



Pelican Island

PRESERVATION SOCIETY

PELICAN FLYER

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LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE:

Good news! The final 12.83 acres of the Michael property have been acquired. This means that all of the Pelican Island NWR buffer area has now been acquired for refuge purposes with the exception of the southernmost 45 acres. Torwest purchased this tract several years ago and currently has no interest in selling it. We shall keep it on our "radar screen" should conditions change in the future. PIPS members and supporters should be extremely proud of the lead role we played in protecting this highly important area. All things considered, it is probably time to claim VICTORY!

Walt Stieglitz, *President, PIPS*

Speaking of the refuge property, we encourage all local residents and visitors to visit the site off Jungle Trail to enjoy the first public viewing areas. This is truly a lovely addition - birders take note, the spotting scopes are in place. Thanks to Indian River County for the work on the public parking areas and also the welcome area at the North end of Jungle Trail.



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QUICK OVERVIEW OF PELICAN ISLAND AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

The Time Capsule Event took place on Thursday, March 13 at the Indian River Mall. Many thanks to Connie Light Dickard of the Mississippi Field Office, US Fish & Wildlife Service for coordinating this event. Also, on behalf of PIPS, we wish to thank Ursula Gunter, Marketing Director for the mall. Ursula arranged for PIPS to exhibit the winning entries of the children's Poster Contest for this year's Wildlife Festival. John Rine and I had fun posting the entries and they were at the mall for all to see for one week before the Time Capsule Event and before the Wildlife Festival March 15 and 16. Also PIPS exhibited and sold raffle tickets and the fabulous Pelican Island ornaments and pins—thanks MaryAnn, John, Norma Vaughan and Marge Robinson who was everywhere taking lots of pictures. Standing room only crowd at the Time Capsule event!

Friday, March 14th, huge crowd at Riverview Park, Sebastian. Dedication of the Centennial Trail on the Pelican Island NWR on the barrier island. Unveiling of the Pelican Island stamp. Lines all around the Postal Service tent for the First Day of Issue of the stamp. Great

fun! Many USF&WS people from all over. The Arlo Guthrie concert Friday evening was SUPER - fireworks, too!! Again, sales were brisk at the PIPS booth selling tee-shirts, caps, ornaments and raffle tickets too. Super prizes for this year's raffle!!

Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16. The Pelican Island Preservation Society (PIPS) Centennial Wildlife Festival. WOW! People came in great numbers - most seemed happy to be at Riverview Park in scenic downtown Sebastian. Surprise!! The weather was excellent. (This note is for the many people who took part and came to the early Pelican Island festivals where the rains came and the storms almost blew us all away!!) No storms in Sebastian this year.

The busing system and parking at the Sebastian Municipal Airport worked well. David Cox, Michael Hughes and others who helped to keep the buses rolling said most people went away waving and smiling. Thanks a million to the Indian River School District bus drivers and transportation coordinators. Great job — a big "well done" to all of you.



Welcome New Members

Lucille Aono
Maryann Buehn
Carol Buehn
Dorothy M. Buehn
Carol Christy
Sybil and Vito Circiulli
Carol Delauter
Ellen A Engler
Peter G. Evans
Dr. Gary & Deb Freed
Jon Frye & Ilze Arais
Mac & Cissy Grant
Fred & Janet Kramer
Francis Renzoni & Jessie Ebrec
Terry & Bob Rosa
Lynn Schuler
Frank & Barbara Taylor
Norma Vaughan
Helen Zimmerman

REMINDER – ALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE IN APRIL.

Prompt renewals will be appreciated. Your support is vital to the success of the organization.

Thanks also to Sebastian City Manager, Terrence Moore, Mayor Walter Barnes, Vice Mayor Ray Coniglio and fellow City Council members for enthusiastic support. Seems to me that most all of the council members were at the festival. Thanks also to Terry Hill and employees of the Public Works Department; Chris McCarthy and Parks Department employees, Sebastian Police Chief and officers who all put in long hours and helped to keep everything moving. Same goes for the Indian River County Sheriff's Department personnel!!

As always, our sales team leaders, Mary Ann and Marvin Krueger, did an outstanding job and sales were better than ever - so great, they nearly sold out of everything! Good planning, Mary Ann and Marvin. Volunteers at the PIPS sales booth included Steve and Alice Harber, along with daughters Lucy and Terese and son, Greg, and numerous Harber grandkids. Also, Stephanie Murray, Mary McGee, Denise Kristianson, Rachel Tritaik, Denise Leeming and Jane Rollins.

Thanks, Denise, for recruiting some employees from Disney's Vero Beach Resort to assist in the PIPS information booth. You all know who you are and we greatly appreciated your help.

