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VOLUNTEER &  
DIVISION RECOGNITION  
AWARDS**

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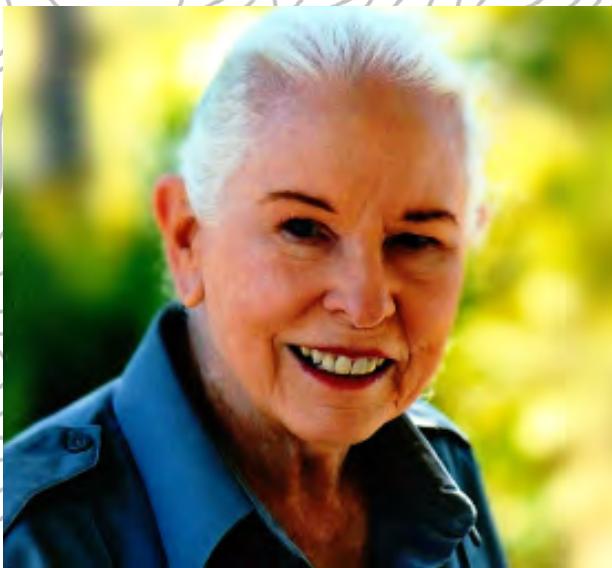


### 30 Years of Service

#### **MARIANNE BURBACH**

Eden Gardens State Park

Since 1988, Marianne has played many park volunteer roles. She manages the hiring of wedding coordinators, handles finances and ensures all wedding parties have memorable experiences. She also spearheaded the fundraising and building of the screened pavilion – a venue for receptions, parties and meetings. Hundreds of weddings have taken place under Eden Gardens' live oak tree.



### 25 Years of Service

#### **CAROL HERZOG**

Savannas Preserve State Park

Since 1994, Carol has contributed over 3,600 volunteer hours and passionately advocates for the Savannas Preserve and all Florida State Parks. She is renowned for capturing an audience with her unwavering voice and passion as she shares childhood memories of the preserve and her wealth of knowledge of state park history.



### 20 Years of Service

#### **RICHER & EUGENIE GIASSON**

Oleta River State Park

Since 2000, Cowboy and Genie have volunteered at MacArthur Beach, Mizell-Johnson, Hugh Taylor Birch, Silver Springs, Manatee Springs, Koreshan and Oleta River state parks, specializing in construction and carpentry. They fearlessly tackle major projects, and volunteering has become who they are. They pour their hearts and talents into Florida State Parks.



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### 20 Years of Service

#### **DON BOTTARO**

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Since 1995, Don has contributed over 3,500 hours as the Thursday afternoon tram driver at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. When not at MacArthur Beach, Don volunteers as docent and tour guide at the Flagler Museum. Don retired from a 33-year career as a procurement manager and continues to recruit coworkers and friends to volunteer at the park.



### 20 Years of Service

#### **BILL NOLAN**

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Since 1996, Bill has volunteered 4,000 hours at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park as the Tuesday morning tram driver. Bill is beloved by visitors for his sweet and respectful personality. Upon retiring, Bill devoted his time to serving the visitors and Friends of MacArthur Beach.



### 20 Years of Service

#### **MARTEEN DILLON**

Bahia Honda State Park

Marty has volunteered more than 10,000 hours at Bahia Honda and other state parks, serving in many capacities, including as a campground host, by assisting hurricane recovery efforts, collecting tolls and managing resources by removing invasive exotic iguanas.



