

A Message from the President

Happy New Year! 2008 will be a great year for Friends of JD Park. Saturday, February 23, 2008 will be our first social of the year, with an early evening boat trip to Trapper Nelson under an almost full moon.

Sunday, March 30, we will be celebrating Riverfest with the Friends of the Loxahatchee River. May brings a Kentucky Derby Party at the new Elsa Kimbell Center.

Also the Park is expanding with the addition of the Atlantic Ridge Area and the new Okeechobee Battle Field.

More volunteers and Friends of J.D. State Park, our Citizens Support Group, are needed (*see more on page two*).

Start the New Year right with a membership for the Friends of JD State Park and you will have 12 free entrances to the Park at anytime.

Once again I want to remind everyone how fortunate we are to have Jonathan Dickinson State Park in our area.

Pat Magrogan, President

Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

Bio logist's Corner

By Rob Rossmann, JDSP Park Biologist

Animal Name: Gopher Frog
Genus/Species: *Rana capito*
Family: Ranidae (True Frogs)

Can be found at JDSP: Around Upland Sandhill Lakes in the eastern part of the park – the lakes and wetlands in the scrub.

Food: Insectivore.

Status and Range: From North Carolina to Louisiana in coastal areas. In Florida the FFWCC considers Gopher Frogs as a Species of Special Concern – a creature that might be up-listed to Threatened in the near future but little is known about their population size in most of the areas they exist.



Credit: Archbold Biological Station

Interesting Facts:

- During the daytime this animal spends time in stump holes, tunnels, or burrows – especially Gopher Tortoise burrows, hence the name Gopher Frog.
- Don't confuse this one with the Leopard Frog – both have dark spots but the Leopard Frog has a more pointed nose and a green base skin color while the Gopher Frog has a more rounded nose and a grey base color.
- The Gopher Frog adult spends most of its time on land but it lays eggs in ponds which hatch out into tadpoles. Gopher Frog tadpoles take about 3 to 4 months to metamorphose into juvenile frogs which then live on land until they mature into adults.
- Many frogs don't reproduce well in wetlands or ponds that don't dry out and kill the fish periodically. Therefore, periodic drought conditions help these creatures survive!
- At night from October through April you can hear the snoring sound of this frog around many of our wetlands in the scrub.

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**ELECTIONS NOTICE:
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State Park, Inc.

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Manager*

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Service Specialist*

Barry Stevens, *Park
Service Specialist*

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Assistant*

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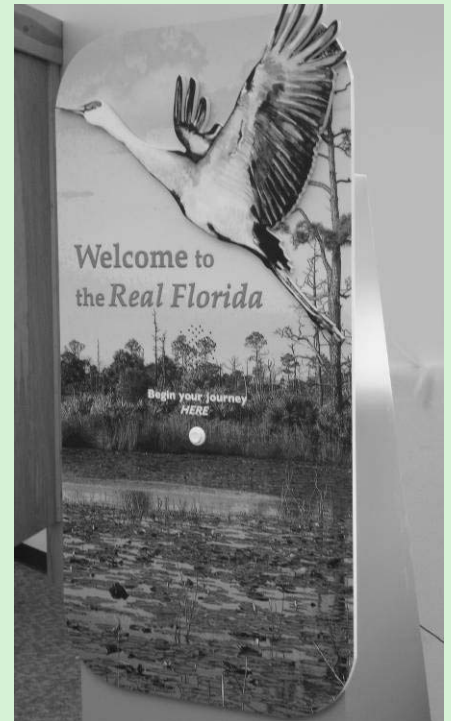
Rob Rossmann, *Park
Biologist*

Park Rangers

Frank Magistro
Sherri O'Neal
Rachel Payne
Mark Peyton
Barry Richardson
Bob Schuh
Jane Shauan
Susi Toledo
Pat Walsh
Cheri Wells

Kimball Center Update: New exhibits are here!

The second phase of exhibits in the Kimball Center has arrived. We have more interactive displays and beautiful carvings that give you a taste of the *Real Florida*. And there's more on the way! The last phase should be installed in March. So, stop by and see our progress – we look forward to seeing you!



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 emailing info@friendsofJDSP.org, calling the Ed Center at 561-745-5551, or park office for the Friends at 561-744-9814. 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?)
- Distributing event flyers
- Help with mailings
- Secretary – take notes at meetings
- 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

We also need a Volunteer Coordinator!

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

ADOPT-A-BRICK!

