It is hard to believe that a year has already blown by since hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. Our Park has been transformed from post-hurricane desolation to the shady green of summer. Our beach, however, has been altered and has not yet returned to pre-storm conditions. Right now our beach is a beachcomber’s paradise. Treasures abound, and each new dawn brings more gifts.

I am known to the staff and regular visitors here at the Park as a dedicated beachcomber, and my love for it has made me even more aware of my natural surroundings and the ever-changing wildlife that lives in and visits our Park. The gifts from around the world that the sea leaves on the beach in the wrack line have been great teachers for me—many varieties of shells, brilliant purple jellyfish, drift seeds from South American rivers, mangrove seeds, sea grasses, weeds from the great Sargasso Sea, fish bones, skeletons from deep sea animals, and more.

I would encourage you to take a leisurely walk along our 1.8 mile stretch of secluded beach on any given day, preferably at low tide. Gather a few unusual shells or curious findings and bring them to the Nature Center for identification. We have a wonderful museum, and the staff would be happy to help you to identify your treasures.

The month and the time of day that you choose to comb the beach will determine what type of wildlife you might encounter. Our resident osprey family is wonderful to watch on their search for food almost every day all year long. The stately great blue heron likes the cool of early evening, while the night heron likes both evenings and early morning. The tri-colored heron, quite the inquisitive sort, and snowy egrets may or may not choose to appear. Of course, our adorable little sanderlings, fishing for sand fleas and scurrying up the beach all day long to dodge incoming waves catch most visitors’ attention.

Last month brought a spectacular beachside...
Thoburn’s Thoughts

Today is the first of July and the beginning of high summer. Most of the snowbirds have migrated to the North, and we are again free to enjoy our roads and restaurants with far fewer cars and people to contend with.

That does not mean that life has slowed down at the Park by any means. Junior Ranger and Marine Biology Summer Day Camps are in full swing as are the “MacArthur under Moonlight” concerts and snorkeling programs. The turtles are busy laying eggs on a much depleted beach and a few are even beginning to hatch. Life at MacArthur Beach State Park is in full stride for a great summer season.

But, what about the hurricane season that officially opened on the first of June? Having completed the clean-up from damage of last year’s storms, Park management and rangers have been busy making sure all preparations are in place to protect the Park facilities should we be greeted by any storm activity this season.

The Executive Board has been heavily involved with the evaluation of a proposed capital campaign to provide the new facilities as outlined in the Amended Unit Management Plan. A feasibility study is now underway with the assistance of professional fund raising consultants to evaluate the potential for a successful campaign to generate the needed funding. Personal and telephone interviews will be held over the balance of this month with approximately 40 individuals to determine if there is sufficient interest in the funding needs to provide a successful campaign. The results of this study will be available for review by the Board in late August.

If you are one of the people selected for an interview, we hope that you will offer the few minutes of your time to provide the input, which will be so valuable to the success of the study.

Ted
Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, Inc.

Welcome New Members!

Ted and Janice Anderson
William Bannister
Hippocrates Health Institute
Jeannie Johnson

Michelle Matejka
Lisa Somerfleck
Richard and Vivian Zito

Ted Thoburn, President
Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, Inc.
My name is Yoshi. I’m a loggerhead sea turtle. I have lived in a big aquarium tank in the Nature Center since December, 2004. Born last summer on a beach in South Florida, I was rushing towards the ocean with my brothers and sisters, when big waves washed me back to the beach over and over again, and I finally got exhausted. I was lying in the sand and couldn’t move, as the sun rose. Then I felt my body lifted up. I was in somebody’s big hand. The next thing I knew, I woke up in the Marinelife Center of Juno Beach. Their staff took care of me until John D. MacArthur Beach State Park adopted me.

One day in March, something exciting happened. Mrs. Marchsteiner’s 5th grade class from Wellington Christian School visited me. They gave me the name, Yoshi, after a popular character from a Nintendo game. They looked happy to see me, too.

I’ll be a year old this summer. Last year, I was smaller than a person’s palm, but now I’m as big as a person’s head. The Nature Center’s staff told me that I will move to another educational facility, where I can swim in a bigger tank. I look forward to my bigger apartment, but I will miss the nice staff, who has taken care of me, and all the visitors who have come to see me in the Park. They also said that when I grow bigger and stronger, I will be released into the ocean. I get a little scared but mostly very excited when I think about my future adventures.

