



THE PELICAN POST

A quarterly publication - Weeks Bay Foundation
Spring 2018
Volume 33, No. 1



2017 Weeks Bay Photo Contest
First Place, Open Fauna
by Karen Chiasson

Executive Director	2
Bald Eagle Bash	3
Become a Member!	4
The Native Yaupon	4
Watershed Plan	5
Donor Spotlight	6
Protecting Water Quality	7
Reserve News	8
Calendar	9
Donors	10-11

Board of Directors

Jack Edwards
Chairman Emeritus

Ellis Allen, MD
Shawn T. Alves
John L. Borom, PhD
Andrew Chason
Daniel R. Galbraith
Ralph Havard
Ken Heard
Veronica Herndon
Bob Holk
Rodney M. Kilgore
Walter Kirkland
Gigi Lott
Phil Norris, EdD
Lesley Pacey
Michael J. Quinn, MD
Louis G. (Buddy) Russell
John L. Stump, DC, PhD, EdD
Skipper Tonsmeire
Gina Walcott
Rick Wallace
Leslie G. Weeks

Executive Director
Yael Girard

The Weeks Bay Foundation is a non-profit organization whose members work to protect the natural resources of coastal Alabama and to provide assistance and support for the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve's goals and programs.

Layout & Design by
Kathy Hicks

From the Executive Director . . .

After an icy winter, we are starting to notice the first signs of spring. Aside from the warming temperatures, numerous sights and sounds hint at a season of growth and renewal right around the corner. Songbirds are trilling from the barren treetops, ready to meet their mates. Early flowers are breaking through damp soil and bursting from tight buds. Plants and animals of the coast are waking up, shaking off the cold and once again exploring this green earth.

Humans are no different, after huddling beside our fireplaces and space heaters for months, it is time to venture out! We invite you to welcome spring with us at some fun events over the next few months. We've just completed our **Second Annual Fish River/Weeks Bay Floating Cleanup**—collecting trash from the riverbanks and bay. Our dedicated volunteers picked up more than 1,200 pounds of trash, with the help of our partners at Thompson Engineering.

Next up, you'll want to kick up your heels and loosen your belts at the 2018 Bald Eagle Bash. Our annual party for preservation is a great time to enjoy fresh local shrimp, local beer, and local music— all for local conservation.

One of our newest preservation and restoration projects is the development of two preserves, one in Baldwin County and one in Mobile County. Join us this year as we start our enhancement efforts. These two tracts will offer space for recreation and relaxation, allowing more people to get outdoors during all seasons.

The work we do would not be possible without you. We would like to take a moment to thank everyone who remembered us in their year-end giving and all those who continue to support us throughout the year as members. These coastal resources are for everyone to enjoy. We are so grateful for the support of this entire community.

Happy Spring Y'all!



Coffee with a Cause



Serda's Coffee Company in Daphne recently donated 15% of a day's total sales to the Weeks Bay Foundation on what the locally-owned coffee shop and restaurant called Weeks Bay Foundation Charity Day at Serda's. **John Serda**, owner, presented the check to **Diana Brewer**, Development and Communications Coordinator for the Foundation.



Eastern Bluebird

Kathy Hicks



Bash brings local seafood and music to Weeks Bay

by Diana Brewer, Development and Communications Coordinator

Are you ready for the **Party for Preservation**? What better way to cap off Earth Day than watching the sun set over Weeks Bay while enjoying fresh local seafood and listening to awesome local music for a great cause? The 9th annual **Bald Eagle Bash**, set for April 21 from 4-7 p.m., at the Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center, is the Weeks Bay Foundation's largest event, raising funds to restore vulnerable coastline, protect wildlife, and educate folks about how they can help ensure we have clean water.

This "taste of Weeks Bay" brings more than a dozen area restaurants together to create dishes based on delicious Gulf shrimp. From fried shrimp, to stuffed shrimp, to shrimp and grits, shrimp ceviche, and jalapeno shrimp sliders, each chef prepares a signature dish that is sure to delight all participants.

And while seafood is the main attraction, the local music is always a big draw.

This year, for the first time, **Johnny Hayes and the loveseats** will take the stage. Mobile's own Johnny Hayes spent time in Nashville, where he learned to play and write with some of the country's most talented artists and songwriters. He started his band in 2013, and they quickly gained popularity across the southeast, playing a unique array of covers from James Brown, Otis Redding, The Band, and many others, mixed with their own blues and soul-influenced originals.



