



# The Ghost Writer

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NEWSLETTER of the Friends of Fakahatchee, "Home of the Ghost Orchid"

## EVENTS

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**GHOST RIDER TRAM TOUR**  
*will resume in the fall*

**MOONLIGHT TRAM TOUR**  
*all tickets sold out*

**TRAM TOUR & WET WALK**  
*will resume in the fall*

**BIOLOGIST'S SWAMP WALK**  
*will resume in the fall*

**BOARDWALK AFTER DARK**  
*will resume in the fall*

**ISLAND CRUISE**  
*will resume in the fall*

**FOF BOARD MEETING**  
Sunday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.  
Egret Room, Port of the Islands

**ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER**  
Sunday, April 12  
*see article in right column*

**Cuban Connection**  
Saturday, April 18  
*see article in right column*

**EVERGLADES BIKE RIDES**  
Sunday, April 12  
*see article on page 8*

## ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Join us on **Sunday, April 12**, at Port of the Islands in East Naples for a round-up of what the FOF has been doing and the results of the election for new board members. The event starts at 5:00 p.m. with a meet & greet, followed by a buffet dinner.

The featured speaker for the evening is Wildlife Biologist Deborah Jansen who will talk about her experiences as leader of the Big Cypress National Preserve panther capture team.

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## The Cuban Connection

by Dennis Giardina

On **Saturday, April 18**, the Friends of Fakahatchee will host a dinner program at Naples Botanical Garden entitled "The Cuban Connection: Finding Florida's Lost Orchids." The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a tour of the orchid garden, followed by a Cuban cuisine-inspired buffet dinner and island drinks. Afterwards, Mike Owen and I will talk about our collaborative efforts to conserve Fakahatchee's native orchids and bromeliads, including an update on our work in Cuba. We had hoped to have with us on this night Dr. Rolando Pérez Márquez, our friend, colleague, and the Director of Science at Soroa Botanical Garden in Cuba. Sadly, he was denied permission to come to Florida by the U.S. Embassy or what functions as a U.S. Embassy in Havana. We have been fortunate in so many ways on this project but we have also suffered our share of disappointments. This is the latest one and it's a big one.

Friends, there would be no Fakahatchee/Soroa Lost Orchid Restoration Research Project without the support and participation of Rolando Pérez. I was very much looking forward to him being here for many reasons but the people who most wanted to see him are his daughter Yunelis and his granddaughter Sheila. They mean everything to him and he has not seen them since they left Cuba and became Florida residents a year ago. It seems that our quest to find seeds of the lost orchids in Cuba has officially become an odyssey.

However, a bit of silver lining to this dark cloud is that Friends of Fakahatchee Jimi and Bob Rinehart recently visited Soroa Botanical Garden and they filmed their experience there with Dr. Pérez. We will feature some of the highlights of the video they made during the program. *See photo on page 5.*

Yunelis Pérez Castro holds the equivalent of a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Agricultural Science and Ecology from the University of Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. From 2003 to 2014 she was part of the Scientific Research Group at Soroa Botanical Garden. She is the author of seven scientific papers on Cuban orchids and orchid ecology and co-author (with her father) of two books: *The Orchids of the Rosary Mountains Biosphere Preserve* and *The Orchids of the Guanahacabibes Peninsula Biosphere Reserve*. She has agreed to take her father's place on our program agenda and she will talk about her life and her work with Cuban orchids.

Thank you to all who have registered to attend our program. I am looking forward to it.

## ***M.O.ZONE - Seen Around the Strand***

On the February 24 tram tour, between 10am and 12:15pm, wildlife sightings along Janes Scenic Drive included a **Bald Eagle** (adult at Lake Harmon), **Northern Harrier** (marl prairie), **Red-shouldered Hawks**, **Black Vultures**, **Turkey Vultures**, **Great Blue Herons**, **Great Egrets**, **Wood Stork**, **Little Blue Herons**, **Red-bellied Woodpecker**, **Pileated Woodpecker**, **Eastern Phoebe**s, **Northern Mockingbird**, **Gray Catbirds**, **Palm Warblers**, **White-eyed Vireo**, **Northern Cardinal**, **Carolina Wren**, **Double-crested Cormorant**, **Banded Water Snakes** (1 juvenile, 1 adult), **Raccoons**, **American Alligator** and two **Red-bellied Turtles**.

