

Dudley Farm Journal

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

July-August 2010—Anne Leivonen Hair

A **Big Welcome** to our new members:

Newberry Animal Hospital (Dr. Lance Baltzley) joined as a corporate member

Ernest & Mary Broske

Mark W Fielding

To save money, time, paper and trees some are now receiving the newsletter sent to their e-mail addresses. This is first time we are doing this.

Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships.

Dues: **Family** is \$30.00. **Individual** is \$20.00. **Individual LIFE MEMBERSHIPS** are \$350.00.

MONEY:

Dues: \$5755.00

Donations: \$3429.00

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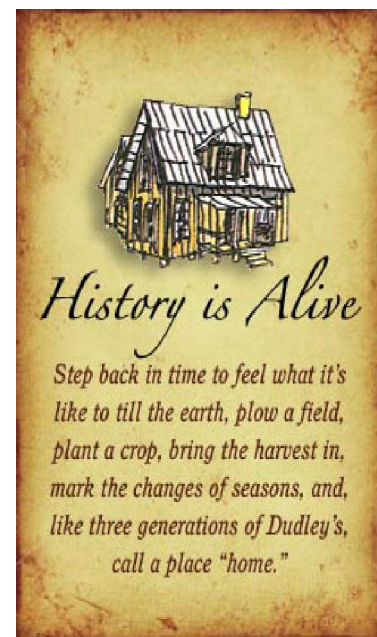
\$0 to \$24 Dana Preu, Elizabeth Drummond and Mark W Fielding

\$25 to \$49 June & Kenneth L Hornby

\$2000 The Huisking Foundation, Inc.---has generously given us donations for several years.

Seasonal Activities

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| September-October | Field Corn Harvest; Sweet Potato Harvest |
| October-November | Corn Shucking & Shelling; Corn Grinding Quilt Show at the Visitor Center |
| November-December | Sugar Cane Stripping & Harvesting Cane Grinding & Syrup making begins mid-November |
| December 4th | Cane Day!! Cane Day Committee is getting gearing up. If you would like to help, please contact Bill Dunk at 331-4551 or wdunk@cox.net Any & All help is welcome!! Meetings last only about an hour-come join the fun!!! |



Board of Directors

Jim Dresser-President

Riley Blitch

Jim Burket

Becky Dean

Bill Dunk

Anne Hair

Anne Martin-Segrini

Linda Rengarts

Pete Schmit

Bob Shaw

Clare Shoemyen

Bob Spangenberg

Norm Tankersley

Kay Yates

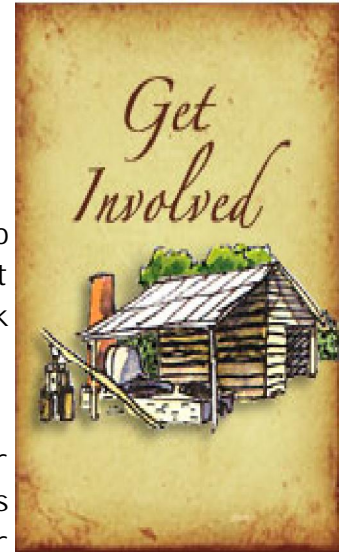
**Next Board Meeting
Sept. 20th at 6 pm
at the Visitors Center**

Message from Ashley

Hello to all CSO members and volunteers,

I am finally feeling settled in here at Dudley Farm. I have learned so much and still have so much to learn. A very sincere thank you to all that have welcomed me in and taught me so much. I feel so privileged to work at such a unique place with such wonderful people.

There may be many of you that don't know about the volunteer opportunities at Dudley Farm or how to get involved. So much is accomplished at Dudley Farm that could not be if it weren't for our SUPER volunteers. Our **Vegetable Garden** (or house garden) volunteers are here every Tuesday and Thursday planting, picking and caring for the vegetables, crops and fruit trees. They do such a wonderful job, but could really use help. The Dudley **Docents** study the history of the farm and give guided tour to groups throughout the year. Every Wednesday the **Domestic Skill and Traditional Crafts Group** get together to work on traditional crafts such as quilting, crocheting, knitting, basket making and more. The **Commissary** is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. The Commissary is completely operated by our volunteers and does very well selling jams, syrups, grits and homemade items. The Commissary managers would like to open on Fridays, but they need more Commissary Keepers in order to do so. If you have a green thumb, a helping hand is needed in the **Front Yard Garden**. **Musicians** play period area music on the porch most Saturdays. Dudley Farm now has **bee hives** and needs assistance with upkeep of the hives and honey extraction. There are also desires for **general maintenance, landscaping** and **administrative** projects. Support is always needed for our **special events**. Some of these positions require special skills; however we provide much training. If you would like to get involved in volunteering or would like more information feel free to contact me anytime. My contact information is below.



Thank you to all for all that you do! I look forward to seeing you at the annual Friends of Dudley Farm CSO meeting on September 19th!!



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Friends Needs a Friend

Your CSO, of which almost everyone reading this newsletter belongs, and better known as "The Friends of Dudley Farm", is in need of someone in the general membership to step forward as a leader. Jim Dresser, our current president, is finishing up his second two year term and we need somebody to fill his shoes. The position begins in September and, while normally running for two years, has the possibility of being a one year term as some of the present board members have stated they might be willing to take the position in a year if the new president can fill it for that time period.

The board meets once every two months for about 1.5-2h at the Dudley visitors' center around 6PM.

Due to what appears to be a quirk in the board rules, the president and other officers of the CSO needn't be board members so, if you have good people and organizational skills and might be interested, phone Jim Dresser for more information [386-454-2462].

Please don't take this request lightly; we can't emphasize enough how we really need someone from the membership to take on this responsibility so that your CSO can continue to function in a good manner.

COMMISSARY NEWS

Despite summer heat and vacations we are doing well.

Gale Ford is putting in extra time on Fridays to asses the need for opening regularly.

Katherine Armstrong is well enough to visit and help plan additions to the Commissary and Domestic Skills program.

Volunteering at Dudley is often behind the scenes and unrecognized by many of us. I would like to take this opportunity to high light two of these individuals who are specially valuable to the Commissary.

Evelyn Etheridge has been making bonnets for years and likes to help sell them at the quilt Show and Cane Day. She is one of the few people left who knew Miss Myrtle ,and that she and her sisters wore bonnets like those on sale in the Commissary. Evelyn keeps us supplied with a large selection of colors and fabrics.

Susanne Waggoner lives in Arizona but fell in love with Dudley while visiting. She is a great artist who has captured several aspects of our wonderful farm in pen and ink. We have her permission to make and sell prints in the Commissary. Note cards and larger prints to frame are popular items for which we are most grateful.

We could still use more volunteers!!!!

We're on the Web: <http://www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm/>

Friends of Dudley Web Site: <http://www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org/>



Dudley Farm Phone #: 352-472-1142

Up-Coming Events:

Sept. 19th—CSO Annual Meeting/Pot Luck

Sept. 20th-Board of Directors Meeting

October 2nd-Quilt Show

November 20—Star Gazing

December 4th-Cane Day

March 26, 2011-Star Gazing

April 16, 2011-Evening at Dudley

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Friends of Dudley Farm, Inc.