

PALMETTO PAL'S PAPER

'Our community connecting YOU to Palmetto Island State Park'

A newsletter by Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

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Busy Season, Straight Ahead!

February is the start of the busy season for Friends of Palmetto. We will be holding the annual [Cracklin Cooking Demo and Tasting](#) on February 23 at Palmetto. Pots will be fired up at 8 a.m. for all to experience the wonderful smell and taste of cracklins. Bring a lawn chair to sit and enjoy the sounds of the band ["The Envies"](#). They will be there at 9 a.m. to play a variety of Cajun and swamp pop music. Limited soft drinks and water will be available for purchased onsite, Friends does not sale alcohol for this event and ice chests are not restricted. Friends of Palmetto would like to thank our



sponsors for supporting us with this year's event. **2 Gringo's Chupacabra Rub**
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March 2nd, will be a busy day at the park. The day starts out in the meeting room with a [Mardi Gras themed painting class fundraiser](#) at 10 in the morning. There is a limited number of seats available, so be sure to get your [registration form](#) in to reserve your spot. You are welcome to bring adult beverages to start the day off with a kick.

At 3 p.m., the [Krewe of Palmetto's 3rd annual Golf Cart Parade](#) will roll through the campground. This year's theme is "Chicken on the Run".

Friends of Palmetto Island publishes this electronic newsletter on the 1st of each month. To receive a copy please e-mail info@friendsofpalmetto.org
To 'un-subscribe' e-mail the above. **Only current members without an e-mail address will receive a copy of this newsletter by mail.** Thank you!
Please feel free to share.

*****Next Board Meeting*****

February 26, 2019

6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Parish Library

If you are interested in serving on the board of Friends of Palmetto, please attend the next board meeting if possible.

We would like to meet you!

Elections for board members will take place at our Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6 p.m. at the Vermilion Parish Library

All members are invited to attend to vote for new board members.

You can email us at

info@FriendsOfPalmetto.org

For more information

“Pot Square Raffle”

This 10 gallon pot, lid, burner, hose and regulator was donated by

Concepts of Care Home Health

Chances to win this pot can be purchased at the Cracklin Demo

February 23, 2019

Friends of Palmetto Would like to thank

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APPLE PIE submitted by Louise Meaux Duhon

- 2 (9 inch) Pie Crusts
- 6 - 7 Apples, peeled and sliced
- 1 cup Sugar
- 2 tsp. Cinnamon
- 3 T. Cornstarch
- Pats of Butter
- Mixture of Sugar and Cinnamon for topping



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 9 inch pie pan with one pie crust. Slice peeled apples and arrange in pie crust. Mix sugar, cinnamon and cornstarch. Sprinkle over top of apples. Dot top of apples with pats of butter. Cover with second pie crust. Flute edges and cut excess crust. Cut slits on top crust. Sprinkle top with sugar and cinnamon mix. Bake until golden brown (about 45 minutes to 1 hour).

10 inch Dutch Oven - 21 coals 14/7

LATANIER COOKERS' D.O.G. 'CHOW'

Meeting, Grooving, Booking & Eating
Gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each
month at Palmetto Island State Park



337-895-2470 or 337-601-1636
meauxdp@yahoo.com



2019 Audubon Christmas Bird Count

The 3rd annual Palmetto Island Christmas Bird Count was held Thursday January 4 under chilly temps and a strong north wind, the species count was a very impressive 144 species. In general, with all the rain we've had certain bird groups were down, such as shorebirds and woodland types, but once again turned out to be the best count in the state. Christmas Bird Counts are organized by the Audubon Society and State and Federal Wildlife Departments and held from mid-December to early January. The area is centered at a particular point, in this case Palmetto Island State Park, and a circle is drawn with a 7.5 mile radius. The circle is typically split up into several areas and these areas are birded by volunteers who basically speciate and count every bird they see.