Johnny landed an audition on season 11 of NBC's *The Voice*, and while he did not advance in the competition that year, he was given a shot to audition for season 12. There, his rendition of Otis Redding's classic "Try a Little Tenderness" caught the attention of Gwen Stefani and Adam Levine and a spot on Team Adam. He advanced to the top 24, thus gaining much exposure to millions of viewers and new fans across the world.

Today, the band is busy touring and promoting their debut self-titled album, and presenting their unique brand of rock n' soul music smothered in southern charm, keeping their audiences craving more with originals such as "Sweet Salvation" and the crowd favorite "Straight from the Bottle."

In addition to the seafood and music, several area restaurants will be serving delectable desserts, while local brewer Fairhope Brewing Company will introduce a new signature beverage created especially for "the Bash."

"The Bald Eagle Bash is a great family-friendly event that showcases local seafood and local musical talent in a setting that cannot be beat." **Ellis Allen**, Weeks Bay Foundation Board Chairman said. "Many attendees come by boat and families fish off the pier while everybody enjoys the food, the music, and the sunset."

The 2017 Bash had a record 16 restaurants participating and more than 1,300 attendees.

Tickets are now on sale at baldeaglebash.com and will be available at Page & Palette in Fairhope, Serda's Coffee Company in Daphne and Mobile, Serda Brewing and Red Beard's Outfitter in Mobile. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the gate. Children 10 and under are free. Free parking is available at the Weeks Bay Foundation site, with shuttles providing transportation to the event.

For more information about the event or to become a sponsor, please call 251-990-5004, visit baldeaglebash.com, or visit our Weeks Bay Foundation Facebook page.



Become a member, and help create a legacy of conservation

by Diana Brewer, Development and Communications Coordinator

About Membership

We will regularly inform our members of Foundation and Weeks Bay Reserve activities through this newsletter, emails, and events. Although we do send membership renewal notices in the mail, you can help us even more by renewing your membership online, over the phone, or by mail with the enclosed envelope prior to our sending reminders. Every penny counts!

Legacy Circle	\$5,000 and up
Sustainer	\$1,000 - \$4,999
Steward	\$500 - \$999
Supporter	\$250 - \$499
Friend	\$100 - \$249
Member	\$35 - \$99

Weeks Bay Foundation works to conserve and care for the waterways, wetlands, habitats, and wildlife that make our region special. You can be a part of our mission by becoming a member. Annual gifts of \$35 or more are given an annual membership, and receive recognition in *The Pelican Post* and on our website.

As a member, you will be joining a group of people with similar interests and concerns for our natural resources. And, you will be investing in clean water for boating, fishing, and swimming, and protected fish and wildlife habitat. Our unmatched quality of life is the reason people live here, visit here, stay here. However, our quality of life is not something we can take for granted. Baldwin County is one of the fastest-growing counties because it is a top destination to live, work, and play.

Many areas along our nation's coastlines struggle to hang on to their sense of place. But there is an opportunity to grow differently here, and to create a healthy future that preserves what makes coastal Alabama special. Together, we can create a legacy of conservation that protects our land and water, forever.

Plant some Yaupon. You (and the birds) will be happy you did

by Fred Nation

The holly family is well-represented in Baldwin County, with 11 native species, six of which are found within Weeks Bay Reserve. The most common of our native hollies, the Yaupon, *Ilex vomitoria*, is attractive and easy to grow in nearly every Baldwin County habitat and soil type.

Yaupon is a large shrub, usually with multiple stems. The form is irregular, to about 25 feet tall. The leaves are evergreen, football-shaped, up to three inches long, with small blunt teeth on the edges. The male and female plants are separate; masses of bright red berries ripen in the fall on the female plants. These persistent fruits are important forage for wildlife, particularly birds in late winter, as other food-stocks are depleted.



For thousands of years, Yaupon was revered by eastern American Indians, as an important part of their religious rites. One of the only eastern native plants with significant caffeine content, Yaupon leaves and twigs were roasted and brewed as a ceremonial tea. Early Europeans observed the emetic (to cause vomiting) properties of the tea when consumed in great quantities. Hence the scientific name: *vomitoria*.

The native range for Yaupons is along the coastal plain, from Maryland through northern Florida, into eastern Texas.

