



# Friends of St. Sebastian River

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The mission of the Friends of St. Sebastian River is to maintain and improve the health and beauty of the St. Sebastian River and its watershed.

## **THE ST. SEBASTIAN RIVER WATERSHED TODAY**

Our speaker this month is Dr. David Cox, of David Cox Consulting, an environmental consulting firm in Vero Beach. David may be familiar to many of you as he has been a past recipient of our Environmental Enhancement Award, and also involved with many other groups and organizations on our area.

Dr. Cox's presentation will explore how recent government actions may affect the health of this coastal stream in the 21st century. Topics to be discussed will include: changing land use and its relation to water quality in the St. Sebastian River Watershed; the local impacts of new EPA water quality standards for nutrient pollution in Florida; and the status of the St. Sebastian River Greenway.

At the meeting you may also pay your dues, as this is our membership renewal time of year. Please see the related article in this newsletter for more information on membership and renewing.

The meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 PM** at the North Indian River County Library at 1001 Sebastian Blvd., in Sebastian. All are welcome and refreshments will be served following the presentation.

## **ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

As mentioned in our May newsletter, the Friends turned 20 years old in June. We have been kicking around ideas on how to celebrate this milestone and decided to postpone our celebration until October, with an "Oktoberfest" type party on Saturday, October 24! The event will be held at Dale Wimbrow Park on Roseland Road in Sebastian from 3 to 6 PM and there will be lots of German-style food to enjoy. We are also planning on outdoor games and kayaking too, plus a few other activities that we are working on. Please stop by to help us celebrate our first 20 years and have some fun!

## **"TURNING THE TIDE" – IRC STORMWATER DIVISION NEWSLETTER**

"Turning the Tide" is a monthly newsletter produced by the Indian River County Stormwater Division. The newsletter "...offers citizens interesting environmental education material, valuable pollution prevention techniques, and information on current events and news affecting the Indian River Lagoon." The newsletter is available online on the County's website at: [www.ircgov.com/stormwater](http://www.ircgov.com/stormwater).

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

October is membership renewal time. All our memberships run from October through September each year. If you initially joined and paid dues between April 1 and September 30, we credit your membership through until October 1 in your second year of membership. The date following your last name on the mailing label of our newsletter is the month in which our records reflect that your membership either did or will expire. If you feel the date is not correct, or have a question about your membership, please call our treasurer Sherry Shipley at 772-589-4979 or Tim Glover at 772-589-0636, or send us an email or letter at the addresses in this newsletter. Please include a phone number or email address where you can be reached.

You can mail your membership to the address in this newsletter or pay at one of our regular meetings. Also keep in mind that you can now renew your membership online through our website using PayPal! Please see the “Membership Info/Renew” page of our website for more information. Thanks again to all of you for your continued support!

## **ONLINE FLORIDA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION GUIDE**

“Developed in collaboration (sic) with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and others, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) Florida Wildlife Conservation Guide (Guide) offers users at any experience level a compendium of guidance and reference materials related to wildlife, land use planning and conservation. Private landowners have information about various programs available including incentive-based mitigation programs.”

For more information and to view the guide, please visit the FWC website at:  
<http://myfwc.com/conservation/fwcg.htm>.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS REQUESTED**

This award is given annually by the Friends to an individual or business, that has enhanced the environmental quality of the St. Sebastian River area, by one of the following criteria: 1) Landscaping – using environmentally friendly plants (i.e. mostly natives), or pest plant removal projects; 2) Water quality projects – storm water runoff control, muck removal or pollution reduction (i.e. fertilizers/chemicals, installation of sewers, etc.); 3) Open land conservation – donation or purchase of conservation easement; 4) Erosion control – planting of appropriate plants along vulnerable areas.

If you know of someone or a business in our area that has carried out such a project this year, please let us know. Look for our application forms at our general meeting, on our website, at our display at select public events, or you can call Anne Putman at 772-388-3666. Nominations need to be received by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **ESTUARIES – WHERE RIVERS MEET THE SEA**

“National Estuaries Day is an annual celebration of the vibrant coastal areas where rivers meet the sea-estuaries. Celebrated on the last Saturday in September, National Estuaries Day is a great opportunity to learn more about these magical ecosystems and how you can help to protect them. Whether you live close enough to visit your local estuary, or you virtually transport yourself to an estuary anywhere in the world via the Internet; take some time on September 26th, or any day of the year, to explore these amazing places.”

