

# Ebb Tide



## EBB Annual Meeting



**Date: Saturday, March 26th, 2011**

**Event Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

- **Koreshan Garden Tour: 10:00-11:00 a.m.**
- **EBPSP Resource Management Overview: 11:15-11:45 a.m.**
- **Socialize & Eats: 12:00 p.m.**
- **Board Meeting: 1:00 p.m.**

**Place: Koreshan State Historic Site**

**3800 Corkscrew Road Estero, FL 33928**

- \* Come and join "the Buddies" on a tour of the garden at the Koreshan pioneer settlement.
- \* A presentation will be given for those interested in learning more about resource management activities.
- \* After the presentation, we will conduct the important business of selecting our board of directors and officers.

**Drinks and snacks will be served.**

Please help us protect our environment by bringing your own cup or mug for your beverage!

**RSVP** by March 23rd, contact the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve Office:

Phone: 239-463-3240

E-mail: [estero.bay@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:estero.bay@dep.state.fl.us)

## Calendar of Events

April 1st, Friday – Wading Trip @ Lovers Key, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See Page 4...

April 16th, Saturday – Great American Cleanup / Earth Day Trash Bash

April 23rd, Saturday - Earth Day Festival @ Koreshan SHS, 9:30 a.m.– 6:30 p.m.

May 23rd, Monday – Wading Trip @ Lovers Key, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See Page 4...

July 5th, Tuesday – 5<sup>th</sup> of July Clean Up on the Beach or in your Community

September 17th, Saturday – International Coastal Clean Up

October 30th, Sunday – Monofilament Madness Marine Clean Up

November 5th, Saturday - National Estuaries Day—A Free Day at the Bay, Bunche Beach

January 1st, 2012, Sunday – New Year's Resolution Beach Clean Up

### THE EBB TIDE IS ON-LINE

Wonder what this newsletter looks like in color? Want to recommend a story to a friend? Find the online edition at:

**[www.esterobaybuddies.org](http://www.esterobaybuddies.org)**

Got questions? Please email them to:

**[info@esterobaybuddies.org](mailto:info@esterobaybuddies.org)**

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Sherry Furnari, editor

# The Estero Bay Buddies... Quick Notes!

During the last quarter, the Buddies have provided financial support to the following organizations or events:

- ⇒ Florida Sportsman Fishing & Boating Show
- ⇒ Law Enforcement Workshop for Lee County
- ⇒ Our Annual Meeting

The Buddies would like to thank the management of the EBAP & EBSP offices for hosting our monthly board meetings.

Did you notice the new “look” of the newsletter? Do you like it, want us to change it back, or have any feedback to offer? Please provide comments via email: [info@esterobaybuddies.org](mailto:info@esterobaybuddies.org)

EBB board members worked with Jay Wade of **Renegades Sportsware** to redesign and create new T-shirts for our new & existing members. Members may pick up a new T-shirt at the EBAP office or at a local EBB attended event with their renewed membership application & fee. All T-shirts are White.  
Size: S to XXL.



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Newsletter of the Estero Bay Buddies

Volume 10 Number 1

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### Estero Bay Buddies Board of Directors

Laura Carr	President
Terry Cain	Vice President
Jim Wohlpart	Secretary
Reggie McNeill	Treasurer
Chris Christensen	Board Member
Sherry Furnari	Board Member
Jack Horner	Board Member
Sarah Larsen	Board Member
Sasha Linsin-Wohlpart	Board Member
Dorothy McNeill	Board Member
Ellen Peterson	Board Member
Pam Rokoskie	Board Member

### Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas (CAMA)

Cheryl Clark	Environmental Specialist I
Julie Drevenkar	Environmental Specialist I
Stephanie Erickson	Environmental Specialist I
Sherry Furnari	Environmental Specialist I
Heather Stafford	Manager ES III

### Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP)

Robert Brooks	Manager
Karen LaCivita	Assistant Manager
Erin Maehl	Administrative Staff Assistant
Jon Meyer	Environmental Specialist I

Please send contributions to:  
Estero Bay Buddies  
700-1 Fisherman's Wharf  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

EBB contact phone (Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve office):  
239.463.3240

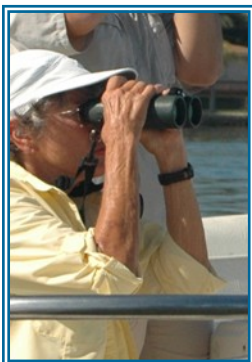
Nesting Season  
January – September  
Bring your Binoculars!



