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Newsletter of the Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club

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The next business meetings of the Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club's **Executive Committee** will be held on **February 4th** and **March 4th** at **5:30 p.m.**, at **The University of Central Florida's University Center, 1200 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach.**

Our Monthly Meetings take place at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month.  
□ **NEW LOCATION FOR FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY MEETINGS** □

Our meetings in **February** through **May 2009** will be held at the **University of Central Florida's auditorium, University Center Building #150, room 101, 1200 W. International Speedway Blvd.**

Enter from White Street just north of International Speedway Blvd. Handicapped parking is available.

**PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, at 7:00 p.m.**

**DR. PETER A. V. ANDERSON, PH. D.,**  
PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR THE WHITNEY LABORATORY FOR MARINE BIOSCIENCE

THE WHITNEY LABORATORY MAY HOLD THE PROMISE OF FLORIDA'S FUTURE,  
THE NATION AND THE ENTIRE WORLD

From its start as the world's first "oceanarium" tourist attraction and research center, to serving as the first underwater movie studio for such classics as *The Creature from the Black Lagoon* and Lloyd Bridges' *Sea Hunt* series,  
Marineland has enthralled millions!

The excitement continues today. Since its founding in 1974, the University of Florida Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney Laboratory for Marine Biology and Medicine has received international acclaim for marine biomedical research.

Dr. Anderson will describe the goals of specific research programs underway and the future plans to create the first-of-its-kind marine vet school.

**PROGRAM FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4th, at 7:00 p.m.**

**DAVID HARTGROVE**  
PRESIDENT & CONSERVATION CHAIR of HALIFAX RIVER AUDUBON, INC.

**"BIRDING THE DAYTONA BEACH AREA"**

Halifax River Audubon is a chapter of the National Audubon Society

serving the greater Daytona Beach area since 1923. Local birding expert, Mr. David Hartgrove, will show a DVD covering most of the common birds seen in our area and will tell some anecdotes about the various species. Bring your questions!

## **Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club Welcomes New Members and Transfers**

### **Holly Hill**

Neil Hayes

### **South Daytona**

Lisa Davids

Emily Mokudhai

### **Edgewater**

Howard Donhauser

Barbara Bacom

Sheila Brust

Patricia Bohan

### **Palm Coast**

Sheila McKenney

Barbara Goss

John Beighey

Patricia Duffy

Robin Allen

Lynn Student

Constantino Bautista

George Betz

Annie Badger

W. Hudson

Deborah Fielder

### **New Smyrna Beach**

Pete Taylor

Karen Brandner

Carla Novella

Lynn E. Rose

Rodney Richardson

Rev. Bev Richardson

Richard Grove

Nancy Malmberg

John Peel

JoAnn O'Bannon

Robyn Bryant

### **Ormond Beach**

Josh Tomlinson

Sean Daley

Ruth Fox

Kamal Samar

Sue Dodge

Suzanne Place

Michael Maslak

Dale Cusack

Arlene Sherman

Patricia Harvey

Natasha Mentavlos

Margaret Leone

Jan Taylor

William Donnellon

C. Ruby Stern

Robert Mara

Robin Weiss

Greg Bollinger

Wanda Cassidy

Hildy Fosse Sanderson

### **DeLand**

William Grimm

Lu Weesner

Faye E Quinlivan

Schlee Juanita

Agnes Annunziata

Audrey Shorts

Jennifer Clement

William & Nize Nylen

Janice Spencer

Roberta Breene

### **Port Orange**

Barbara R Hughes

Evelyn Pinsof

Carl Turgeon

Ryan Stookey

### **Flagler Beach**

Judy Brandon

Noel Giambalvo

Lou McNab

Lida DiFrancesco

### **Candler**

Gary L. Fereday

### **Daytona Beach**

David O. Thorp

Lili Morgese

Christiane McCarthy

### **Lake Geneva**

Carole Wimmer

### **Orange City**

Tom Jones

Deann Ryals

John Raabe

### **Osteen**

Devitt Harrison

### **Deltona**

Julia Larson

Dana Gass

Earl Boggs

Michael & Patti Germain

## MEMO FROM THE CHAIR

Our local Volusia\_Flagler group has been very busy this past year in several upcoming environmental battles. First and foremost has been our commitment to the Florida Hometown Democracy's movement to place an amendment to the Florida constitution on the ballot. This amendment would require all future land use (comprehensive plan) changes to be placed before the local voters as a referendum instead of being simply voted on with little publicity by city and county councils. This would finally place control of growth, sprawl and development squarely back in the hands of the citizens whose lives are most affected by these changes. Obviously, there are many powerful development interests that are opposed to this and want to keep the status quo, and while the battle up until now has been hard and very costly, the real battle is yet to begin.

