



Discover Paradise in Pinellas County – August and September, 2017

EXHIBITS

Our Wildest Place: The Environmental Education Center at Brooker Creek Preserve is a permanent, hands-on educational exhibit that helps visitors understand how natural Florida has changed over time and the ecological footprints left by those changes. The Windows to Our Wildest Place exhibit allows visitors to experience the life of a gopher tortoise and includes educational videos and a touch-and-feel display of animal, insect and reptile skins and skeletons that have been preserved. Visitors will also find interpretive trail signs located throughout the boardwalks of the preserve that feature educational information about its ecosystems. Brooker Creek Environmental Education Center, 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Closed all Pinellas County holidays. (727) 453-6800; www.brookercreekpreserve.org.

People and Place: The Cultural and Natural History Center at Weedon Island Preserve is an art-inspired, permanent hands-on educational exhibit that reveals the area's history, ecology and people. Exhibits include Connecting People and Place, Uncovering Past Cultures, Understanding Culture through its Pottery, A Gallery of Memories, Mischievous and Movies, Discovery of Hidden Worlds, What a Watershed Is and a virtual tour of the Smithsonian Institution's collection of Weedon Island artifacts. Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. Closed all Pinellas County holidays. (727) 453-6500; www.weedonislandpreserve.org.

Objects from the Turner Family Permanent Collection: Geraldine "Jere" Turner bequeathed her family home to Pinellas County along with \$100,000 in moving costs and the contents of her 1915 bungalow. When it was moved to Heritage Village in January 2014, thousands of objects and archival materials spanning 100 years of family history were discovered in the house. These included toys and games, glassware and china, personal accessories, pottery, clothing, furniture, artwork and items from the Belleview Biltmore Hotel. These objects are on display in the Ralph Reed Gallery in the Visitor Center. Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N., Largo. Open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. (727) 582-2123; www.pinellascounty.org/heritage.

Pinellas Passport: Your Ticket through Time: This exhibit illustrates major areas of development in Pinellas County, including coastal living with a focus on the sponge industry, agriculture featuring citrus industry artifacts, community life through newspapers and a printing press, and tourism. These objects are on display in the Roy Helms Gallery in the Visitor Center. Heritage Village, 11909 125th St. N., Largo. Open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. (727) 582-2123.

ONGOING

Lawn and Garden Help Desk: UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County Lawn and Garden Help Desk provides solutions for all types of questions concerning insects, garden, lawn and landscape care. Residents can visit the help desk at UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, (727) 582-2100; 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

Master Gardener Help Desk at Palm Harbor Library: UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County Master Gardeners provide solutions for all types of questions concerning insects, lawn and landscape care. Open Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor.

Landscape Maintenance Best Management Practices in English and en Español: This class provides an overview of landscape care including Florida Friendly Landscaping Principles, turf types and mowing heights, proper pruning of shrubs and trees, signs of irrigation stress, and how to protect water resources. The program is free for homeowners, Landscape Professionals pay \$15 for certification. Classes are held monthly, class time is 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Advance registration required. www.landscapebmp.eventbrite.com select English or Spanish class. UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

AUGUST EVENTS

August 3

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Weedon Walkabout: Hike through coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems of the preserve and learn about the coastal environment and the early residents of Weedon Island Preserve. A hat, closed-toe shoes and water are also recommended. Best for ages 6 and older. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com. Weedon Island Preserve, (727) 453-6500; 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

August 5

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August 12

Vegetable Gardening and Microirrigation: Water Wise Landscaping Workshop: Join Florida-Friendly Landscape Experts to discuss topics including preparing your Fall garden, microirrigation basics and a microirrigation demonstration. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at <http://waterwiseaugust.eventbrite.com>. UF/IFAS Extension, (727) 453-6524; 12540 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

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August 16

Right Plant Right Place: Properly chosen, installed and established shrubs and trees are healthy, help to hold the ground, reduce stormwater runoff, and tend to use fewer resources to enhance nature. This program will cover the standards that must be considered to select proper plants for a certain location. 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Register online at www.eventbrite.com and search keyword "CORE." UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, (727) 582-2100; 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

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August 17

Citizen Science and You – Microplastics Workshop: This workshop will begin with an optional tour of the South Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility that will run from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Following the optional tour, the actual workshop will begin at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The workshop will begin with an introductory lesson on microplastics (what they are, where they come from, and most importantly, what we can do). We will then dive into some of the research about microplastics and the threats they pose to Tampa Bay and possibly human health. Then, for folks interested in learning how to get involved with the Florida Microplastic Awareness Project (a citizen science effort) they can stick around for a demonstration of water sample collection, filtering and analysis. You can start your citizen science efforts as soon as the workshop ends...it's that easy! Plus, as part of the workshop, you will be asked to make a pledge to reduce your contribution to microplastics. If you complete the pledge and turn it in, you will receive a FREE GIFT (while supplies last) to help support you in your efforts. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.microplasticwksp2.eventbrite.com Cross Bayou Water Reclamation Facility, 7401 54th Avenue N., St. Petersburg.

