

# Dudley Farm Journal

Let me introduce myself. I am Carolyn Hufty your new president. I have a long history with Dudley Farm. I personally knew Miss Myrtle and have a family farm in the Jonesville area. I worked at Dudley before we went public and was on the founding board of the CSO. My friend Mary Ann Hinely and I started the Docent program at Dudley. Your boards goals this year are to increase publicity, attendance at the farm and CSO membership. Each board member has committed to bringing in 1.5 members. We challenge our membership to do the same. If you are local you can help us by bringing your friends to events, picking up our brochures and leaving them at local banks, doctor's and dentist's offices. If you are not local, consider ordering Dudley Farm T-Shirts and hats. Then you will be an ambassador for us! We are all excited about our cookbook coming out at cane day. We know you will want one. If you are interested in any of our commissary items, please contact Norm Tankersley at normtank05@aol.com or call him at 352-363-0918.

And most importantly, I want to thank Jim Dresser your past president for all his devotion to Dudley. For the last four years, he has worked very diligently on behalf of your CSO.

See you at Cane Day.

Carolyn

## Membership Corner

Sept--Oct 2010---Anne Leivonen Hair

Each year beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup> we run a "Half price Membership Special" just for the remainder of the present year---(membership would end Dec. 31, 2010). This is a good time to get new folks interested in the CSO at a cheaper cost and they get to experience the fall activities at the farm. Also you may consider giving a membership as a gift to someone.

**Half price Dues: Family is \$15.00. Individual is \$10.00.**

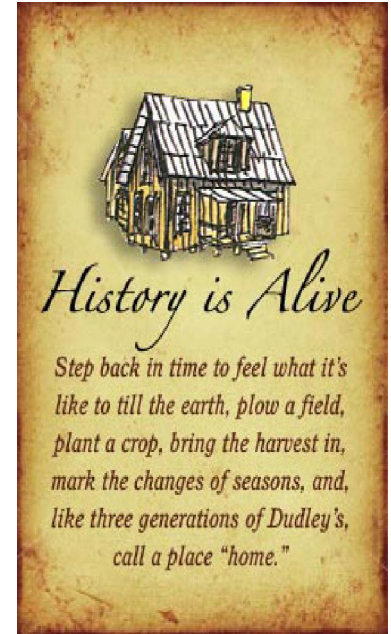
**DONATIONS:** \$50 to \$74 Bill and Elaine Brown

In memory of DR. RICHARD BRAI NARD FORBES, Professor of Agronomy at the University of Florida

\$25 to \$49 Janet N Walker

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**Next Board Meeting 11/16  
at 6 pm—Visitors Center**

Dear CSO Members, Volunteers, and Staff,

As some of you may know we have had some personnel issues recently and they will affect park operations at Dudley Farm Historic State Park for the next few months until resolved. We will continue to give the public a quality historic and interpretive experience during this period because of our combined love of the park and farm.

The park with Bill Dunk's assistance has hired OPS Farm Technician Anthony Ryan to replace both the departed June and Stephen positions. He was the unanimous choice for this position by the interviewing board assembled. One half of his 40 hours per week is paid by the CSO and the other half by the park. Mr. Ryan has a wealth of farm knowledge from his childhood in England on his family's farm and his recent work for the past 15 years on his own farm outside High Springs. Please join me in welcoming him to Dudley and helping him understand our love of the farm.

Park Service Specialist Ashley Pass will return to work this week after her car accident a few weeks ago. She is still unable to do strenuous activity until her physician approves her to do so in December. She will refocus her activities in the Park Office at Dudley Farm concentrating on scheduling tours, writing press releases for our upcoming events, public relations and organizing volunteer activities. Please join me in welcoming her back and giving her the time to recover fully.

Assistant Park Manager Andy Woolum will remain at the park through December during the week to help manage the park's operations while Ashley recovers, Terry is out and Anthony gets settled in his position.

Some of you may know and remember the past help that Dewayne, Park Ranger Terry Stidham's husband has provided to the park. They have just learned that he will need an emergency operation this week. This will result in her taking off time over the next few weeks to help him recover. Please understand her need to be with him and focus on family right now. They will need our thoughts, prayers and support through this time until his health improves.

I want to thank both Park Ranger David Riker and OPS Mule Trainer Bill Jones for continuing their hard work and perseverance through so much staff adversity lately. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all of those volunteers and CSO members who have taken up the slack and kept the park running smoothly. We could not have done it without your determination, support and hard work.

Thank you, Morgan Tryone, Park Manager

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### **Bee News—Susan Harris**

After looking at Hive #1 & #2, we would take the queen excluders out of them as there was not much activity in the top souper of both of these hives. The top souper was also taken off of Hive #2 for the same reason. They will be put back on in the spring. This will give them less room to have to keep warm in the winter and less stress on the hives. Beetle traps were checked and replaced where needed. Basically the hives are ready for the winter.

### **Cane Day News-Bill Dunk**

We'll be doing a corn grind on the morning of Oct. 28 in order to have grits and meal to sell Dec. 4. If you'd like to see this process in action, just show up around 9:30 but, if you'd like to help sift and/or bag come around 10 and call Bill Dunk at 352-331-4551 or write him at [wdunk@cox.net](mailto:wdunk@cox.net) so he can plan accordingly. We'll be messing with the sugar cane beginning the first week in Nov. with the stripping and then the cutting taking place periodically starting the following week. The boils will be on these dates: Nov. 13, 17, 20, 27, Dec. 1, 4, 11. Don't forget to reserve Dec. 4 for attending Cane Day. Free admission for CSO members!

### **Commissary News-Clare Shoemyen**

We have been quite busy through the summer. Thanks to Gale Ford we have been open on Fridays as well as Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. He is currently managing this single handedly in addition to previously scheduled days. Norm Tankersly who has always done more than his share of "commissary keeping" needs to be away at least through October. He will be sorely missed. Obviously we need some new volunteers. Most of our great group have several other Dudley interests and commitments which make them unable to give much additional time. Some of our most profitable items have been seasonal preserves and pickles. We do recycle when possible and would appreciate any half pint or quart jars you might save for us. Speaking of food brings me to another request We are planning to offer holiday gift jars in the commissary in November and wonder if any of our CSO readers would like to help us fill them.? I know from experience what good cooks you are! Please call or email me if you are interested so we can co-ordinate our efforts. Next time you are at Dudley, come see our children's corner (on the commissary porch) with the newly purchased nature books.

### **Garden News-Terry Stidham**

It's that time of year again, with the help of our two hard working garden volunteers, Jim Burkett and Pete Schmitt, we would not be having a garden right now. The change over of employee's for the garden has been fulfilled and Tony made his debut on Thursday and we all got the plan for the garden laid out and the winter garden planted. We are hoping for the newly planned seeds to come up with our watering and manure plan. This winter we hope to have for harvest beets, turnips, mustards, collards, carrots, bunch onions. If you would like to help in the vegetable garden area, the work days are Tuesdays when we are closed to the public (so you don't have to dress period attire). Hours are from 7:30-12:00 or choose your time. We close at 4:00. but who wants to be out in the heat? Thursdays are also worked - We are then open to the public and we dress time period with the same hours. Its good exercise and a learning experience for growing your own vegetables.

Thank you to Art & Cydney Wade for the loan of their Cracker Bull, Carlits, so that the Dudley cows will have calves in the coming spring!!!

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:

October 2nd-Quilt Show

November 20—Star Gazing

December 4th-Cane Day

February 4 & 5-Plow Days

March 26, 2011-Star Gazing

April 16, 2011-Evening at Dudley

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