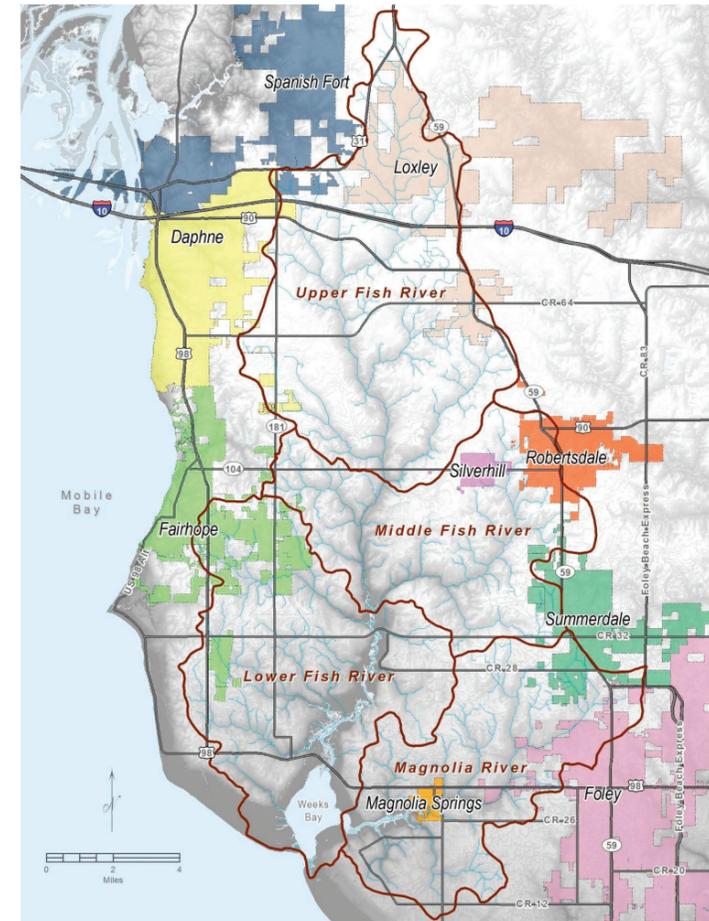
Because it is frequently seen in natural areas, it is sometimes considered a weedy species. However, as an ornamental it is hardy and trouble-free, and many varieties have been developed for landscape uses. There are tall, slender, and weeping varieties, as well as dwarf cultivars that have been bred with natural spherical forms for low hedge and border plantings.

Yaupons are usually available at area native plant sales; if they are incorporated into our landscapes, Yaupons will be good-looking all year long and the birds will reward your choice by visiting your yard!



New Watershed Management Plan completed

by Rick Wallace, Weeks Bay Foundation Board of Directors



Watershed Plan Area

After a coordinated effort by many stakeholders, including the Weeks Bay Foundation, a plan with 19 recommendations for protecting the Weeks Bay watershed is now complete.

The Weeks Bay Watershed Management Plan is the most comprehensive summary of current conditions in the watershed, factors affecting future water quality, and recommendations to mitigate the effects of further development in the area.

The plan was funded by the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program and the Baldwin County Soil and Conservation District (BCSWCD).

The heart of the management plan is found in the summary of the 19 recommendations. Below are a few highlights from the list. The plan can be viewed in its entirety at:

mobilebaynep.com/the_watersheds/weeks_bay_watershed/.

- Add a Watershed Management Plan (WMP) Implementation coordinator position to the BCSWCD; establish a WMP Implementation Team to take the long-term lead for oversight of implementation of the recommendations; establish an inter-governmental partnership to speak with one voice when applying for funding
- Promote Low Impact Development / Green Infrastructure practices and education throughout the watershed, as well as consistency in the application of those measures across the various jurisdictions.
- Recommend the county and all municipalities conduct an inventory and assessment of stormwater basin systems (residential and business owned). Recommend methods to promote maintenance, as well as retrofitting of homeowner association stormwater basins for water quality improvements.
- Encourage use of conservation programs available for both public and private landowners through the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency programs.
- Address pathogen source location and remediation measures for human and livestock sources.
- Pave roads: Lipscomb Road, Norris Lane, Paul Cleverdon Road, Sherman Road, and others.
- Restore degraded streams, wetlands, and riparian buffers in the watershed.
- Implement strategic acquisition of high-quality coastal and headwater habitats.

The Weeks Bay Foundation is currently working on several of the recommendations.