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August 19

4-H Open House and Carnival: Looking for enriching experiences for your children? Interested in volunteering to help youth in your community? Then come check our Pinellas County 4-H at our annual Open House! This year we're excited to be at Heritage Village! Come out to see what our clubs have to offer this upcoming year and play some fun carnival games, pet some cute animals, and bid on silent auction items. Adults interested in volunteering also encouraged to attend. All proceeds go to support 4-H in your community. Free. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

1. This year will be carnival-themed. We will have animals and games!
2. Tickets to carnival games will be sold to benefit Pinellas County 4-H
3. There will be a Silent Auction in the Pinellas Room
4. Information sessions to be held at the top of every hour in the Pinellas Room
5. Visit Heritage Village and 4-H all in one FREE event!

We will be in the back by the windmill and water tower. Parking can be found at the Botanical Gardens or the Heritage Village lots. Heritage Village, 11909 125th Street, Largo.

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August 19

Youth Program: How Long Till It's Gone? Natural Resources Agent, Lara Milligan, will lead a youth activity for ages 7 to 12 to learn about smart consumer choices. Opportunities to get involved in citizen science will also be explored! Free; advance registration required. 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

August 19

Rainwater Harvesting Workshop: Educators from UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County will host an informative workshop on Rainwater Harvesting. During this 60-minute program, participants will learn the basics of how to conserve water in their landscape and how to build and care for a rain barrel. This program is intended for an adult audience. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Free; completed rain barrels may be purchased for \$40 in advance. Advance registration required. Register online at www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com. For additional information call (727) 453-6524. Weedon Island Preserve, 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

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August 20

Brooker Creek Musical Jamboree: The Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve are hosting a musical jamboree. Music lovers of all ages are encouraged to come, listen and enjoy. The jam session will be led by a local musician. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

August 24

Keep Cooling Costs Low: Beat the heat this summer by learning easy ways to conserve energy while keeping your home cool. In this FREE one hour presentation, you will learn all about your HVAC system and find out how you can lower your energy bill without sacrificing comfort. Join UF/IFAS Extension and learn how to keep cooling costs low! 6:00 p.m. Register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/keep-cooling-costs-low-tickets-36401697457>. Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33705.

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August 26

Discover Prehistoric Florida: People have lived throughout Florida for thousands of years, but the only way we know about them is through archaeology and the clues they left behind. Explore some of Florida's most unique archaeological sites and the amazing finds that archaeologists have made. Learn what it was like to live in prehistoric Florida long ago, complete with real artifacts and replicas of tools that ancient Floridians would have used to survive. 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

August 26

Wildflower Garden Work Day: Join Brooker Creek Preserve volunteers 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. to help maintain the wildflower garden. Wear closed toed shoes and bring hand gardening tools, gloves, hat and bug repellent. We will provide breakfast snacks and coffee. No gardening experience necessary. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

August 26

Wetland Wildflowers: Florida's freshwater wetlands are home to some amazing wildflowers. Let one of our specialists introduce you to these denizens of the swamp! We promise you won't get your feet wet while meeting these beautiful and interesting plants. Recommended for adults. 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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Basic Mushroom Identification: This program will begin by reviewing some of the basic features used for mushroom identification. Afterwards, we will go out into the field and put those skills to use to identify some samples growing at the Brooker Creek Preserve. Presented by mycological expert, Arian Faidr, B.S. 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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September 7

Rainwater Harvesting and Plant Selection: Water Wise Landscaping Workshop: Citizens are invited to join in this water wise landscaping workshop presented by Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ experts. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at waterwiseseptember.eventbrite.com. UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, (727) 453-6524; 12540 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

September 9

Fort De Soto Nature Walk: Participants can take a guided nature walk through beautiful Fort De Soto Park. Nature walks wander through one of the park's six different natural communities. The featured walk this day will be "beach" with Fort De Soto volunteer guide Robbie. Participants should meet at the picnic shelter south of the Fort. A park map is available online, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. \$5 parking fee. Registration required: (727)582-2267, select option 8. Fort De Soto Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde. www.pinellascounty.org/parks/guided-walks.htm.

September 9

What's that Wading Bird?: Is it an Egret or a Heron? Florida is home to many beautiful wading birds. With a few tips you can learn to tell them all apart. These birds also play an important role in Florida's ecosystems. Meet these birds in this class for the whole family. 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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September 9

Oil Spill Science: Join us for a guest lecture from Dr. Monica Wilson of the [Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative](#) to learn about the latest oil spill science and how oil spills affect the Tampa Bay area and Florida. The presentation will be followed by a question & answer session. Dr. Wilson works with Florida Sea Grant in St. Petersburg, FL as a member of the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) outreach team. Her role is to transfer information between GoMRI oil spill scientists and coastal stakeholders. The oil spill science outreach's program's focus is on the two-way transfer of information between the people whose livelihoods depend on the health of the Gulf of Mexico or who are involved in the protection and management of Gulf of Mexico coastal and marine resources; and the GoMRI scientists, administrators and board of directors. Recommended for ages 15+. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com. Weedon Island Preserve, (727) 453-6500; 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

