



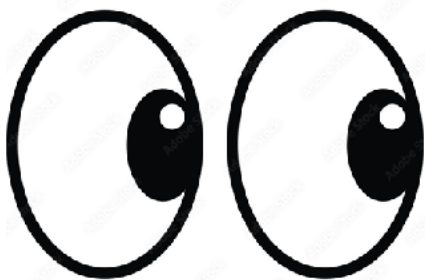
## Friends of the Anne Kolb Nature Center

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February 2025 Friends of Anne Kolb Nature Center Newsletter



Focus  
on Nature



Be sure to check out the new format for the monthly crossword puzzle, which some puzzle solvers may find easier!



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## **Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Newsletter Volunteers needed. (Contributors)**

Approved volunteer activities are:

- Volunteers/Friends who pick up trash along the kayak trails, triplex grounds and fence lines.
- Volunteers/Friends to hand pull weeds in the butterfly garden and beds.
- Volunteers/Friends to remove invasive, exotic plants at Anne Kolb and the natural areas of Hollywood North Beach Park.
- Friends of Anne Kolb involved with routine Friends activities such as gift shop inventory, photography, etc.

**See end of newsletter for opportunities!**

Any interested patrons, guests, friends/family of volunteers who would like to become marina clean-up kayaking volunteers should fill out a regular volunteer application first before participating in this water activity. Contact the volunteer site coordinator at Anne Kolb Nature Center for required volunteer information and paperwork.  
Thank you.

You may have noticed construction activity at the entrance of West Lake Park. This is the staging area for a mitigation project that will remove Australian Pines, add a crib system (similar to the one on the south side of Sheridan Street) to stabilize the shoreline and prevent erosion along the Intracoastal Waterway. Additionally, there will be some land side plantings and seagrass areas as well.



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### **Friends of Anne Kolb Volunteer Meeting Minutes- January 2, 2025**

Present: Christine McDade (staff), Rockell, Peggy, Kathy, Margaret, Pattie, and Kitty.

Officers report: Rockell says the tablet, Owl Book, stickers, & Science kit have all arrived--We discussed the use of the Cricut device with the tablet. We will revisit the issue when the use of the WIFI has been figured out. Peggy reported \$29,163.26 in our account. The bank transactions can be seen in the Friends record book. The donated Stork fabric art will be hung in the eco room, and Kathy sent out a thankyou note.

Lunch and Learn: Flyers are done and banners will be hung tomorrow. The first one will serve Baked Ziti with and also without meat. Coffee, drinks, and the serving equipment is here for the first L & L. Margaret will get the milk for coffee the day of the events, and Kathy will get the desert cookies. Pattie will decorate the tables--hopefully the night before. The second meal will be Chicken al-la-king, and then eggplant parmigiana.

Plant Sale for Feb. 15 is progressing well. Venders have been confirmed, (Alexanders, David Baits herbs, Rick orchids, Green Thumb, and the Master Gardeners). Chrissy and Peggy will buy about \$250 worth of native plants for the Friends to sell. We will start raffling off a "gardening" basket, and finish the raffle and pick the winner at the Feb. 21st. L & L. Chrissy will send out an email to get items for the basket brought to the center.

The Gift shop will be inventoried by Margaret next week. We need Med. "turtle shirts".

We talked about the \$5.00 dues being due, and need to get a general opinion or vote if we want to continue or waive them.

Jan. 11 is the "Bird" event. Margaret will do a story corner. Rockell, Kathy, and Peggy will be there. Dave will display falconry equipment and talk about it.

Reported and recorded by: Kathleen Hinman

**NEXT MEETING: February 6th in the Exhibit Hall at 7pm!**



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### The Anatomy of the Trap

By: Bob Goldberg

Anne Kolb Nature Center is part of the Broward County Park and Recreation System. It is located in West Lake Park, Hollywood, Florida. As you enter the park from Sheridan Street, the 1500 acre mangrove wetland offers ample parking and a welcoming bridge leading to two trails separated by a visitor center, an all-purpose party facility, and an exhibit hall building. The trails (1/4 mile each) are BTW (better than wood) surfaces making for an easy walk. Both trails terminate in West Lake for a turn around. The exhibit hall marks the beginning of the observation tower trail.