Volunteers in the Raffle Booth included John Rine, Norma Vaughan, Anne Putman, Charles Cardinale, Jebby Potter, Marge Robinson (who helped when she wasn't taking pictures) Marsha Hall, and her friend, Mary Ann Holden.

What a great surprise to see Peg Rondeau. Peg was on the PIPS Board almost forever and our Treasurer for many years. Peg now resides in St. Petersburg, FL and recruited a nephew to drive her over for this great event. Good to see you, Peg, and many thanks for the welcome donation.

And speaking of donations, sponsors and whatever. Thanks to: Riverside National Bank, Roseland Branch; Comcast; Abercrombie and Kent Global

Foundation; Chris Pinson and Sebastian River Boat Tours; Beach Cove, Sebastian; Disney's Vero Beach Resort; Spectrum Interior Design; Eagle Optics; Kayaks, Etc; Wal-Mart Sebastian; Grand Harbor who donated funds sufficient to keep the Pelican Island Birthday Cakes flowing throughout Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; Indian River County; Treasure Coast Refuse; Keep Indian River Beautiful for supplying enough volunteers and hard work to make the entire Centennial event a "litter-free" event—no easy undertaking; also Vero Beach Press Journal; FLORIDA TODAY; Visit Titusville.com; Sebastian River Medical Center; plus the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and the US Fish & Wildlife Service; also Doug Stewart for his donations to our raffle and Lionel Ogilvie, local Sebastian artist and former PIPS Board member, for the donation of the lovely painting which was one of the raffle prizes. Of course, PIPS is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations may be tax deductible.

Thanks to all of the Centennial Planning Committee for your dedication and persistence in helping to get all of this together.

Ruth Davies, Newsletter Editor

REMINDER FROM OUR SALES TEAM: There are a few tee-shirts and the Pelican Island Centennial Ornaments and lapel pins still available for sale. These will be at the PIPS annual meeting and program on Monday, April 28, North County Library, which is located at 1001 Sebastian Boulevard (C.R. 512). Program will start at 7:30 pm. PIPS will have election of officers – a brief beginning to our scheduled program. Ornaments are also for sale at the Disney Vero Beach Resort Gift Shop and the Pelican Island Audubon Society office located at 1931 14th Avenue in Downtown Vero Beach. Or call Mary Ann at 772- 581-7472.



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS:



Pelican Island Preservation Society (PIPS) is pleased to announce the winners of the children's Poster Contest for the Pelican Island Centennial Wildlife Festival held on Saturday and Sunday, March 15 and 16, 2003: First place winners each will receive a \$100 US Savings Bond, donated by PIPS members. Second and Third place winners each received a PIPS tee-shirt and a tote bag with pencils donated by Keep Indian River Beautiful and the Indian River County Solid Waste Disposal District. Honorable mention winners each received a tote bag with drink cup and pencils, again donated by Keep Indian River Beautiful and the IRC Solid Waste Disposal District.

Grades K and 1: 1st Place: Walter Zimmer, Grade K-1, North County Charter School. 2nd Place: Josh Schulz, Grade 1 and Drew Burgelin, Kindergarten, both Sebastian Elementary. 3rd Place: Yenicel Gamez and Xochitl Marcelano, both Grade 1, Fellsmere Elementary. Honorable Mention: April Wolfe, Mrs. Rosier's Kindergarten, Dodgertown Elementary; Grace Reinders, Kindergarten, Courtney Hundley, Grade 1, Tyler McGuire and Noah Embry, both Kindergarten, all from Sebastian Elementary. Also Jensen McCord, Kindergarten, Rosewood Magnet School; Thalia Solis, Grade 1, Fellsmere Elementary; Courtney Henf, Samantha Grainer, Mark Cronenberg and Kahner Geller, all grade 1, Pelican Island Elementary.

Grades 2 and 3: 1st Place: Heather Wyrick, Grade 3, Pelican Island Elementary. 2nd Place: Richard Stewart, Grade 1, North County Charter School; Ashley Knight, Grade 1, Sebastian Elementary. 3rd Place: Chantal Companion, Grade 3 Sebastian Elementary; Miguel Naranjo, Grade 2, Fellsmere Elementary. Honorable Mention:

Andrew Berg and Jasmine Carter, both Grade 3, Pelican Island; Lindsay Santoyo and Kayla Blanco, both Grade 2, Fellsmere. Joshua Dykes, Nicole Verde, and Cassandra Sargent, all Grade 3, Sebastian Elementary. Mason Temple, North County Charter School.