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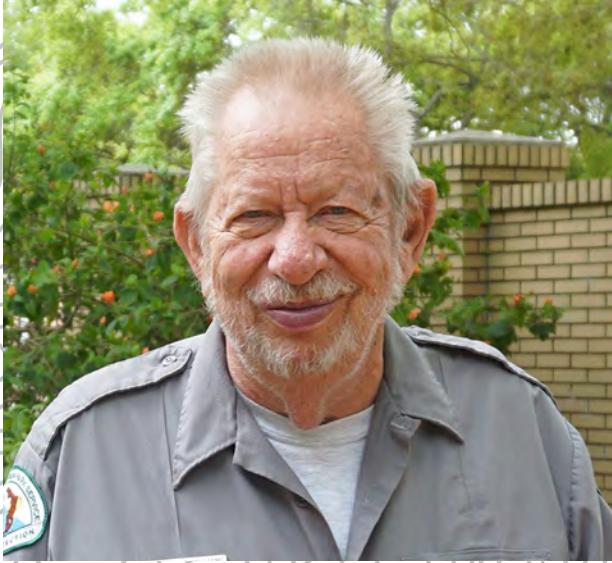


### 20 Years of Service

#### **BOB DILLON**

Bahia Honda State Park

Bob contributed more than 10,000 volunteer hours to resource management by removing the invasive exotic iguana population at Bahia Honda and surrounding state parks. He is skilled at educating guests about the reasons we remove these invasive animals. Bob also possesses a contagious work ethic, energy and friendliness.



### 20 Years of Service

#### **WALTER WILLIAMS**

Hillsborough River State Park

For 20 years, Walt has made a difference at Hillsborough River State Park. Whether on late night field calls, daily work alongside staff and volunteers, early morning meetings or as president of the friends group, Walt leads with experience, vision and passion. As a U.S. military veteran and retired police officer, he handles every situation with professionalism and is always there to serve others.



### 20 Years of Service

#### **RICHARD FULTON**

Hillsborough River State Park

With over 4,000 hours dedicated to the park, Richard has lent his experience and skills to grading roads, fixing water pipes, repairing buildings and maintaining vehicles. As vice president of the friends group, Richard builds community partnerships to support the park's mission. When not volunteering, he often brings his grandchildren to the park so they can develop an appreciation of its natural beauty.



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### 20 Years of Service

#### **TOM PATTON**

Grayton Beach and Deer Lake State Parks

Volunteering since 1999, friends group founding member Tom Patton is a proven leader and is excellent with people. Serving as president of the friends group for 10 years, Tom expanded the board's diversity of experience, talent and finances. As a volunteer, he continues to lend his expertise and knowledge and works closely with landscapers, tradespeople and other volunteers.

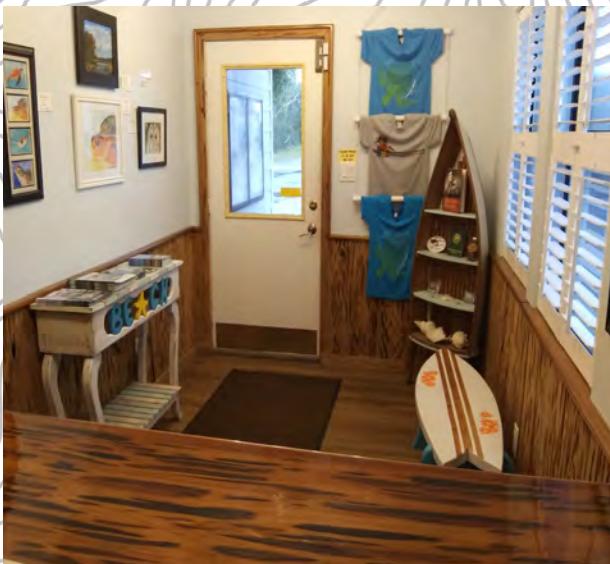


### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Protection

#### **STEVE AUSTIN**

Rainbow Springs State Park

Steve has shown his leadership by managing boat crews to survey the park's waterway, handling scheduling and ensuring that captains are trained and certified. Steve is courteous to all visitors while patiently explaining rules. As a board member of the friends group, he suggests and implements new ideas that assist visitors in identifying local wildlife.



### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Maintenance

#### **JERRY ALLEN**

Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach

Since 2013, Jerry has contributed 1,500 hours as a park resident volunteer. He is hardworking, knowledgeable and always has a can-do attitude. Jerry enjoys working alongside staff and other volunteers, and always has a smile on his face. He can fix anything with an engine or wheels and can construct or repair any structure.



