

# 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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## 2019 CRACKLIN DEMO AND TASTING WRAP-UP

IF you missed the Cracklin Demo and Tasting event, you missed a LOT of good food! If you made it there, you started out smelling all the good food cooking all the way from the parking lot and you left full and ready for a nap. Around 450 people joined Friends of Palmetto at Palmetto Island State Park to enjoy cracklins of all walks of life. There were 11 cooks cooking cracklins and 22 cooks from the Latanier Cookers that cooked up a mess of desserts in Dutch Ovens to share hot out the pots for everyone to taste. *Meaux Brothers* also cooked a huge pot of jambalaya and roasted a pig in a Cajun Microwave. A big



**THANK YOU** to all the cooks that participated and shared your cooking knowledge.

In between eating, music was played by "The Envies" for all to enjoy. There was a bucket raffle with 25 donated items that you could take a chance on for just \$1.00 a ticket. I have to say that there was some nice raffle items. Thanks to all that donated! Donations help to keep this event free. The weather wasn't the best but thankfully the rain held out until after the event was finished. **Mark your calendars** and book your campsites for next year's event. It will be held the **Saturday, February 29th**.



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A huge **Thank You** to the sponsors of this year's  
Cracklin Demo and Tasting!



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## Calendar of Events

- March 2 - Crewe of Palmetto Golf Cart Parade
- March 9 - Latanier Cooker's D.O.G.
- March 26 - Annual Membership Meeting
- April 13 - Latanier Cooker's D.O.G
- April 13 - Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- April 27 Stir the Pot Festival
- April 30 - Board Meeting





# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All members of Friends of Palmetto are invited to our **Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 6 p.m. at the Vermilion Parish Library.**

We'll talk about our past accomplishments and goals as an organization, listen to member comments and suggestions and hold an election for any vacant seats on the board. We currently have board member seats available. We'll also elect our 2019-2020 officers. You must be present at the meeting to be elected to the board. I've listed a little information below for in case your interested in serving on the board.



- You must be a current member. Membership fee is \$15 per family.
- Be available and willing to attend monthly board meetings, held on the last Tuesday of the month at the Vermilion Parish Library in Abbeville.
- Term for each board members is one (1) - 3 year term, max of 2 consecutive terms (6 years). *Minimum of 1 year off the board, then can be reelected to the board.*
- All Board members, **not serving as an officer**, shall be required to participate in two of the options listed below:
  - ◊ Participate on at least 1 committee per year,
  - ◊ Chair at least 1 event per year
  - ◊ Manage an area, program or project of the organization which may include but shall not be limited to: storage trailers, enhancement projects, book program, merchandise and grants.
  - ◊ Other options may be created by the Board as deemed necessary or suggested by the individual Board member in keeping with their interest, experience and talents.

We are an organization of volunteers, no compensation will be dispensed for serving on the board. I can't stress enough how engaging our organization is. We are currently the most active community support group of any State Park or Historical Site in Louisiana. With your fresh energy, ideas and passion for the park we'll continue and build the momentum that began 8 years ago.

Please consider becoming a more active part of our organization. If you have questions about becoming a board member or you'd like a complete copy of our organization's Bylaws, conflict of interest, cooperative endeavor agreement and code of conduct documents please call 337-652-2484 or by emailing the request [info@friendsofpalmetto.org](mailto:info@friendsofpalmetto.org).

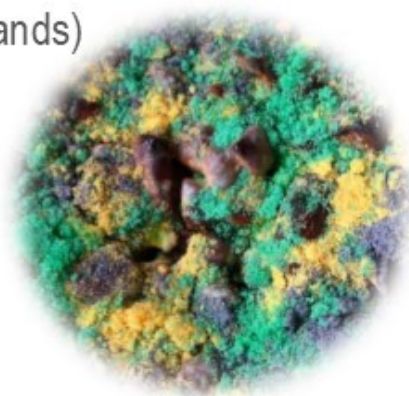
**SNOWBIRD SPOTLIGHT:** This month we are spotlighting Elton and Dolores Leppke. They are escaping winter from Carrington, North Dakota where it was -10 degrees that morning. They have been RVing more years than they can remember. They have been coming to Louisiana for around 12 years and have camped at Palmetto Island State Park 3 or 4 times. They like that the campsites are spread out for privacy. They have fallen in love with the Cajun food and culture here in south Louisiana. Their next stop is Sam Houston.



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

**KING CAKE BUBBLE UP** submitted by Kelly Hebert

2 (12.4-oz) cans refrigerated Pillsbury cinnamon rolls (not Grands)  
 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, softened  
 2/3 cup sugar  
 2 eggs  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 1 cup milk  
 purple, yellow, green sugar



Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line 12 inch Dutch Oven with parchment paper or lightly spray a 9x13-inch pan with cooking spray. Separate cinnamon rolls, save icing to use after the bubble up is baked. Cut each cinnamon roll into 4 pieces. Place in bottom on prepared pan. Using a hand held electric mixer, beat together cream cheese and sugar. Add eggs and vanilla, mixing well. Add milk and mix until combined. Pour over chopped cinnamon rolls. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from oven and cool for 5 to 10 minutes. Spread cinnamon roll icing over top of casserole. Sprinkle with Mardi Gras colored sugar.

### Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Palmetto Island State Park



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ChrisRMatt@hotmail.com) or [Klassiee@aol.com](mailto:Klassiee@aol.com)

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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electronic monthly newsletter or find us on Facebook.



Come out for great  
food, music, live auction,  
and family fun in the park!

Festival admission allows you to  
sample all the cook-off food while it lasts!

Sat., April 27  
10am–5pm

Music by:  
DJ from 10am-1pm  
Layne Touchet  
from 1-5 pm

9th Annual

# Stir the Pot

seafood cook-off & festival

Palmetto Island State Park Abbeville

Admission \$10; kids 4-12 \$5, kids under 3, free

Proceeds benefit Palmetto Island State Park

Call 523-5224 or [www.friendsofpalmetto.org](http://www.friendsofpalmetto.org) for information

Festival Gates open at 10am

Talks and Demos 10am–5pm

DJ from 10am–1pm

Live Music from 1–5pm

Cook-off judging begins at 11am

Food tasting begins after judging

No ice chests,  
bikes, golf carts  
or pets allowed



P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575

Please Mail To:



### 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](https://www.lastateparks.com) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit [www.lastateparks.com](https://www.lastateparks.com), call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.