On Saturday February 28, during post-run clean up, volunteers saw in the morning a **Deer** and a brownish **Hawk**. In the afternoon, at Pennington Post on the Florida Trail, they observed a **Black Racer** crossing the trail. At various locations on East main, they saw clusters of young and mature **Ibis**. On East Main trail, there was a **Snapping Turtle** (estimate length of shell 12"). They observed approximately 8 different **gators** sunning themselves on East Main and actually watched one doing a tribute to Michael Jackson and moon walked his way across the tram before spinning and belly flopping into the east ditch giving him a 6.5 on the splash factor. About 4:30PM (after the rain storm) back on Janes Scenic Drive (JSD), south of gate 7, they observed an **Everglades Mink**, a cute lil' dude, crossing JSD from north to south. Furthermore, back near Gate 1 they observed **Great Egrets**, **Great Blue Herons**, and **Wood Storks** in the western prairie.

On 3/11/15, in the morning, Mike Owen, Biologist, heard a **Chucks-Will's-Widow** calling near the Fakahatchee Headquarters. On 3/21/15, in the afternoon, David, volunteer, while trimming along JSD, observed 3 **Water Moccasins**, a large **Alligator**, heard a **Great Horned Owl** calling and saw a **Swallow-tailed Kite** flying over Lake Harmon.

In the beginning of March, along JSD, post mowing, primarily **Zebra Longwings** and **Ruddy Daggerwing** butterflies were observed and mid-March we are now seeing **Palamedes Swallow-tails**.

If you want to report sightings, contact Park biologist Mike Owen by phone at (239) 695-2886 or by email at [FOF\\_90@hotmail.com](mailto:FOF_90@hotmail.com)



Thanks to Jim & Niki Woodard for these photos taken on March 14 of an eaglet at the Boardwalk.



Tod Dahlke sent these photos of an idyllic scene and a baby gator in the reflection of a mangrove. Read his column about East River on page 3.



## BOARDWALK REPORT

by Linda Koreny

The Great Horned Owl and owl which have been a wonderful viewing experience this winter especially since they were almost always looking our way, have left the nest. Hopefully they will return next winter for a repeat performance! The **Florida Bald Eaglet** is now not only seen on the branch outside the eagle's nest but today also on the "watching tree", time is getting short for watching this year's event. The **Osprey** are still occupying their nest which can be seen from the Pond Apple Sign.

The water is still rapidly dropping – the rains begin when? The Gator Pond is almost beginning to look more like a puddle but, nevertheless, both "resident" adult **American Alligators** were lazily soaking there today. In addition, a young 3 or 4 year old alligator was in the small pond by the Turtle Sign and another adult was feeding in the west pond by the picnic tables.

The delightfully interesting **Buttonbush** flowers are beginning to appear. These unusual fragrant white ball-shaped flowers look much like a pincushion or a sputnik and attract butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

Spring breaks bring many visitors. Six year old Taryn who was visiting from Wisconsin wanted to share her experience:

*"My favorite thing at the park was when we saw the alligator and spotted lots of bird nests like an owl's nest. I also spotted an eagles' nest and the eagle was inside the nest. And we saw a Red-shouldered Hawk. Facts about an eagle: their nest has to be 25 feet in the air. The babies are white and brown. Facts about an owl: they are nocturnal. Their food can be mice."*

A walk on the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk never disappoints as there is always something of interest. Due to the shade created by the **Bald Cypress** trees, the temperature is cooler and it is peaceful and relaxing. Cameras, binoculars and/or art supplies can enjoyably expand your visiting experience.



