



The Mangrove

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve



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THE BREEZES OF CHANGE

The Mangrove has been a great deal of fun to produce and certainly many folks have enjoyed the information presented here, however we need to move on in terms of effective communication.

Three important points need to be made about why this change to Facebook will make a difference.

- More timely information: Going forward, weekly postings on Facebook will offer information about what is happening at the Preserve and with the Friends.
- More interaction: You are free to post pictures and comments on Facebook as well.
- Responsive to members: In addition to Facebook, flyers will be sent via email for upcoming events and important information. If you want the flyers to be mailed, just contact me (drodwell@embarqmail.com) and that will happen.

The change in formatting will enable the organization to be more in touch with members and also promote online membership campaigns and fund raising. It's time!

Join us on Facebook!



**Please attend the Friends of Matanzas
Pass Preserve Annual General Meeting
on January 12th at 5-7 pm.
Beach Library—3rd floor**

See you there!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Casino Night has been postponed for this year. We are intending that it will resume next year.

VISIONS OF THE PAST

February 27, 2016 will be the date for another Visions of the Past, where storytellers come alive in Matanzas Pass Preserve. Many thanks to all our volunteers who enjoy contributing to this event each year. Yes, you will be contacted and yes, there is always room for new volunteers. Call Dorothy Rodwell for more information 239-851-7166.

History Comes Alive



THE FRIENDS OF MANTANZAS PASS PRESERVE LOOKS AHEAD

The Board is considering building a **pavilion** instead of a building as this will decrease operating expenses. We can expect some lively debate as more facts become available.

Yes, the **University of Georgia** students will be back under the IMPACT program. The dates will be published soon.

Volunteers make the world go round!

Join us!

- Fundraiser helpers
- Children's Programs
- Membership drive
- Nature walk leaders
- Meditation leaders
- Stewards of nature

The Coastal Module of the Florida Master Naturalist Program will begin on January 12, 2016. Congratulations to Mick Curtis and Jim Rodwell as all the spots are full! This is the first time the Friends of Matanzas Pass Preserve are sponsoring this class.

Help us march in the
Shrimp Parade! Call
Roger for details at 463-
2862

BOARD MEETINGS AT BAY OAKS

Jan 12 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Feb 9 4:30 to 6:00 pm

Mar 8 4:30 to 6:00 pm

WALKS AND ADVENTURE

Mangrove walks: 9:30 to 11:00am Thursdays

Jan 7,14,21,28 Feb 4,11,18,25

March 3,10,17,24

Ethnobotany walks: 9:30 to 11:00am Weds

Jan 6,13,20,27 Feb 3,10,17,24

March 2,9,16,23,30

Moon walks: Jan 23 5:30-7 pm

Feb 22 6-7:30 pm March. 23 7-8:30 pm

WORKDAYS IN THE PRESERVE 8-10am—Fridays— Jan 8,22 Feb 5,19 Mar 4,18

FRIENDS OF MATANZAS PASS PRESERVE

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MEDITATION DESTINATION

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

Spring Celebration— March 18, 2016

9-10 am

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 12 General Meeting—Fort Myers Beach Library, 3rd floor, 5-7pm

Feb. 27—Visions of the Past Contact Andrew to make reservations (no charge).