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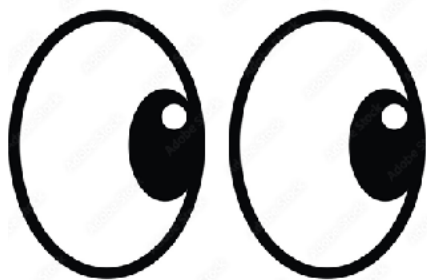


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March

a month where the earth blushes in the warmth of spring, and our spirits bloom in harmony with nature.

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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- February 6 2025

Present: Sara Jarossy & Christine--Rockell, Peggy, Kathy & Dave, Margaret, and Kitty.

Officers Reports: Rockell says the taxes for 2024 are done. Peggy says we have \$29,488.00 in the bank. Margaret made a motion to retain the officers from last year. Motion carried with 9 "yes" votes. Margaret made a motion to suspend the \$5.00 annual dues indefinitely. Motion carried with 9 "yes" votes. Rockell Alhale, Pres. Joanne Rawlings, V.P., Peggy Strumski, Tres., and Kathleen Hinman, Rec. Sec.

Plant Sale: Feb. 15. We should be there to set up by 8:00. Peggy, Barbara and Christine are buying the plants for the Friends to sell from Runway and Zegers. Committed to come are: Peggy, Rockell, Kathy, Dave, Kitty, Margaret. The basket is complete, and Patti will wrap it. The tickets will be sold Feb. 15 and also Feb. 21 Lunch and Learn, at which time the drawing will be done.

Sara tells us that the gift shop in the office building could be taken off the staff's hands and handled by the Friends. Stuffed toys and other children's items seem to sell well there.

A Co. for plush toys will give a display case if we order from them. Margaret and Sara will collaborate. Sara also needs one of the friends to come when a notary will be available to sign a permit paper.

Lunch and Learn is Feb. 21. Barbara McClean will do dessert cookies, (always), so we don't have double. Rockell ordered paper cold cups, so we don't use plastic, and sturdier paper plates. Kathy will get the utensils, dressing ladles, and roll serving tongs. The same amounts of food will be ordered, with inquiry made about the small roll size. The vegetarian pan instead of Chicken-ala-king will have broccoli instead of mushrooms. There was some talk about cloth tablecloths, which can be resumed next season.

Purchase requests have been forwarded to us. We will get a screen for power point--about \$80. We will ask Steve Naron to get a new projector, with max \$100. For rainy days when the Nature Tots come into the Exhibit Hall, we approved purchase of a tent, some cushions, and lighting, not to exceed \$200.

Field trip help is needed for large groups:

Mon 2/10 from 10-2	Kathy and Kitty
Tues 2/11 " "	Kathy and Kitty
Thurs 2/13 " "	Bob Goldberg will do the movie rotation

Music Club: Margaret

Waterway Cleanup on Sat. March 1: Margaret will register, and Rockell, Peggy, and Jo will help out with group leadership.

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



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OVER LOOKED CRUSTACEANS

By: Bob Goldberg

There are residents of the mangrove ecosystem that are plentiful, tiny, and lives in the tree canopy. As the common name indicates, they have adapted to life in the trees. Even though they are possibly the most abundant of crabs found in mangrove estuaries, their coloration helps them blend into their surroundings, and they survive. They have a wide range which extends as far as Central and South America and they contribute a vital role in the health of their environment. Meet the Mangrove Tree Crab.

These small tree climbing crabs are typically metallic greenish mottled with black spots. Their density has been determined to reach over 75 individuals per square meter, making their ecological impact immense. Mangrove tree crabs are very important in the cycling of nutrients in mangrove forests, as they feed on mangrove leaves, which take energy from the sun. They break down the tough leaf material and recycle this energy through excrement and by being prey for predators that abound. Mangrove tree crabs are considered omnivores due to their diet, that will also include small worms, organic debris, and carrion.