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### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Visitor Services

#### MARGARET VON EHR

Colt Creek State Park

Since 2007, Margaret has volunteered over 4,700 hours at Colt Creek and Lake Louisa state parks in addition to Stephen Foster's Florida Folk Festival. She is a member of Friends of Colt Creek and Florida Park Service Rangers Association and has assisted in the ranger's station every week at countless programs and special events.



### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### FRANCIS FOLKERS

Oscar Scherer State Park

Since 2009, Francis has contributed over 8,000 hours, regularly surveying and treating invasive exotic plants and has accomplished 75% of the park's annual invasive removal goals. On the park's prescribed burn team, she has assisted with over 40 fires. Francis also conducts monthly Florida scrub-jay surveys. Regardless of the assignment, Francis completes it with confidence and dedication.



### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### CAROLYN MORGAN

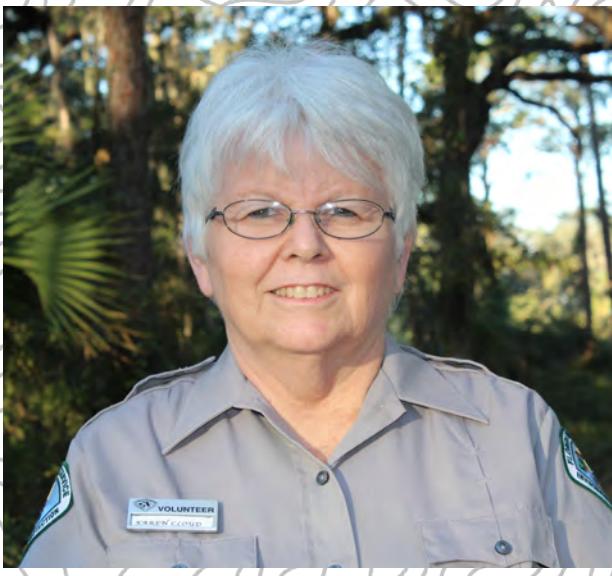
Oscar Scherer State Park

Serving since 2016 as the nature center coordinator and a friends group board member, Carolyn has contributed more than 1,700 volunteer hours. The nature center is the focus of many visitors' park experience, and without Carolyn's steadfast scheduling, inventory tracking and volunteer training, the experience would not be the same.



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### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### KAREN CLOUD

Dade Battlefield Historic State Park

Since 2013, Karen has contributed 3,016 hours to Dade Battlefield Historic State Park. She is an outgoing, charismatic fundraiser who has taken on leadership within the friends group, including facilitating special events and establishing the Dade Youth Program. She has a big heart for the local youth and community and has been a huge benefit to this small park.



### Adult Volunteer of the Year for Administration

#### DIANA GREGORY

Savannas Preserve State Park

From attending friends group meetings to becoming the group's president, Diana has restructured and energized the board to complete many projects within the park, including purchase of a mobile gift shop cart when the pandemic closed the store. She is renowned for her unwavering support for Savannas Preserve and for increasing the park's ability to provide the highest quality in visitor experiences.



### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Visitor Services

#### SKYLA COOK

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Skyla has been volunteering at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park each summer since 2015 when she would visit her grandparents, who were also park volunteers. She has participated in maintenance, visitor services and interpretation. Most recently, she worked alongside the park's aquarist in the visitor center, where she has excelled as a valuable member of the team.



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### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### MARQUISE HODGE

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Since 2015, Marquise has volunteered every September through May with the Junior Friends of MacArthur Beach. He volunteers alongside middle and high school students, completing projects such as building maintenance, cataloguing plants and wildlife, documenting seasonal changes, tracking clouds and weather, sea oat planting, sea turtle protection and mangrove and beach cleanups.



### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Protection

#### JADEN YERIAN

Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park

Jaden regularly participates in park cleanups and ranger ride-alongs at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park. As a volunteer he shines in park safety and assists with the safety measures at special events. He's enrolled with the Police Explorers, Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial High School and coordinated his group to assist with security at the park's largest seasonal event.



### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### CHRISTINA GUAN

Oscar Scherer State Park

A senior at Pine View High School and president of the school's Go Green Club, Christina organizes members to visit Oscar Scherer once a month and work alongside staff. The group has accomplished invasive exotic plants removal, trail maintenance and preparation for special events and has assisted with prescribed burns.



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### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Maintenance

#### **GRAYSON BROBECK**

Henderson Beach State Park

After discussing the need with park management, Grayson installed hammock posts at five campsites at Henderson Beach State Park. The project completed his Eagle Scout badge while provided an additional resource for campers. The posts alleviate the stress of hammocks attached to trees, protecting natural resources and providing safer recreation.



### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management – Honorable Mention

#### **AJ PENNINGTON**

Henderson Beach State Park

While earning his Eagle Scout badge, AJ led a team of 11 scouts in developing and installing sea turtle educational signs. Beach signs help the public better understand how to protect sea turtles. For two years, he completed sea turtle research, compared sign examples, raised funds for the signs, designed templates and installed the final signs.



### Youth Volunteer of the Year for Natural Resource Management – Honorable Mention

#### **BRYAN LACKEY**

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park

Bryan is an exceptional volunteer who spends his summer breaks assisting the park rangers at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park with maintenance. He has volunteered since he was 12 years old and contributed more than 250 hours. He loves to spend time in the parks and learn about equipment maintenance from seasoned staff and volunteers.



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### Volunteer Team of Two of the Year for Visitor Services

#### MARG CHAUVIN & BILL MESSER

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

Since 2009, Marg and Bill have contributed more than 5,000 volunteer hours to Stephen Foster's largest events. They are always positive and are pivotal team members: solving problems, coordinating vendors and taking on multiple tasks such as administration, toll collection, bonfire attendant, welder, builder and light setup. They have a knack for being at the right place at the right time for any endeavor.



### Volunteer Team of Two of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### JUDY SPIRES & CAROL SPELZHAUSEN

Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park

After riding their horses for years at Lower Wekiva's Fechtel Tract during their retirement, both Judy and Carol became volunteers at the park in 2005. Together they have contributed 1,800 hours clearing, mowing and trimming trails. They take pride in preserving and maintaining the trails, grounds and facilities for horseback riders, campers, hikers and nature lovers alike.



### Volunteer Team of Two of the Year for Administration

#### KATHERINE & JARRETT HOUGLAND

Oleta River State Park

Katherine and Jarrett are two working professionals who decided to take a year-long trip through Florida while volunteering and homeschooling their two children. They are outstanding campground hosts and used their grant writing and research skills to solicit in-kind goods and services from the park's wish list.



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### Volunteer Team of Two of the Year for Maintenance

#### RICHER & EUGENIE GIASSON

Oleta River State Park

Since 2000, Cowboy and Genie have specialized in construction and carpentry at Oleta River State Park, saving the park thousands of dollars in repairs. While serving as campground hosts, they also tackled multiple major projects – rebuilding a boardwalk, replacing a deck and stairs, and performing a total remodel of a communal restroom.

### Volunteer Team of Three+ of the Year for Maintenance

#### CULTURAL RESOURCE TEAM

Fort Clinch State Park

#### FRANK FITZGERALD, JAMES MCCANNELL, WILLET SCHRAFT, STAN FISHBURN, ALAN SMITH & JIMMY KOENIG

For 10 years, the team of Frank Fitzgerald, James McCannell, Willet Schraft, Stan Fishburn, Alan Smith and Jimmy Koenig have dedicated themselves to restoring the historic features at Fort Clinch State Park. Their knowledge and expert restoration mastery gives park visitors and staff a safe and memorable experience at this historic landmark.





