

News from the Creek

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President's Message

by Dan Cantliffe

Happenings from the Board of the Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm

The seasons pass quickly, as do deadlines for our quarterly Friends of the Farm Newsletter. It seems like just yesterday I was announcing the excitement of our 2010 calendar when, in fact, that was a year ago already. Regardless of the passage of time, some things just keep getting better. This certainly includes our all-new 2011 Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm Calendar. The price for the new calendar, as advertised in this newsletter, is \$16 including tax. We are broadening the scope of availability for the calendar. It will be on sale at Smiley's Antique Mall in Micanopy, Reddick Brothers Hardware in Micanopy, The Yearling Restaurant in Cross Creek, Twin Lakes Fish Camp in Cross Creek, and PJ's Restaurant in Hawthorne. You can also request that calendars be mailed to you, or you can get one through any member of the Board. This is a beautiful piece of artwork that is more than just a calendar. It is a keepsake! It is also our major fundraiser this year, so please be sure to buy lots of them for your family and friends and hand them out as holiday gifts.

Exciting news abounds at the farm. Our grove irrigation project is in, established, and has been irrigating the trees under tremendous drought conditions. This has led to new growth of the young trees, and we will see how we do this winter offsetting freezes to both old and new trees. I want to thank everyone for their help over the years getting this project to fruition. The irrigation system was completely funded by Friends of the MKR Farm at a cost of approximately \$7300. We are really excited about what this will eventually bring to our guests at the farm, as well as those that continually come there to visit. Other projects recently funded by Friends of MKR Farm were the new zero-radius turn riding lawn mower (\$4000) and lighting for the new Workshop/Maintenance Area (\$1400).

We have a new Program Development Specialist for District II of the Florida Parks Department, Julie Anne Tabone. Julie Anne recently started in this position, but has been involved with the Parks Department and has worked closely as a volunteer and part of the friends group of Payne's Prairie. We welcome Julie Anne as a major help to our Citizens Support Organization. She will keep us going in the right direction and help us sort through issues as they relate to our functioning amongst the Parks group. In this regard, there will be a Second Annual Parks Friends Group Workshop December 3, 4, and 5th, 2010 at the Sanibel Harbour Marriott in Fort Myers, Florida. Any of our members can attend. It is generally very informative, and also entertaining, as it relates to improvement of CSO Organizations in helping Florida Parks.

Dates for 2011 for Board Meetings and other functions will be in this Newsletter. It is our intention to re-address problems with our website and we are under reconstruction. We are revising the site and also in the process of turning it over to a new webmaster.

For anyone interested in a good time and a great meal, it is my pleasure to let you know that there is a Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Holiday Breakfast at the Hastings Café in Hastings, Florida, on December 4th from 8 am-11:00 am. They will be selling our calendar and you will see many of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society Members, including Sandra Birnhak and Shirley Thompson, who are hosting this event. They have been extremely efficient at getting new members into the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society. You can't miss the Hastings Café. It is in downtown Hastings and one of the few buildings still left down there. One of the exciting things that you will be able to see, should you attend this event, are some 1927 paintings done on the wall at the old Ford tractor sales building, across the street from the Café. The paintings were done by A. E. "Beanie" Backus when he was approximately 21 years old and as far as I, or anyone else can tell, they are authentic and one of a kind. It gives you another reason to attend this wonderful event. The ladies at the Hastings Café are wonderful. I eat there every week, as I work in Hastings at the Research Center, just around the

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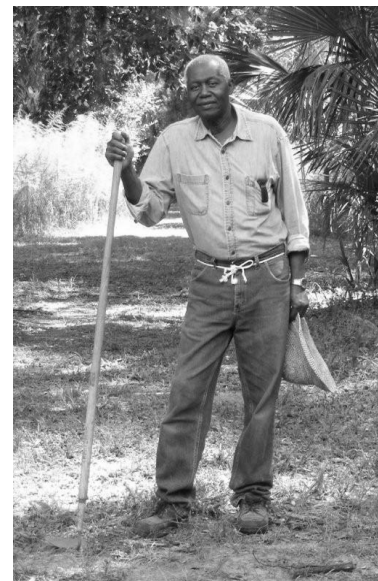
Volunteer Highlight

by Sheila Barnes

There are never enough words to express our gratitude for the valuable skills our volunteers bring to the park. There is no exception when it comes to the work accomplished by Robert and Joyce Albright.

