



Discover Paradise in Pinellas County – November and December, 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 and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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, Mischief 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 and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 2

Salty Topics: Symbiosis and Slime: Corals and Their Microbial Partners: The ecological, economic, and aesthetic importance of coral reefs is widely recognized, as is the threat to corals throughout the world from a variety of anthropogenic stresses. Such stresses can lead to loss of the corals' microbial symbionts, namely the algae that lives inside their tissues, resulting in coral "bleaching" and death. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free; register online at: www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com Weedon Island Preserve, (727) 453-6500; 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

November 2, 9, 16 and 30

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.

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November 4

Rainwater Harvesting and Vegetable Gardening: Water-Wise Landscaping: Participants will learn about rainwater harvesting, and preparing a fall vegetable garden in this Water-Wise Landscaping workshop. 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free; advance registration required. <http://waterwisenovember.eventbrite.com> Rain barrels available for \$40. UF/IFAS Extension Pinellas County, (727) 582-2100; 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774.

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Growing Vegetables in Containers: You want vegetables but the sunniest part of your yard is on your patio or lanai? or you have no yard, only a lanai or patio or balcony or...? Try growing vegetables in containers. This class will discuss all aspects of vegetable gardening in containers, including container selection, watering, fertilizing and possible pests and diseases with their controls. Two classes: 2:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Free; register online at Eventbrite.com and search for title. Palm Harbor Library, 2330 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor.

November 9

Wee Time at Weedon: This program is designed to introduce pre-school children to the wonders of the natural and cultural world. Every second and fourth Thursday of each month, children are treated to a variety of stories and hands-on activities that connect them to their environment. This activity is recommended for ages 3 to 5. 10:30 to 11:15 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.

November 11

Music in the Woods: The trio "2PM" will be playing songs from their latest album, **Writing on the Wall**, as well as other favorites at our outdoor music pavilion. So bring a lawn chair and a picnic and enjoy their wonderful harmonies and contemporary folk music in the woods! Sorry, no alcohol or pets allowed. 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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November 11

Kitchen Botany: **Kitchen Botany:** You may know more than you think about botany from everyday interactions with plants in the kitchen. We will explore where our fruits, vegetables, herbs and spices really come from and how many of them were “domesticated” from wild plants. Recommended for adults and youth over 12. 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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Music with Mar. with Miss Karen: Enjoy a fun music and movement show for babies six month through age 5, including all of Mr. Froggy's favorite songs about nature and animals! Karen Gliddon from Music with Mar. presents an interactive show where learning is "unFROGettable". Join us for this free program! 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Free, advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

November 14

Sustainability Connections – The Secret Life of Your Clothes: Ever wonder what happens to your donated clothes? Turns out a lot of them end up in Africa, creating a multi-billion dollar industry. Come join us for a film screening followed by a community discussion on the beautiful USF St. Pete campus. Free; advance registration at <http://bit.ly/2upCCCs>. University of South Florida St Petersburg – Lynn Pippenger Hall, (727) 582-2517; 700 4th St South St. Petersburg.

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November 17

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 to 11:00 a.m. Free; advance registration at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

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November 18

Footprints on the Land Guided Hike: Discover the many “footprints” that have been left on the land during this casual and entertaining hike. Native American, early settler and modern developers have changed our native habitats, find out how a preserve like Brooker is a place where those habitats can be restored for the health of the whole county. 9:00 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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Archaeology Works: Mounds and Middens: What's the best way to learn about a person, whether they lived thousands of years ago or today? Look through their garbage of course! Archaeologists study prehistoric trash piles or middens to gain a wealth of information about the past. They also investigate purpose built mounds that still dot the Florida landscape in order to learn about prehistoric societies. Learn the difference between a mound and a midden, and the archaeology of Weedon Island, in this fun and hands-on workshop. Recommended for all ages. 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com. Weedon Island Preserve, (727) 453-6500; 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

November 25

Extended Brooker Creek Guided Hike: Join us for a 2.8 to 4 mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Hike trails will be determined by trail condition. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. 9:00 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

November 25

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.

November 26

Swamp and Sandhill Surprises – Guided Hike: Every day the preserve reveals new natural wonders. Join us on this leisurely 1-mile hike to uncover the latest secrets of nature in Brooker Creek's wet and dry habitats. Led by a volunteer hike guide. 9:30 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.

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Dunedin Documentaries – Just Eat It: We all love food - so why are we throwing so much of it away? Filmmakers and food lovers Jen and Grant dive into the issue of waste from farm, through retail, all the way to the back of their own fridge. Join us for a film screening followed by a community discussion. Free; advanced registration at <http://bit.ly/2ylo5E9>. Dunedin Community Center, (727) 582-2517; 1920 Pinehurst Road Dunedin.

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Wildlife Hike: Join an experienced naturalist as you hike along boardwalks and natural trails at Brooker Creek Preserve. This will be a learning experience for everyone! Come prepared with your binoculars and questions as we enjoy "Our Wildest Place"! 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Free; advance registration at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

December 16

Footprints on the Land Guided Hike: Discover the many "footprints" that have been left on the land during this casual and entertaining hike. Native American, early settler and modern developers have changed our native habitats, find out how a preserve like Brooker is a place where those habitats can be restored for the health of the whole county. 9:00 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.

December 21

Archaeology Lecture Series: Florida's Container Revolution – The Historical Consequences of Late Archaic Pottery Adoption: Traditional accounts suggest that the adoption of pottery technology in Florida approximately 4,700 years ago came with few, if any, discernible impacts on the hunter-gatherer societies involved. Recent research has revealed a number of important cultural transformations that coincided with pottery's appearance, including shifts in settlement, exchange, monument construction and mortuary traditions. 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.weedonislandpreserve.eventbrite.com. Weedon Island Preserve, (727) 453-6500; 1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg.

December 23

Extended Brooker Creek Guided Hike: Join us for a 2.8 to 4 mile walk as we look at how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes. Hike trails will be determined by trail condition. Sturdy closed-toe shoes are a must, and water and a hat are recommended. 9:00 a.m. Free; advance registration required. Register online at www.brookercreekpreserve.eventbrite.com. Brooker Creek Preserve, (727) 453-6800; 3940 Keystone Road, Tarpon Springs.

December 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.

December 31

Swamp and Sandhill Surprises – Guided Hike: Every day the preserve reveals new natural wonders. Join us on this leisurely 1-mile hike to uncover the latest secrets of nature in Brooker Creek's wet and dry habitats. Led by a volunteer hike guide. 9:30 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.



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