

# Dudley Farm Journal

Dear Friends of Dudley, Volunteers and Staff,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you all on the events accomplished this spring at Dudley Farm Historic State Park. They were wonderful and accomplished their combined goal of getting the word out about the park and hopefully sparking interest in the park from visitors that would not normally come to the park. Good job everyone.

Mule Trainer and Park OPS employee Bill Jones will be returning to work after his accident in March. We are all happy for his healthy return, except maybe Fred and Dolly. He will once again be preparing Fred for cane grinding and other work around the Farmstead.

We were able to finally get an approval to install phone lines in the Collections Building using state funds as a first step to getting an alarm system for both theft and fire. Please be mindful of protocol when using and answering the state phone in that building. It is only to be used for official business and emergency needs only. Please answer the phone as "The Collections Building at Dudley Farm Historic State Park and How may I help you?" We will probably get both junk and some prank calls until the number becomes more established. It is 352-472-4636. We will hopefully get bids for the alarm system soon and the work done soon after.

The CSO is once again pursuing two structures for the park and CSO. One is the Indoor Classroom (possibly Old School House) which would be placed at the north end of the Parking Lot next to the tree line. As some of you may know this is something Becky and I have been trying to obtain for the last 5 years with no success but we are still trying to get one and opening up our options beyond just old schoolhouses. Any body interested in helping with this project can get with Becky Dean to help her follow the leads she is pursuing. The other structure is a CSO Meeting Area/Storage Building. Becky is also looking into this structure as well and getting information and costs on modular structures which would be both modern and fit the CSO's budget. The planned location of this structure would be just inside the SW boundary of the park off the Neighbors Road and SR 26, as it stands now. This site offers plenty of area, is not earmarked for other park structures in the future, and close to both the road and power.

The park staff will be doing restoration work on some of the historic structures this summer to repair damage at the Farm House window sills, Canning House overhang, and Long Chicken House to name a few. If anyone would like to assist staff in this important and exacting work, please contact Ashley to help out. As you all know this work must be done with an eye to historic accuracy by using "like materials in a like manner" whenever possible to maintain our historic image. Even though the actual work will go slow, it will be done correctly as required by the Florida Park Service's Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources, The Florida Division of Historic Resources, and the US Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Historic Restoration and Repairs.

Thank you all for giving of your valuable time and energy to make Dudley Farm Historic State Park what it is today. Without your help, support and understanding we would not be where we are now or moving forward.

V. Morgan Tyrone

Park Manager

Recently I completed the Annual District Report for Dudley Farm CSO. In that I enumerated our accomplishments and goals. Your board and your CSO membership along with volunteers and park staff have been working diligently since October 1st toward those goals. Here is a shortened version of what I reported in your behalf.

Since October we have had the following fund raisers and educational events; Quilt Show, Two Star Gazings, Dudley Farm, 150 years of Florida Farming with the Gainesville Garden Club, Second Saturdays "Dudley Kids Program, seven cane grindings in November, our annual Cane Day Festival in December, Plow Days, Antique Tractor Days, a board retreat led by the past president of the Friends of Florida State Parks, Evening at Dudley (desert gala) and this month our annual ice cream social where we publicly thank all volunteers who work for Dudley. From our fund raising events and with the ever increasing revenue from our successful commissary **we have raised approximately \$13,500.00, donations** have totaled **1,436.00** and **membership** has brought in **\$3,577.00. That is a total of \$18,513.00.**

Our application for **National Landmark Status is progressing** and we hope to have that secured within a year. We have improved and updated our **Website** making it more user friendly. **Go to Friends of Dudley Farm .org** and check us out. We are in the process of adding charge capabilities for donations and/or memberships. We have developed a **news media reference** and contact book in order to have improved representation in local and state wide media about Dudley and our events.

We continue to **support the farm financially** by funding in the amount of **\$12,000.00** 1/2 the cost of an annual OPS position. We underwrite in part or whole the costs of repairs, upkeep and purchases that can not be paid for by the state. Some examples are feed, livestock purchases, and medicine and veterinary supplies, seed purchases, repairs for the mower, and the purchase of a stove for the ranger's quarters.

We **support the farm physically** with CSO board and volunteer time of approximately 10,242 hours. Our park manager volunteer's time was 200 hours and our Park Volunteer Specialist was 250. **The total value of contributed service for all of the above is approximately \$83,405.00.**

**Our most pressing need, other than your continued financial and physical volunteer support** is the **construction of a permanent educational facility.** Currently we have no place to educate and enlighten the public about Dudley. Nor a place we can publicly rent as a source of revenue. With restricted budgets and less money coming into the park service, we don't think that the service will be able to underwrite the cost of a building in the near future. We feel that if the **park service would give us prior approval of a working plan for such a building,** we could present this plan to the public and explore and develop entrepreneurial methods to raise the funds needed. Without an approved plan we can present, it is impossible to secure grants from government and private entities or individual and corporate sponsorships both locally and nationally. You can help us by expressing your support of our wish by writing to:

Donald Forgione, Director of Park Service, Dept of Environmental Protection, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Other ways you can help.** If you get this by mail and have email, sign up for that and save us the costs on printing. Call our membership chairman and offer to help with phone calls to secure membership renewals. *Get involved* by offering to work on committees or our board. Volunteer to help with any of our ongoing events. Volunteer a few hours to help the commissary open on another day. And finally visit Dudley and bring a friend to experience all the delights this very special historic park has to offer. Remember as a CSO member you have free access to the park year round. The park is at its loveliest, come see us soon!