**Birders!...** Sign up for rookery monitoring surveys within the bay. If interested, please contact Cheryl Clark @ 239.463.3240 (Cheryl.Clark@dep.state.fl.us) and she will coordinate a location & time to meet on the EBAP boat.

**Ruth Woodall – Rookery Monitoring Volunteer**

Ruth retired to Florida in December 2004. She came from a farm background in Indiana and began a career of merchandising grain (corn, wheat and soybeans) for Indiana Grain, a division of the Indiana Farm Bureau in Indianapolis. While based in Indianapolis she volunteered as a docent at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Ruth has been an avid birder since the late 1990s. Early on, birding was an excuse to get outdoors in all kinds of weather and then she was introduced to shorebirds while vacationing on Sanibel Island. From then on, the bird she is looking at is her favorite one! She is actively involved in the Caloosa Bird Club of Fort Myers and is a volunteer with the Lee County Conservation 20/20 Program as a member of the Bird Patrol, as well as



a volunteer for the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve rookery monitoring. Ruth has volunteered over 100 hours of her time to the rookery program at EBAP and the program would not be the same without her. Thank you Ruth for all of the time and experience you have given to the program.

*Estero Bay Rookery Monitoring Program 2011*

**Did you Know?**

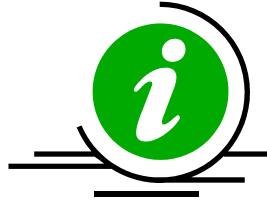
**Nesting birds need about 300ft of undisturbed space.**

Protect our natural resources by keeping a safe distance between you and all wildlife and **never leave fishing line or trash behind!**

Date and Launch Time	Launch Site
Wed, 3/16/2011 10:30am	Backup TBD
Mon, 4/11/2011 9:00am	Estero Bay AP Office
Thu, 4/14/2011 9:00am	Lovers Key State Park
Tue, 4/19/2011 9:00am	Backup TBD
Wed, 5/11/2011 9:00am	Estero Bay AP Office
Thu, 5/12/2011 9:00am	Lovers Key State Park
Tue, 5/17/2011 9:00am	Backup TBD
Tue, 6/7/2011 9:00am	Estero Bay AP Office
Wed, 6/8/2011 9:00am	Lovers Key State Park
Thu, 6/9/2011 9:00am	Backup TBD
Wed, 7/6/2011 9:00am	Estero Bay AP Office
Wed, 7/13/2011 9:00am	Lovers Key State Park
Thu, 7/14/2011 9:00am	Backup TBD
Wed, 8/10/2011 9:00am	Estero Bay AP Office
Thu, 8/11/2011 9:00am	Lovers Key State Park
Mon, 8/15/2011 9:00am	Backup TBD
Wed, 9/7/2011 9:00am	Estero Bay AP Office
Thu, 9/8/2011 9:00am	Lovers Key State Park
Wed, 9/14/2011 11:00am	Backup TBD

**Attention Members:** Since we are now e-mailing the newsletter to our membership, we don't have the flexibility of showing when membership fees are due for each member. Therefore, we will be e-mailing you with a reminder a few weeks prior to when membership fees are dues. Thanks very much for your continued support for the Buddies!!!

Be A Buddy! Estero Bay Buddies Need You!