The total for the 2018 count was a very impressive 156 species, tops in the state and in the top 10% in the nation. The Palmetto count is very unique in that it has so many different terrain types within the circle. From the hardwoods around the park to the many agriculture and livestock pastures to semi-urban south Abbeville, all the way to the freshwater and brackish marshes around Intracoastal City, the Palmetto circle is unique among Louisiana counts. Palmetto Island State Park provides excellent birding opportunities within 7.5 miles of the park, statistically the best in the state! The circle extended north to South Abbeville, south to Intracoastal City, east to Live Oak and Boston areas and west to almost Forked Island.

This diversity provided birds such as Brown and White Pelicans, 17 species of ducks and geese, Crested Caracara, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcon, Osprey, a rare western form of a dark-morphed Red Tailed Hawk, 10 species of sparrows, 4 species of owls and even rare winter vagrants such as Black and White Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Indigo Bunting and Blue Grosbeak.



For more information on Christmas Bird Counts go to: <http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>
 For more information on the Palmetto Island Count, feel free to contact the compiler Toddy Guidry at Guidrys@cox.net.

Cracklin Cooking

Saturday, February 23

Palmetto Island State Park



Demonstrations begin at 8 a.m.

No charge for the tasting...Donations are always welcome.
No bicycles, golf carts or pets allowed in event area.
Entrance fees into park apply.

Live music provided by



9 a.m.
to
1 p.m.



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FUNDRAISER PAINTING CLASSES
TO BENEFIT PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK,
SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK, INC.

Sign up to come do a little painting! Even if you have never painted before, you will be shown step by step how to paint a picture which you can keep for yourself or give to someone as a one of a kind gift.

Saturday, March 2 @ 10 A.M. - NOON
 (Please arrive at least 15 minutes before class begins)

Meeting Room at Palmetto Island State Park

Cost per Class: (All supplies included for the class)
\$40 per person / 11"x14" painting

Please Note:

- Entry fees into the park will apply
- Registrations will only be accepted by mail!
- You will be allowed to bring your own wine.
- Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult

Artist Instructor: Norma Young
 For more info contact :
 Brandy Babineaux 337-652-9247 or
 Carla Foley 337-522-3992



Registrations for each of the classes are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
 To ensure your enrollment in the class, please mail your registration form with payment as soon as possible.
Refund/Cancellation Policy:
 Registration fees are refunded when the class is canceled by the artist. Enrollment is limited; therefore registrations are non-refundable unless cancelled at least 24 hours before the date of your class. (Please leave a voice message at 652-9247 or 522-3992.) The Artist Instructor reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change class location in light of unforeseen circumstances.

PAINTING CLASS
REGISTRATION FORM

Detach and return only the bottom portion of this sheet. To complete the registration process,
 mail this completed form along with payment to:

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) Public Charity) P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575
 ***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Contact #: _____

I am registering for the : **March 2 CLASS**

I have included a payment of: **\$40 (11"x14")**

I have included a payment by (circle one) : **CASH/MONEY ORDER** or **CHECK # _____**

(Sorry, no credit cards!) PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$10 charge for all checks that are returned as NSF!

I would like to receive an (circle one) **EMAIL** or **PHONE CALL** to confirm receipt of my registration.



Come join us for the
3rd Annual

**Krewe of Palmetto's
 Mardi Gras in the Park
 Golf Cart Parade**

Palmetto Island State Park

Saturday, March 2nd at 3 p.m.

Park entrance and golf cart fees will apply.



Bring your lawn chair to enjoy the parade or just make a campsite reservation and plan to stay all weekend! .



2 p.m. at campsite #36

- ◆ Golf cart line up
- ◆ Complete decorating
- ◆ Coronation of 2019 King & Queen
- ◆ Pictures before parade time

Parade will roll around the campground 2 times.
 All golf cart rules apply. **Licensed driver and proof of liability insurance is MANDATORY.** Loud music WILL only be allowed during the parade.



Put your name in the box @ site #36 to be the 2019 "King Cake" or "Queen Moon Pie" Only Campers are eligible.

