

Calusa Land Trust

and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc.



Newsletter

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Newest Preserve is Donated!

by Harold Bruner (464-2436)

As a result of the continued generosity of Nick and Diane Jarmoszuk, the Calusa Land Trust is proud to announce their latest donation: 9.4 acres of land near Pine Island Center. The Jarmoszuks split their time between Ohio and a home on Upper Captiva but they also own property on Pine Island. Two years ago they donated three lots on Upper Captiva. This newest gift is about half mangrove wetlands and half transitional wetlands between the mangroves and a palm farm along the west side of Stringfellow Road.

The wettest portion on the west side of the property is dominated by black mangroves. As the elevation rises slightly heading east, the diversity of vegetation increases and includes white mangrove, green buttonwood, wax myrtle, saltbush, and at least two species of ferns. Between the black mangrove and the higher ground are scattered areas of small salt flats which are practically devoid of vegetation. All three major invasive exotics are present – Brazilian pepper, Australian pine, and melaleuca – but not in excessive numbers.



New acquisition adjoins preserved wetlands

An unexpected find near the south end of the property was a small area of cattails. This is a common freshwater aquatic plant in freshwater wetlands, but those are not common on Pine Island. It was unusual to see cattails and black mangroves growing within a few feet of each other.

A disappointing discovery was an area of mangrove dieback. Dieback is a result of physiological stress that can be brought on by a variety of causes including severe climatic events. Since a 2005 aerial photo of this site shows apparently healthy mangroves, the dieback was probably a result of the two recent hurricanes.

One of the greatest benefits of this acquisition is that the west side of the property adjoins almost 475 acres of wetlands owned and preserved by the state of Florida. That large parcel runs all the way to the open waters of Pine Island Sound. A constant goal of land managers is to acquire adjacent lands to provide larger contiguous tracts of protected environmentally sensitive habitats.

On behalf of everyone in this organization, I want to thank the Jarmoszuks for this generous donation. The Calusa Land Trust is always interested in acquiring wetlands and sometimes is able to pay fair market value. If you would consider a donation, a bargain sale, or a fair market sale, please let us know.



White mangrove; note the salt accumulation on the top leaf exuded from the absorption of saltwater



Green buttonwood showing fruit known as drupes



These freshwater cattails are just a few feet from the mangroves



Black mangrove pneumatophores (pencil-like breathing tubes that provide air to the underground and underwater roots)



Salt flats with mangrove dieback to the left and healthy black mangroves to the right

Annual Meeting

By Joan Culver

At the 2007 annual meeting held at Fritts Park on January 21, over 140 Calusa Land Trust members and friends enjoyed live music, delicious food, and great weather in addition to the business meeting. This was our second year at this site and it seemed to meet with general approval, due largely to the folks who worked so hard cleaning and mowing the grounds, rebuilding and painting the stage, not to mention putting up all the equipment. Plus, if any of you saw Fritts Park when we first acquired it, full of exotics and weeds, it is hard not to just love what it's become – a little gem of a park filled with native shrubs and trees – indeed the perfect place for our annual “picnic” meetings.

President Bud House conducted the business meeting and various committee chairs gave their reports on land acquisition, kayak trips, T-shirt sales, work parties, land stewardship, and the state of our treasury. The following board members were re-elected for another 2 years: James “Alex” Alexander, Ed Chapin, Joan Culver, Norm Gowan, Bud House, Judy Ott, Donna Venesky, and Ron Wesorick. These board members will continue their terms for one more year: Alison Ackerman, Brenda Anderson, Harold Bruner, Brian Cotterill, Liz Donnelly, Bill Spikowski, and Rubye Woodhead. Following the meeting, discussions continued over lunch as everyone feasted on barbecue sandwiches provided by the folks at J. D. Holloway’s Waterfront Restaurant.

Thank you to all who made donations into the jars set up on various tables; your contributions covered almost all expenses of the event. I would also like to welcome the new members who joined us that day, we are so glad to have your support. In closing, I want to just remind everyone that our web site (www.calusalandtrust.org) is easy to navigate and may answer any questions you may not have had a chance to address at the meeting. Thanks again to everyone for a successful annual meeting!

Board Elects New Officers

by Harold Bruner (464-2436)

Traditionally, the CLT board of directors elects a new slate of officers at its first monthly meeting after the annual meeting in January. At that meeting on February 20, I was honored to be chosen as president for the coming year. Ron Wesorick was elected vice-president. Rubye Woodhead will serve another year as secretary, and Bill Spikowski another year as treasurer.