They make a living with lumber. They make a life on the water.

by Diana Brewer, Development and Communications Coordinator

They may make a living in the lumber business started by their grandfather in 1945, but it's the water—the bays, the rivers, the fishing, the boating—that makes a life for the Klumb family.

Ann Klumb, widow of **Buddy Klumb**, and their daughter, **Vicki O'Neill**, recently talked about how the family's love of Mobile Bay, Weeks Bay, and Fish River began a 20-plus year tradition of supporting the Weeks Bay Foundation. It was Buddy's father who started Klumb Lumber Co. in Mississippi, where the headquarters still reside, but Buddy and Ann eventually made their way to Baldwin County, vacationing and then spending summers on Mobile Bay back before Vicki, now herself a mother of four, was born.

"Buddy and I had a condo at the (Grand) Hotel before we bought a house, and we'd spend weeks over here," Ann said.

"I'd see the people who lived here year-round, and I'd think how great it would be to live here, get up every day and go fishing or crabbing or sailing," Vicki recalled.

Eventually, the Klumbs purchased a home on

Mobile Bay, the home where a Mobile Bay steamboat captain once lived.

"I loved the Bay," said Vicki, who is co-president of Klumb Lumber alongside her brother,

Steve Funchess. "I had a little Boston Whaler, and I'd go fishing every chance I got."

Today, Vicki and her family live in that home, Steve and his family live on Fish River, and Ann lives in the home that she and Buddy built in the years just before he passed. This home, with its beautiful wood walls and exposed beams, and a gracious amount of natural lighting, is testimony to a man who had an obvious passion for trees, the woods, and the outdoors in general.

Buddy's love of the outdoors and his success in the lumber business carried over to his support of the Weeks Bay Foundation and its mission of conserving and protecting sensitive lands. Ann sees to it that Buddy's generosity continues today.

"I think I have every Christmas ornament the Foundation ever did," Vicki said, referring to the ornaments given to the Foundation's Annual Fund donors each year. "The bays, the rivers—they are just such an important part of this area. The wildlife, the plants, the seafood . . . everything. I think the BP oil spill was a real eye-opener for all of us as to how important it is to preserve the land and the waterways so we can all enjoy it—and so our children and their children can enjoy it."



Vicki O'Neill and Ann Klumb



Steve Funchess and his daughter, Carly, enjoying the 2017 Pelican Paddle



How your annual fund dollars are working for you

by Diana Brewer, Development and Communications Coordinator

Each year, the Weeks Bay Foundation asks for your support during our Annual Fund Drive. And this year, you came through, helping us raise more than during any annual appeal in years' past.

But what does it mean for you, and for the Weeks Bay Foundation? The Annual Fund allows us to plan and budget for our projects for the next year, and whether it's ongoing projects or starting new ones, there is plenty of work to keep us busy.

One of the key benefits of protecting ecologically-sensitive land is the impact these lands have on water quality. Each acre you help us protect around our wetlands and waterways can help counteract the negative impacts of a growing population and increasing development on our water quality.

Conserved coastal lands are critical to our health, economy, and standard of living in a number of ways. Whether it is from a parking lot or a feedlot, from a residential road or a farmer's field, the water that comes off upland areas during storms can be very dirty. Wetlands filter out pollutants and excess nutrients as the water seeps back into the groundwater system.

Wooded coastal buffers also protect developed areas from dangerous high winds and storm-related flooding. As we look at changes in our environment, strategic land conservation is one way to mitigate for

the new trends in weather patterns. Bigger coastal storms and hurricanes mean more chances of flooding and storm surge waves. Undeveloped wetlands are a great way to absorb some of this additional water.

