbors that might be interested in helping about the opportunities at JDSP. We look forward to hearing from you with any questions or comments and appreciate your involvement. **Thank you for being a *Friend*!**



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Clare Rue has been an active volunteer at Jonathan Dickinson State Park for 5 years. She regularly greets visitors and helps maintain the Kimbell Education Center and has also begun helping with many of the environmental education programs that take place every week. Clare Rue has been a member of Eagle Watch for ten years and Jay Watch for four years. Eagle Watch entails the regular monitoring and counting of Eagles when they migrate. This also includes educating the public about Eagles and intrusion into their habitat. Eagle Watch has had a tremendous impact on the Eagle being taken off the endangered species list. Jay Watch is the seasonal monitoring and counting of the threatened Florida Scrub Jay in hopes of having the same positive impact as Eagle Watch. Clare Rue is an enthusiastic volunteer who is always willing to help out whenever and wherever she is needed. Thank you, Clare Rue, for your dedication to the Florida Park Service!



The Friends are invited to come out to the Park for the *Loxahatchee Eco Adventure Challenge* sponsored by Club Scrub. OR if you are brave enough, you can register now by going to their website: www.clubscrub.org. Come spend a few hours running beautiful trails, hiking through environmentally unique scrub pine forests and cypress swamps, riding bike trails and dirt roads, canoeing the Loxahatchee River, pushing your bike through pristine sugar sand, navigating with map and compass, and other special challenges! Mark your calendar now for Saturday, November 13th!

DEP Announces New Florida Park Service Director

The Friends would like to congratulate Donald Forgione for being selected as the new Director of DEP's Florida Park Service. A 26-year veteran of the Florida Park Service, Forgione began his career as a park ranger at Paynes Creek Historic Site in Bowling Green, Florida, in 1984. He has since worked his way up in the Florida Park Service throughout the state. Forgione will bring with him a deep connection to the Florida Park Service values and a sincere commitment to the residents and visitors of Florida.



Join us on Sunday, October 3rd at 9am for *Lifestyles of Butterflies in the Garden*

In this program, presented by Alana Edwards, Friends board member and President of the local chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, you will learn about the butterfly lifecycle, interesting butterfly behaviors and how to attract these magnificent creatures to your yard. The program will be followed by a butterfly/wildflower walk in the park.

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival to the Kimbell Center and continental breakfast provided by the Friends
- 9:30-10:30 "Lifestyles of Butterflies in the Garden" by Alana Edwards
- 10:30-12 Butterfly/Wildflower walk led by Alana Edwards and Anne Cox

Hope to see you there!



Scheduled Activities at the Park

Family Adventures in the Park— Offered every Saturday, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., these programs are full of fun and adventure for the whole family. Topics vary, so please call ahead for current information and registration (at least 2 days in advance preferred), 561-745-5551.

Hike with a Ranger—Every Sunday morning JDSP offers a hike with a Ranger. Check for location at the Ranger Station. Hikes begin at 9:00 am. No reservation necessary.

Loxahatchee River Adventures
Spend a couple of hours sightseeing on the Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River. Board the Loxahatchee Queen at the concessions area. Pontoon tours depart the boat dock daily at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Cost for the tour: Adults - \$23.47, Children (6-12) - \$15.49 and Children under 6 are free.



The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.
16450 SE Federal Hwy
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc. is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization whose role is one of advocacy for the historical, educational and ecological enhancement of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Its mission is to assist park management in meeting the natural and cultural resource management objectives established for the park.

We are on the web at:
www.friendsofjdsp.org