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## Congratulations to Patrick Rash: DEP November Employee of the Month!

Patrick Rash, Assistant Park Manager for John D. MacArthur Beach State Park received Employee of the Month for November for the entire Department of Environmental Protection. That's pretty big!

A native of Biloxi, Mississippi, Pat moved to Florida after graduating from University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in Park and Recreation Management. He moved to the Florida Keys in 1986 for what was supposed to be a summer job. Being an avid fisherman, he stayed. Pat was a Boy Scout ranger for the Florida Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. In 1990, he moved to Lignumvitae Key where he joined the Florida Park Service as a park ranger at Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park. Realizing this was his lifelong destiny, he stayed with the park service, working as a District 5 maintenance mechanic in Key Largo in 1994. It wasn't until 1998 that he accepted a job as Assistant Park Manager for John D. MacArthur Beach State Park and made his move to North Palm Beach with his new bride, Marilyn.

Not only has Pat been an ex-



ceptional representative for the Florida Park Service, but he was also awarded the State of Florida's prestigious Davis Productivity Award in 2003 for the implementation of the Park's famous Kayak program. Pat continues to amaze us with his brains for numbers, brilliance with mechanics, and understanding of his devoted employees. They have two children: Hannah, five and Ava, two.

## Artist in Residence — Gerry Hamzik

by Leni Bane

Welcome back, Gerry! A true friend of the Park, Gerry not only exhibited works in the Natural Selections Art Exhibitions and Sales, hosted by



MacArthur Beach but was the curator of all five shows.

Gerry Hamzik was born in Southern California and was reared in New York and Palm Beach County. Gerry attended Pratt Institute in New York and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Hamzik's work has been shown

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# Thoburn's Thoughts



As 2004 has now passed, and we are into a new year, it is a good time to reflect on the past twelve months at MacArthur Beach State Park and what was accomplished by the Friends organization.

During the past year, the Friends donated approximately \$35,000 worth of equipment, program funding, and other financial support to the Park. For example, the Summer Camp program, underwritten by the Friends, provided a valuable camping experience for 130 children between the ages of seven and thirteen. The cost of Park events, such as Moonlight concerts, Bluegrass Jam sessions, and Father's Day at the Park were also underwritten by the Friends. Over \$4,000 was expended for Park related printed materials, such as brochures and this newsletter. A new utility vehicle, storage shed, tram, kayak, kayak equipment, Nature Center phones, FAX machine, updated computer programs, snorkel equipment, fish tank equipment, and road gravel are examples of Park purchases underwritten by the Friends, as well. The design, setup, and maintenance of a new professional website ([www.macarthurbeach.org](http://www.macarthurbeach.org)) for the Park was also completed during the year.

While the Park benefited from the continued financial support of the Friends, we, too, were the beneficiary of someone else's generosity. Donna Loring, who recently joined as a part time employee of the gift shop, and her husband, Dennis, generously funded the upgrading of the gift shop cash register, inventory

computers, and software to advance those functions into the current cutting-edge technology.

Looking forward to 2005, the executive board of the Friends has approved the underwriting of new equipment in the amount of approximately \$21,000. This will be in addition to the continued funding of Summer Camp and the Park's special events. To be purchased are a new tram, utility vehicle, computers, printers, and computer software, as well as other office equipment upgrades.

The year 2005 will also provide the challenge of meeting an ambitious fundraising goal for the Nature Center Addition Building Campaign. Having received approval from the State, we are now beginning the preliminary design of a building addition to accommodate an expanded gift shop and educational/meeting room. The money raised by the Building Campaign will assist in paying for the construction, equipping, and staffing of the new facility. More news will be disseminated on this as the project develops.

*TED*

Ted Thoburn, *President*  
Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, Inc.

# Donor Honor Roll

2004

Thank you all for your generous donations of funds, supplies, equipment, and countless hours of volunteer time!  
Your Park serves the community better because of your support.

*Although this list was carefully reviewed, there may be errors and omissions, for which we apologize.  
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# Shorelines



Since my arrival, one of my jobs has been coordinating the weekly school group tours. Due to overwhelming demand on both staff and volunteers, we are currently looking for volunteers to assist with the school tours. One of the main qualifications for becoming a school tour guide is having

## Wanted: School Tour Guide

by Art Carton

an enthusiastic attitude and love for children.

