

# Footprints

Dear Friends of Barefoot Beach,

As I assume the duties of President of the Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve for the next two years, I want to begin by saying a huge thanks to all of you who have helped us to become one of the finest volunteer organizations in the area. And to prove that what I say is true, the Friends were recently awarded the Collier County Volunteer Group of the Year, for which we received a lovely trophy which will be on display in the Learning Center. Congratulations to each of you who helped make this possible! I am in awe of the accomplishments of the Friends, and look forward to meeting some very ambitious goals going forward. I look forward to working with the newly elected board, a great team of docents, garden workers, trail workers, and others of you who do what you do behind the scenes, but are equally important to the ongoing goals of the Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve.

As we begin a new season, some changes are already taking place. In an attempt to maximize the value of your dues monies, we have plans to switch over to email as the preferred delivery method for our future newsletters. This will save us significant expenditures for postage and printing. Making this change will enable us to be in contact with you on a more frequent basis, and keep you updated on timely items and issues. We will all benefit from this! But, for the changeover to be effective, we need the cooperation of each of our members. We'll need you to provide us with a current email address, so that we can add you to the list. This can be accomplished on your membership/renewal form, a copy of which is enclosed with this newsletter. Or, even easier, you can access the homepage of our newly updated website right now at either [www.FOBBP.org](http://www.FOBBP.org) or [www.FriendsofBarefootBeach.org](http://www.FriendsofBarefootBeach.org) and then click on the link to "[SUBSCRIBE TO OUR ONLINE NEWSLETTER](#)." This link can be found just beneath the logo on the top left side of the page. Then input the email address you wish to have your newsletters delivered to in the future, and click "Send.". In just a few seconds, a confirmation email will arrive in your inbox. You **MUST** then click on the link contained therein to verify that it is you that has subscribed. (Nobody likes Spam, and this step keeps people from signing up others who do not wish to subscribe.) Why not take a moment and do this right now? It will only take a few seconds, and you will be instantly added. In the event you do not have an email address, and you still wish to receive timely news from the Friends, simply write the word "NONE" on the renewal form, where it asks for your email address, and we'll see that you still get important updates.

Our Learning Center will be opening today, and will be open on a daily basis throughout the season until sometime in April. We're open between the hours of 10 and 4. Many of our old docents are returning, but we do have some empty spots. Perhaps you have some available time, and would be willing to help us fill up the schedule. We'll teach you everything you need to know, and would be SO happy to have you involved.

This coming Saturday, our Annual Lectures Series begins, with exciting speakers and topics scheduled for every Saturday morning between now and April 11th. See the schedule on the back of this newsletter or on our website, and plan to come to as many as you can. Each of our lectures are underwritten by the Friends, and there is no cost to you for attending. I'll look forward to seeing each of you in the coming months!

**Margaret Winn**, President, Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 6—Lecture Series Begins

Jan 16—Docent Picnic

March 6—Annual Membership Luncheon

Watch our Website for more events and details.

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### *The Friends Purpose*

- *To preserve, protect and enhance the natural environment*
- *To foster educational and research endeavors.*
- *To create and distribute literature relating to the Preserve.*
- *To work in concert with Collier County Parks and Recreation, and to secure volunteers to assist the county.*
- *To enhance the experience of all who visit Barefoot Beach Preserve.*

### 2008-09 Lecture Schedule

Dec 6	Oysters	Aswani Voley, Ph.D
Dec 13	Purple Martins	Bill Dietrich
Dec 20	Wiggins Pass	Gary McAlpin
Dec 27	Kid's Topic	Cynthia Piper
Jan 3	Snakes	Jimmy Alaniz
Jan 10	Fossils	Charles O'Connor
Jan 17	Florida's Animals	David Piper
Jan 24	Sea Turtles	Phil Allman, Ph.D.
Jan 31	Bats	John Fitch, Ph.D.
Feb 7	Wading Wonders	Larry Richardson
Feb 14	Gopher Tortoises	Nora Demers, Ph.D.
Feb 21	Butterflies	Ken Werner
Feb 28	Coyotes	Martin Main, Ph.D.
Mar 7	10,000 BC Florida	Harold Saylor
Mar 14	BeachCombing	Nancy Olson
Mar 21	Sustainable Fishing	Bryan Fleuch
Mar 28	Medicines from Land and Sea	Dr. Richard Wallin, DVM, Ph.D
Apr 4	CROW, Wildlife Rehabilitation	Dr. P.J. Deitschel, DVM
Apr 11	Epiphytes	David Southall

### Buy A Brick Fundraiser

We are happy to report the response for phase one of the Friends of Barefoot Beach Preserve Friendship Brick Campaign was quite positive. The first batch of bricks has already been installed and is centered at the Chickee entrance. But, it's not too late for you to participate. We will be adding more bricks soon, so send in your tax deductible donation with an engraving form now. The personal message/signature bricks are the perfect gift to honor those special people and events in your lives. For further details, please see the enclosed brochure or visit our website.

### What's To Do At Barefoot Beach This Season?

- Attend the Lecture Series
- Walk the Saylor Nature Trail
- Visit the Butterfly & Cactus Gardens
- Attend a Ranger Talk or Tour
- Go on a ranger guided canoe ride
- Launch your kayak or canoe
- Find some shells on the beach
- Bring a picnic lunch
- Buy some snacks from the concessions
- Visit the "Friends" Nature Center
- Volunteer some free time in the gardens or nature center
- Take some great nature photos
- View a glorious sunset
- So-o-o- much more... visit our website for specifics

*Whether you're young or old, rich or poor, tired or rested, there's something for you at Barefoot Beach Preserve. Come join your "Friends" this season, and enjoy all that is there for you!*

Visit Us On The Web At:

**www.FriendsOfBarefootBeach.org**