



**Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges
Friends' Annual Meeting and Refuge Open House
Saturday, March 16, 2013**

9:30 **Sign-in.** Get your tickets.
Friends Booth and Silent Auction --- Open Now



10:30 **Welcome**
Peg Hall, President of the Friends
Andrew Gude, Refuge Manager
David Viker, Chief of the Southeast Region of the
National Wildlife Refuge System

10:45 **Overview of Friends 2013 Initiatives**

11:00 **Friends Annual Business Meeting**
Brief Reports: Bylaws, Financial Review, Treasurer
Nomination, election, installation of board members
Slate: President Jay Bushnell
President-Elect Bob Hudson
Past President Peg Hall
Treasurer Jerry Salamon
Directors Jane Connors, Ed DeHaan,
Richard Herman, Greg Lang, Roger McDaniels,
Jennifer Seavey



11:30 ***Oysters and Oystercatchers in the Big Bend: Past and Future***
Our featured presenter: **Dr. Peter Frederick**, Research Professor,
University of Florida Dept. of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

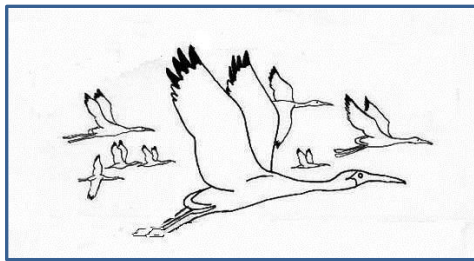
12:30 **Lunch and Pot Luck Dessert Buffet** – BBQ pork, ribs, chicken, and
several side dishes provided. Members please bring dessert, soft
drinks, ice tea, or other side dishes.
Free for members -- \$10 for others

1:00 **Silent Auction ends**

1:30 **Silent Auction Pick Up available**

1:45 **Afternoon Events begin**





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& Cedar Keys NWRs*



Afternoon Events

- 1. Boat Rides on the Suwannee River**
Trip 1 at 2:00 and Trip 2 at 3:00.
Meet on the dock in front of the Treasure Camp at the Fowlers Bluff boat ramp. Space is limited. Get a free ticket at the welcome/sign-in table.
- 2. Paddling on Sandfly Creek**
Meet at 2:00 with your kayak and car in the parking lot for the River Trail. You will follow the group leader Mark Gluckman to the launch site. This event is limited to 10 boats because of the access to the launch site. Prior reservations were requested. If space is still available, others are welcome.
- 3. Hayrides**
Trip 1 at 2:00 and Trip 2 at 3:00.
Meet at the hay wagon in the parking area. A Naturalist will be on each hayride to help you note features of the refuges as you drive through.
- 4. Self-guided Walk on the River Trail**
Anytime, brochures are available in the kiosk at the parking lot for the trail.
- 5. Environmental Classroom**
Anytime, open for exploration.
- 6. Fire Equipment Demonstration & Marsh Master Ride**
Anytime, meet the Refuge Fire Crew by pole barn.
- 7. Visit the Special Operations Response Team trailer**
Anytime, meet at the trailer in the parking area.