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We find them extending from Florida to Brazil existing on the red mangroves. They typically ascend the trees during high tide and descend to forage in the mud when the tide recedes. They are preyed upon by birds and larger crabs as well as fish that eat the larvae. The red mangrove is not only essential for nutrition, it is the place to withdraw from predators. The tree crab cycle has been determined to be 12-18 months. Females carry the fertilized eggs through hatching, and then, as the organic debris will release the larvae to develop in shallow waters.

Mangrove tree crabs are interesting to observe as they are highly sensitive to movement. Sensing movement, they will scurry to the safety of the other side of the tree trunk. They do not bite, sting, or scratch, so they are no danger to humans. They help in keeping mangrove habitats clean, as the organic debris they ingest does not accumulate. These small animals need to be understood as part of the beauty of nature that packs a wallop.





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Anne Kolb Crossword Puzzles by Don Knies

Answers on last page of newsletter.

ANNE KOLB CROSSWORD: MARCH, 2025

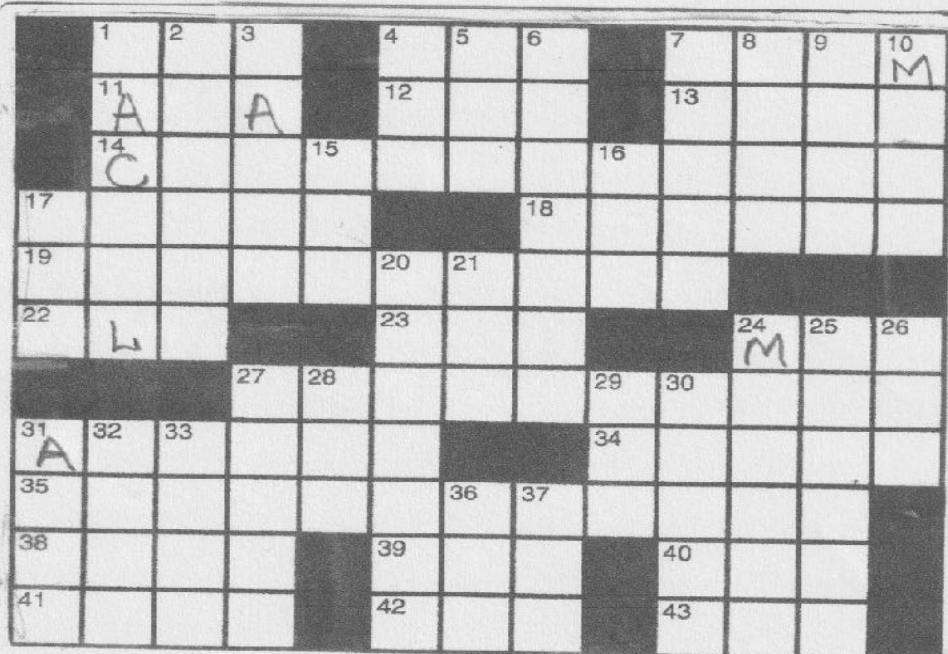
By Don Knies

ACROSS

1. R___: Invitation letters
4. Lass partner
7. Stop or decrease
11. Fla. State coastal rte.
12. 1990 civil rights law for disabled (abbr)
13. Hate antonym
14. HURRICANES WITH SUSTAINED WINDS OF 74-95 MPH.
17. Jargon of a particular group
18. Carve a design on a surface
19. AGGRESSIVE PREDATORY FISH
22. Mobile home? (abbr.)
23. Donation
24. 1051 in Roman numerals
27. LOW-GROWING PALMS WITH FAN LEAVES
31. "We've been having ___ of cold weather"
34. People from Scandinavia
35. HURRICANES WITH SUSTAINED WINDS OF 96-109 MPH
38. Obsessively meticulous
39. Indigenous people of American southwest
40. Gainesville to St. Augustine dir.
41. Loch of fabled creature
42. The Concorde, once (abbr.)
43. ___ Tin Tin of old TV