## EXPLORING EAST RIVER

by Tod Dahlke

Spring has arrived in Fakahatchee and the rookery on East River is filling up quickly. The Tri-color Heron and Snowy Egrets have been busy building their nests and getting ready for their new arrivals. Sometimes I'll sit very still near their mangrove island home and just listen. You can hear the busy mothers building their nests and fighting over prime locations. Some of their calls and squawks can only be compared to the sounds of infants and monkeys playing together. All day the proud mothers fly back and forth carrying twigs and branches for their new nests. If you look close you can see the tips of little blue eggs in some of the nests already. As I glide along the tree line in my kayak I'll catch quick glimpses into their lives. Kind of like a passenger train rolling by a crowded apartment building with all the blinds open. You'll catch the bird's nesting behaviors and moments if you slow down and take your time. At sunset the White and Glossy Ibis come to join the Heron and Egrets for roost. Just before sunset 100's of birds can be seen approaching from every direction to land and sleep on this little island. If you're in the neighborhood around sunset, stop by and sit at the little picnic table and witness this for yourself.

The Swallow Tail Kites have arrived as well – another sign Spring has arrived. You can see them soaring effortlessly above the mangrove forest riding the wind, snatching bugs out of mid air, and barely ever flapping their wings. They fly here all the way from South America to breed and you can find their nests at the tops of the tallest cypress and pine trees. Once their young are fledged the Swallow Tail Kite will migrate back through Cuba, Mexico, Central America and return to their winter home in Brazil. They survive mostly on insects, lizards, snakes and frogs but I have personally seen one snatch a baby mocking bird from its nest.

Have a Happy Easter and watch out for those Marsh Rabbits!



## **Work on Janes Scenic Drive**

by Don Leonard

The rainy season of 2014, along with traffic, took a major toll on Jane's Scenic Drive (i.e. pot holes galore). Many of the holes past Gate 12 (East Main) were very deep. Some were so deep that if a vehicle tried to go straight through it, the vehicle would most likely end up hung up on its frame and nose down in the hole.

Fill was ordered and a skid loader rented. On January 9th, 12th, and 13th twelve loads of fill, totaling 263.65 tons, were delivered. The skid loader was delivered on January 12th. Work started just past the water treatment plant and, as of the writing of this article, is still going on. The area between Gate 12 and Gate 19 was extremely rough and full of holes due to the road being worked on by a grader early in 2014, but not finished. Then the weather in conjunction with traffic led to increased deterioration of the road surface.

The primary targets were the bigger holes and secondary targets were the smaller holes. Many of the holes, especially the bigger ones, were not totally filled. The intent was to make them passable to the end of the road and then go back and finish filling. When weather did not permit filling holes, some blade work (grading) was done on the first mile and a half of the road. Some blade work has also been done starting at Gate 15 towards Gate 19.

Several offsite volunteers offered to help again this year, but due to equipment issues (we had one tractor, one dump truck, and one skid loader) plus an additional onsite volunteer, we did not need as many people. (There was also a two--week period where the dump truck was in the shop for hydraulic ram repairs.) In the past 55 days, over 345 hours of volunteer time have been spent on the road.

On February 8th, it was determined that more fill would be needed, so on February 13th, an additional five loads of fill (140 tons paid for by the Florida Park Service) were delivered for the road and FPS culvert project. Still more may be

required. (If anyone wishes to help the cause, \$372.00 will buy a load of fill, which is approximately 22 tons.)

Repair of JSD will continue from year to year as needed. However, a person might ask, "what causes these holes, so many and some so deep?" Let's start with the vehicle traffic. Traveling at high speeds (over 15---20 mph) doesn't help the road. In fact, higher speeds push the rock to the side and tend to create ruts and washboard areas. This is worse when going through holes and damage is even more amplified when the holes contain water.