Making Waves at Nature Center

Horsin’ Around at MacBeach!

by Junko Nomura,
Park Services Specialist

Thanks go to Andy and Robin Slavin, who donated four seahorses to the Nature Center. The seahorses were beloved at their family’s home, and they succeeded in breeding baby seahorses. Also, the couple generously donated a 90-gallon tank, which served as the seahorses’ home with a beautiful oak stand. The aquarium perfectly matches the wooden wall of the Nature Center’s exhibition room.

The Longsnout seahorse, also known as a black seahorse (scientific name hippocampus reidi), is a resident of tropical seas, including the Florida coast. Its favorite food is small shrimp; it stares at its prey and sucks it into its mouth with its long “snout.” The noise of its strong sucking can be heard through the aquarium glass. Looking at their unique appearance and musical movement gives observers a peaceful moment. We hope many visitors—especially children—will enjoy seeing these unique animals.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
The Friend’s Members Turtle Walk

July 16
8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
Meet in the Nature Center
Refreshments will be served
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30
(561) 624-6952

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**Artists in Residence**

Three members of the Hobe Sound Fine Arts League will exhibit their works in the Nature Center during the month of July. The Hobe Sound Fine Arts League was founded in January of 1984 by only six artists. The purpose of the league is to foster, assist and encourage creative fine arts. The League offers a wide variety of classes and workshops from October through April. Membership is open to both professional and amateur artists.

Jean Seewald, an active lifetime member of the League, typically paints landscapes and local scenes in acrylic and watercolor. An accomplished free lance artist and native Floridian, Nanette Carton prefers florals and nature scenes. Her medium consists of acrylics on canvas, wall murals, furniture and rocks.

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Placing a painting by Cheryl Forman-Swanson in your home is like welcoming a bright, big, bold ray of sunshine. Cheryl, who grew up in Florida and graduated from UF with highest honors, incorporates the “Real Florida” into her energetic and spontaneous paintings. She depicts architectural features of Mizner-type fountains, arches, balustrades along with sweeping colorful native landscapes and seascapes. “Florida’s flawless beaches and waving dancing palms almost always guarantee a perfect combination of color and shadow with brilliant displays of contrast,” says Cheryl. “Before starting every painting, I search for God’s glory in the scene. I strive to show something beautiful and have fun while doing it.”

Marion Carton is a 27-year resident of Hobe Sound and a self taught artist. Born in New York City, Marion began painting after her tenth child was born 35 years ago. She has shown her work throughout the Palm Beach and Martin County. Although she has used many mediums to portray her true spirit, her expertise is in oils and she prefers landscapes and portraits.
Gift Gab

Thank you to Donna and Renate who have been assisting me in the gift shop for a year. All of us appreciate your efforts, especially me! The T-shirts for kids and adults that change color in the sun continue to be hot!

NEW TIC TAC TOE LILY PAD A terrific beach or car game for the kids! No more lost game pieces. Velcro holds the frogs and dragonflies to the soft game board which zips up into its own carrying case.

NEW Kids T-shirts with fun logos. You have to see them!

NEW A PERFECT HOSTESS GIFT Beautiful and colorful dolphin, turtle and palm tree wine corks. Take a few with you this summer when you visit friends and family.

LARGE PILLOWS that are shaped like turtles, fish and dolphins are going strong.

SQUISHY DOMES, BALLS, AND SEA SLIPPERS See them, feel them, and you will buy them.

Don’t forget the caps and visors with MacArthur Beach logos. Also, straw hats to keep out the sun.

Happy summer and happy shopping!

Marty

Gift Shop Guru, Administrator,
Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park

Manager’s Musings

Summer is here! With it comes later sunsets, the local visitors, turtles, turtle walks, summer day camps, and of course, our summer hurricane season. Our dedicated staff and volunteers are prepared for whatever comes our way.

The summer also brings calmer seas—perfect for swimming or exploring the tropical worm reefs in the park by snorkeling. Even though a lot of the beach was eroded away by last year’s storms, we still have a beautiful beach awaiting your visit. We are anticipating the return of more beach sand over the summer, as the prevailing winds and currents shift, bringing it back.

Although there are still signs of last summer’s storms to remind us of Nature’s power, the Park has recovered well, and the wildlife appears to be unaffected. Flashes of color have abounded this spring with indigo buntings, warblers, cardinals, robins, and a myriad of other songbirds, passing through the Park on their way back north.