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### Volunteer Team of Three+ of the Year for Visitor Services

#### CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Highlands Hammock State Park

The team of David Schmidt, Bob Bucknell, Fred Horman, John Schumacher, Lois Eberly, Rosemarie Wall, Pat Mongiello, Amalia Velazquez, Mason Whidden, Greg Gillis, Gary Anglehart, Jim and Bonnie Larkin, Dave and Liz Schwab, Doug Kramer, Carl Metzgar, Victoria Havlat, Mary Wied, Edie Leinbach, Carol Taylor, George Sibet, Russ Sharp, Steve Wells and Doug Cook contributed over 18,100 hours preserving Civilian Conservation Corps history and educating visitors.



### Volunteer Team of Three+ of the Year for Administration

#### FRIENDS GROUP INCORPORATION BOARD

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

Through determination, resourcefulness and cooperation, Ann Helmers, Lynda Munshower and Kathi Pegues established Florida State Parks' newest friends group - the Friends of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park & Dagny Johnson State Park.





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### Volunteer Team of Three of the Year for Protection

#### **CONCH REPUBLIC MARINE ARMY**

Bahia Honda State Park

This nonprofit formed after Hurricane Irma to provide cleanup where large-scale operations could not – by using kayaks, canoes and manual labor. After the Hurricane Irma cleanup, the group has continued removing debris from mangroves and protecting and preserving the Florida Keys' five state parks.



### Volunteer Team of Three of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### **YEA! YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL ALLIANCE**

Hugh Taylor Birch State Park

The Youth Environmental Alliance is a nonprofit organization providing youth with opportunities to protect and restore Florida's natural communities. Since 2005, thousands of students have learned about biology and conservation by planting 203,212 native plants, 2,903 trees and completing projects that educate park visitors about native plants and wildlife.



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### Long-Term Project of the Year for Cultural Resources

#### **WILLIAM "BUZZ" GIFFORD**

Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park

As a 21-year volunteer, Buzz leads Natural Bridge's friends group - the Natural Bridge Historical Society. He helps with landscape maintenance, repairs and maintains equipment and assists the rangers daily. Additionally, he managed the battlefield eagle memorial restoration project. He also assisted with the purchase of the adjacent Horn Springs and is leading the development process of building a museum on the property.



### Long-Term Project of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### **CITIZEN SCIENCE SEA TURTLE NEST EXCAVATION**

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Since 2008, volunteers have assisted scientists with the collection of sea turtle data for the Statewide Nesting Beach Survey Program. The park's friends group buys supplies and recruits, trains and manages volunteers. Experienced volunteer leaders uphold scientific integrity and permit requirements and manage 50 additional volunteers who protect and collect data from sea turtle nests.



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## Long-Term Project of the Year for Cultural Resource Protection

### THE BARNACLE SOCIETY, INC.

The Barnacle Historical State Park

This project included funding, designing and installing a fire suppression system in the 1891 Barnacle house and boathouse, protecting and preserving the oldest house in Miami-Dade County. The house's interior is wood framed and contains all original furnishings. The 1926 boathouse was central to family activities in an era when boats served as the central mode of transportation.



## Long-Term Project of the Year for Resource-Based Recreation

### BUTTERFLY PROGRAMS

John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

Since 2004, Cathy Beals has worked in the nursery and garden at MacArthur Beach and often facilitates butterfly walks along with a slideshow presentation for visitors. She improves and maintains the appearance of the park's garden and nursery preserve, and educates visitors about native plants, pollinators and butterflies.