The Albrights retired from Texas and are now full time RV campers. They had volunteered their services at numerous places before coming to us in September. We were advised that they love to build and fix things, and did they ever!

Together Robert and Joyce fixed the sagging entrance gate, repaired screens on the tenant house, ran water lines to the new maintenance shop, built a work bench and shelving in the shop, and brought over and organized all our modern tools. They did all this and more, in just over a month. Joyce was also trained and ready to begin giving tours, when other obligations arose for them. Unfortunately, they had to leave earlier than planned.



But the jobs Robert and Joyce finished far exceeded our highest hopes. Plus, they were delightful people who were really fun and easy to work with. They are such a dynamic duo that they are booked at other parks for two years ahead. It's no wonder!

A heartfelt **thank you** is extended to the Albrights from the entire staff. We will miss them and hope they can return. We will welcome them at any time.

Thank You Friends of MKR!

The Friends of MKR have donated the following items to the farm this year:

- Lawnmower—\$4,000
- Citrus grove irrigation system—\$7,300
- Lighting for the Workshop/
Maintenance Area—\$1,400.

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corner from the Café. It is a local meeting point for growers and others in the town for lunches on a daily basis. We hope you can attend.

Our next Friends of the Farm Meeting will be held January 11, 2011, at 6:30 pm at the Cross Creek Firehouse. We sincerely hope that any of our members who are interested will attend this meeting and as I always include in every newsletter, we are always looking for new Board Members. It does not take a lot of your time and it is a lot of fun. If you are interested, please contact me or any other Board Member listed in this newsletter.

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The Fall Garden

by Sheila Barnes

So far the winter crops are thriving, despite the total lack of rainfall since September. Jacquie Roberts (Master Gardener and volunteer) was kind enough to find us a great little watering device that doesn't require much water pressure. This is good because we have so little pressure coming from the County Park next door.

We are trying some new vegetables this year that include garlic, brussel sprouts and parsnips. The usual plants are in, and these are the cool weather crops of greens, carrots, snow peas, onions, broccoli, cabbage and the like.

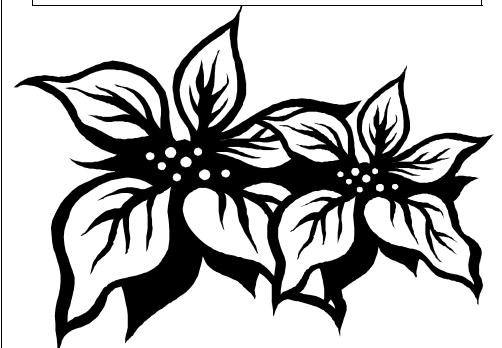
Over the summer, instead of planting a cover crop or laying down a thick mulch of hay over the garden to let it rest, we did the modern thing. We covered it with clear plastic. This didn't look authentic to the period, of course, but it did an excellent job of keeping the weeds down, and killing off pests like the nematodes that all but destroyed last years tomatoes.

Alicia Nelson, our other Master Gardener and volunteer, found a great organic fertilizer that only needs to be applied once a month during the growing season. This is a really helpful product that we can feel good about using, and is making an enormous difference to the health of the plants, along with keeping to a routine watering schedule.

This is starting off to be one of the best seasonal gardens we've had in a long time. Come on out and have a look for yourself. We might even let you try a few nibbles!

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Please check your address label. The date that you see on the label is the date your dues are due. If your membership is current, we thank you!

Picture taken in the backyard of the Rawlings House 2006

2010–2011 Friends of MKR Calendar

12 December	Friends Christmas Social MKR House	10 am - noon
19 December	Charity Fruit Picking MKR House	10 am - noon
11 January	Board Meeting Cross Creek Firehouse	6:30 pm
27 February	Scrub Trip (announcement next newsletter)	
19 April	Board Meeting Cross Creek Firehouse	6:30 pm

For additional information on park activities, copies of earlier issues of the Friends of the Farm Newsletter, photos of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and her Farm,

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Type	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Lifetime
Individual	\$20	\$55	\$90	\$175	\$ 400
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