Yet to be mentioned are the base of the road and the culverts. First, the base of the road was constructed years ago of timber and large rock. The wood in the base has begun to disintegrate and move (as evidenced by looking into the deeper holes). Secondly, some of the culverts are failing (this issue is being worked on by the Park Service) and once a culvert has failed, water will build up and seek weak areas of the road to get to the other side, which will wash out the under side of the road as it passes through. The result appears to be much like a sinkhole. This in conjunction with speed of vehicles and water in the holes add up to larger holes as the vehicles go through them.

Unfortunately, the effort of filling holes in the road may be a yearly effort until the road gets major construction work, possibly even rebuilt and even then, some maintenance will be required from time to time. Until then, if people want to reduce the wear and tear on the road, lower speeds and going around water (instead of through it) will go a long way toward reducing the size and number of holes. "Slow down and enjoy the beautiful scenery" is what I tell them when I'm on the road.

***Don Leonard visits the Fak to volunteer each winter with his wife Dee who also helps out.***



**Wood roots in hole.**



**Pull materials to center from side.**



**Finished crown of road.**



## ***President's Message***

by Francine Stevens

The highlight of March was that the Board approved the launch of a free Annual Members & Volunteers Appreciation Picnic; over 65 folks were welcomed at the picnic's location by the Harmon Lake in the Fakahatchee. The tents were set up for shade, the tables and chairs were lined up by Park staff who made it their duty to prepare the picnic location for all our guests. The weather was superb and the fellowship was even better – as I witnessed folks greeting each other with an abundance of hugs and smiles, I was reminded how fortunate I am supported by the founders of the FOF as well as all who have joined us more recently. **Park Manager Renee Rau** and **Park Ranger Melissa Miano** presented awards to volunteers who log very generous hours to support the Park and the organization. **Don Leonard's** grilling skill was very much in demand and, given that the picnic was free, I was very impressed by all who brought delicious Pot Luck dishes to share – thank you! *See photos on page 6.*

The Board of Directors worked diligently in late February into March to prepare once more a comprehensive budget to fulfill the FOF's mission to support the park. Once again, all committee chairs submitted their input on how their committees expect to raise money and rally volunteers to support the Park. The **Finance Committee** spent numerous hours with the CPA to re-construct the QuickBooks reports and the Board approved the 2016 Budget on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Finance Committee is in the process of closing the fiscal year for 31 March 2015. **Jinny Ball, Treasurer and Membership Secretary**, deserves a round of applause for assigning herself the responsibility to learn and work with a new QuickBooks format and to better understand QuickBooks. She even decided to take evening classes in Naples – she took the lead on these matters without anyone's request – the Board is truly lucky to have her. On the subject of finances, the FOF was audited by the DEP on 13<sup>th</sup> February; as we are waiting the final report, I can share that the audit meeting went well and it only reinforced my conviction that our quest to further improve our financial reporting continues to be a step in the right direction. There is no better reward than to be able to provide data and answer audit questions with ease and the improvements we are currently making will benefit those who will be in charge and assures the membership as well as our donors that we are an organization worthy of their support.

Another impressive achievement in a very short period of time was in the leadership of **Don Leonard who accepted to chair the Resource Management committee last fall**. Don took the Board by the horns, so to speak, and presented his no-nonsense list of “mechanical repairs needed now or there won't be much work done in the Park”; the Board took him seriously and responded favorably to his request and, true to form, Don delivered the expected positive outcomes!

Another team hard at work is **Dick & Edite Hughes and Steve & Linda Koreny**. Not only are they constantly keeping the Boardwalk in good repair, they are also installing all the new Boardwalk signs and their craftsmanship is exemplary; folks are noticing and taking time to read the information. When I was at the Boardwalk putting brochures near the FOF sign, visitors donating in the Iron Ranger commented it was really nice to see their donations at work. I chatted with them about the Boardwalk Expansion Project and how they could get more info on our Website – it sure is rewarding to know that all our volunteerism is noticed and appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Membership Dinner at Port of the Islands on 12<sup>th</sup> April and I hope to see many of you as well at the “Cuba Connection” evening at the Naples Botanical Garden where I will, like you, finally discover what Dennis Giardina and Mike Owen have promised me to keep an exclusive story only revealed on the 18<sup>th</sup> April evening.