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Palm Care, Maintenance and Diseases: This will be an IPM approach to overall palm health. Maintenance practices with regard to nutritional health will be covered as well as proper pruning and sterilization of equipment. Lastly, the most common diseases will be covered. A maximum of 2 CEU's earned. 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$40; free to County employees and Master Gardeners. Advance registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=35970859810>. (727) 582-2100; UF/IFAS Extension, 12540 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

September 13

Dunedin Documentaries: The City of Dunedin in partnership with UF/IFAS Extension will offer film screenings that will explore a range of sustainability issues. These free screenings are family friendly for adults and youth 5th grade or older. Each film will be followed by the opportunity for discussion. Weather Gone Wild - Explore recent extreme weather events and the scientific projections of what we can expect over the next few decades. [See the trailer.](#) 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free; advance registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dunedin-documentaries-tickets-31610964245?aff=es2>

Dunedin Community Center, 1920 Pinehurst Road, Dunedin.

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Birds in Classical Music: Join Lynn Sumerson of Clearwater Audubon as he demonstrates how, why and by whom birds were used as themes in classical music using very brief examples with musical accompaniments. Free; advance registration required 10:30 to Noon. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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September 23

Weedon Photography Hike: Participants can hike the preserve in search of that perfect photo. This program provides great opportunities for photographers of all levels to hone their skills. After a brief classroom session, volunteers highlight seasonal features of the preserve as well as specific wildlife behaviors that help participants capture the natural beauty of Weedon Island Preserve. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com. Weedon Island Preserve, (727) 453-6500; 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

September 23

Tampa Bay: Paradise Lost (and Found Again): From a stagnant poster child for pollution that was once featured on the TV show “60 Minutes” to a national model for success in regional cooperation, this engaging presentation chronicles the journey of Tampa Bay from ruin to recovery. As we celebrate National Estuaries Week, audience members will take a whirlwind history tour of our own “estuary of national significance” and learn about some of the fascinating creatures that live in, on and around our region’s signature waterway. Participants will also be invited to test their “Tampa Bay IQ” with our fun trivia challenge. Presentation given by Nanette O'Hara. 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Free; register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

September 23

Our Wildest Place – Guided Hike: Why is Brooker Creek Preserve “Our Wildest Place?” Nearly 9,000 acres of undeveloped land in our crowded county is a real treasure. Discover a bit of our native habitats and the plants and animals that call the preserve home. This hike is .75 mi, an easy stroll. Free; advance registration required. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

September 23

Fort De Soto Nature Walk: Participants can take a guided nature walk through beautiful Fort De Soto Park. Nature walks wander through one of the park’s six different natural communities. The featured walk this day will be “beach” with Fort De Soto volunteer guide Judi. Participants should meet at the picnic shelter south of the Fort. A park map is available online, 10 to 11 a.m. \$5 parking fee. Registration required: (727)582-2267, select option 8. Fort De Soto Park, 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde. www.pinellascounty.org/parks/guided-walks.htm.

September 26

CORE: Pesticide labels, calibration and safety will be covered. 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. \$20; County employees free. Register online at www.eventbrite.com and search keyword “CORE.” UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, (727) 582-2100; 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

September 26

Right Plant Right Place: Properly chosen, installed and established shrubs and trees are healthy, help to hold the ground, reduce stormwater runoff, and tend to use fewer resources to enhance nature. This program will cover the standards that must be considered to select proper plants for a certain location. Register online at www.eventbrite.com and search keyword “CORE.” UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, (727) 582-2100; 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo.

September 28

Book Time at Brooker: Bring your preschooler to this program designed to connect them to the wonders of the natural world. In addition to hearing a great story, your child will participate in a craft, game or other hands-on activity related to the story that is read. This activity is recommended for ages 3 to 5. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Free; register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

September 29

Family Fun Friday Mornings: Join us for a series of family & youth-oriented programs at Brooker Creek Preserve! Help your children build an interest in the natural world through fun and educational activities you can do together! 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

September 30

Nature Photography Hike: Join photographers and interpretive naturalists Karl and Kathleen Nichter for a hike at Brooker Creek Preserve. We will discuss photography and nature while hiking, stopping when we find subjects to photograph. We start with a short classroom session on some of the basics just to get us all thinking about photography, then we talk about what we might see based on the season and that day's weather. After that we head out to the trails. Each hike has a slightly different theme based on what nature might have on offer that day, the photo techniques we discuss, and the interests of the group. If it rains, we stay inside for a presentation and lively discussion of nature photography. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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September 30

Wildflower Garden Work Day: Join Brooker Creek Preserve volunteers 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. to help maintain the wildflower garden. Wear closed toed shoes and bring hand gardening tools, gloves, hat and bug repellent. We will provide breakfast snacks and coffee. No gardening experience necessary. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.



Pinellas County complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in an event or class, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. At least seven days prior to the event or class, please contact the Office of Human Rights, 400 S. Fort Harrison Ave., Suite 500, Clearwater, FL 33756, (727) 464-4062 (Voice/TDD).

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