Carolyn L. Hufty, President

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#### Commissary Keepers Group

We still **need more volunteers** to be able to open on Thursdays. All members of our "Commissary Keepers" group contribute their time and communication talents. Several also contribute craft and culinary skills. For instance ,Bill Dunk makes decorative and useful brooms and brushes; Ann West knits and crochets gloves and kitchen cloths; Becky Dean crochets hats and bags, braids yarn toys and creates popular Dudley bookmarks and postcards. Others make preserves, pickles and candy. Gifts for sale from other volunteers have been much appreciated and will always be welcome. We are a great group with an enjoyable mission / responsibility. Please consider joining us. Volunteers are scheduled for three hour morning or afternoon shifts Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sundays at present.

Norm Tankersley and Clare Shoemyen

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This year, to avoid some of the summer heat, we decided to have our annual ice cream social gathering on May 21, and were pleasantly rewarded. This event began in July, was moved to June and now finds a permanent home in May. Let's see, there was fresh peach, butter pecan, chocolate, vanilla, strawberry..... in cones and bowls and oh my gosh, a blueberry and an apple crisp too. There were lots of new and old CSO members as well as just plain park visitors out for the day enjoying the cool



refreshments of home churned ice cream and music. Ashley Pass presented award certificates and pins recognizing those volunteers who've spent many hours working at the park the past year. Those of you who, for some reason, missed out need to mark your calendars for next May. Please be involved in your park and meet some new friends.



## EVENING AT DUDLEY

Over 130 hungry people enjoyed an evening of music, door prizes and, of course, dessert and socializing on April 21, when we had our annual "sweet" fund raiser. And sweet it was, with over \$2,400 earned for our park. The flower garden was in bloom, the weather was more than perfect, and musicians were spread all around the area so one was always in earshot of fine melodies throughout the evening. We must give much thanks to Gena Phillips and her committee for again putting on a wonderful event. Unfortunately, like Bill Dunk being in charge of our December Cane Day for 6 years and now relinquishing that title [we still have no one stepping forth to run this event], Gena has, after 8 years, decided to retire from this one. We now have our two major fund raising events in MUCH need of drivers, so if you have ANY interest, please contact the park or a board member. We really need to have these events continue if we are to have any kind of impact on the park!

**We're on the Web:** <http://www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm/>  
**Friends of Dudley Web Site:** <http://www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org/>

**Board of Directors:**

President: Carolyn Hufty 352-317-6612  
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**Dudley Farm Phone #:**  
**352-472-1142**

**Up-Coming Events:**

**October 1, 2011—Quilt Show**  
**December 3, 2011—Cane Day**

Calender: Marilyn Walker 352-374-6642  
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Myrtle Dudley Rose



Board of Directors Retreat



Having Fun at Dudley!!!

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

May--June--2011

Anne Leivonen Hair

We **WELCOME 10** more new members: **Judy Brown, Carla Action, Dibrell & Dorothy Brazzel, Shelia Payne, Linda VanLeer, Mike & Nadine Zemon, Bill, Heidi & Hannah Radanovich, Donald R & Darlene Clugston, Jacqueline Davison and Anne Maria Bello.**

### **New Individual LifeTime members:**

**Anne Maria Bello**

**S. Yancy Sweet** (is 96 years old---renewed at Evening at Dudley Dessert Gala)

**Membership to date is 124.** Thanks to **Millie Evans** who is helping by calling those who haven't renewed.

Please remember to let me know if you have changed any information--phone #, e-mail address, etc.

E-Mailing the Newsletters has reduced cost of printing and postage, time in processing and the amount of paper we use.

Dues are the same as last year: **Family** is \$30.00. **Individual** is \$20.00. **Individual LIFE**

**MEMBERSHIPS** are \$350.00. **Clubs** are \$80.00. **Corporate** is \$200.00.

### **MONEY**

Dues: \$3777.50

Donations: \$595.00

### **DONATIONS:**

\$0 to \$25 Albert & Mardi Krause. Carmen Tharp, Peggy Richardson, Bernie & Dorie Garnett, Karen & Emerson Annis, Jr., Marshall & Gayle Donaldson, Fran & Bill Riley and Allen & Deanye Overman.

\$50 to \$99 James & Joyce Williams, Joseph & Lucille Little, Susanne Hesse & Douglas Dryer and Marcus & Mary Milam, III. (for Dessert Gala)

\$100 to \$124 Cindy Bass

\$200 to \$225 Bob Spangenberg ( tickets to Dessert Gala given to prospective members)