Leatherback sea turtles have been arriving in record numbers this year, and the loggerheads have begun their annual nesting season, in spite of the reduced beach. Nesting will continue through July and hatching will last until autumn. Contact the Nature Center for details of our scheduled turtle walks.

Even though a lot of the beach was eroded away by last year’s storms, we still have a beautiful beach awaiting your visit.

The Dune News, along with free admission to the Park, and a 10% discount at the Gift Shop are part of the annual benefits provided to our “Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park.” If you are not already a member, join now and bring your membership card each time you come to the Park to take advantage of these events and more. Read further in this newsletter for more information about membership and about our many summer activities and programs.

Please come by and share our special part of the Real Florida!

Terry

Terry Coulliette,
Park Manager
Hello, my name is Celia Corral Barrett, but you can call me Cee Cee. I am a California native, born and raised in San Diego. I am of Mexican-American decent.

Before moving to West Palm Beach, Florida, I was a hair designer for 19 years in San Diego. My husband, Scott, and I moved to Florida three years ago. Scott grew up in West Palm Beach and attended Forest Hill High School.

You may be wondering, why the career change? I fell in love with the Park after visiting many times, and I thought how wonderful it would be to work here at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. Well, here I am, the new Volunteer Coordinator. If you or a friend may be interested in volunteering, we’d love to have you. We have many opportunities. We have a volunteer orientation once a month for new people who are interested in volunteering their time. Please contact me at (561) 624-6952 for orientation dates and times.

Big News! Membership Update!

Beginning August 1, your Friends membership will include unlimited free entry into John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, but you must have your membership card with you to show at the entrance gate. Because of a significant increase in the price of the Florida State Parks Pass, the Friends can no longer offer these passes to all Florida State Parks as part of your membership benefits.

Your membership also includes The Dune News quarterly newsletter, invitations to special Friends events, and 10% discount on all items sold in the Gift Shop.

Your membership dollars help preserve and protect the Park’s natural resources, provide environmental educational programs for children and adults, and help expand and maintain the Park’s facilities and interpretive programs.

Join Now! Invest in the “Real Florida!”
# Up-n-Coming

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### Turtle Walks

Join us for an educational sea turtle slide show and loggerhead turtle nesting observation at the beach!

Limited space. Call the Nature Center at (561) 624-6952 for reservations.

**Dates:** July 6, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 22  •  **Time:** 8:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.  •  **Program Fee:** $5.00 per person.

### Reef Tours

Experienced Park volunteers will lead you to the rock reef off the beach.

Limited space. Call the Nature Center at (561) 624-6952 for reservations.

**Dates:** July and August, every Saturday  •  **Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  •  **Program Fee:** FREE with Park admission.

Need snorkeling gear and have to be an experienced snorkeler.

### MacArthur Under Moonlight Concert Series

*Moonlight* concerts will return in October on weekends near the full moon. Moonviewing from the boardwalk during intermission. The band and date will be announced. Bring the whole family. $5.00 per person. Children under 10 are free.
show to our visitors—the migration of spinner sharks. To stand and watch hundreds of these beautiful animals perform their acrobatics as if they knew we were all watching, and waiting for our applause is something I will never forget. Now that the migration is over, we are beginning to see our slow and graceful manatees making their way into the lagoon.

If you are strolling through the Park’s diverse habitats, and you are very quiet and look carefully, you may glimpse a red shouldered hawk, a screech owl, a piliated woodpecker or catch a roseate spoonbill feeding in the estuary.

Butterflies are in abundance this summer, and it is lovely to watch as they flit from wildflower to wildflower—gulf fritillaries, yellow cabbage butterflies, black swallowtails, zebra longwings, and mangrove skippers. Our resident golden orb weaver spider is starting to spin her perfect and photogenic web. She is quite the spider with a fascinating history!

If you stroll on the quarter-mile boardwalk across the estuary, instead of taking the tram, you will see many fish: mullet, needlefish, and maybe a snook or two. Horseshoe crabs, fiddler crabs, blue crabs, Florida crown conchs, whelks, and mantis shrimp all hang out on the flats at low tide right by the boardwalk. Spotted eagle rays swim in at high tide.

So, pack a lunch, go beachcombing, take a walk and enjoy Mother Nature at her finest. I will see you on the Beach!