The exhibit hall has three rooms for checking out the natural offerings of the mangrove ecosystem. Room one has the little theatre, offering a video ten minutes in length explaining where you are. Room two has displays showing what may live in the estuary. Room three is home to a touch tank and aquaria with living animals. It is in room three where the fish trap lives.

The trap is operated by naturalists and volunteers. It is made of heavy-duty vinyl dipped steel mesh. An opening on the side has an easy sliding door with a coiled spring hook for closing. A wide opening on the front extends backwards as a funnel ending as a small opening, making easy entry and difficult escape. When bait is placed inside the trap is ready for work. Just add a length of coated wire and a ferrule for easy carrying.

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The aquaria in room three of the exhibit hall depend on the success of the trap. Over a period of many years traps have given visitors a broad understanding of what resides in West Lake. Even some immature ocean dwelling gamefish make their way into the estuary to play hide and seek until they are big enough to return to the ocean. Some may find the trap too hard to ignore. The list of trap visitors is numerous. Blue crab, rock crab, barracuda and toadfish were caught. Checkered puffer, minnows, and herring have been displayed. Big eye mojarra, grunt, and needlefish did not escape. Add the clown fish, that has orange and white stripes, and pin fish, and you have the work product of the tireless trap.

A visit to the Nature Center does not need an appointment and it's free.



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Anne Kolb Crossword Puzzles by Don Knies  
Answers on last page of newsletter.

**ANNE KOLB CROSSWORD: FEBRUARY,, 2025**

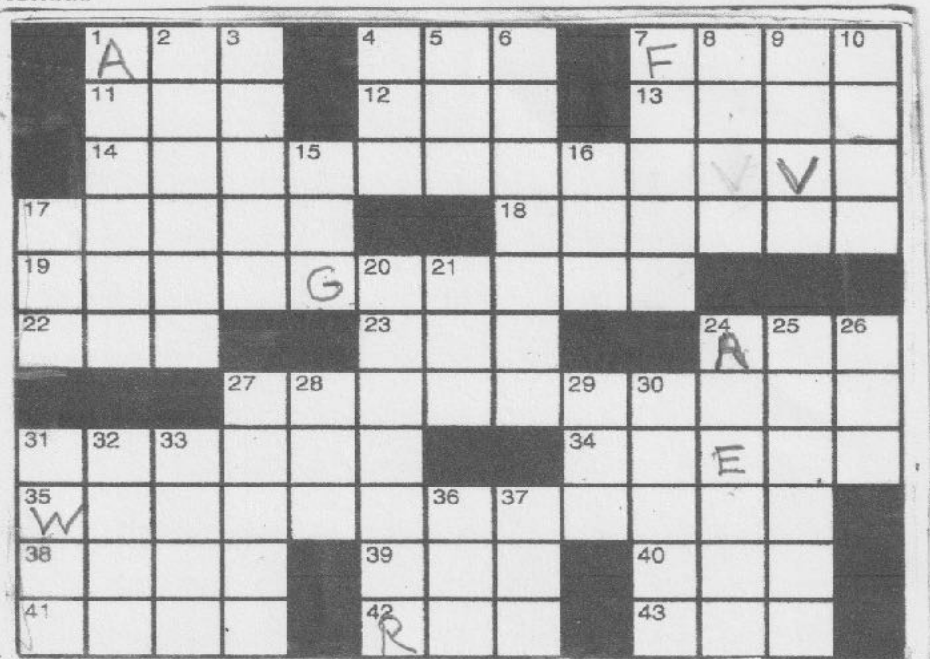
By Don Knies

**ACROSS**

1. Cash Dispenser
4. Mom partner
7. Casino card game
11. Word with shore or worthy
12. Paper promise
13. "Count on me"
14. HIGHEST INTENSITY MEASURE FOR HURRICANES
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Carpenter of the music industry
18. Sowed
19. WESTLAKE PK. CHILDREN'S FACILITY
22. What stage plays have
23. Bullfight cry
24. What marksmen does before a shot
27. LARGE WHITE BALDHEADED WADING BIRDS
31. "Sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ Notion": Ken Kesey novel
34. Rock concert, eg.
35. ACTIVITY TRIGGERED BY PHONE AT 19 ACROSS
38. Published opinion piece (abbr.)
39. Ending for hazard or moment
40. Text response to a joke
41. More opposite
42. Amtrak and Brightline, eg.
43. Specialist in areas at the neck and above