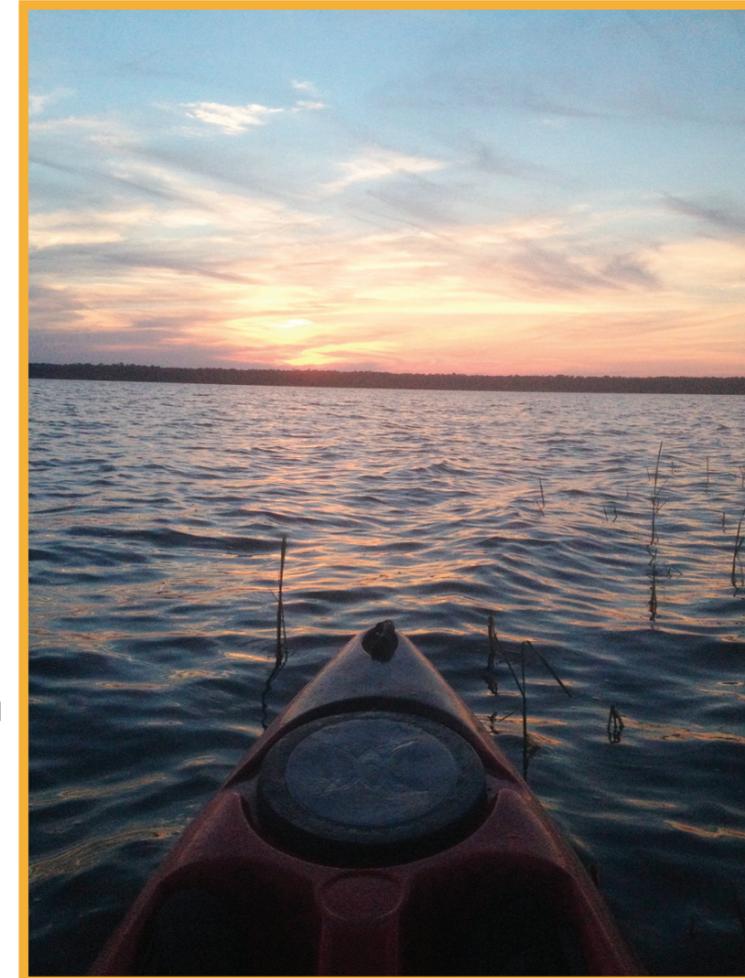
Often, these properties contain sensitive habitats such as pitcher plant bogs and longleaf pine savannas or threatened

and endangered species, such as gopher tortoises. Wetlands like salt marshes are also important to our seafood industry because they provide protected nursery space for some of our most delicious aquatic critters. Shrimp, crabs, and oysters all spend time in estuarine wetlands.

Habitat protection is achieved through property donation, purchase, or the creation of a conservation easement. The preservation of these ecosystems ensures they will not be developed and the natural resources within them will remain untouched. The maintenance and annual monitoring of

the lands we hold is an important part of what we do, and what your support helps sustain.

People are flocking to coastal Alabama to raise a family or retire. They come here for the beaches and bays, the fishing, the recreation, and the picturesque coastline. It's up to us, all of us, to protect these things—for ourselves to enjoy, of course—but even more so for our children and their children.



Update on GulfCorps and training at Weeks Bay Reserve

by L.G. Adams, Reserve Manager

In the last issue of *The Pelican Post* you were introduced to the GulfCorps team. GulfCorps was created in June 2017 when NOAA awarded The Nature Conservancy (TNC) a \$7 million grant through the RESTORE Act to establish a citizen conservation program for the Gulf states. The GulfCorps program was designed to benefit local communities by creating an estimated 300 jobs for local citizens who receive training and hands-on experience with ecological restoration.



Shaila Fletcher and Eric Lucas

Recently the Alabama GulfCorps group of nine members went through a one-day training exercise to acquaint them with the Alabama Water Watch protocol for sampling and testing for *E. coli* (*Escherichia coli*). This course demonstrated sampling and microbial testing procedures used in the Weeks Bay watershed. Instructor **Mike Shelton**, Watershed Coordinator at the Reserve, explained the significance of water sampling and how *E.*

coli could be used as an indicator of water quality. After a classroom orientation, Shelton took the group into the field to collect samples. This was followed by a laboratory demonstration of 'plating the bacteria' to observe the concentration of bacteria in the collected water.

Victoria Sanderson, one of the crew leaders for the nine-person GulfCorps team, works for the Student Conservation Association in Alabama. Her role is to assist in training and implementation of the program.

"GulfCorps is really exciting to me as it has great potential in achieving so many positive things for not only the candidates involved but also for the environment," Sanderson said. "I hope to be involved and see those benefits to the environment. As the members receive training, they become more experienced and will benefit in the job market; that's what I really want to see happen with this program."



Reserve gets research intern thanks to Volunteers and Foundation

by L.G. Adams, Reserve Manager

The Weeks Bay Volunteers and the Weeks Bay Foundation are funding a paid internship for the Reserve research program. The intern, **Shannon Walker**, will provide assistance with the System-wide Monitoring Program (SWMP).

