

Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Newsletter February 2018

Please Welcome

In January 2018 we added two new members to our Friends organization. Please welcome Elaine Rutenber and Sharon Soluen! If you see them in the Park please welcome them and help them get familiar with all that the Friends organization does in conjunction with the Park staff.

President's Corner

As I write this note to all you the outside temperatures are reaching 80 degrees! So, excuse me if this is short and sweet. These rare warm days in February are so welcome and should be enjoyed by all. The Park is coming alive again too! The beautiful birds are out in all their glory in the marsh at the causeway. Come out to the Park and enjoy the sights and sounds! I for one hope our winter type weather is behind us very soon for this year!

With the warmer temperatures the Park staff is busy getting their many projects underway again. Brenda Magers, Park Manager advised us at our February Board meeting that plans for the new Nature Center are continuing. While the South Carolina Parks and Huntington Beach State Park wait for the contract to rebuild the Nature Center to be issued planning behind the scenes is continuing. As well as, the contractor who was awarded the contract to build the exhibits as started that construction. Soon we will be talking about a date when construction will begin!

The Friends organization is also busy planning the annual 3 in 1 Day celebration at Atalaya on March 10th. The date is the day that Anna and Archer celebrated their mutual birthdays, their anniversary and the birthdays of their beloved dogs. The Friends continues to recognize this special date each year. This year's celebration will focus on the Huntingtons' love for nature and how their love for nature is continued today at Huntington Beach State Park, Atalaya and Brookgreen Gardens. Nature programs will be held throughout the day for both children and adults. Robin Salmon from Brookgreen Gardens will talk about the Huntingtons' love of nature and how their gift of caring for the nature at Huntington Beach State Park and Brookgreen Gardens is continued today. The admission this year will be \$5 per person (plus Park admission) and children under the age of 2 will be free. Stay tune to our Friends of Huntington Beach State Park website (www.friendshbsp.com) for times and more information.

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Your President,
Sally Kelly

3 in 1 Day Help

Time to change up our 3 in 1 Day event!

If you have items that you think might be worthy of a silent auction that will be held at the 3 in 1 Day event please contact Sally Kelly (tomsal75@yahoo.com) or Karen Korszeniewski (korsz@sccoast.net).

Please mark your calendar for the morning of Saturday, March 10, 2018 to help clean up Atalaya. Board member Steve Riddle will head up the cleaning of Atalaya at 9:00 a.m. that morning. Bring you brooms, dustpans and whiskbrooms that morning. The Friends will have trash bags and our blower available to get the job done as quickly as possible.

Hobnob at Hobcaw

Board member Ron Hartman has provided information about an Oyster Roast being held on March 3, 2018 at Hobcaw to benefit the Winyah Rivers Foundation. The cost of tickets for the event is \$35 per person (members of Winyah Rivers Foundation will pay \$30 per person). In addition to the oyster roast there will be beer & wine, raffle prizes, a silent auction and live music by Sawgrass. The times are 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More information and tickets are available at www.winyahrivers.org or 843-349-4007.

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