As we approach the 2010 election, big development will be pulling out all the stops in trying to get this proposed amendment defeated and the fight will be a dirty, expensive and no\_holds\_barred one. Thanks to the benevolence of **Rosalee Moore**, who several years ago left a sizeable portion of her estate to the Sierra Club, we have been fortunate to have had the funds we needed to help finance the petition drive to get the FHD amendment on the ballot. Now that the fight is going to begin in earnest, our funds are quickly running out, aggravated in part by the collapse of the investment market. When we are successful in getting the FHD amendment passed, I can think of no more fitting legacy for Mrs. Moore than the thousands of acres of Florida that will be spared from inappropriate development.

However, we need to replenish our treasury. The upcoming battles not only over the FHD amendment, but also the proposed Restoration and Miami Corporation's massive developments in Edgewater and

New Smyrna Beach are going to require large amounts of money to fight and many hours of our members' time.

We are in need of both: money and time. The Sierra Club is an environmental activist organization and it takes the efforts of many people to carry out our work. We also need ideas: suggestions for future speakers, outings and fundraisers that will get our members motivated and participating. We need members to show up at city commission and County Council meetings and advisory board meetings. While it's great to have members who can get up and speak for or against issues, often just the presence of large numbers of our members sends a clear message to local politicians that we are watching them and paying attention to their actions. There is strength in numbers.

Please, consider becoming more active in our group. Come to the meetings and bring someone else along with you, volunteer to attend your city or county meetings and hearings, get a friend, neighbor or relative to join, and consider a donation to our cause. There are many opportunities to get involved, and there is much at stake. The Restoration development alone will be placing over 9,000 homes and a retail/commercial space larger than the Volusia Mall in the swamplands west of I\_95 in Southeast Volusia, currently zoned at 1 home per 20 acres. The Miami Corporation property, when developed in the same area, will split and destroy our wildlife and aquifer recharge corridor. This in an area that lies within the 100\_year floodplain of a hurricane\_prone coastal county.

We can pay now or we can pay later. Now will be less costly. We need your help.

*-- Dr. Don Kanfer, Group Chair  
Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club*



## CONSERVATION NOTES

**CHANGE.GOV** is starting a Citizen's Briefing Book for the President to review nightly. I've just sounded off on population issues; take YOUR turn now! We have an historic opportunity to change this ship of state around to a new and greener direction. It takes time and all hands on board!

**Florida Forever** "Not This Year We Can't Afford It" - just when land prices are falling with a thud. According to the Miami Herald, only about \$20 million in savings will result and how much will be lost? We need to encourage the Governor to veto this costly fiscal shortcut. The legislature has a long and sorry history of raiding trust funds for budget shortfalls.

According to a Legislative release from [phil.compton@sierraclub.org](mailto:phil.compton@sierraclub.org), the environment took the biggest hit of all, including water management, land acquisition, conservation and recreation and marine resources trust funds. DEP (Environment)'s budget suffered a 16.8% cut while DOT (Transportation) was cut 0.04%! There is a 'cushion' of 400-500 million dollars so line-item vetoes are possible. Ask the Governor to restore the funding now while prices are low! Remember, Crist is a fellow Sierran!

**Florida Hometown Democracy.** Attorney Ross Burnaman recently argued before the Florida Supreme Court. The misnamed Floridians for Smarter Growth solution to sprawl would require 10% of an area's voters to hightail it to the County Election office within 60 days if they don't like a proposed development which runs counter to the comprehensive plan. This is the outfit that wrote to signers of Florida Hometown Democracy to withdraw their support and some 13,000 voters were duly duped. Their scheme discriminates against voters who can't get to that office because they are disabled, homebound, lack means -- or are abroad serving in the military.

Are a resort hotel and marina to replace mobile homes at **Seabird Island**?

Dave Hartgrove of Halifax Audubon reported a standing-room-only crowd at Port Orange's CRA. Citizen opposition 10 to 1 opposed and the marina project dead in the water due to city *parking* regulations. "No nesting rookeries were observed" by the developer's environmental consultant, although Auduboners meet monthly under the Dunlawton bridge for birding, observing 70 different species over the years! More to come...

Thanks to Native Plant Lover **Sonya Guidry**, **Marjorie Byron** and I joined dozens of others at Lake Colby in Cassadaga for a County-sponsored fun morning harvesting infestations of invasive Air Potato. The county rewarded our good deeds with lunch, t-shirts, bags and trinkets. It was such healthy fun it was hard to stop! Another removal party occurs on **Saturday February 7th at Green Springs Park** in Enterprise from 9.15am.

Call **Michelle Webster** of Volusia County Environmental Management on her cell phone, **386-469-8038**, or email [mwebster@co.volusia.fl.us](mailto:mwebster@co.volusia.fl.us) to reserve and get directions. See you there!

*-- Alexa Ross, Conservation Chair  
Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club*

## OUTINGS:

**Marjorie Byron (956-7396)** and I are planning the following outings in the next two months:

**Sunday February 8th Lake Helen-Cassadega Bike Tour:** Meet at Lake Park, Lake Helen 10 am for a Bike Ride to Cassadega and a tentative visit to Betty OLaughlin's horse paddock for a trampoline jump and an air potato harvest. Eastsiders meet at Ruby Tuesday's parking lot on ISB at 9:15 to possibly carpool depending on bike carriers. Bring your bike helmet, lunch, water, sunscreen, bicycle!