**DOWN**

1. "... \_\_\_\_\_ scale of 1 to 10..."
2. Pull apart violently
3. Shipboard chum
4. Oinker
5. Winning result in tic tac toe
6. Chases
7. Played a high-pitched woodwind
8. Base partner
9. Talk wildly
10. Possible numerical designation given to the 4th ground floor apt. unit
15. Span: Spanish :: \_\_\_\_\_: English
16. Desire (for)
17. Mil. personnel with kitchen chores
20. Give audible support to
21. Up there in years
24. "The short-form names for Reagan and Howard \_\_\_\_\_"
25. "\_\_\_\_\_ and started to pray and prayed for everybody I thought of": Ernest Hemingway.
26. Time for Denver Christmas (abbr.)
27. Cuts back unwanted growth
28. Paddling instrument
29. \_\_\_\_\_ Offensive: considered a turning point in Vietnam War
30. Immature ovum
31. Missing soldier abbreviation
32. Gaze in wonder at
33. Map abbr. for roads
36. Cont. bordered by Arctic O. on north and Mediterranean Sea on south
37. "Kick \_\_\_\_\_": behave in an aggressive and forceful manner





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Trashy Kayakers complete their first paddle of the New Year. It was a glorious day with lots of birds on the lake and on the Red and Blue Trails.





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*New volunteer  
Ricky gets well  
oriented to the  
trails by Vanessa*







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*Karen chasing  
down a fast moving  
red cup.*