The Elsa Kimbell Environmental Education and Research Center at Jonathan Dickinson State Park is underway. This center belongs to us all, from here to international visitors! It will house 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!**

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

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Your Information:

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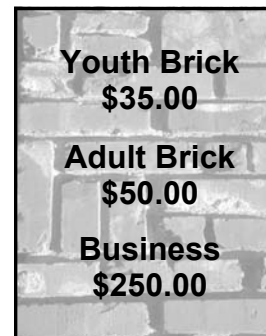
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Friends

- Margaret Acton
- Dr Christine Allen
- George Bole
- Audrey Bruzynski
- Andrea & Jeff Cameron
- Paula Conrad
- Kendra Copeland
- Michael Danford
- Sara Davies
- Mary Dawson
- Michelle Delgado
- Linda Emerson
- Alan Fullilove
- Kathi & Gary Godburn
- Linda Green
- Valerie Hobbs
- Gail & Floyd Hodge
- Valerie Johnson
- Brian King
- Ewa Lewinger

- Stephen Mazurekewicz
- Maura Merkal
- Rod Miller & Sally Durall
- Walter & Bernadette Moore
- Debi Murray
- Marvin K. Newman
- Dr & Mrs Oenbrink
- William Phillips
- Andy & Jennifer Renfroe
- Kevin Sue Rohan
- David Rotolante
- Susan Schumm
- Kyle Shepherd & Lynniese
- Worthington
- Sherry Shepherd
- Eileen E. Slater
- Christa Stamos
- Yachan Steele
- Paulette Szlivko
- Sawyer Thompson
- Lori Udelsman
- Shirley Willis

Friends Renewed

- Ursula Alebrand & Jan Wijnand
- Bud & Carrol Barney
- Lynn Bellizzi
- Carolyn Brawley
- John & Mary Jo Coffey
- Paul Cummings
- Constance Davis
- Susan DeLuccia
- Robert & Phoebe Dowdy
- Carl Engel
- John & Joan Eymmer
- Doris Fenner
- James & Georgia Ford
- Jill Johnson
- Paul Feinsinger
- Russell Foley
- Sheldon & Naomi Gawiser
- John Guy
- Liz Hailman
- Thomas Hampton
- Patrick Hayes

- John & Judith Hicks
- Charles Johnson
- Kari Johnston
- Steven Karsh
- Marge Ketter
- Zafar & Nathalie Khan
- Patricia & Bill Magrogan
- Kenneth & Judith McBrayer
- Charles & Sara McCarthy
- Kathryn Miller
- Mary Helen Miller
- John & Linda Pelong
- Susan Pitcher
- Anthony Rawson
- Edward & Joan Riordan
- Anky Siegel
- Daniel Sifrar
- Jack Debra Sobel
- Laurie Smith
- Barbara Sweeney
- Carlin White
- James Wright



**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: \$25
- Individual: \$15

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

Our next Social—Boat Cruise to Trapper's and BBQ!

On **February 23** Friends of JDSP will host a special event in honor of Trapper Nelson. It could be the highlight of your winter!

The official reason for the Saturday event is to dedicate an historic marker that adds the Trapper Nelson Interpretative Site to the nation's Registry of Historic Places.

Unofficially, it's much more.

At 4 p.m. you'll join 48 attendees on one of the two JDSP River Tours pontoon boats for a leisurely tour of the upper Loxahatchee. As you wind through the Wild and Scenic River, you'll learn about its ecology and history from retired park biologist Dick Roberts and author-historian Jim Snyder. Then you'll dock and learn about Trapper Vince Nelson's unique role in Loxahatchee history as you tour his hand-built "Zoo and Jungle Gardens."

On the return trip you'll watch colors dance on the twisting river as the sun sets and a (guaranteed!) full moon prepares to rise.

Once back at the park (6:30ish) you'll take part in a brief ceremony dedicating the historic marker. After that we'll savor the succulent fare furnished by Jupiter's own **Park Avenue Barbecue**. That's right: no potluck this time and no need to bring a dish. Dinner, drinks and dessert are all supplied by **Park Avenue Barbecue** and Friends of JDSP!

And the price is outrageously low! For paid-up members, the entire cruise and evening is \$15 each. For newcomers, \$25 each includes the cruise and dinner PLUS a year's membership in Friends of JDSP. Among the membership's benefits are 12 free visits to the park for a year and a subscription to this newsletter.

There's only one hitch: the park's two pontoon boats can accommodate only 24 persons each. Therefore, the trip to Trapper's will be limited to the **first 48 who sign up**. (All others can still watch the dedication ceremony in the park pavilion and join us for dinner.)

Please reserve your place now by calling President Pat Magrogan at **746-7353**.

We hope you'll become a part of this historic and very special evening.

**Scheduled Activities at the Park****RiverFest—Sunday, March 30 -**

Free event from 11am-4pm. Live entertainment, environmental exhibits & family activities including bounce house, Food & drinks will be available for purchase.

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 sight-seeing 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-\$14.50, Children (6-12)-\$9.50 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!

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