

VOLUNTEER VOICE

A newsletter by and for Pinellas County government volunteers.



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PRESIDENTIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Emma Mason (Weedon Island Preserve) and **Susan "Jay" Jones** (Lake Seminole Park) were presented with their Lifetime Achievement Awards at the June 3rd Board of County Commissioners meeting. A few friends - volunteers and staff alike - attended to applaud them!

Florida Botanical Gardens honors former foundation president

Former Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation president **Chuck Scaffidi** had a new water statue dedicated to him at the Diggin' the Arts Festival on Sunday, May 4.

The Diggin' the Arts Festival at the Florida Botanical Gardens celebrated all things art with artists, vendors and art-lovers filling the winding and natural trails of the Gardens.

The new statue, which was built by local artists Owen Pach and Jonathan Schork, is located

outside of the wedding garden area and was an idea proposed by Scaffidi more than two years ago.



Jim Goodburn (Weedon Island Preserve) received his Lifetime Achievement Award June 6, presented by Sandy Wilson, Volunteer Program Project Manager, and Holly Rush, Extension Specialist.

To see a video of the April Volunteer Appreciation event, [CLICK HERE.](#)



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the Colors of PINELLAS

We are DELIGHTED to present just some of the artwork submitted by Pinellas County volunteers for the 8th Annual *Colors of Pinellas Art Show*. We wish we had room for all of them! Click [HERE](#) to view the art show gallery and [HERE](#) to view the Winners slide show.



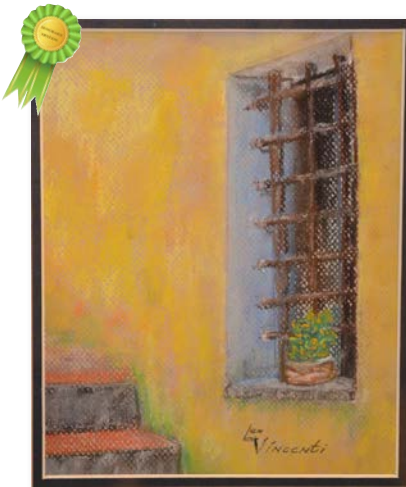
Joanne Drake, "Blue Heron", photography



Terri Gonzalez, "Gopher Tortoise Brooker Creek", works on paper



Cassie Combs, "maggadoodle", painting

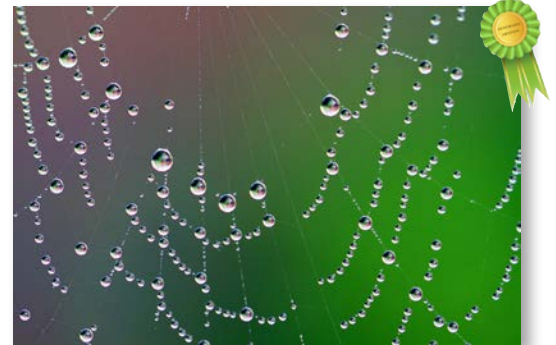


Len Vincenti, "Window", works on paper

Honorable Mention - Adult Intermediate

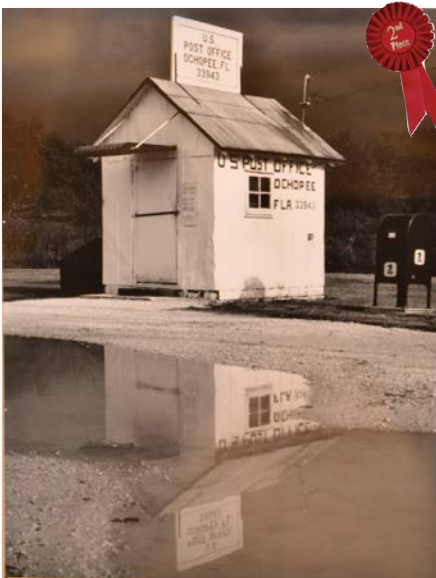


Gabrielle Harrison, "Dashboard Dreams", photography



Elizabeth Pearson, "Spider Lights", photography

Honorable Mention - Adult Intermediate

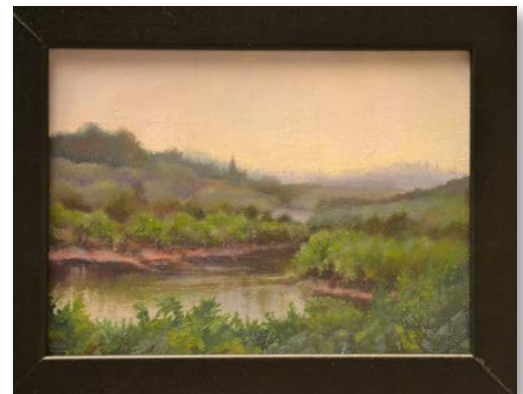


Jude Bagatti, "Ochopee Post Office", photography

2nd Place - Adult Intermediate



Lou Dobon, "Eagle Eyes", photography



Nancy Brown, "Fog in Apollo Beach Preserve", painting



Jane Myers, "Gopher Tortoise Brooker Creek", works on paper

THE
National
ARTS
PROGRAM.

Came down for a dog - left with a pack!



Our friends at Animal Services sent us this photo of a couple (Mr. in the green tee and Mrs. with a back pack) who drove from Canada after seeing Riley, the dog in the center, on PetFinder. They also spotted a kitten they had to have and 2 dog buddies for Riley! If you ever wonder if volunteering affects lives, here is living proof!

Pinterest

Have you heard of Pinterest? It helps people discover things in a simple, visual way and connects people through shared interests—their passions, hobbies, tastes and values. “Pins” are like little bookmarks and people can “follow” the boards whose “Pins” they like. Volunteer Services has been developing a Pinterest board and we hope you’ll follow it. Topics include volunteer events, healthy tips and recipes, gardening, do-it-yourself projects, and much more. Search for us on Pinterest by entering “Pinellas County Volunteers”. You’ll see our logo. Or you can just click [HERE](#). Take a look. Let us know what you think!

More Volunteer Opportunities

Click on the underlined title to view,
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Office of Human Rights Certified American Sign Language Interpreter

Clearwater, call 464-8477

Interns

Various departments, county-wide

email volunteers@pinellascounty.org

Clerical

Various departments, county-wide

email volunteers@pinellascounty.org

Events and Exhibits



On **September 27**, 2014 St. Petersburg's cultural institutions open their doors for free from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m! Click on the link above for more information.

How to Read a Beach

August 23, 2014, 3:30 p.m.

In this illustrated talk, participants will have the chance to explore the exciting, ever-changing zone where land meets sea. What can often-overlooked hills, holes, and wrinkles tell us about our beach sands, plants, and animals? Every beach is full of clues hidden in plain view. Tonya Clayton is the author of “How to Read a Florida Gulf Coast Beach.” Books will be available for purchase. She is a graduate of the Florida Master Naturalist Program and the Florida Natural Resources Leadership Institute. Suitable for all ages. Free; registration required.

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