



September/October

HERBS IN THE GARDENS

Friends of Washington Oaks and Maggie's Herbs of St. Johns County will sponsor "Herbs in the Gardens" on Saturday, September 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the special events field. Judy Landrandies, author of "Herbs and Spices for Florida Gardens" will present a program at 11 a.m. entitled "Growing Herbs in Florida." She will also be signing her book which will be available for sale. Judy Landrandies, Friends of Washington Oaks, will present "Herbs in Handmade Soaps" at 10 a.m., and Maggie's Herbs will present "Successful Fall Herbs" at 12 noon. St. Johns County Master Gardeners will have a plant clinic and a plant booth where you can bring your plants, or bring photos about your plants, for expert advice. There will be many varieties of herbs for sale, plus a choice of herbs with a pot (and help planting) for \$12. The Friends of Washington Oaks will have an "Herbal Cafe" selling tea and coffee, as well as all kinds of herbal baked goods, dry herb packets for dips, herb mixes for breadmaking. Park merchandise, including tote bags and T-shirts, will also be for sale. We also will have hand-painted glass Christmas ornaments. You are invited to start baking and freezing your favorite herbal breads, muffins, cakes, cookies, etc. for the Friends sale. You will be contacted by phone to remind you and give you drop off instructions. If you need recipes and/or suggestions call Judy Landrandies at 386-447-8594 or Carolyn Bouck at 386-447-8087. The park entry fee to the park includes this event.

BROMELIAD WORKSHOPS & PLANT TOUR

You can learn all about bromeliads (plants that do not grow in soil but instead attach to branches or rocks) at hands-on workshops sponsored by the Friends of Washington Oaks State Gardens. On Friday, Sept. 3 and Sat. Sept. 10, 'Bromeliads for the Home and Garden' will be held at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A plant tour of the ornamental gardens begins at 10 a.m. Volunteers will provide hands-on bromeliad propagation and care; participants can take home a bromeliad 'pup' for a small donation. A plant sale will offer visitors a chance to purchase propagated plants grown at the park, with proceeds benefiting the Friends. These programs are included in the park entrance fee. Reservations are not required.

TIMUCUAN INDIAN GUIDED WALK

Step back in time and discover the lives of the Timucuan Indians on a park ranger guided walk on Friday, Sept. 23. Walk starts at the Visitors Center at 2 p.m. and will last about two hours, including a visit to a Timucuan Camp with a live reenactor. You can experience the food, clothing and shelter of the native people. This program is included in the park entrance fee. Reservations are not required.

COASTAL CLEANUP

Join in the 20th Annual Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005. Bags will be provided for volunteers to pick up litter along the beach. In Flagler County, contact Dennis Bayer at 386-447-8087. In St. Johns County, contact Chris Benjamin at 386-904-824-9720. For more information see

Board of Directors' meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m.

ly management of the volunteer program. She tracks volunteer hours and she implemented a system for the program. Milbrey works on a variety of clerical duties that include sending out letters, researching files and organizing the park's archives. She also serves as a mentor for new volunteers.



Her organizational skills and professionalism benefit the entire group and the park itself. She has been involved with the Herb Workshop, Earth Day, Holiday in the Gardens, and the Mrs. Claus Holiday Tea Party. Creative and energetic, she is always quick to volunteer for special projects.

When she joined the Board of Directors in Feb., 2005, Milbrey has had a significant impact. She put together a binder for each of the board members which contains a list of board members, the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and the amendments to the Bylaws. Prior to this, some board members had this information, and some did not.

John Blini, with whom Milbrey works on an almost daily basis, said "Milbrey has help bring the Volunteer Program up to a high standard, and I am grateful for her dedication and hard work at the park. She has made my job easier!"

Sept. 24	Education Center Open	Sa
Oct. 15 & 16	Creekside Festival	Pr
Oct. 29	Herb Festival	W
Nov. 17	Bag Folding	Bl
Dec. 3	Holiday Tea Party	W
Dec. 9 & 10	Holiday in the Gardens	W
Feb. 11, 2006	Citrus Festival	W
Feb. 18	Day in Old Florida	Fa

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We need your used decorative clay or wicker baskets for flower arrangements. We also need plastic 4" and 6" pots for propagating. Please drop off on the bench.

GTMNERR EDUCATION CENTER OPENING
The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Environmental Education Center, located at 505 Guana River Road, off A1A in Seaside, Vedra, will hold its Grand Opening on September 17, National Estuaries Day. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. with welcome and speeches, the building will be open to visitors until 4 p.m.. You can study live animals in aquariums and touch tanks The public is invited to attend.

KAYAK TOURS CONTINUE

The Friends are co-sponsoring the ongoing kayak tours leaving from the park. They include "**Coastal Kayaking**" and walking tour, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 17 and Sun., Oct. 16 – cost is \$60 (including lunch). "**Birds of the Salt Marsh**", a 2 hour kayak trip from 11 a.m., will be held on Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, and Oct. 18 & 19. Cost for this tour is \$40. On Sept. 10, the tour will be "**Indians of the Estuary**" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.