The school groups that visit the Park are the local kindergarten through fourth grade elementary students. These grades are split up into three different groups, which have a corresponding program and tour designed for their grade levels. These programs focus on the habitats in the Park and consist of a walking tour plus group activities. The students come in at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday during the school year and finish by noon.

When you decide to commit two hours a week to become a school tour guide, you will receive a

training folder. This folder has all the information you need to know about teaching the program. Also, you will shadow an experienced guide until you feel comfortable leading your own tour.

There are many rewards. One of the most exciting is being able to instill the love of nature in these young children.

So, if volunteering to become a school tour guide sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Art Carton or Junko Nomura at (561) 624-6952. You will not only see how much fun it is, but you might also learn something.

## Welcoming New Board Members

The Board of Directors of MacArthur Beach State Park is very proud and honored to welcome **Susie Fruehauf**, who is a 20-year resident of Lost Tree Village, a neighbor of the Park.

Susie has been in charge of the art gallery at Lost Tree for several years and is an accomplished artist herself. You may have seen her turtle prints for sale at our gift shop in the Nature Center. Susie is also a member of the Board of Trustees at the Lost Tree chapel and a director of Sentinental Trust Company in Houston, Texas.

Upon accepting the invitation to join the MacBeach Board, Susie said, "MacArthur Park is a most valuable asset to our

community here at Lost Tree, and I hope to be able to contribute something as a way of saying thanks."

The MacArthur Beach State Park Board of Directors is also proud and honored to welcome **Melba Hardy**. Melba was born in Jasper, Alabama and was raised in Winter Haven, Florida. She has always loved school, and as a child, she often convinced her friends to play school under the big oak tree in her back yard. It was at that time that her love for teaching had been born.

Over the years, her love, dedication, and commitment to education as a classroom teacher enabled her to become a successful leader as the head of a private school and presently as acting principal at Bright

Futures International Elementary School and The Academy for International Studies Middle School in Palm Beach Gardens.

She has maintained her Florida teaching certificate in the areas of Early Childhood and Elementary Education K-6. She also holds a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership. She has taken courses from major universities, attended in-service workshops, and attended state and national conferences and conventions in order to remain knowledgeable of the current educational trends. She has worked on many committees. Melba has over thirty years of diverse educational experience in both public and private schools.

# Under the Hammock

## Friends!

*We are seeking  
a group of friends...*

With rising costs and shrinking budgets, we are finding ourselves doing more of our own maintenance. Our shop is in need of some upgrades.

1. Air compressor: \$400.00
2. Table saw: \$500.00
3. Air tools: \$200.00
4. Hand tools: \$500.00
5. Floor jack: \$200.00

The critters at the nature center are always hungry. Feed them all year for \$500.00.

The kayak program becomes more popular each year and is always in need of replacement equipment.

1. Paddles: \$60.00
2. Life jackets: \$40.00
3. Single kayak: \$400.00
4. Double kayak: \$500.00

Our Tractor is over 25 years old and is badly in need of a new clutch for \$2,100.00

*Be a Friend...*  
Call Pat Rash:

**(561) 624-6953**

## Manager's Musings

It was an exciting year—2004! Lots has happened, and I anticipate 2005 to be eventful, although not as scary, as far as the weather goes.

I would like to remind the members of The Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park that their membership entitles them to a discount for some of the monthly concerts. Show your membership card at the check-in table. Please contact the staff at the Nature Center for more details.

Our very own Assistant Park Manager, Pat Rash, has received a very significant recognition recently. He was nominated for and received the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Employee of the Month award for November, 2004. His picture has adorned the DEP statewide website for the month and he received statewide recognition along with a plaque for his outstanding work and dedication to the Park Service and the people of Florida. Now he will compete with 11 others for the Employee of the Year award.

With your support, the Park continues to grow and improve. Working together, we can provide a quality experience for visitors and residents alike, while protecting and preserving the Real Florida. Thank you for your continued support as we begin the New Year filled with exciting possibilities and an abundance of blessings.

**Terry**

Terry Coulliette, Park Manager

## Gift Gab

*Have you seen  
what's new?*

- Bubble Domes: \$10  
*stretchy; sea life or reef motif*
- Squeeze Balls: \$5  
*soft, squishy spheres of fun*
- New Figurines: \$6-26  
*glass, stone, and pewter: flying turtles, fish, dolphins*
- MacArthur Beach State Park T-shirts: \$14  
*embroidered with turtles, dolphins or manatees; assorted colors; adults and kids sizes*

Hey, Kids!  
Grow a Fish!  
Put them in water and  
watch them grow: \$2

Thanks to all of our employees, volunteers, and staff who help make our gift shop a success. And thanks to all of you for your support! This has been (in spite of the hurricanes) the best year yet for the gift shop!