DOWN

1. Area of the lower spine
2. ED med.
3. "You can refer to her as Patricia, ___ Patty
4. Fall behind
5. Commotion
6. "But they ___": a lame excuse for recklessness
7. Messy types
8. "___ end": overmuch
9. Those with the name of the first female Garden dweller?
10. What 7 down are likely to cause
15. Info. on airport terminal signs
16. ___ C___: Org. promoting Christian values through healthy habits
17. Lawyer grp.
20. Cruelly insensitive
21. German city S.E. of Stuttgart
24. Angel-prophet of Latter Day Saints
25. Reduce
26. Suffix after capital or central
27. Strips
28. H.S. math course for 9th graders
29. Explosive abbreviation
30. Eiffel ___
31. "You'll just be opening ___ of worms"
32. Sensible
33. Parent grps. In schools
36. Gridiron positions next to RGS.
37. Still





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Music Club of Hollywood presented a great Classic Jazz trio on Sunday February 16. The Nevada Hadary Jazz Trio: Nevada played keyboard, his son played bass and their grandfather was on drums. Chai joined for some spectacular vocals.





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Our Friends Native Plant Sale was a great success with all of our usual vendors, great weather, a steady stream of customers with carts loaded with native plants and gift Shop items. The raffle basket was popular generating funds for the friends.