Many thanks to outgoing president Bud House for two years of dedicated service. Thanks also to Brian Cotterill for serving as vice-president for those two years. Rubye and Bill have served in their offices for many years and the board really appreciates their continuing dedication to those important jobs.

For the coming year the board has already identified a few issues to pursue. One is the creation of a “wish list” for needed items and services. Another is a concentrated effort to better document the many volunteer hours donated by our members and friends. A dollar value can be assigned to this volunteer time as a basis for obtaining matching grant funds.

With real estate values softening, we will make an added effort to find willing sellers of environmentally sensitive lands, especially wetlands. Lee County’s Conservation 20/20 program continues to be active on Pine Island. We look forward to working with them again this year to facilitate the purchase of additional lands that we may not be able to afford.

Special thanks to the entire board of directors, all of whom have agreed to serve another year. Feel free to contact any of them if you have questions or ideas of how to better achieve our mission.

Membership Report

by Norm Gowan (283-8203)

We currently have 883 members with 339 (38%) current in their dues. Remember to check if there is an asterisk (*) by your name on the address label which indicates a year has passed since your last membership donation. This is about the lowest level of paid up members that I have seen, so please take a moment to renew now so we can continue our preservation efforts full force.

If you decide to use a credit card (MasterCard or Visa only), you do not need to worry about your number going any further: we shred everything after posting.

Membership Reward Campaign

by Norm Gowan (283-8203)

The vast bulk of our income is made up of donations from our wonderful members. For this we are truly thankful. As we look ahead to new projects, it is clear we are going to have to raise our income. What better way to do this than to increase our memberships?

Our total numbers usually hover around the 800s - some join, most rejoin, some move away, and unfortunately a few are no longer with us. To help balance out our losses and to actually expand, we need to start actively seeking out new members.

To kick start this campaign, we are initiating a brand new 2007 membership drive. The idea is simple but oh so sweet: If each member commits to finding **one** new individual, family, or business to join Calusa Land Trust, we will virtually double our membership and double our income.

A few years ago one of our directors proposed that we set a target of 10% of Pine Island for membership; after a few years, it actually happened! So how about 20%? It doesn't seem so unrealistic any more.

Ask a friend, neighbor, or relative to join us. Maybe buy them a membership as a gift to get them started. Take someone on a canoe outing or an afternoon walk down one of our beautiful trails. Give them a newsletter to look through or send them our website on an e-mail. Show them a map of Pine Island and point out all the lands we have been able to acquire because of people just like them. If they are interested and they do sign up, remind them to jot your name on the application form as their sponsor.

Major recruiters will be announced in future newsletters and prizes will be awarded as well. The final results will be revealed our annual meeting in 2008. Time is running out – there is no time like the present to make that call!

Fundraising Reports

by Norm Gowan (283-8203)

Rummage Sale:

On January 27, we held our annual rummage sale at Fritts Park and just as hoped we brought in about \$1,000. Actually it was exactly \$960.46 which is close. Everything went smoothly and we would like to thank everyone who participated for their donations, purchases, and work hours.

As with most fundraising activities we have done over the years, we learn something every time and with this event it was no different. We rediscovered a very important lesson indeed: never schedule the rummage sale on the same day as another island rummage sale! Many of the good folks who have helped us out in the past were already committed to the big St. James City sale held there every year. We definitely missed them and will not make that mistake again. In fact, calls have already been made to those in the know and our date is firmly set for January 12, 2008, a full two weeks before the St. James City event.

Marketing Committee Report:

by Gloria Andrews (283-5020)

As most of you know, Calusa Land Trust has been selling decorative T-shirts and caps for years as a way to help our treasury and publicize our cause of land preservation. You may also know we have added a line of women's wear, all cotton and quite popular, that we have dubbed our "Fuzzy Mango" line. And if that wasn't enough, we now have fishing shirts for both men and women that come in long or short sleeves.

We are not just about T-shirts any more! It seems that the more ideas our loyal members come up with, the more we sell, so that's the good news. You're probably thinking that here's where we tell you the bad news, but surprise – there is no bad news – just more good news. Since expanding our inventory, we have also expanded the venues where we make our wares available. Besides the annual meeting at Fritts Park, the Rubber Duck Race, and a few other places, we are thinking of joining "Art Night" in Matlacha and perhaps set up a table at the Garden Club Gala. We also want to do "House Parties" specifically for the Fuzzy Mango line where the hostess can earn a free outfit.