Shannon earned a B.S. in Biology with an emphasis in Environmental Biology and a minor in Chemistry from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). She is interested in working in coastal wetlands and is excited about the opportunity to observe and assist with research projects at Weeks Bay.

"I would like to learn more about conducting research in wetland ecosystems," Shannon said. "Wetlands possess unique properties that provide a variety of services such as carbon sequestration, unique biogeochemical processes, and crucial habitat for ecologically and economically important species. Wetlands are under extreme pressure from exotic invasives, climate change, and urbanization, to name a few threats. There is still much to learn about the characteristics of coastal wetlands, and I would like to eventually have a career studying and remediating these places."



Shannon Walker

Shannon's coursework, employment, and research, have given her field and laboratory skills that have prepared her for working in a variety of ecosystems. During her undergraduate career, she completed classes that

emphasized organismal biology and ecology; courses include Limnology, Urban Ecology, Barrier Island Ecology, Soils, Plant Ecology, Plant Systematics, Mycology, and Biogeography. In addition to these classes, she has taken courses in both biochemistry and chemical safety, completed an undergraduate Honors Thesis describing a population of *Isoetes*, small aquatic grasses, in the Chickasawhay ranger district of DeSoto National Forest and has worked as an attendant at Lake Thoreau Environmental Center and Eubanks Preserve, owned and operated by USM.

Shannon has been working at the Reserve since early January assisting Research Coordinator **Dr. Scott Phipps** with his research activities and with SWMP. This includes field and laboratory work and assisting with visiting researchers coming to the Reserve from universities and other research institutions to study estuaries.

"Shannon has come to us at an opportune time to assist with our research and monitoring needs," Dr. Phipps said. "It's great that we have her for a year and we extend our sincere gratitude to the Volunteers and the Foundation for support of this much-needed intern position."

Save the Date August 4



Make plans now to attend
the 6th Annual
Pelican Paddle Race
on Weeks Bay.

SPRING 2018 CALENDAR

March

- 13 Guest Lecture Series "The Mystical Migration of the Monarch"** presented by **Fairn Whatley** and **Suzanne Damrich**. 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, 7 p.m. Bring a friend.
- 14 Weeks Bay Advisory Committee Meeting.** Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center, 2 p.m.

April

- 6-8 Baldwin County Master Gardener Plant Sale.** Safe Harbor at Weeks Bay, across U.S. Highway 98 from the Reserve Visitor Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 7 Discovery Day at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab.** Free children's admission to the Estuarium, interactive exhibits at the research laboratories, kids' activities, ocean games, and fun crafts, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit disl.org.
- 10 Guest Lecture Series "Nature Photography"** presented by **Roger Clay**. 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, 7 p.m. Bring a friend.
- 21 Earth Day Mobile Bay 2018.** Environmental displays and activities, Science Project Fair, and interactive activities for children and adults. Fairhope Pier, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission. For more information, visit earthdaymobilebay.org.
- 21 Bald Eagle Bash.** Fundraiser for the Weeks Bay Foundation. Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center, 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the Foundation office at (251) 990-5004, or visit BaldEagleBash.com.
- 21 Earth Day Eco-Expo.** Earth Day Celebration at Graham Creek Nature Preserve, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

23 Confederate Memorial Day.*

28 Delta Woods and Waters Expo Family Day. 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center on the Causeway, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. For more information, visit deltawoodsandwatersexpo.com.

May

8 Guest Lecture Series "Nature Photography" presented by **Spence Harrison**. 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, 7 p.m. Bring a friend.

28 Memorial Day.*

June

4 Jefferson Davis' Birthday.*

* The Visitor Center will be closed. All trails and boardwalks will remain open for your walking and sightseeing pleasure.