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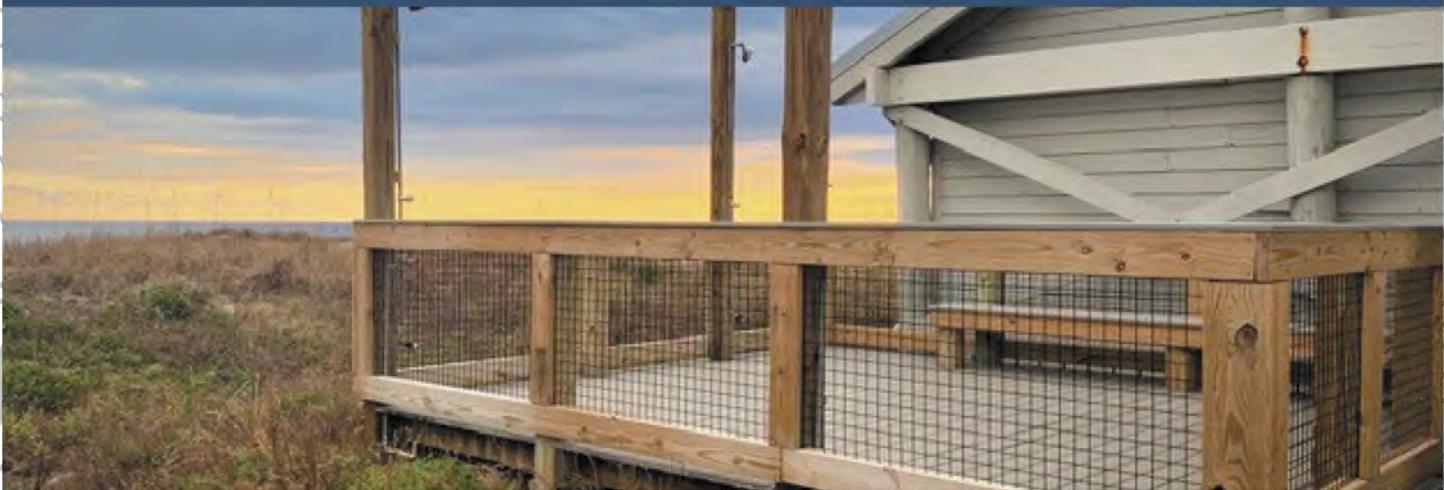
### Short-Term Project of the Year for Resource-Based Recreation

**FRIENDS OF EMERALD COAST STATE PARKS, INC.**

Henderson Beach State Park

**SUSAN KNELLER & ANNE MARIE DIAZ**

The Friends of Emerald Coast State Parks has raised funds for several facility improvements. A new shower deck and picnic tables gave a picnic pavilion a much-needed facelift that improved visitor experience. The friends are an energized team of individuals and coordinate well with contractors, allowing park staff to focus on other duties within the park.



### Short-Term Project of the Year for Natural Resource Management

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park

Since 2019, Eileen Pokorney has coordinated with her co-workers to work alongside staff on nature trail improvements at Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park. The group visits the park monthly and removes overgrown bracken fern (an invasive exotic plant), plants native plants and trims the trail. They have installed new wayfinding signs and built and installed new benches along the trail to improve visitor experiences.





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## Special Event of the Year for Cultural Resources

### CANNONS ON THE PLAZA

Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park

### STEWART PIKULA

A first time event on a bluff overlooking the Amelia River, Cannons on the Plaza took place at the site of a small fort preserved by Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park, surrounded by a historic neighborhood of Victorian homes. The event reenacts British and Spanish history with cannon firing, a military guard, historic displays and roving interpretation.



## Special Event of the Year for Resource-Based Recreation

### FRIENDS OF COLT CREEK, INC.

Colt Creek State Park

Colt Creek State Park opened in 2007 and the friends group formed in 2014. Since then, the group has completed major projects such as construction of a gazebo and butterfly garden. They conduct special events each year including Get to Know Colt Creek, Family Fun Ride and the new Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt to raise community awareness and educate visitors about the park.



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### Special Event of the Year for Natural Resource Management

#### MARINE DEBRIS HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park

In 2019 the park held its first Halloween event, Marine Debris is Scary, Don't Be Afraid to Make a Difference. Team members Bustos, Hartner, Davis, Lovejoy, Kiss, Novak, Webster, Haskins, Gerber, Hulbert, Clark and Delaurentis gathered debris, planned the event, and decorated and staffed event booths.