## **ELECTION SCHEDULE**

Submissions for candidates to stand in the election of Board members have been received. The schedule and deadlines are as follows:



- 4/1/15 Ballots must be postmarked by April 1
- 4/6/15 Tabulation of ballots and costs expended
- 4/ 8/14 Election results announced no later than April 10 to candidates & Board
- 4/12/15 New Board convenes, elects officers
- 4/12/15 New Board members & officers introduced at Annual Meeting

John Kaiser, Nominating Committee chair



FOF members Jimi & Bob Rinehart visited Rolando Pérez (center) at Soroa Botanical Garden during their trip to Cuba. A video of an interview with him will be shown on April 18. *See page 1.*

## PICNIC PICS



**Most attendees brought a side dish or desserts to share while Don Leonard grilled delicious hamburgers and hotdogs.**



## An Open Letter ...

Francine and Renee,

THANK YOU for an Outstanding Picnic experience.

From my vantage, the time of day was wonderful, allowing me to get some volunteer work done at the Boardwalk on signage (and a water main repair at the shop).

The organization, the tents with tables, the large variety of food was tremendous, however to me the best was the diversity of the attendees. I love to see all the original founding FOF members in a casual relaxing atmosphere. Their history, their knowledge, their acute vision coupled with energies and passion for the unique resources of the Fakahatchee. Blending these visionaries with contemporaries, maintaining the original FOF foundation / charter, while endeavoring to move forward does present unique challenges, yet keeps us all grounded.

The FOF is blessed with many talented and diverse skill sets of volunteers. The magic is the blending of these skills by Park Management and FOF leadership, producing a focused, dedicated army of volunteers with the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve being the beneficiary.

Thank you for putting this together. It was smooth, seamless, relaxing and Very Enjoyable!!!

Dino  
FAKA-hacker

***Dino Barone, seen left at the Picnic in his orange Fearless FAKA-hackers Tshirt, reports that they are taking a short break after the Ultra Marathons but that hasn't stopped him from helping to put up signs on the Boardwalk.***



**Attendees at the Members' & Volunteers' Appreciation Picnic on March 21 in front of Patrick Higgins' camera.**



## **THE FAKAHATCHEE WETLANDS**

by Anthony (Tony) Marx

The Fakahatchee Ecosystem is unique in that although part of the United States mainland it contains plants only existing only within its borders or close by, with others found in the Caribbean, Central and South America. Many elements contribute to this delicate and fragile wilderness, each dependent on the other. Its preservation has enabled us to experience what much of South Florida looked like prior to the twentieth century.

South Florida has a sub-tropical climate, but the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park itself actually enjoys a tropical climate within its depths. Thus, a mild temperature exists year round, slightly warmer in winter and slightly cooler in summer, perfect for the rare ferns, bromeliads and orchids that exist year round; some visible from the Boardwalk and on the hiking trails while others only reward those who venture into the interior swamps off the trail, usually by joining a ranger-led swamp walk.

Much of the Fakahatchee is natural wetland, meaning it existed before man began altering its topography but it includes uplands and aquatic systems, too. Seen from the air it presents a mosaic of contrasting colors. It includes sweeps of dun-colored upland prairie studded with contrasting green hammocks of tropical hardwood and clumps of pineland rooted on higher ground while the interior is a dark green forested swamp studded with stands of tall Royal Palms poking above the canopy matched only by the occasional Bald Cypress which escaped the loggers attention sixty to a hundred years ago.

As the ground slopes gently south, 2" to 4" per mile, it quickly becomes wetter with a central linear strand slough (wide, straight, shallow moving river) fed from two directions entering the park from the north and flowing south to disperse in the marshes south of US-41 and finally into the coastal mangroves. The depth ranges up to 6' in summer, leaving a series of ponds remaining during the dry winter months providing the humidity needed for vegetation, and a water source for the park's wildlife. South of US-41, the wetlands consist of mostly open saw grass prairie, with patches of marsh and swamp and shallow water courses navigable by kayak. Finally, mangroves herald the transition from brackish to saline signaling proximity to the Gulf and home to the endangered American crocodile.