Volunteer EBB member needed to be the next Ebb Tide editor!!! All you need is a little time, access to a computer with Microsoft Publisher, Excel, Word & Adobe Acrobat software programs, email capability, some writing skills and ability to coordinate with others. Now you can provide information to others in this quarterly newsletter! Please contact Sherry @ 239-282-0892 or email sfurnari8@yahoo.com for additional details.



By Sherry Furnari

On February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, members of the Estero Bay Buddies, the Friends of the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves, and FDEP's Charlotte Harbor and Estero Bay AP offices attended the Florida Sportsman Fishing & Boat Show that was held at the Lee County Civic Center. Environmental education materials and brochures informing local citizens and visitors about CAMA's Florida's Aquatic Preserves: A Program Overview, Florida's seagrasses and mangroves, and Lee County's three paddling trails were the most popular items taken by people interested in learning more about estuaries and the agencies in charge of protecting them. With that, several people signed up to become members of their respective citizen support organization's on-going stewardship and public education activities.

Interested in seeing up close and personal the critters who live in Estero Bay?

**Wading Trip Schedule:**

Friday, April 1st @ 10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 23rd @ 10:30 a.m.

**Sponsored by Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program**

Contact Stephanie Erickson @ EBAP Office:  
(239) 463-3240

All trips meet at the north entrance to Lovers Key State Park.



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*Be A Buddy! Estero Bay Buddies Want You!*

If you would like to become an EBB member, or if it's time to renew your membership please write a check to:  
**Estero Bay Buddies**  
 and mail with the membership form to the address below.  
 Student \$5; Individual \$10; Family \$15; Contributing \$25; Supporting \$50; Non-profit \$25; Association (Homeowner, Condo or Civic) \$25; Business \$100; Donor \$100-500.

## Membership Form

**Yes!** I would like to make a difference by joining the Estero Bay Buddies Inc.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip code)

New Member  
 Renewal

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Membership Dues:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Family \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5 (Ages 17 & under are free)
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> Association (Homeowner, Condominium or Civic) \$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$50	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Corporate \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$100 - \$500

Additionally, I/we would like to make a contribution in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed \$**\_\_\_\_\_

Please return with check payable to Estero Bay Buddies, Inc. The Estero Bay Buddies, Inc. is a non-profit organization.

I would prefer to support the "Buddies" with dues as a member and/or through monetary donations.  
 I would like to become an active volunteer and participate in resource management, research/monitoring and education activities.



**Special Offer: One free EBB T-shirt with a new membership of \$10 or more!**

Exclusive EBB design and logo lets people know you care about Estero Bay. Great for fishermen and fisherwomen, environmental activists, old-timers, boaters, personal-water craft riders, divers and everyone else who cares about the health of Florida's waters!

Request newly designed white T-shirts or older T-shirts with colors of Turquoise, Granite, or 40th Anniversary Clyde Butcher photo on white. State size and color. Size: S to XXL.

## Membership Form

New/renewing members, please check all boxes that apply to your interests.

### Resource Management

Exotic Plant Control (Removal/herbicide treatment of Melaleuca, Brazilian Pepper, and other exotics.)

Habitat Restoration

Nature Trail Construction and Maintenance

Monitoring/Patrol of the Preserve State Park

Resource Watch/Patrol of the Aquatic Preserve  
(Boaters, Canoe and Kayak enthusiasts)

Monitoring Mangrove Forests

Monitoring Bird Rookeries

Monitoring Indian Shell Mounds

Assistance with Resource Inventories

Participating in Coastal Clean Ups

### Education

Conducting Guided Nature Walks

Environmental Education/Public Outreach

### Research and Monitoring

Citizen Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring

Computer (Managing Data using Windows XP, ACCESS DataBase and EXCEL spreadsheets)

### Advocacy

Computer/Desktop Publishing (Newsletter, Brochures, Flyers, etc.)

Office Assistance Support (reception, hospitality, answering phones, mailings, etc.)

Land Acquisition

Fund-raising events

Letter Writing Campaigns

### Other

Become a board member

Other (please explain in detail)

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