If you would like to help out on this committee, have a "House Party," or want to suggest an event where we should set up our tent, please call Gloria Andrews.

PURPOSE OF THE CALUSA LAND TRUST:

"... to acquire, hold, and manage environmentally sensitive lands, archaeological and historic sites, and other natural lands; to encourage education and research in the fields of conservation and preservation; to establish nature preserves or other protected areas to be used for scientific, educational, aesthetic, or passive recreational purposes; to cooperate with other entities having similar or related objectives; and to engage in any other activity relating to the furtherance of the foregoing objectives."

— *From the articles of incorporation
of the Calusa Land Trust (Article II)*

Rubber Duck Race at the Double Nichol Saloon:

by Alex Alexander (283-9256)

This event just can't get any bigger. A whopping 2,500 ducks (all fast swimmers of course, many newly purchased) were sold, and on March 4 they were ceremoniously dumped into the canal for the swim of their little lives.

About 250 people participated that day, all yelling and of course hoping their duck would make it across the finish line first. In the end, about 40 prizes were awarded and because most were donated, CLT went away with about \$14,000. It was an awesome day all around, but let's hear it from some of the folks working and attending:



Official Duck Dumper Del Mergen had this to say: "This year's was truly a thing of beauty as all 2,500 ducks hit the water swimming in unison—it made me proud to be a duck dumper."

Official Duck Dipper Al Eleinko stated: "Man, what a sight! People hooting and screaming as our dedicated duck dippers did their duty...something you don't want to miss."

Event Participant Jan Frizzo shared her thoughts: "The excitement is catchy – I feel like I have Duck Fever!"

A special thanks to the Big Duck (Norm Gowan) and the scores of folks who worked scores of hours to put on this successful event. See you next year.



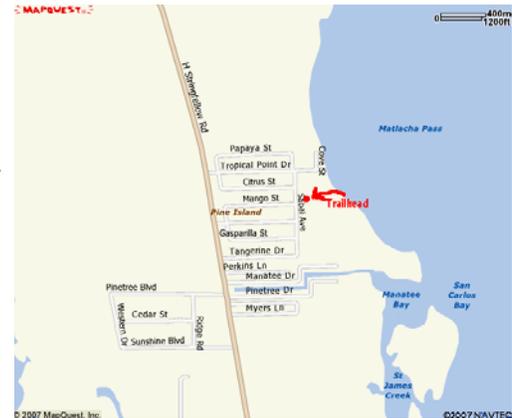
Dobbs Preserve Nature Trail

By Brenda J. Anderson (283-1878)

The Dobbs Preserve trail is one of primitive beauty. Off the beaten path, it takes just a little more effort to locate, just one more thing that makes it special. Another is that the trail allows you to explore a nature preserve restoration work in progress. At this point in the restoration you can enjoy seeing new areas opened up and some freshly cleared spots where the invasive exotics have been recently removed to create a fresh new view of the mangrove forest.

The majority of the preserve is inaccessible mangrove forest. Only the western edge of the property is uplands.

The beginning of the trail is on the east side of Sable Avenue, by the prominent Calusa Land Trust Preserve sign. The trail winds through the upland area of the property that was cleared of melaluca and other exotics a few years ago. Australian pine and other invasives can still clearly be seen covering the adjacent properties, giving you an idea of the restoration work already accomplished on this preserve. Although you may still spot occasional melalucas sprouting here and there, evading their removal by the vigilant CLT rangers, you can see that the native vegetation is quickly reclaiming its home here.



Heading east, you cross part of an old mosquito ditch that deepens and widens further along. In the drier winter months you can cross this shallow part of the ditch without much trouble. The building of an earthen-covered culvert over this crossing is one of the projects on the preserve's "to-do" list.

The trail then meanders south-southeast along the far side of the ditch and heads into mangroves that form a canopy overhead. If you look closely at the mangroves as you pass, you may spot a quick little mangrove crab scurrying along a limb above your head.

On the left of the trail, spoil mounds begin to appear. These were formed when the mosquito ditch was first dredged and unfortunately have become hot-spots for invasive exotics. Now that the mounds are cleared of these invasives, some native plant cover has taken over and more will be added as a stop-gap measure until the mounds can be completely removed at some future date.



