

# Dudley Farm Journal

Dear Dudley Friends,

Because of a very dedicated, hardworking board, along with your support and that of the volunteers and park staff at Dudley, we have had a very successful year.

In spite of a slow economy, we raised over \$ 27,000.00 this year and netted over \$5,000.00 for our treasury. Friends, park staff and volunteers contributed over 11,000 hours of time keeping the park and the events running smoothly this year.

The "Friends" underwrote 1/2 of the salary of one park staff, added much needed supplies for preservation of artifacts to the collections building, secured a phone and security system set up for the collections building, allocated money to underwrite the cost of period clothing for park and volunteer personnel, revamped and upgraded our website to have charge capabilities, allocated money to build a large event sign on Newberry road, increased commissary hours to reflect park hours, reorganized the "Friends" room adding new file cabinets for our records and forms and historical information for volunteers, we have started on a plan for our teaching facility, our publicity committee has seen that the farm story and events have consistently appeared in local media, our domestic skills group continues to educate the public and raise funds for us, we have a regular "Dudley Kids" program, we produced a cookbook and a coloring book, we won a grant to edit and add more material our Dudley video and this is just a few of our highlights. For more on our accomplishments, check out our website [www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org](http://www.friendsofdudleyfarm.org)

I want to especially thank both my executive board; Bill Dunk, Anne Hair, Becky Dean and Jim Burket, and the park staff; Morgan Tyrone, Ashley Pass, Terry Stidham, Andy Woolum, David Riker, Tony Ryan and Bill Jones for all their dedication to the farm and their invaluable help to me.

Your new executive officers; Joey Malphurs, Norm Tankersley, Archie and Emelie Matthews and Jim Dresser come with a wealth of experience and talent and we know that the farm will continue to prosper under their leadership.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your president this year. I have many fond memories of all the people, just to name a few, who through the years have helped make Dudley what it is today; people like Buck and Peggy Mitchell, Sally Morrison, Jerry Hudson, Bill Barry, Katherine Armstrong, Al and Mardi Krause, Mary Ann Hinely, Nancy McIntosh, Don and Pansy Post, Gena and Bob Phillips, Shirley Smith, Don Davis, Don Bartling, and Dale and Annette Kendrick.

But most of all my memory goes back to when as a young girl riding my horse down the old Gainesville road I had a chance meeting with a feisty old lady who proudly shared her history and her knowledge of a way of life fast disappearing. Ms. Myrtle's gift along with our stewardship insures that this history will live for future generations.

Sincerely,

Carolyn L. Hufty, President, 2010-2011

Friends of Dudley Farm

Dear CSO Members,

Let me take a minute to introduce myself. I am Joey Malphurs, a born and bred "Florida Cracker". The Malphurs family moved to Alachua County from South Carolina in the 1850's and has operated the Malphurs Farm from 1890 until the present day. I currently work for Alachua County Fire Rescue as a firefighter paramedic assigned to the Health and Safety Officer position. Enough about me. I look forward to working with each of you in the upcoming year at Dudley Farm State Park.

The change in the fall air not only brings cooler weather but points to a busy season ahead at Dudley Farm. Cane Day will be Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and everyone is busy getting ready for this annual event. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

A special thanks to Bill Dunk for many years of hard work that he has put forth to make cane day the wonderful event that we all love. With that said, Bill has retired from his position as the cane day committee leader. The heavy work load that Bill has been doing much of the time, all on his own, has been picked up by Park Staff and the Cane Day Committee. Thanks again Bill for all that you have done regarding cane day. (PS Bill is still putting in a lot of time with cane day and the park) Thanks!!!

As I write this note, I can't help but think about what a great time I had at the park on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at the quilt show. The weather was great, the quilts were beautiful, and the crowd was large. A special thanks to all who helped make the quilt show happen.

Before I end my rambling, I would like to say that I look forward to the upcoming year as your president and to many events and accomplishments that I know will take place at Dudley. There are many of you who I still have not met, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

If for any reason you would like to talk or contact me here is my contact information.

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## Corn and Cane Grinds

If you've ever wondered how in the world we make grits or corn meal from hard corn, come on out to the farm on Thursday Oct. 27 around 10AM to see this in the works. If you're lucky you can assist with the sifting and maybe even help bag some for sale on Cane Day.

Our sugar cane boils are set for the following dates: Nov.9, 12, 16, 19, 30, Dec. 3, 10. The only day you'll be able to see our mule Fred turning the mill is on Cane Day the 3<sup>rd</sup>, but we'll be boiling the juice into syrup from 9AM until about 2PM all those days.

## From Morgan Tyrone on Ashley's Replacement:

We have received approval from Tallahassee for the new Park Services Specialist for Dudley Farm Historic State Park, **Sandra Cashes**. Sandra will be a great addition to the staff at Dudley Farm. She has been in FPS for about 15 years with previous experience at Big Lagoon and Stephen Foster as a Park Ranger, Park Services Specialist and Assistant Park Manager. She currently works at O'Leno SP as a PSS. She will bring a great desire to be at Dudley as well as many years of experience with special events, as well as an interpreter and historical reenactor. She is thrilled about the opportunity to get back to a historic park. Because of the recent approval, Andy, Sandra, and I are still working out the details of her physical move into the park residence and position at Dudley Farm HSP. We will have a start date soon and relay that to you then. Please join me in welcoming her to the park when she arrives at work, but also give her some time to get acclimated to her new duties and the farm life.

## Membership Report

September ---October 2011

Anne Leivonen Hair

Membership records go back to about 1996. A group was formed before then to draw up rules for the CSO---the Citizens Support Organization. At first couples joined individually in order to have a quorum for voting. Several of those who were here in the beginning are still members today.

The CSO volunteers are the core group that support park projects with all the money they receive with dues, donations and fund raisers. I have to say the park also has other volunteers that do a lot of important jobs.

Since the park opened to visitors in Year 2000 the CSO has continued to grow---the most members we have had is 221.

When you join you receive a number --- to date 522 numbers have been given out---that means we have had throughout the years 522 different memberships---individual, family, clubs, corporate or Single LIFETIME.

**Memberships:**                      **Current members: 141    22 new this year**

**4 Honorary LIFETIME Memberships have been given to:**

Hubert Davis              Buck & Peggy Mitchell,              Sally Morrison              Shirley Smith.

**10 paid Single LIFETIME Memberships:**

E.L. Roy Hunt	Bob Spangenberg	S. Yancy Sweet
Joan Stettbacher	Stephenie Summer	Anne Maria Bello
Carolyn Hufty	Peter Schmitt	Monette Thomas              Suzann Waggoner

**3 Corporate Memberships:**

Donna Lloyd George              Kay The Losen (Ridgway Truss Company)              SouthArc, Inc.

**Money received in fiscal year 2010--2011:** Dues \$4,397.50 Donations from members \$1,275.00

**Money Donations:** 0 to \$24.00 Stan & Charity Blomeley and Ronald & Yvonne Will

\$70 to \$99.00 Gale & Virginia Ford and John & Dinh Swanson

\$100 to \$124.00 Riley & Peggy Blich

\$175 to \$400.00 John & Lois Anne O'Malley

**We're on the Web:** <http://www.floridastateparks.org/dudleyfarm/>  
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**Up-Coming Events:**

**December 3, 2011—Cane Day**

**February 3-4, 2012—Plow Days**