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**Alexander's
Natives**



Master Gardeners



**Jeanine Native
Plants**



**Mr Bates Natives
and lots of Herbs**

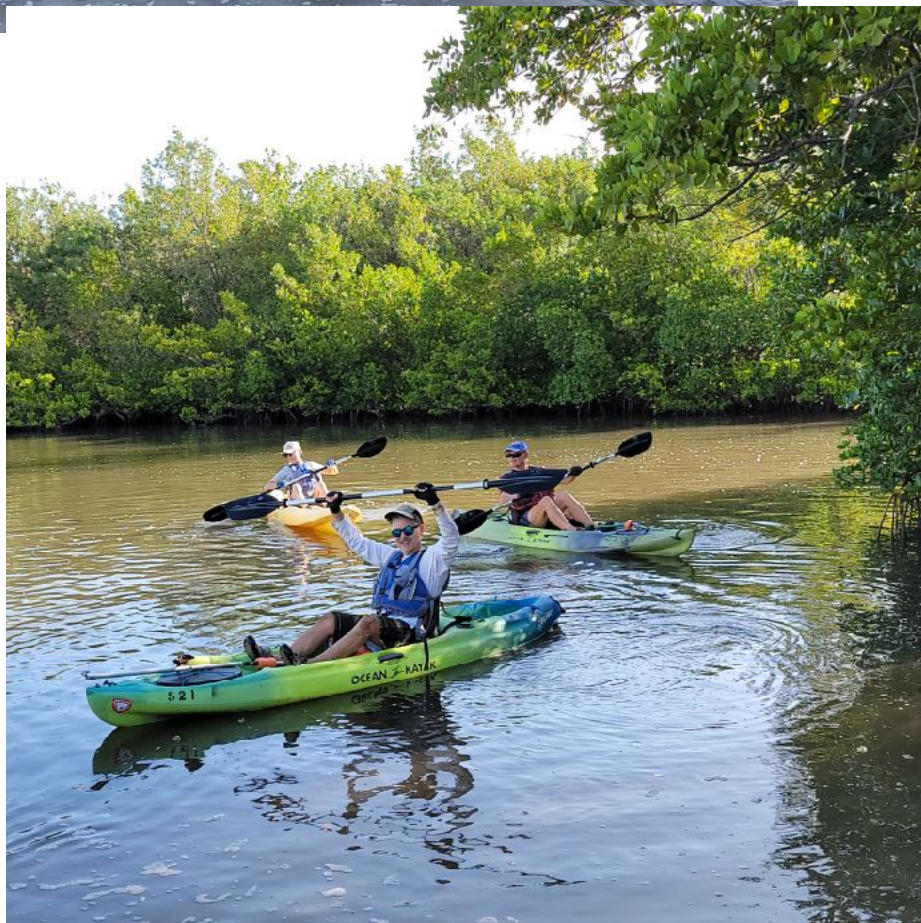


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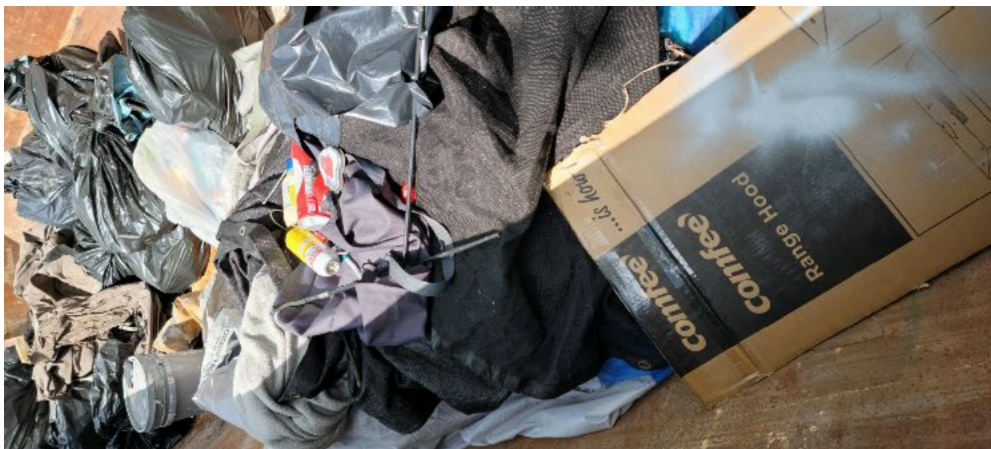
Trashy Kayakers have another beautiful day for cleaning up the trails.





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48th Annual Waterway Cleanup





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Take a stroll around
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at West Lake Park and
you will find an
exciting diversity of
wildlife.





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Bob G interacted with 107 patrons in February along the boardwalk and using the trap



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Winner of the Lunch and Learn Raffle!





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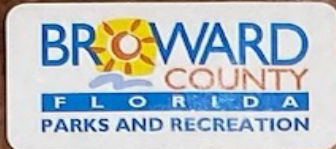
Another spectacular day for our Veterans Kayaking event. Great comradery on the water sharing stories, between Navy, Army, Airforce and the Marines. Our British comrades joined us as well for a fun morning.





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MARCH ACTIVITIES

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Waterway Clean Up

9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Free - All Ages

3/6

Friends of Anne Kolb Nature Center Meeting

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Free - Ages 13+

3/7

Lunch & Learn: "The Land of Misfit Toys"

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
\$10 suggested donation
Ages 18+ Preregistration is required

3/9

Spring Forward Mangrove Adventure Hike

10:30 am - 11:30 am
\$3 per person - All Ages

3/15

Eco-Action Day

9:00 am - Noon
Free - Ages 13+ w/ parental signature.

3/15

Save the Florida Panther Day!

Noon - 1pm
\$5 per child - Ages 6-12 w/ parent or guardian
Pre-registration is required

3/16

Music Club of Hollywood Concert

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Free - All Ages

3/18

Nature Tots

10:00 am - 11:00 am
\$5 per child - Ages 2 - 4 - Preregistration
and prepayment required

3/22

Mangrove Adventure Hike

10:30 am - 11:30 am
\$3 per person - All Ages

3/23

Broward Sierra Group Earth Day 2025

9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Free - All Ages

3/29

Free Trail Stroll

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Free - All Ages



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AKNC PUZZLE MARCH, 2025