After crossing a shallow ditch (site of another earthen-covered culvert on the "to-do" list), the trail ends at a final, unusually high spoil mound. Clambering up to the top rewards you with a view of the red and black mangrove forests stretching all the way to Matlacha Pass.

DIRECTIONS: Travel south on Stringfellow Road toward St. James City, turn left on Tropical Point Drive, then turn right on Sabal Avenue. The trailhead is about a block down, on the left, at the Calusa Land Trust Preserve sign. For additional information, or to volunteer to help, please contact me at 239-283-1878 or e-mail me at brenda1040@hotmail.com.

Ranger/Stewardship Report

by Ed Chapin (392-0090)

Work Parties:

In December, Terry Clements, Bill Mantis, and Roger Wood replaced the worn-out stage at Fritts Park. They did an outstanding job, contributing over 50 volunteer hours. We now have a very durable stage that should last for many years to come.

Our first work party of 2007 was on January 6 when 11 rangers spent most of their time trimming and cleaning Fritts Park for the annual meeting. Two weeks later, 12 more set up the tents, tables, and chairs.

The February work party consisted of 15 volunteers working at the Conservation 20/20 Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve removing an old fence. Incredibly, we were able to get rid all 2,000 feet in only about 3 hours. Did you know that pulling out fence posts by hand is hard work? No one had to go to the gym that day!

In March, 9 volunteers made their way down the St. Jude Trailhead Vista trimming and weeding, making that trail even more beautiful. It is a pleasure to maintain the places we have created or restored over the years.

For April, we were scheduled to tackle the hurricane debris and vines out on Calusa Island, but the newly formed Bokeelia Boat Club has taken on this task themselves. They often use this site for picnic outings. Starting in February they have been going out almost every weekend and burning huge piles of dead trees (remnants of Hurricane Charley), clearing vines, and have even cleaned up the old diesel shed, hauling off old machinery and replacing the roof. On the beach they mounted a stairway to facilitate the short climb up to the mound. Everything they have done has made a world of difference out there and I would like to thank Commodore Dick Foley, Vice Commodore Ray Easler, and all the members for their hard work.

Instead of working on Calusa Island in April, we headed out to Picnic Island because we had heard that trash was overtaking the preserve. It was true. We had 6 Pine Island Boat Club members and 8 CLT volunteers working for 3 hours, collecting about 15 bags of trash, some of which we were able to recycle. We also noticed that the invasives are returning in force so we must return soon or they will get out of control once again.

Ranger Council Meeting:

Following the December work party, 8 rangers met to discuss management issues and set up the work party calendar for the coming year. See the chart below to see which preserves we will visit in the coming months; mark your calendars.

Brian Cotterill has agreed to help establish a much-needed database to keep track of our volunteer work hours. This is a huge job seeing as how absolutely everything done for this organization will need to be documented. Not only will his data help us maximize our volunteer work force, but it will be used to get credit when writing grants. There is one in particular we want to apply for that hopefully will provide the needed funds for the restoration of Trailhead Vista.

Peter Ordway Water Tours:

In January, 8 people in 8 kayaks explored Long Cut Preserve. Don and Sandy Werner graciously allowed us to launch from their house on Galt Island. The weather was great and we all enjoyed a fun, relaxing paddle.

In February, we explored Big Jim Creek Preserve, leaving at noon on an incoming tide. We had an easy paddle to Pine Island Sound and a clear view of Useppa Island where we stopped for drinks and snacks before returning to Fritts Park.

In March, we were slated to venture out into Matlacha Pass to check out our Underhill Creek Preserve but the wind convinced us to change the itinerary. We opted for St. James Creek launching from Tropical Point. There were 14 of us that day who shared a wonderful paddle while observing nature at its best.

Even though we did not make it to Underhill Creek that day, I want to thank Peter Golding for spending over 8 hours clearing the entire Underhill Creek canoe trail, making it passable once again. We will get there for sure another day, a calm day.

Don't forget: Reservations are a must for these water tours as space is limited for anyone needing a spot in a canoe or kayak. You can either e-mail me at ecalusaed@aol.com or call my pager at (239) 392-0090. Leave a message or enter your number and I will return your call. I want to thank all the paddlers for their support this season.