### Special Event of the Year for Cultural Resource Protection

#### FLORIDA SHAKESPEARE THEATRE

The Barnacle Historic State Park

Since 2010 The Barnacle's partnership with the Florida Shakespeare Theatre has offered park visitors a unique three-day outdoor experience. With "Shakespeare in the Park," theater becomes familiar, comforting, engaging, exciting and accessible to park visitors. The original owners of the 1891 house, the Munroe family, owned the complete works of Shakespeare.



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### Corporate Contributor of the Year

#### DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA

Highlands Hammock State Park

Forty-four Duke Energy and Asplundh employees completed resource-based recreation, resource management and maintenance projects at three state parks. Contributing a total of 521 volunteer hours, they constructed and installed 13 kiosks, removed 27 acres of sand pines, restored native Florida scrub and cleaned existing park signs. Through the group's hard work and dedication, these actions saved the park \$17,000.



### Citizen Support Organization of the Year for Cultural Resources

#### FRIENDS OF MACLAY GARDENS, INC.

Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park

#### GARY GRIFFIN & MARNIE GEORGE

The Friends of Maclay Gardens supported their park by quickly raising \$5,000 for new trees to replace those damaged by Hurricane Michael. Through their generosity, they also donated a one-acre tract adjacent to the park to help alleviate traffic and serve as an emergency exit. The friends group assists in all special events and exemplifies the strong partnership between a friends group and a state park.





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### Citizen Support Organization of the Year for Resource-Based Recreation

#### **FRIENDS OF HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK STATE PARK, INC.**

Highlands Hammock State Park

Beyond operating the Hammock Inn as the concessionaire, the board contributed more than 2,700 volunteer hours to Highlands Hammock State Park. The group is extremely motivated and demonstrates unity by rapidly accomplishing park goals, such as purchasing equipment and vehicles, installing Wi-Fi, restoring the orange grove and historic ticket booth, planning events and park tours, promoting the inn and expanding visitor services.



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### DIRECTOR'S EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND DEDICATION AWARD

25,000 Hours Served

#### **DON PHILPOTT**

25,380 Hours Served

Wekiwa Springs State Park & Florida State Parks Foundation

Don is an exceptionally supportive, innovative, dedicated and passionate volunteer. He shines as an interpreter of Florida's native plants, animals and natural communities and teaches outdoor survival. Don is also a leader for the Wekiwa Wilderness Trust, Florida State Parks Foundation, and a founder of the National Association for State Parks Foundations.





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### DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

20,000 Hours Served

#### ED & DORIS RAMSEY

23,357 Hours Served

Sebastian Inlet State Park

Volunteers since 2003, Ed and Doris are renowned for their outstanding visitor services at the McLarty Treasure Museum, where they are always available to assist and constantly looking for ways to improve marketing and sales. They are founding members of the Park Watch, which improves visitor safety and park protection, and they participate on the Park Show Team for community outreach and events.





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### DIRECTOR'S SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

20,000 Hours Served

#### LEO MULCAHY

20,000 Hours Served

Myakka River State Park

Since 1988, Leo has performed extraordinary service as leader of equipment maintenance at multiple state parks, helping to keep park tractors and vehicles running smoothly. He began his service to the park as a campground host. For more than 30 years, Leo has done every type of volunteer job at several state parks, including Highlands Hammock and Myakka River.





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### IRENE DELABY AWARD

10,000 Hours Served



#### MIKE CRANE

10,000 Hours Served

O'Leno State Park

Mike is a campground host who always exceeds expectations while accomplishing all tasks to the highest possible standard. Mike anticipates issues and jumps in to fix them at a moment's notice. In addition to providing exceptional maintenance service, campers and staff appreciate his friendly and positive attitude.



#### JOE BELANGER

10,000 Hours Served

Myakka River State Park

Since 2000, Joe has served 20 parks in five districts as an outstanding contributor to natural resource management and maintenance. At Myakka River State Park, he has completed many jobs, including the removal of exotic plants, participating in prescribed burning and performing park equipment repairs and maintenance.



