



# FRESpace Findings

Fall/Winter/Spring

2012/2013

## President's Report

Our organization continues to support the Edisto Beach Environmental Learning Center (ELC) and Park in significant ways with our financial contributions and our volunteers. Our funding has provided the following during this period:

- Funded \$1500.00 towards the \$3500.00 cost of a replacement golf cart for our turtle patrol team. The cart is essentially new (one year old & fully refurbished) and is a Club car model with an aluminum frame. It should serve for 4-5 years without significant maintenance.
- Funded a live Leyland cypress tree for the ELC Christmas season. The cost was \$35 and the tree was planted in front of the ELC after Christmas.
- Allocated up to \$1000 to acquire the first order of t-shirts for sale at our turtle night walks this summer. This should pay for itself plus make a profit for FRESpace.
- Allocated \$100 for food items for the Beach/River Sweep scheduled for Sept. 21.
- Covered the \$275 cost for Larry Main to repair the two broken fence posts around the Bache Monument.
- \$50 allocated for mailing this newsletter to our membership.

Our Blowhard volunteer team continues to impress. They recently added the trail to the Bache monument to their overall route which was sorely needed. This required them to accomplish some grading to go around the two pedestrian bridges during the last volunteer work day. These folks deserve our recognition and thanks.

Finally, we all were saddened to get the news in January that Susan Spell is leaving Edisto Beach State Park, even though she is doing so to be near an ill family member which we can all sympathize with. Susan will be sorely missed and we wish her well. Susan, please come back and visit us often!

Thanks to all of you for your support. I look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

Bob Sandifer, FRESpace President



## Interpretive Ranger's Report

Much has happened since I last addressed you in the previous newsletter. Projects that were on the drawing board have taken off, and your generous donations of time and money helped make them possible.

Thanks to FRESpace donations, the Turtle Patrol team for the State Park has a brand new golf cart from Garret's Discount Golf Carts. Members of the FRESpace Board worked very diligently to get the best deal possible. Utilizing the experiences of turtle patrol volunteers, we were able to secure a durable and well-equipped vehicle that will last for years to come.

The Bird Sanctuary project has also moved forward significantly. FRESpace donations were used to purchase a beautiful solar bird fountain, a favorite of our Mourning Doves and Tufted Titmice. Members also volunteered their time in early November to give the grounds around the Learning Center some much-needed TLC. At Christmas time, FRESpace funds purchased a Leyland cypress Christmas tree, a species that is both beautiful and beneficial to wildlife. In March, we intend to have another Garden Work Day, this time to plant plants that will attract our feathered friends. We would also like to install trellises from which to grow butterfly-attracting vines.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have Turtle Fest at the Learning Center to kick-off our turtle nesting season. In years past, this event has been a hit with locals and visitors alike. I will be asking for volunteers to spend some time painting faces and leading craft activities for the visitors to our Turtle Festival, so please mark your calendars! Following this event be on the lookout for opportunities to help me with our family programs.

Our Park Manager, Susan Spell, will soon be transferring to Sesquicentennial State Park in Columbia to be closer to her family. We wish her safe travels and a smooth transition. Edisto Beach State Park will begin interviewing for a new Park Manager by mid-February. This person will most likely be present at the annual meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Thank you FRESpace members for your care and contributions. Your donations have greatly enhanced the park and the Environmental Learning Center facility. I look forward to the projects and opportunities ahead of us.

Daniel McNamee, Interpretive Park Ranger



**Great American Cleanup April 13, 2013**

Everyone wants to live, work, and play in a clean and green community . . . and it's up to everyone to make it possible and improve the overall quality of life for us all.

Join EdistoPride – and Americans across the nation – for the Great American Cleanup. You can participate in the 2013 Great American Cleanup of Edisto Island by cleaning up litter and trash along our side roads, streams, beaches, parks, forests and neighborhoods. Additional events you can do and be counted are recycling for hard-to-dispose of items like tires and appliances, creating or enhancing green areas by planting plants, bulbs, and trees, and other activities that help beautify your community.

During the Great American Cleanup of Edisto Island, which is April 13, 2013, register at the Community Center at 9:00 AM sharp on the 13th to get free cleanup supplies & gloves donated by Keep America Beautiful, and t-shirt donated by a Palmetto Pride community grant. We invite and challenge community and civic associations, schools and youth groups, churches, families and friends, business employees, hunting and fishing clubs, conservation organizations, sports teams, and others to organize their members and participate in the GAC. Don't forget to stop by 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM to register your group and area or email [edistopride@aol.com](mailto:edistopride@aol.com)



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**Thank You for your support!  
Contact Bob Sandifer 869-0056**

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Please circle your general area of interest as described below and note any special background, experience, etc. you might have.

**Educational.** Staff information desk at Interpretive Center, lead tours/programs, assist with school visits/field trips, assist in collection of educational material.

**Resource Management.** Assist in environmental studies/projects, to include dune stabilization, oyster reef monitoring, establishing riparian buffers and other landscaped areas and flora and fauna inventories.

**Facility/Grounds Maintenance.** Includes carpentry, electrical, plumbing, landscaping, trail, exhibit and aquarium maintenance.

Family Membership Donation (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate Membership Donation (\$100) \_\_\_\_\_  
Contribution (Thanks!) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (Payable to FRESpace) \_\_\_\_\_

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