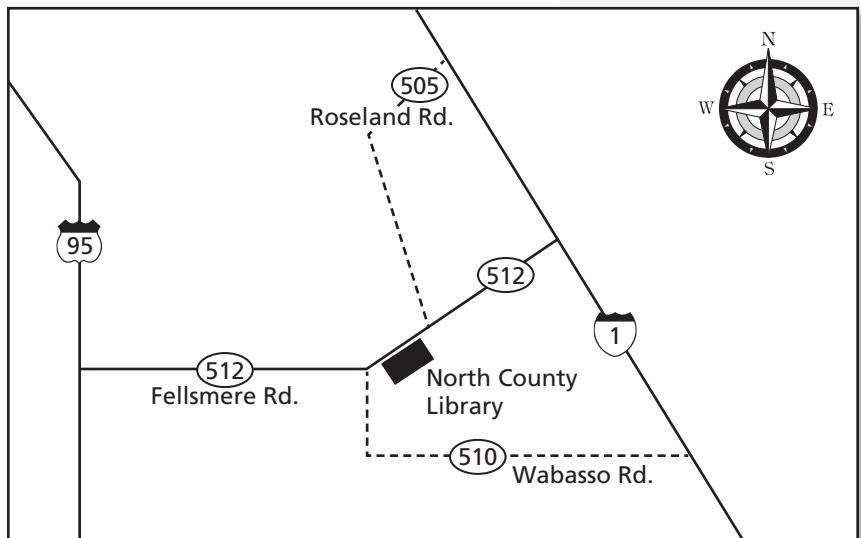
Grades 4 and 5: 1st Place: Brittany Bernhard, Grade 5, Pelican Island Elementary; Jessica Buford, Grade 5, North County Charter School. 2nd Place: Brittney Heinz, Grade 4, North County Charter; Austin Michaud, Grade 4, Sebastian Elementary. 3rd Place: Lisdena Gomez, Grade 5, North County Charter; Sarah Swanson, Grade 4, Fellsmere Elementary. Honorable Mention: Missy McCullough and Lindsey Weixler, both Grade 5; Gessica Kern, Grade 4; Lauren Chiarantona, Grade 5, all from Sebastian Elementary. Kimberly Allen, Grade 5, Pelican Island. Dani Gilley, Grade 5, North County Charter.

Grade 6: 1st Place: Hannah Engle, Grade 6, Sebastian River Middle School. 2nd Place: Ryan Davis, Grade 6, Oslo Middle School; Sunny Jo Middleton, Grade 6, Sebastian River Middle. 3rd Place: Andrew McCausland, Grade 6, Gifford Middle School. Honorable Mention: Debbie Henry, Grade 6, Sebastian River Middle; Katie Schofield and Cameron Jones, both Grade 6, Gifford Middle; Roya Rohani and Carina Seagrave, both Grade 6, Oslo Middle.



IN MEMORIUM:
We mourn the death of Ed Flannery. Ed and Ilka Daniel were the backbone of PIPS and the Pelican Island Wildlife Festival for so many years. Ed passed away on February 13th. Ed and Jeff Flannery, Ilka and her son, Rick, were always on hand to help with set-up and breakdown at our festivals; of course Ilka was our Festival director for 10 years. Heartfelt sympathy to Ilka, Rick and his wife and son; Jeff Flannery and Ed, Jr.; Also Ed's daughter Karen, and grandsons.

Map to PIPS Meeting



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Please check one:

- Student (under 18) – \$5/yr.
- Individual – \$10/yr.
- Family (Joint) – \$15/yr.
- Contributing – \$50/yr.
- Corporate / Business – \$100/yr.
- Supporting – \$250/yr.
- Life – \$500

Name(s) _____

Company _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

Email _____

Enclosed is a donation of _____ to be used for special projects and programs.

*Send completed applications & dues to **PIPS Membership**
P.O. Box 1903, Sebastian, FL 32978-1903*

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P.O. Box 1903
Sebastian, FL 32978

*DID YOU KNOW...PIPS has a website! This can be accessed by entering:
www.nbbd.com/npr/pips*

**MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE
FEBRUARY 2003 PROGRAM AND
CONTINUING UNTIL APRIL, 2003:**

ALL PIPS GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE NEWLY RENOVATED AND ENLARGED NORTH INDIAN RIVER COUNTY LIBRARY. THE LIBRARY IS LOCATED AT 1001 SEBASTIAN BLVD (CR. 512), SEBASTIAN. GENERAL MEETINGS WILL START AT 7:30 PM. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT NO CHARGE.

PIP's Officers and Directors 2002-2003

are as follows:

- President Walt Stieglitz.....772-663-9750
- Vice President Ilka Daniel772-589-8973
- Secretary Denise Leeming.....321-723-0316
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- Mary Ann Krueger561-581-7472

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