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### IRENE DELABY AWARD

10,000 Hours Served



### STAN & CATHY JEDYNSKI

10,000 Hours Served

Myakka River State Park

Since 2009, Stan and Cathy have been outstanding campground hosts at Myakka River, Oscar Scherer, and Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center state parks. They are the “go to” volunteers for many projects and activities, such as working on a bathhouse remodel or providing freshly baked bread for camper coffee events.



### BILL LEWIS

10,411 Hours Served

Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway

Bill has made outstanding contributions to maintenance, equipment operations and visitor safety as a heavy equipment operator, mechanic, conservationist, interpreter and capable leader. He recruits, trains and leads volunteers for park maintenance and park protection projects. He is known for getting things done in the best interest of the park when working with contractors and park user groups.

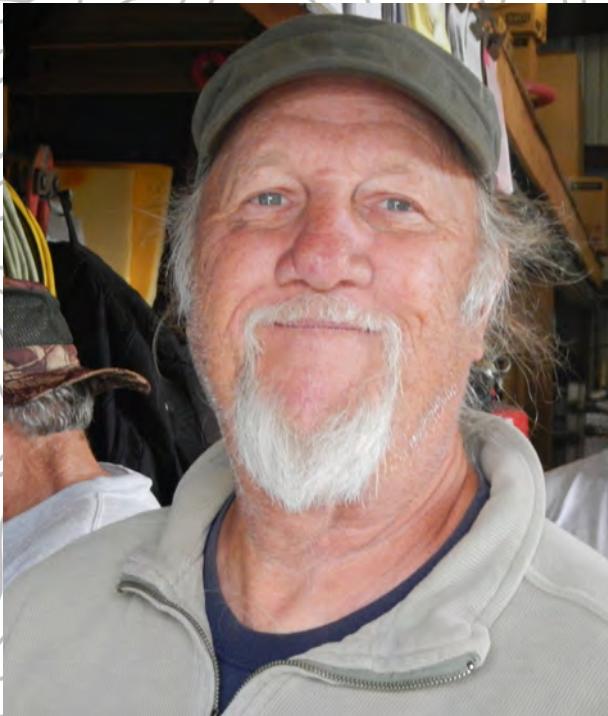


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### IRENE DELABY AWARD

10,000 Hours Served



### TOM FOX

10,000 Hours Served

Savannas Preserve State Park

Since 2019, Tom has been an outstanding leader of the Can-Do Crew, helping to accomplish many valuable park projects at Savannas Preserve State Park. In the maintenance shop he created a special "Tom Hammer" that is used to drive fenceposts and highlights his strength, determination and ingenuity. Tom is also a passionate birder assisting with Florida scrub-jay monitoring and the annual Christmas Bird Counts.



### JOHN POMEROY (WALKING JOHN)

10,640 Hours Served

Crystal River Preserve State Park

Walking John volunteered with Crystal River since January 2006. John's admiration for the park inspired him to make the trails the best they could be. He was reliable, dependable, hard-working and dedicated to service regardless of the weather, whether rain, shine, hot or cold.



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## IRENE DELABY AWARD

10,000 Hours Served

## RODGER CHAMBERS

11,387 Hours Served

**Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach and North Peninsula State Park**

Since 2019, Rodger has established new park resident sites and made repairs to damaged dune crossovers, bathrooms, park residences and the ranger station. He also repaired electrical breakers, water and sewage pipes, picnic tables and the dock. Additionally, Rodger constructed a new entry gate, accessible benches, boardwalks, signs and kiosks to further improve visitor experiences.



## NORMAN BAKER

10,838 Hours Served

**Lake Griffin State Park**

Norman is an outstanding campground host and has been recognized for his exceptional support in hurricane recovery efforts. Norman always goes above and beyond by taking initiative in fixing, trimming, running errands, providing aid in emergencies and making sure guests are informed and enjoying the park. He is always smiling, positive, enthusiastic and takes pride in everything he does.