*Marty*

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

***All profits from the gift shop  
go to the MacArthur Beach  
State Park to support the pro-  
grams and activities that you,  
your family and your friends  
enjoy all year long.***

# Volunteer

# Spotlight



**Ron Gerson**

I have had the good fortune of being a volunteer at MacArthur Beach State Park for seven years. I started as a substitute tram driver, available when needed. After about a year, I was asked if I would also put together the monthly schedules for the drivers.

I guess my love for the outdoors started when I was a youngster. We lived in New York City, opposite Central Park and The Museum of Natural History, where I spent much of my free time climbing rocks, fishing, and sailing model boats on the ponds

and lakes. My wife and older son moved to Miami, Florida, in 1954. We made up our minds then that we couldn't go back to the big city life up north. After 10 years, my work took us to Texas, where we spent 31 years. It was there that my wife, our two sons, and I did lots of tent camping in the Rockies, California, and many of the national forests and parks of the western part of the country. After retiring, it was back to Florida in 1994.

Not only is being at our beautiful park—one of the few unspoiled places in Florida—such a great pleasure, but also is working

with the great bunch of guys (and now two gals) who make up the tram driver corps: now 43 members between our year-rounders and snowbirds. Like the mailmen at the Post Office, we drive in all kinds of weather: hot, cool, stormy, and very seldom in hurricanes, but fortunately never in snow storms.

All of the Park personnel make things great for us with the annual bus tour to exciting places and the annual awards dinner, as well as their being interesting and fun people to work with. Come and join us!

## Welcome New Friends Members

Mr. H. James Fisher

Ms. Ann Kringel

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Ms. Clair Heise

## Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, Inc.

### Membership Application

A not-for-profit Citizens' Support Organization

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For more information on the "Friends" please call (561) 776-7449

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the "Friends" may be obtained from The Division of Consumer Services by calling 800-435-7352

# Up-n-Coming

## January

02	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	<i>Introduction to Kayaking</i> by Adventure Times Kayaks
08	Saturday	11 - Noon	F.U.N. Program: <i>Family Birding</i>
09	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Volunteer Orientation; <b>New school tour guides wanted!</b>
16	Sunday	1 - 5:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Jam Session
22	Saturday	12:00 p.m.	Birding at MacArthur Beach State Park
22	Saturday	7 - 9:00 p.m.	MacArthur Under Moonlight Concert: <i>Band TBA</i>
23	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Recreational Skills: <i>Cast Netting</i>
29	Tentative	TBA	Annual Volunteer Bus Trip

## February

05	Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Beach State Park
06	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	<i>Introduction to Kayaking</i> by Adventure Times Kayaks
12	Saturday	11 - Noon	F.U.N. Program: <i>Valentine's Day Cards</i>
13	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Volunteer Orientation
19	Saturday	7 - 9:00 p.m.	MacArthur Under Moonlight Concert: <i>Band TBA</i>
20	Sunday	1 - 5:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Jam Session
26	Saturday	TBA	Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner

## March

12	Saturday	11 - Noon	F.U.N. Program: <i>All About Raptors</i>
13	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Volunteer Orientation
19	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Beach State Park
20	Sunday	1 - 5:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Jam Session
26	Saturday	7 - 9:00 p.m.	MacArthur Under Moonlight Concert: <i>Band TBA</i>
27	Sunday	12:00 p.m.	Recreational Skills: <i>Introduction to Surfing</i>



## Artist in Residence *Continued from page 1.*



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***More than just a beach!***

Newsletter created by  
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at the National Academy, the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach, and at the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition, among many others.

His paintings are included in the collection of the Hershey Corporation, National Bank, the Palm Beach International Airport, and many other corporate and private collections. His paintings and faux finishes adorn the walls of private homes and businesses everywhere.



In addition to his exhibit in the Nature Center during the months of January, February and March, he is exhibiting a one-man show at the Geoffrey Smith Galleries in Stuart, Florida.

The Park is truly fortunate to host this exhibit of Gerry's works during the busy winter season. This is one you shouldn't miss!



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