

# **Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Newsletter August 2018**

## **Please Welcome**

Please welcome new members Jim & Pat Cote. If you see them in the Park please give them a hearty welcome and thanks for joining our Friends of Huntington Beach State Park.

## **President's Corner**

It was so nice to see so many of our members at our All Members Picnic / Meeting in June. As your new President of the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park I hope to continue the work of our non-profit organization to help the Park continue to be the best of the best. It may take me a little while to get to know all of you but I will do my best, along with the other board members. Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions, concerns and ideas. We would love to hear from you. As well as, if you see me (us) in the Park please stop and say hello!

Here is a link to our website with some pictures from our picnic for your enjoyment!

<http://www.friendshbsp.com/420113251?i=150952576>

Your President,  
*Sandra Barnes*

## **Election Results & Board Contact Information**

Our annual election results were finalized at the June 2018 annual All Members Picnic / Meeting.

And the results are:

Sandra Barnes – President  
Karen Korszeniewski – Vice President  
Carol Dankosky – Board Member  
Sally Kelly – Board Member  
Jeri Reuss – Board Member

Each of these newly elected board members will serve a term of 2 years.

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The following board members agreed to stay on thru their term expirations of 2019:

Charlie West – Treasurer  
Laurie Johnston – Secretary  
Marty Cook – Board Member  
Ron Hartman – Board Member  
Emma Nodine – Board Member  
Steve Riddle – Board Member  
Janet Thomas – Board Member

You may contact any of our board members via the comment section of our website.

## **What's Happening in the Park**

The constant rain that we have had recently has taken a toll of both Park attendance and the Park itself. Not to mention your own yards and sanity! If you have been to the Park recently you too have seen the "giant" puddles and areas that can't really be walked through without rainboots! PLEASE MAKE IT STOP RAINING FOR AWHILE!

Huntington Beach State Park currently has 11 turtle nests. Per Mike Walker, Interpretive Ranger for the Park the incubation period for loggerhead turtles is 45-75 days and our first turtle nest hatched on July 29<sup>th</sup>. There were 113 hatchlings from this nest.

On July 24<sup>th</sup> many members of our Friends organization joined members of the SC Oyster Restoration and Enhancement program (SCORE) to help with the rebuilding of an oyster reef construction at the Oyster Landing in Huntington Beach State Park. Kudos to all of you who participated in this project. We heard that it was hard work but fun!

Here is a link to the SCORE website if you are interested in their many restoration projects.

<http://score.dnr.sc.gov/deep.php?subject=6&topic=10>

## **New Volunteer T -Shirts Are Now Available**

The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park t-shirts are now back in stock. The t-shirt is exactly the same as our old t-shirt. The shirt is

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yellow with the greet logo over the left front. The back has large type indicating you are a volunteer with the Friends. These t-shirts are \$10 each. The sizes are small through XXL. Please contact Charlie West at [westdale@sccoast.net](mailto:westdale@sccoast.net) or 843-650-1979 if you are interested in ordering either shirt. All shirts must be paid for at the time of the order by mailing a check made out to the Friends of Huntington Beach State Park at P.O. 3019 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Here is the link to the t-shirt and polo shirt (\$20 each) ordering page (with pictures of the shirts) on our website.

<http://www.friendshbsp.com/423026130>

### **Park Events That Are Right Around the Corner**

The Park's annual Arts & Crafts Festival will take place September 28 – 30, 2018. The Friends organization will once again host a booth all three days of the event. Information on how you can donate baked goods or volunteer will be sent out to our members shortly.

The annual Atalaya Fall Festival & Haunted Castle event will be held on October 26 -27 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The Park will advise us soon on how the Friends organization can participate to help them to continue to make this the premier annual fall event in our area.

### **The Friends of Huntington Beach State Park Website**

Please be sure to bookmark on your computer or tablet our website [www.friendshbsp.com](http://www.friendshbsp.com)

**Our Fundraising for The Nature Center Rebuilding Fund will continue for at least the next two years.**