Although the Fakahatchee recovered from its period of logging from 1913 and reaching maximum output in the 1940s and 1950s, it is also partly an 'Altered Ecosystem' as it is somewhat impacted by run-off from agricultural and ranch land to the north, its crucial water supply sources being the Okaloacoochee State Forest near Immokalee and the Caloosahatchee basin to the north-west. In both cases, before reaching the Park, the water flow competes with the needs of agricultural businesses and now the expanding development of Ave Maria and the huge planned city of Big Cypress stretching east from North Naples to Immokalee. During its progress through the Park, these pollutants are captured and

absorbed by wetland plants, helping protect the crucially important spawning areas without which commercial and recreational fishing cannot survive.

The hiking trails and road access are all located in the northern half starting at the Copeland ranger station, using the beds what were formerly logging rail tracks known as 'trams'. The interior of the park is bisected by the dirt-surfaced Janes Scenic Drive with hiking trails leading off it elevated on what were originally the beds of trams hauling lumber out of the interior. These are the West and East Main, Mud Tram, and Uplands Trails. For those preferring a less strenuous introduction to the Park, the Boardwalk on US-41 located 7 miles west of the Everglades City Junction offers enchanting views of the tropical forest and its wildlife accompanied by newly-designed interpretive signs along its length.

The never-ending battle of conservationists versus developers will continue and the good news is that nearly 70% of Collier County is preserved under the jurisdiction of local, state, federal and private management and more is being added on a regular basis either by county and state government acquisition or private bequest. This is how the Fakahatchee State Park has expanded since 1974 when only a third of its present size at the outset.

At 85,000 acres it is the largest of Florida's State Parks and is surrounded by protected and preserved land managed by other authorities. Bounded on the north by the Florida Panther Preserve, the Picayune State Forest adjoins its western side, the vast Big Cypress National Preserve on its eastern side across State Road 29, and the Everglades National Park Ten Thousand Islands section on its south-eastern corner.

*Tony Marx is a Florida Master Naturalist and FOF Board Member. He is also a volunteer interpreter for the Fakahatchee guided tram tours and frequently contributes articles to The Ghost Writer.*



***Photo taken by the author off Janes Scenic Drive.***

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have 329 current memberships plus 23 in arrears from the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to whom reminders have been sent.

We would like to increase our membership – please encourage your friends and colleagues to join us!

### Welcome to new members since our last newsletter:

Michael & Susan Doyle, Naples  
 Andrew & Alexa Elliott, Plantation  
 Tom & Gerianne Freiburger, Everglades City  
 Ricardo Ganitsky, Aventura  
 Frank & Karen Hubbard, Chester, CT  
 Lorie & Tom Longe, Naples  
 Tim & Jan Mahaffey, The Villages  
 Roy Marti, Naples  
 Patricia Sherry, Naples  
 Nancy Wentink, Elk Grove Village, IL



## EVERGLADES BIKE RIDES

The annual NPC Bike Rides, some with fat tires on Janes Scenic Drive, take place on **Sunday, April 12**, starting early in the morning.

The rides are 16 or 62 miles on roads and 27 miles on JSD. Lunch is included plus a free visit to the historic Smallwood Store. For more info and to register see [www.naplespathways.org](http://www.naplespathways.org).

This event benefits FOF and volunteers are needed at two aid stations from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. If you would like to help, contact Melissa Miano at (239) 695-4593 or email her at [melissa.miano@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:melissa.miano@dep.state.fl.us).

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**The Ghost Writer**, named after the endangered Ghost Orchid which blooms in the Preserve, is edited by Marya Repko with contributions from members and friends. It is issued at least six times a year and has an average circulation of over 400 copies.

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