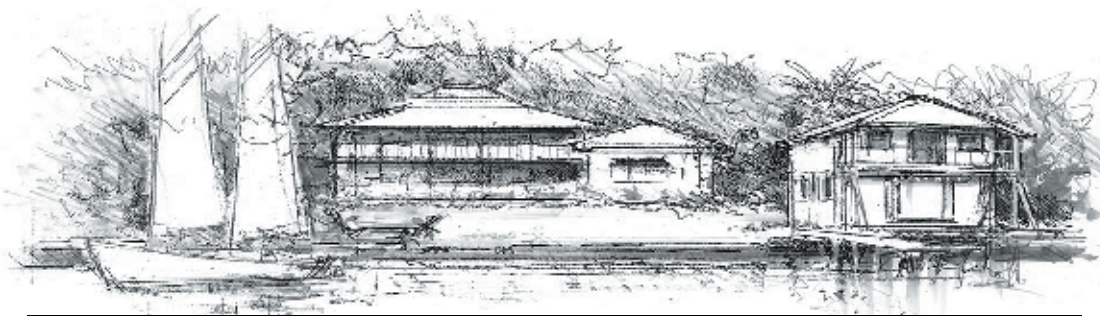


# The News Packet

Spring 2019



## THE BARNACLE SOCIETY



### A Walk in the Park

*Katrina A. Boler, Park Manager*

Today's **Walk in the Park** felt more like early-summer rather than waning days of "winter" as the calendar attests. It's a beautiful sunny day with many families relaxing from the Coconut Grove Arts Festival

and listening to music that filters from Peacock Park... and life in the Park goes on.

Amidst heavy event/program activity, the long-awaited Fire Suppression Systems have been installed and have passed inspection. Now we eagerly await the restoration to begin...until then; we've been giving free quick "hard-hat" tours seeing interesting things regarding The Barnacle's construction that is normally behind the scenes.

On Saturday, February 16, Florida Park Service (FPS) Director Eric Draper and Assistant Director Chuck Hatcher arrived at Cape Florida for this District's Volunteer Appreciation Day. In a big tent beyond the Lighthouse, overlooking the water, Volunteers were honored with various awards and our happy band of Barnacle Volunteers were among them. Youth Volunteer: James Diaz; Long-term Project: Ralph Middleton Munroe Chapter of Traditional Small Craft Association for **Cape Sabal Sparrow**; and Crystal Peattie, Center Street Projects for Cultural Project of the Year with **The Haunted Ballet 2018**. Colleen Stovall, Florida Shakespeare Theatre was recognized for Historic Project for Shakespeare in the Park 2018's production of **Hamlet** and Sweet Pea Ellman was recognized for her outstanding volunteer accomplishments. We are blessed to have so many volunteers beyond those who were recognized this year ~ we're already planning next year's nominations!

Each year, the FPS recognizes employees with various awards. Our own Jessica Cabral was named District 5's Interpreter of the Year. This is quite an honor to be selected from all the State Park interpreters from Fort Pierce to Key West as nominees are then considered for the coveted Joe Kenner Award. In

January, in Tampa, Jessica was awarded this top honor. Additionally, on Saturday, she was named District 5's Employee of the Month for December. We are so very proud of her accomplishments!

In another Staff Note ~ Michael Pinate is leaving for six months for the Reserves. While we'll miss him ~ we welcome Sarah Wurzel who is filling in as Exotic Removal Ranger. Michael was rather happy to learn that his hard work over the past nine months won't disappear as Sarah will continue to root out those pesky exotics, non-native Florida plants as quickly as they come back.

Save this issue's event calendar and watch **FloridaStateParks.org** and **TheBarnacle.org** for details on what's next at YOUR state park!



### My View from the Porch

*John Palenchar, President*

Spring is in the air; the Regatta season is in full swing on the Bay, and The Barnacle spring event season is upon us! As we go to press, our Washington's Birthday Regatta, commemorating the very first Regatta on Biscayne Bay, organized by Commodore Munroe, has been held for its 23rd year! And our March 30th annual membership meeting and fundraiser is on the horizon. This year's theme is "BAYOU BASH," and the food, music and Silent Auction promise an evening to remember! Reservations can be made online on our website [thebarnacle.org](http://thebarnacle.org).

