



# The Mangrove



The Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve

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## THANKS TO CHUCK AND SHARON BODENHAUFER!



Chuck Bodenhafer presenting a \$15,000 check to President Tom Myers, while Capital Campaign Chair Dan Andre looks on.

### Kudos to the Bodenhafers

Due to the very generous support of Chuck and Sharon Bodenhafer, FOMPP is proud to announce that we are finally able to move forward with the construction of the Children’s Education Center in the preserve.

Chuck and Sharon’s bighearted and charitable giving is very much appreciated by the “friends” and the community.

As a token of appreciation to symbolize Chuck and Sharon’s generosity a plaque with their name as benefactors will be mounted on the building at its completion.

## NEWS FROM PARKS AND RECREATION

### Paul Yaccobelli is back on the beach!



“After spending 26 of 28 years with Lee County Parks & Recreation on Ft. Myers Beach, initially with Bay Oaks Recreation Center, I am grateful for the opportunity to return to our community to conclude my career. It’s been wonderful to re-connect with everyone and the “Welcome Back” has been tremendous. I can’t thank everyone enough for the warm reception.” Paul Yaccobelli

Paul’s title is Parks & Recreation Supervisor and his responsibilities are the Beaches & Shorelines of Lee County. Here is a partial list of areas within those responsibilities. (

- Allison Hagerup Beach – North Captiva
- Andy Rosse Ln. – Captiva Gulf and Bay Accesses
- Bowditch Point
- Bunche Beach
- Causeway Islands
- Crescent Beach
- Lynn Hall Park
- Matanzas Pass Preserve
- Punta Rassa Boat Ramp
- San Carlos Island Maritime Park

Wow, be sure to say hello when you see Paul as he is very busy!

Our best wishes go with Lee Coffee as he moves to Rutenberg Park.

Many thanks to Lee County Parks and Recreation for their ongoing support for this newsletter!



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## LAURIE NIENHAUS AND NEW ADVENTURES

Laurie Nienhaus, the founder of this newsletter will be with us as a consultant, supporter and guest writer going forward but not as an editor.



Imagine all the hard work of creating and figuring out how to sustain this newsletter since the first issue in 2010. Only Laurie could have done that in the way that she did! Yes, the Mangrove

will change, but I will be checking in with Laurie once in a while to be sure we are on track with her vision of what this newsletter could be.

As you may know, Laurie is a speaker, author, playwright, and now associated with AHA and Health and Harmony. Join me in wishing her all the best in all her new adventures!

Check out [laurienienhaus.com](http://laurienienhaus.com) for the latest information on what exciting projects are coming up. You won't want to miss them! As I learned from one of Laurie's programs, connecting to beauty and joy is deep within us all.

**"Beauty is whatever gives joy"**  
**Edna St. Vincent Millay**

### LONGLEAF VIOLET



Charming violet  
Dreamily poised to reflect  
Love's memories past  
*Dorothy Rodwell*

# PHOTO JOURNAL



Battle on the Blueway



Ed's Diary - 4th and 5th graders



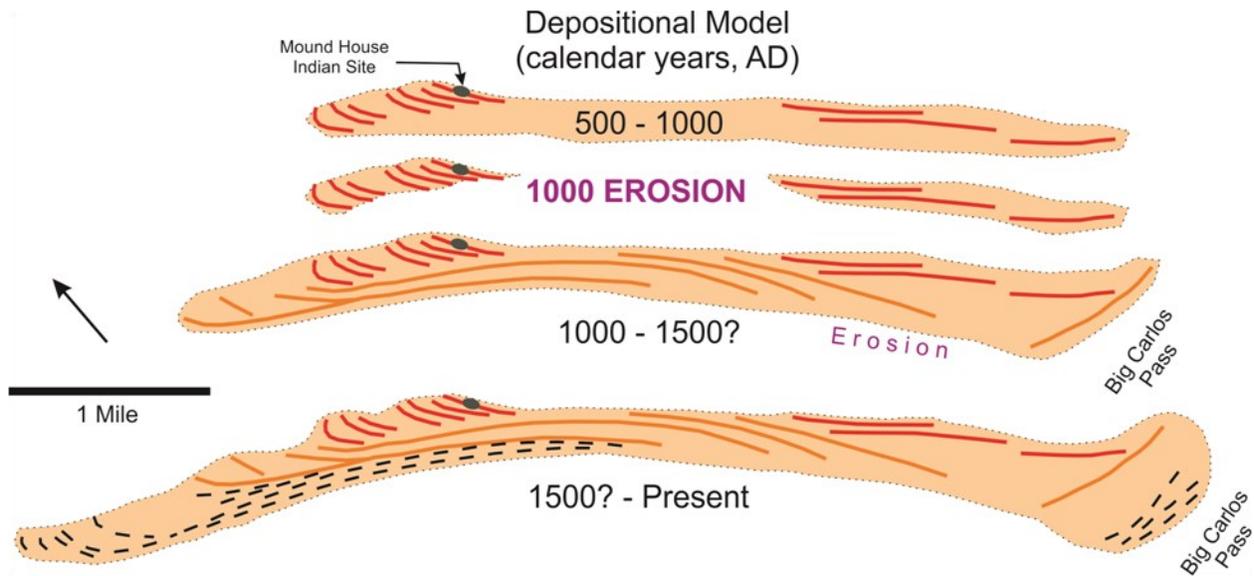
Home Sweet Home - 3rd graders



Paying attention to our Peace Pole!

## HOW OLD IS FORT MYERS BEACH?

Yes, Dr. Frank Stapor, sedimentologist, from Tennessee Tech, did make a presentation to the Town of Fort Myers Beach and presented findings on the results of the samples taken from Matanzas Pass Preserve. The age of the island is about 1400 to 1500 years old and that matches the data from the Mound House with the exception of one piece of outlier data. (A lively discussion followed that piece of news).



This diagram shows the depositional history of Estero Island over the past 2000 years. Note the dramatic, widespread erosion that nearly destroyed the entire island about the year 1000. For the past 1000 years the ebb-tidal delta at Big Carlos Pass has dominated the deposition at the southeastern end. Long-term northwesterly littoral drift has characterized the northern portions of the island.

## **BOARD MEETINGS AT BAY OAKS**

**4:30-6:30 pm: September 8**

## **WALKS AND ADVENTURE**

**Begin again in November**

**Watch for a new schedule. Walks will happen on Thursdays with a new format. The Mangrove Walk and the Ethnobotany Walk will alternate.**

## **WORKDAYS IN THE PRESERVE**

**8-10am Saturdays: Notification by email for the summer due to rain.**

**Important Note:** Those who regularly attend work days receive an email before the date. As work-days can change, please email Jim Rodwell at [jrodwell@embarqmail.com](mailto:jrodwell@embarqmail.com) with any questions.

## **MEDITATION DESTINATION**

New offerings to celebrate each season with meditation at our Peace Pole!

**Fall Celebration— September 25, 2015**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**July 5— Beach and Preserve Clean Up**

**Contact Terry Cain for details—239-707-3015.**

**September 19— International Coastal Clean Up Day**

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