Decorate your Golf Cart!
 This year's theme is
'Chicken on the Run'

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
 to walk in costume
 and carry the banner



Contact the **Krewe of Palmetto** at
ChrisRMatt@hotmail.com or Klassiee@aol.com

WELCOME TO LOUISIANA & PALMETTO ISLAND

Each year starting in October *'snowbirds'* travel south from their northern home state to escape the harsher winters and experience the culture and hospitality of Louisiana. We appreciate all those who visit Palmetto Island State Park and thought we'll start sharing a few stories.

Welcome to Sharon Dietz and her puppy Finley Marie, her middle name is in honor of Cajun country. Sharon is a retired school teacher from Texas. She was living in Louisiana during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. She left Louisiana for many years but returned to now live her dream of traveling in her RV. With all her driving over the Atchafalaya Bridge she is wanting to tour it and other swamps in Louisiana. She will be experiencing her first Courir de Mardi Gras in Church Pointe this year. She loves the Cajuns and their food. She also loves camp hosting and Palmetto Island State Park. If you see Sharon show her some Cajun hospitality and thank her for her help.

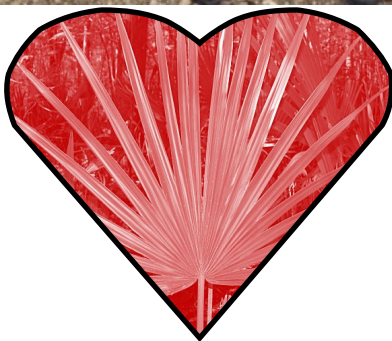


Welcome to Richard and Maggie Barrons from Dawson, Nebraska. They have been RVing and camp hosting for 7 years 2-3 months at a time in different states, then return home for 9 months. Richard drove trucks for 30 years and traveled to many places while Maggie stayed home. After dispatching for 18 years he retired. Now they both travel together seeing and enjoying the good ole USA. They love Palmetto Island State Park, the friendly Cajun people and good Cajun food. So if you see them show them, some Cajun hospitality and thank them for their help.



TAKE YOUR VALENTINE CAMPING

While camping isn't always the obvious choice for a Valentine's Day, when it's done right camping at Palmetto Island State Park can be far more romantic than your average dinner and movie. A romantic camping trip gives you and your love the chance to create a new experience without breaking the bank. You can enjoy star gazing, a long sunset walk, and the chance to kick back fireside with supper and a bottle of wine and revel in the majesty of the park.





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Calendar of Events:

- February 9 - Latanier Cookers' D.O.G.
- February 23 - Cracklin Demo - 8 a.m.
- February 26 - Board Meeting
- March 2 - Painting Class - 10 till Noon
- March 2 - Mardi Gras Gulf Cart Parade - 3 p.m.
- March 9 - Latanier Cookers' D.O.G.
- March 26 - Annual Membership Board Meeting

Please Mail To:

Hop over to

Palmetto Island State Park

Saturday, April 13



Pictures with the Easter Bunny

10 a.m. - Noon

Join us at Pavilion #2, near the splash pad.

Entry fee into the park does apply.

Donations are welcome.



Don't forget your Camera!
We expect the Easter Bunny
to surprise us with a visit
at 10:30 a.m.



For more information call 652-2484 or 654-6242



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Park Hours of Operation:

Gates are open 6am-9pm (Sun-Thurs) and 6am-10pm (Fri & Sat). **Entrance station** is open: 8am-5pm (Sun-Thur) 8am-10pm (Fri & Sat). All park sites close at 10pm on Friday, Saturday and days preceding holidays. **Entrance Fees:** \$3 per person; Free for Seniors (62 and older) and children age 3 and under. **Canoe** rentals are \$25 per day or \$7 per hour. The **Splashpad** is open April-September, Tuesday – Sunday from 8am to 8pm. **Golf cart** entry fees are \$10 per day or \$100 for annual pass (*proof of insurance is required*). Palmetto Island State Park has **96 camp sites**, **6 cabins**, **4 pavilions**, **4 primitive backpack sites**, **1 primitive group site** and a **meeting room** to rent. **Reservations** for overnight accommodations at Palmetto Island State Park can be made [online](http://www.lastateparks.com) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit www.lastateparks.com, call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.