Speaking of which, our Barnacle Society website has a fresh, new look. Please check it out and explore all that our Park has to offer. Also, next time you visit (and visit you must!), you will enjoy the new and improved interpretive signs throughout the Park, which your membership dollars have paid for.

We can be truly proud of all we do. Please encourage your friends to join The Barnacle Society and strengthen the support of this Miami treasure we call "The Barnacle."

## On the Waterfront

By Bill Tenney

As planned, **Egret** went into the water without difficulty on December 5. The masts were stepped immediately after at CGSC. The launch team consisted of John Palenchar, Lee Taylor, Renny Young, Jason Biondi, and me. Also helping behind the scenes were Alyn Pruett and Bob Deresz. We got the rigging right this time, and with her new paint, **Egret** is beautiful.

Maritime volunteer Jason Biondi has turned his attention to **Egret**.

He and I, paddling together, have learned that we can get **Egret** away from her mooring, which is close in-shore, and out where there is room to sail. Jason's girlfriend, Sanna, and my wife, Nora, are necessary as crew. Even though we cherish history, the addition of a modern engine some days seems enticing.

Since going in the water, **Egret** has been sailed seven times (twice a month). It is so good to see that she is sailing regularly again, even without a dock. Hooray!

On January 13, Jason and I did a successful silent auction sail. The four people we took sailing were a delight. I am proud and happy to announce that Jason was approved to sail **Egret** independently.

The saga of the hurricane-Irma-damaged dock continues. There was another meeting with our consultant on the dock replacement issue. Present were Katrina, Alyn, John Pal, Lee, Mike Chapman, Renny Young, and me. The consultant strongly recommended that we rebuild on the existing pilings, to minimize costs and time of reconstruction. An examination of the pilings by a diver recommended by Board member Debra Wellins has confirmed that the existing pilings can support a new dock. That is great news, knowing that a full reconstruction of the dock would exceed \$100,000!

Washington's Birthday Regatta is one of the premier annual events at The Barnacle. John Palenchar was again this year the event planner. Registered boats for the race were split into three categories. Mike Chapman sailed the new boat, **Sparrow**, which was built in the Barnacle's Boat House. Jason and I, with Sanna and Nora, sailed **Egret**. Under the sharp eye and guidance of the CGSC Race Committee, several races were held in each category. The sun was out, the air was dry, and the sky was beautiful, as were the "paint worthy" white caps visible on the bay. The wind was at the rendezvous, and gusts often exceeded 20 knots! These conditions provided much fun, but much work for all involved. To reward all participating sailors, an Awards ceremony featured a delicious fish chowder prepared by Bruce Matheson and a vegetarian chowder prepared by Janice Pruitt and her happy band of veggie choppers. Ahoy sailors, see you all next year!



*Award ceremony*

Photo by Martha Ledesma & Saralee Lamb



*Alyn Pruett, Ken Gill & John Palenchar*

Photo by Debra Wellins



*Egret with Jason Biondi at tiller,  
Bill & Nora Tenney*

Photo by Sanna O'Sullivan

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## Volunteer Shout-Out *By Sheryl Weir-Latty*

In this issue, we take the time to recognize two of our wonderful volunteers. It is through their dedication, enthusiasm, and citizenship that our visitors can tour The Barnacle. Jim Stamps and Ami Keslov are more than volunteers. It is impossible to see an Angel, yet it happens because we are blessed to know them both. A couple like no other, these mystical, Heavenly personages are there helping in all capacities. They are always ready and able to help even with short notice. I believe their love of history, nature, and people are their driving force. Do not take my word for it. The next time you are at The Barnacle for a tour, you should ask Jim and Ami to be your tour guides. If you are lucky, they might even show you their wings. Jim Stamps and Ami Keslov: thank you!



*Jim Stamps & Ami Keslov*

## What is Going On at The Barnacle House? Your Money at Work. *By Sheryl Weir-Latty*

The Barnacle House Society is steadfast and resolute in our efforts to preserve the rich history of The Barnacle Historic State Park, in the heart of all our visitors. We continue to support and provided the much-needed funding for all projects, with your assistance. Completed project, the Fire Suppression System, costing approximately \$122,000.00.