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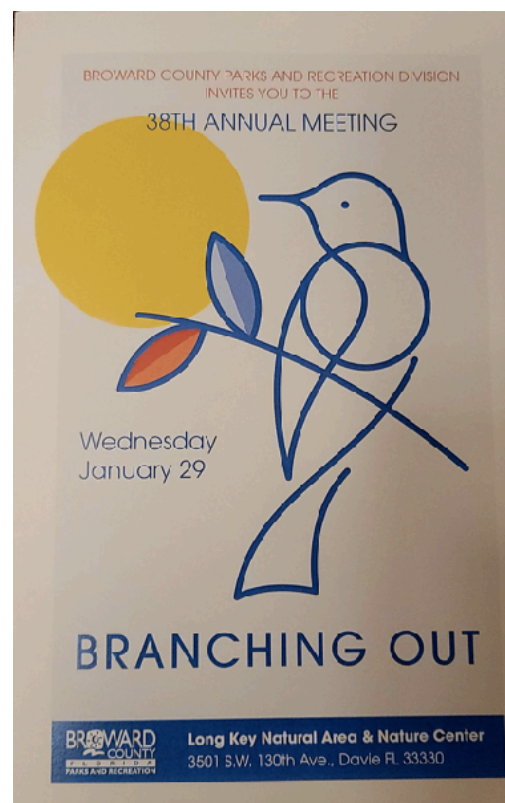
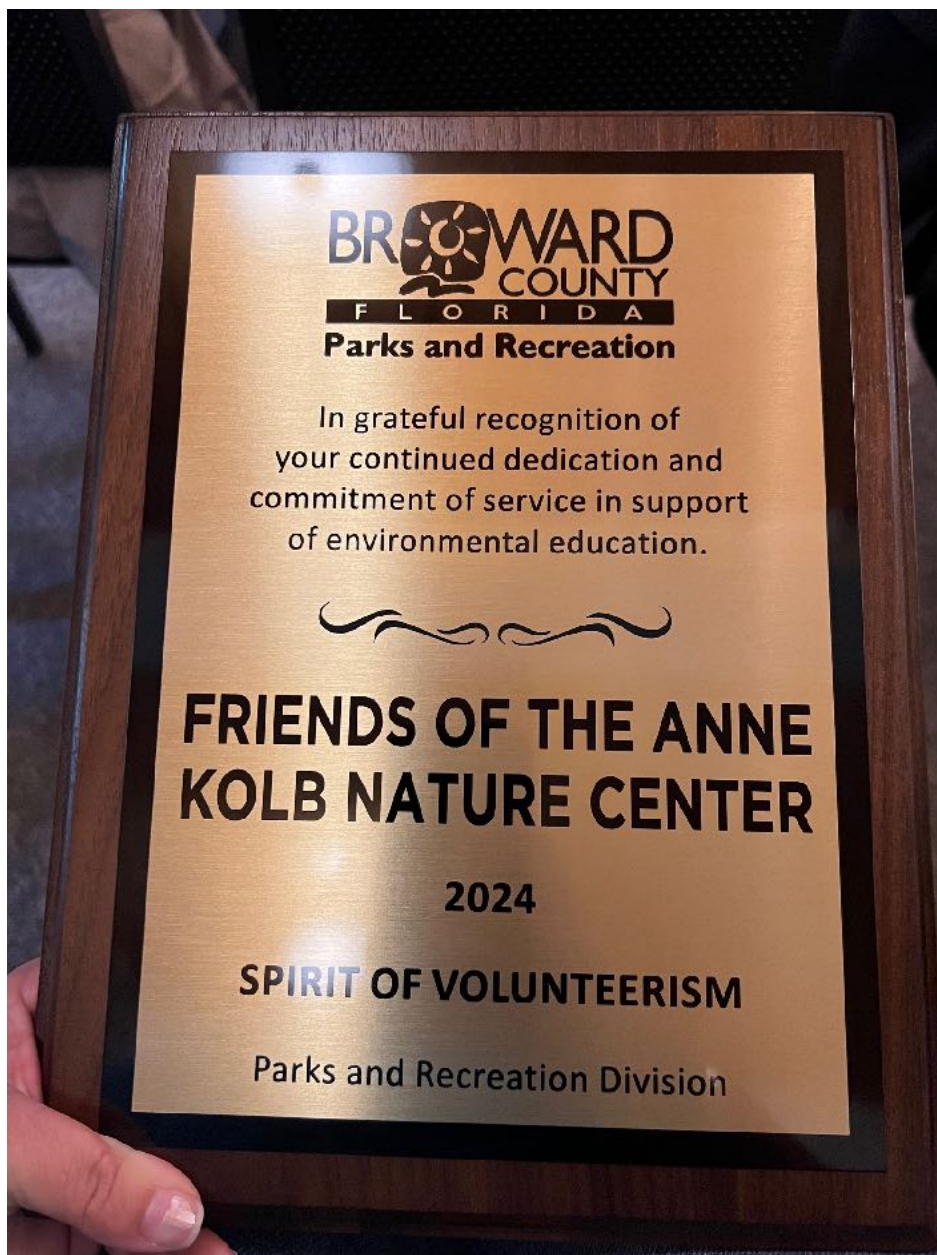
*A committee of  
vultures in the  
trees, on a cloudy  
day.*



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"Branching Out" was the overall theme for the 38TH Annual Meeting of Broward County Parks and Recreation. The Friends of Anne Kolb were awarded the SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM award for 2024. "In grateful recognition of your dedication and commitment of service in support of environmental education". The meeting took place at Long Key Natural Area and Nature Center. Many of us took the opportunity after the presentation to walk the trails through the Oak Hammock and Wetlands.