Below is a chart of our upcoming work parties; next season's water tours will be announced in the next newsletter. You can also find this information on the Calusa Land Trust web site at www.calusalandtrust.org. If you would like me to notify you by e-mail when we are having either a work party or canoe trip, please let me know; I maintain separate lists for each activity and will add your name to one or both of them. Happy paddling!

WORK PARTIES		
Saturday, June 2	9 to noon	Picnic Island/Sisters Keys Preserves <i>(meet at Norm Gowan's)</i>
Saturday, July 7	9 to noon	St. Jude Trailhead Vista - planting <i>(meet at the Trailhead)</i>
<i>August</i>		
<i>Vacation</i>		
Saturday, September 8	9 to noon	Kreie Preserve/Peter Ordway Tropical Hammock <i>(meet at Jug Creek Cottages)</i>
Saturday, October 6	9 to noon	Back Bay Preserve/Picnic Island <i>(meet at Norm Gowan's)</i>
Saturday, November 3	9 to noon	Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve <i>(meet at the Flatwoods entrance, 4 miles s. of P.I. Center, on the w.side of Pine Island Rd.)</i>
Saturday, December 1	9 to noon	Cayo Pelau Preserve <i>(meeting place TBA)</i>

**CALUSA LAND TRUST AND NATURE PRESERVE
OF PINE ISLAND, INC.**

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Memorials

by Norm Gowan (283-8203)

Over the years many members have sent us gifts to honor the memory of a loved one. Memorials may consist of a cash donation in their name, a carved plank for one of our boardwalks or benches in a preserve, or even a planting of a beautiful tree which can be enjoyed for decades to come. We are privileged to continue our work in the memory of these cherished individuals:

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Bruno & Theresa *
"Grandma Dot" *
"Aunt Ebbie" *

**Indicates name on the St. Jude Trail
Memorial Observation Deck or
Memorial Bench or in Fritts Park
Memorial.*

CALUSA LAND TRUST & NATURE PRESERVE
OF PINE ISLAND, INC.
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

	ASSETS
Cash	
Interest Bearing Accounts	\$ 192,433
Property	
Preserved Land, at Cost	922,088
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,114,521</u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Liabilities		
None	\$	0
Net Assets		
Donor Restricted:		
Calusa Canal Fund	3,590	
Property Fund:		
Preserved Land		922,088
Board Designated:		
Project X Fund	\$ 14,631	
Land Management Fund	38,530	
Emergency Fund	25,000	
2020 Matching Funds - Cayo Pelau, 313 & 315	35,000	
Boardwalk Maintenance Fund	5,033	
Easement Defense Fund	850	
Endowment Fund	<u>55,858</u>	
Undesignated - General Fund		174,902
Total Net Assets		<u>13,941</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		<u>\$ 1,114,521</u>

CALUSA LAND TRUST & NATURE PRESERVE
OF PINE ISLAND, INC.
 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

REVENUES, GAINS & OTHER SUPPORT	\$
Memberships & Donations	76,540
Interest & Dividend Income	10,840
Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Securities	(1,032)
Fundraising & Special Events:	
Revenues	\$ 17,935
Direct Expenses	(961)
T-Shirt Revenues:	
Sales Proceeds	2,711
Purchases	(1,890)
Total Support & Revenue	<u>821</u>
	<u>104,143</u>

EXPENSES

Land Stewardship Expenses:		
Mowing & Other	6,042	
Administrative Expenses:		
Postage	2,191	
Printing	3,729	
Insurance	3,124	
Other	<u>3,880</u>	
Grants & Contributions		12,924
Junior Ranger Expenses		2,270
Land Acquisition Costs:		382
St. Jude Trailhead Vista Preserve	158,652	
Other	<u>1,007</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>159,659</u>
		<u>181,277</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		(77,134)

NET ASSETS

Net Assets, October 1, 2005	1,031,996
Capitalized Land Acquisition Costs	<u>159,659</u>
Net Assets, September 30, 2006	<u>\$ 1,114,521</u>

CALUSA LAND TRUST MEMBERSHIPS AND DONATIONS:

_____ \$ 15	Individual Member	_____ \$ _____	for Trailhead Vista Acquisition!
_____ \$ 25	Family Member	_____ \$ _____	Endowment Fund
_____ \$ 50	Donor or Organization	_____ \$ _____	
_____ \$100	Contributor	_____ \$ 50	Plunk-a-Plank (fill in lettering below)

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