

Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Newsletter February 2019

New Members

We had several new members join the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park during December 2018 and January 2019. Welcome to Dave and Helene Taylor, Joe and Holly Tempel and Scott and Laura Potter. Thanks for joining our organization! We look forward to seeing you in the Park and at our activities.

President's Corner

First of all there is a correction to our December 2018 Newsletter. In that Newsletter it was stated that in 2018 the Friends organization transferred \$50,000 in the Nature Center Building fund to allow the state approved vendors creating the exhibits to continue their work. The actual amount transferred was \$68,000. This was a typo only mistake. Our apologies for the error and once again thanks for your continue support of our efforts at Huntington Beach State Park.

Donations to the building fund are always welcome!

Even though it is only February, the Park staff and the Friends organization are hard at work making plans for upcoming events for guests to Huntington Beach State Park. This newsletter contains information about the upcoming events. I hope to see to you there as either a volunteer or a guest.

Your President,
Sandra Barnes

Updated Information the Huntington Beach State Park

- The building contract bids for the Nature Center closed on January 31, 2019. The next step is the South Carolina State Park Services will review the submitted bids and award the contract.
- Currently visitors to the Park may see some heavy equipment and orange fencing barricades around some drainage ditches. The Park staff is dredging the ditches for better drainage during heavy rains. Hopefully no more water will spill over the roadways.

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- The restrooms near the gift shop are under going renovations.
- The Park is sponsoring a 5K race on April 6, 2019. The race is called The Gator Gauntlet and will include a 1 mile fun race for children. Registration is required.

Here is the link to the South Carolina Parks Come Out and Play registration.

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/park-news/come-out-and-play-5-k-races>

The Annual 3 in 1 Day Sponsored by the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park

The Friends are hard at work planning the activities to celebrate Anna and Archer Huntingtons' mutual birthdays, their anniversary and the birthdays of their beloved dogs. The event is always held on March 10th. This year's event (which is a fund raiser for our organization) will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 (plus Park admission if needed). Children under 6 years of age are free.

This year Jim Lee representing the Yawkey Foundation will speak about contributions to the nature that the Huntingtons, the Yawkey families and the Baruch families have made throughout the years to our area. Jim has been with SCDNR for over 30 years and serves as the Education and Outreach Coordinator to the Tom Yawkey Wildlife Center.

Also joining the event will be Andrea DeMuth, Vice President of Zoological Collections and Curator of Animals at Brookgreen Gardens. In addition to Andrea speaking to us about the contributions that the Huntingtons have made to nature in our area she will be bringing a very special guest.

Members of the Friends of Huntington Beach are encouraged to attend this special day as patrons. Admission is \$5.00 per person and all proceeds go directly to the Nature Center Building fund. Cake and punch will be served following the speakers. Each guest purchasing a ticket will receive a ticket for a door prize drawing being held that day.

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Help Cleaning Atalaya

Please join members of the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park on Friday, March 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to clean up Atalaya in preparation for the 3 in 1 Day event being held on March 10th.

If you can come, please bring your broom and dustpan. If you have any questions please contact Karen Korszeniewski at korsz@sccoast.net or 843-650-6666.

The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Website

Please be sure to bookmark on your computer or tablet our website www.friendshbsp.com

Anyone wanting to make a monetary online donation to the Nature Center Rebuilding Fund needs to click on the Donation Tab on the far right at the top of any of our website pages or you can click on the underlined Heading (that will take you to the page for the Friends PayPal account).

If you wish to mail in a donation, please make the check out to the Nature Center Rebuilding Fund and mail to the following address:

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