We ask for your continued support, as we begin to prepare for our upcoming projects. The effects of Hurricane Irma are still visible at The Barnacle House. We are eager to wipe these visible remnants away. Our upcoming project is the dock replacement; the cost will exceed \$100,000!

Support our events, come out, and redeem your coupon for free popcorn. Donations are also graciously accepted at any time. Once again, THANK YOU!



*Nelson Del Rio  
enjoying his favorite spot.*



### Calendar of Upcoming Events: Spring 2019

#### **The Commodore's Birthday Party**

**Saturday, March 30**

Celebrate Ralph Munroe's birthday with a Bayou Bash ~ Louisiana-style supper, live music if Iko Iko, & silent auction!

#### **BID Movie at The Park: TBA**

**Friday, April 5**

#### **The Barnacle under Moonlight: Jennings & Keller**

**Saturday, April 13**

Enjoy an evening of live music under a moonlit sky. Gates open at 6 p.m. Lawn chairs and picnics welcome. No pets, please.

#### **Tea with Mr. Shakespeare**

**Saturday, April 20**

Shakespeare Miami presents a fun-filled afternoon of fairies, sonnets, games, and crafts. Come in costume or try one on.

#### **Earth Day Celebration**

**Sunday, April 28**

Celebrate Earth Day with super fun for super fit kids. Superheroes, bike valet, arts & crafts, music, ladybug release and much more!

#### **Woofstock**

**Sunday, May 5**

The Barnacle goes to the dogs with pet tricks, a look-alike contest, K-9 officer, animal blessing, and adoptions. Leashed pets welcome.

#### **The Barnacle under Moonlight: Solar Dogs**

**Saturday, May 11**

Enjoy an evening of live music under a moonlit sky. Gates open at 6 p.m. Lawn chairs and picnics welcome. No pets, please.

#### **BID Movie at The Park: TBA**

**Friday, May 31**

#### **Cars & Cigars**

**Sunday, June 16**

Celebrate Father's Day with classic cars, hand-rolled cigars, kids' crafts, live music, and more. Bring a picnic or purchase lunch from The Barnacle Society.

#### **BID Movie at The Park: TBA**

**Friday, June 28**

#### **Old-Fashioned Picnic: TBA**

**Thursday, July 4**

Celebrate Independence Day the good old-fashioned way at The Barnacle, with music, food, games & crafts for the whole family.

#### **BID Movie at The Park: TBA**

**Friday, Jul 26**

#### **BID Movie at The Park: TBA**

**Friday, August 24**

**Yoga by the Sea** continues each Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. \*\* *Except for December 24-31*

For more information, call **305-442-6866** or visit **[www.TheBarnacle.org](http://www.TheBarnacle.org)**

Events sponsored by The Barnacle Society raise funds to support The Barnacle. Picnics, blankets, and lawn chairs are welcome but please no pets at evening events. Service animals are welcomed at all times. Accessible facilities are available.





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*Present this card at any of our events  
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One popcorn per event.  
Three bags of popcorn on us.*



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### **Park Hours**

**Open:**  
**Friday, Saturday,  
Sunday and Monday**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Wednesday**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Thursday**

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Closed:**

Tuesday, News Year's,  
Thanksgiving,  
and Christmas Days

**Guided Tours**

10, 11:30 a.m., 1 and 2:30 p.m.

**Group Tours**

with two-week advance reservations  
are welcome Wednesday, Thursday  
**305-442-6866**

**[https://www.FloridaStateParks.org/  
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### **About This Newsletter**

*The News Packet* was created to inform members and public about The Barnacle Society, The Barnacle Historic State Park, and events and activities there. It's published quarterly by The Barnacle Society as part of its continuing program to support and preserve the home of Commodore Ralph Middleton Munroe. *The News Packet* represents the method of mail and news delivery before the turn of the 20th century. A small boat sailed to Fowey Rocks Light and received a "packet" of newspapers and mail from passing coastal sailing ships bound for Key West or Jacksonville.

*Olivier de Lavalette, Sheryl Weir-Latty  
& Bill Tenney, Editors*

### **Mission Statement**

The Barnacle Society, Inc. is a volunteer non-profit, citizen-supported organization created to generate public awareness, education, and financial support for the preservation and maintenance of **The Barnacle Historic State Park.**