To learn more about what an estuary is, and for more information about National Estuaries Day, please visit the Estuaries.Gov website at: [www.estuaries.gov](http://www.estuaries.gov).

## ST. SEBASTIAN PAINTING RAFFLE

The Friends raffled off a painting this past winter donated by Richard Gillmor – Sebastian City Mayor, Sebastian River Art Club and Friends member. Richard recently donated a second painting to the Friends for raffle once again. The painting is a scene of the South Prong of the St. Sebastian River. You may view the painting at our upcoming public meetings and events, or on the “Photo Gallery” page of our website.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. The drawing for the painting will be held at our General/Annual Meeting in January 2010. Contact us to purchase tickets, or attend one of our meetings.

## NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

“For more than a decade now, EPA has joined governments, communities and citizens taking part in National Pollution Prevention Week. Pollution prevention measures can protect the environment before pollution even begins, save energy and natural resources, and leave our homes, schools and workplaces cleaner and safer.”

“In 2009, National Pollution Prevention Week is September 21-27. It's great to recycle and treat waste, but preventing pollution in the first place saves money and protects the environment.”

“Reducing pollution before it ever gets to the environment is one of the most important ways to protect the environment. By reducing our energy and creating less waste, for example, we reduce the need for expensive environmental controls, treatment, disposal - and even cleanup. Pollution prevention has grown from a good idea many years ago to one of the principal ways our country protects the environment.”

For more information about National Pollution Prevention Week, please visit the EPA website at: [www.epa.gov/p2week](http://www.epa.gov/p2week).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

July 1, 2009 – August 31, 2009

Balance 7/1/09 .....	\$4859.54
Receipts .....	105.00
Total .....	4964.54
Disbursements .....	44.00
Balance 8/31/09 .....	\$4920.54

George Schum Memorial Award Fund

Total to date .....	\$334.00
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 19  
**Ocean Conservancy International  
Coastal Cleanup**

Local coordinator – Keep Indian  
River Beautiful  
info: 772-388-5472 or  
[www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org) or  
[www.kirb.org](http://www.kirb.org)



Monday, September 21, 7:30 PM  
**Sea Turtle Research in Florida**  
Steve Traxler, Inwater  
Research Group

Community Center, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave.,  
Vero Beach

info: [www.pelicanislandaudubon.org](http://www.pelicanislandaudubon.org)



Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 PM  
**The St. Sebastian River  
Watershed Today**

Dr. David Cox  
FSSR

North IR County Library, Sebastian



Wednesday, September 23, 7 PM  
**Treasured Waters – The  
Indian River Lagoon**

Rick Kelly & Camille Yates  
Harbor Branch

Oceanographic Institute  
5600 US 1 North, Ft. Pierce  
info: 772-465-2400, x559 or  
<http://www.fau.edu/hboi/Events.php>



Saturday, October 24, 3 – 6 PM  
**FSSR 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration/Oktoberfest**

Dale Wimbrow Park  
Roseland, Rd, Sebastian  
info: [www.fssr.org](http://www.fssr.org)

Please visit the “Meeting Info/  
Events” page of our website  
for more events!

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## APPLICATION FORM

The Friends of St. Sebastian River depends on member support for programs of conservation and education.

**Individual \$10/year Family \$15/year**

**Corporate \$50/year**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests, concerns or expertise: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here to allow us to use your contact info on our membership list in the "Members Only" section of our website. To restrict use of any info, list here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed application and dues to:

**P.O. Box 284, Roseland, Florida 32957-0284**

**NOTE:** The date on your mailing label is the month/year when your dues are next due. Thank you.

## Officers for 2009

President . . . . . Tim Glover  
Vice President . . . . . Frank Wegel  
Secretary . . . . . Gayle Heath  
Treasurer . . . . . Sherry Shipley

## Directors for 2009

Paul Barker . . . . . Tom Bauer  
Mike Beck . . . . . Buzz Herrmann  
George Koraly . . . . . Anne Putman  
Lynn Stieglitz . . . . . Bruce Zingman

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Your name could/should be here!

## CORPORATE SPONSORS

About Kayaks/Steve Philipson  
Kayaks Etc./Kristen & Mike Beck