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## January's Bird Event



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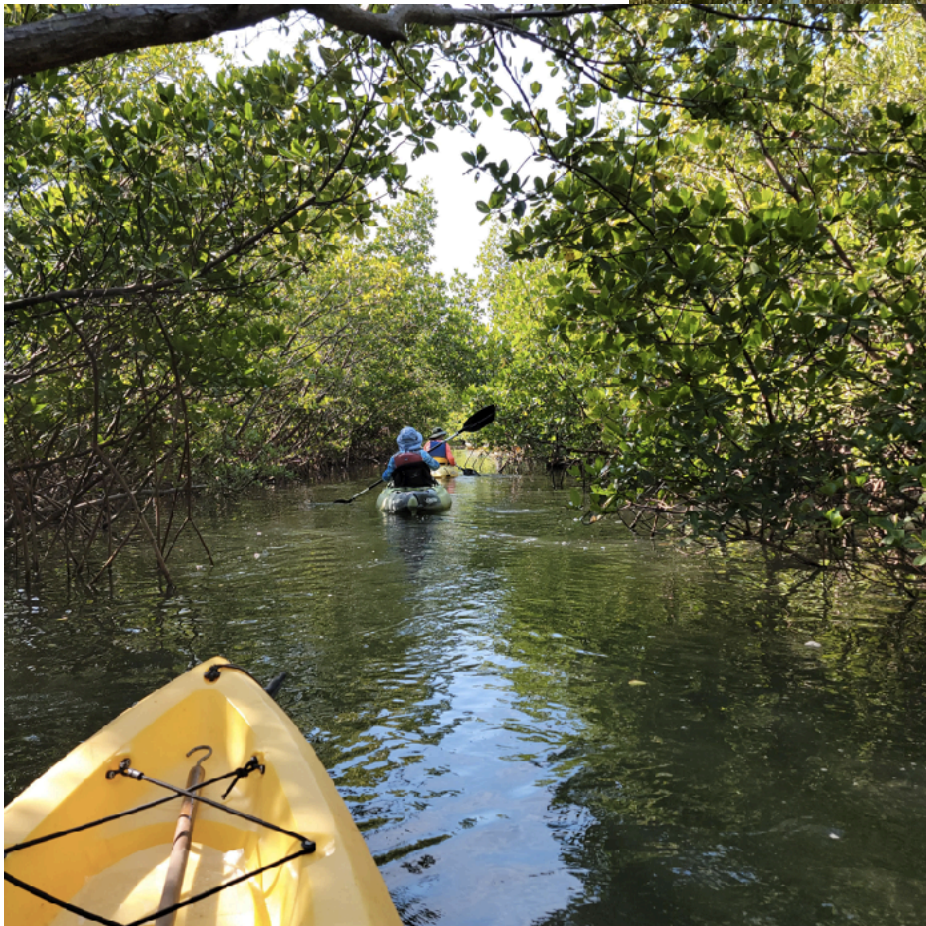




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The Trashy Kayakers were hard pressed to find any trash on the beautiful Blue Trail. But we did spot Manatees at the far north end of the trail, as everyone sat quietly waiting for the tell tail snouts to reappear.





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We have a Juvenile Great Blue heron in the park system. This cutie has been spotted by the rocks at Sheridan Street Bridge and over at the Marina basin.





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## February's Serpent Day Event





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**FEBRUARY**  
**ACTIVITIES**

**BROWARD COUNTY**  
FLORIDA  
PARKS AND RECREATION

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- 2/1 National Serpent Day**  
Noon - 3:00 pm  
Free - All Ages  
\$2 per person - Preregistration required
- 2/2 Mangrove Adventure Hike**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
\$3 per person - All Ages
- 2/6 Friends of Anne Kolb Nature Center Meeting**  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Free - Ages 13+
- 2/15 Eco-Action Day**  
9:00 am - Noon  
Free - Ages 13+ w/ parental signature.
- 2/15 Native Plant Sale**  
9:00 am - Noon  
Free - All Ages
- 2/16 Music Club of Hollywood Concert**  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
Free - All Ages
- 2/18 Nature Tots**  
10:00 am - 11:00 am  
\$5 per child - Ages 2 - 4 - Preregistration and prepayment required
- 2/21 Lunch & Learn Nature Series**  
12 pm - 2 pm  
Broward's Manatees  
\$10 suggested donation - Ages 18+
- 2/22 Free Trail Stroll**  
10:30 am - 11 am  
Free - All Ages
- 2/23 Invasive Species Mangrove Adventure Hike**  
10:30 am - 11:30 am  
\$3 per person - All Ages



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## Answer Grid: February, 2025 Puzzle

	1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10				
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38	O	P	E	D			39	O	U	S		40	W	O	L	
41	L	E	S	S			42	R	R	S		43	E	N	T	