**Sunday February 22nd Water Taxi** .(\$12 round-trip cost) and/or **Bike Ride:** Arrive 15 minutes early to be sure of a seat and a spot for your bike! New Smyrnans can take the 11 am taxi from Marine Discovery Center, 162 North Causeway to Ponce Inlet for 2 stops, or meet at 12:30 at the Grille stop (Riverview & Flagler Avenue) for a two-hour exploration of picturesque New Smyrna Beach, before 2:45pm departure from Riverside Park at Canal Street for Ponce Inlet return. Those leaving from Ponce Inlet should take the 11:40 am taxi from Down the Hatch Restaurant, returning 3:40 or 5:40 if you wish. Limit of 5 bicycles on the boat. This is complicated! Marjorie and I will do a trial run; possible weekday outing for retirees to come. Helmet required if biking. Bring lunch or dine in a restaurant.

**Sunday March 8th Bulow Preserve, Flagler** - Volusians meet at Fairchild Oak at 10 am to carpool to Northern entrance trailhead for a 6 mile hike. Bring lunch, water, hat and good walking shoes!

**Sunday March 22nd Ponce Inlet Bike Ride** exploring River to Sea Preserve, new Botanical Garden, beach, possibly lighthouse, bird rehab and marine center (minimal costs). Contact **Marjorie (956-7396)** or [ross.alex@gmail.com](mailto:ross.alex@gmail.com) for meeting time and place. Helmets required on all Sierra bike outings. Lunch, water, sunscreen advisable.

*-- Alexa Ross, Conservation Chair  
Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club*

### WIN A 50-GALLON RAIN BARREL !!

This handsome vessel is fitted with a screened jar top and a brass spigot for direct dispensing or garden hose attachment, and it can be yours just for attending a Sierra Club meeting!

No purchase is necessary.

Fill out a ticket at each meeting you attend. The drawing will be held June 3, 2009, at the Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club meeting. You must be present to win. Good luck!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>February - March 2001</h1>						17 Marine Debris Survey N. PENINSULA STATE RECREATION AREA 9:00 A.M. (386) 761-2589
18	19 <b>Halifax River Audubon Society 501 N. Wild Olive Daytona Beach 7:00 p.m.</b>	20 <b>Native Plant Society Riverbridge Gardens, N. Beach St., Ormond Beach 7:00 p.m.</b>	21 <b>S. E. Volusia Audubon Society Edgewater Public Library 7:30 p.m.</b>	22	23	24 <b>Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club Needs Assessment Workshop 9 a.m. Sica Hall</b>
25 N.E. Florida Sierra Outing Gold Head Branch Hiking (386) 855-1266	26 4:30 p.m.: Volusia-Flagler Environmental Action Committee 433 Silver Bch. Blvd, #102 DAYTONA BEACH	27 West Volusia Audubon 6:30 p.m. 128 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand "Environmentally Friendly Yards"	28 <b>VOLUSIA-FLAGLER SIERRA EXCOM 150 Magnolia Ave. Daytona Beach 5:30 p.m.</b>	1 Flagler Audubon School Board Building S.R. 100 Bunnell "Wildlife Rehabilitation"	2	3 Writing Effective Letters to the Corps of Engineers 10-noon 56 N. Halifax Drive Ormond Beach <del>(386) 677-5023</del>
4 Begins March 3rd: <b>VOLUSIA-FLAGLER SIERRA OUTING</b> Hawthorne Bicycle Trail & Payne's Prairie Rim Hike (386) 673-7619	5 4:30 p.m.: Volusia-Flagler Environmental Action Committee 433 Silver Bch. Blvd, #102 DAYTONA BEACH	6 (Every First Tues.): Halifax/Indian River Task Force Halifax Harbor Marina, Daytona Beach, 2:00 p.m.	7 <b>VOLUSIA- FLAGLER SIERRA 7:00 P.M. 1065 Daytona Avenue Holly Hill</b>	8 <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Evening at Whitney Lab: <i>Atlantic Reef Fish</i> 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd. Marineland ( 3 8 6 ) 4 6 1 - 4 0 0 0	9	10
11	12 4:30 p.m.: Volusia-Flagler Environmental Action Committee 433 Silver Bch. Blvd, #102 DAYTONA BEACH	13	14 Volusia-Flagler Environmental Council - 433 Silver Bch. Boulevard., #102, Daytona Beach 7:00 p.m.	15	16 <b>Also March 17th: Broward Sierra Outing Wekiva Canoe &amp; Camp (954) 452-7854</b>	17 <b>Marine Debris Survey N. PENINSULA STATE RECREATION AREA 9:00 A.M. (386) 761-2589</b>
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