Thanks to Our Donors Nov. 2017 to Jan. 2018

Bill Agerton
Wendy Barnes
Carol Barrett
Becky & Ted Bender
Carey & Billie Bentley
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Brabner
Galen & Becki Brey
Bufkin Real Estate
Emmett & Suzanne Carden
Jill Carrier
Dick & Joan Casey
Karen Chiasson
Walter M. Cook
Timothy & Barbara Curry
Brenda & Dave Davis
Kyle & Suzanne Deloach
Sara L. DeMott
Brian & Breana Duncan
Steve & Darrelyn Dunmore
Jimmy & Virginia Dunn
Mary Emmett
ExxonMobil Corporation
Rebecca Lee Garnett
Alida & Bill Given
Billie & Russell Goodloe
Warren Herlong, Jr.
Humphries Farm Turf Supply Inc.
Susan & Court Hurst
Brenda Hutchison
Eric & Nancy Jenison
Land Trust Alliance
Gaye Lindsey
Eleanor & Charles Livaudais
Alison Moore
Stephanie & Skeeter Morris
Kenny Muscat
Paul Nager
Brian & Charlotte Naylor
Mary Elizabeth Perry
John & Brenda Pisarkiewicz
Stephen Quina
Vicki Rehm
Barbara Riley
Randy & Kay Roach
Roderick & Jean Scott
Serda's Coffee
John Craig Shaw
Mr. & Mrs. James T. Snoddy
Jo Anne Stapleton
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Stewart
Betty Suddeth
The Hatchett Foundation
The Lillian C. McGowin Foundation
Unity Martial Arts

Mac & Gina Walcott
Greg & Linda Waselkov
Weeks Bay Plantation, LLC
Howard Weiss
Janelle Williams
John Wise

ANNUAL FUND DONORS

Dr. Ellis & Katherine Allen
Shawn & Holly Alves Charitable Account
Paul Anderson
Kevin Anson
Dave Armstrong
Stephen Baker
Baldwin County Soil & Water
Conservation District
Ann S. Bedsole
Bob & Mary Bender
John & Elizabeth Bentley
Lynn F. Blake
JoAnne Brooks
John A. Brown
J. Brad Burke
Bob & Cathy Burkey
Kit Caffey
Andrew J. Carroll
Frank Chase
Allan & Nancy Chason
Andrew Chason
Mitzi Childs
AC & Leon Leggett
Jerry R. Collins
Suzanne Corrington
J. Patrick Courtney, III
Carol E. Crowe
Robert T. Cunningham, Jr.
Hank & Sharon Czarnecki
Gabriele & Craig Darch
Michael J. & Choo Choo Davis
Michael & Celia DeLaney
Kyle & Suzanne Deloach
Fred & Debbie Diegmann
Carol Ann Dorgan
Dykes Veterinary Clinic
Jack Edwards
The Community Foundation of
South Alabama's Eichold Family
Foundation Fund
Mary & Ken Ellingwood
Walter & Teresa Ernest and Family
Escambia Sand & Gravel Company, Inc.
John & Kim Estes
Dr. & Mrs. Robert G. Eubanks
Melinda Finan

Carl & Gayle Floyd
W.E. & Sara Fountain
Denson & Mary Freeman
Steve Funchess
Mary Beth Gibson
Nick Gill
Ron & Heather Girard
Yael Girard
Bob & Ellen Glasscock
Alan Goldberg
Jack Gold
Bill & Daniela Hagan
Kenny Hanak
Ralph & Cathy Havard
Michael Healy
Steve Heath
Hellmich Electric, Inc.
Steven Henderson
Mr. & Mrs. Peter G. Herndon
Helen Hicks
Jim & Debbie Hilderbrandt
Richard Hilward
Phillip & LaDonna Hinesley
Fred Hirz
Debra Hornady
Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Houser
Duncan & Linda Hudnall
Bill & Annie Inge
Jane Jackson
T.K. Jackson
John Jones
Chuck, Brooke, Charles,
& Hannah Kelly
Steve & Terri Kinsey
Walter Kirkland & Judy Culbreth
Catherine & Will Kiser
Kittrell's Daydream Apiary
Patrick Klaas
Ann Klumb
Claire Robitaille Klyce
Chris & Alison Knight
John Koniar
The Community Foundation of South
Alabama Russell Ladd Fund
Susan Ledlow
Chris & Shelley Leigh
Martin & Mona Lester
John Lewis
Richard & Cindy Lowell
Marc & Carla Lubet
Steve Lyda
Fred & Bobbi Jo Machholz
Marilyn Mannhard
Steve & Jo Masters
Bill Mathews
Eleanora B. Mauritsen

Dr. Charles McCallum
Mallory McDuff
Tom McFarland
Joe & Kate McNeel
Sharon McPherron
Robert & Pat Meaher
William Mentzer, Jr.
Champ & Anne Meyercord
The Hon. & Mrs. Bert Milling, Jr.
Glenn & Jane Moyer
Jay & Lisa Murray
Linda & Larry Murray
Brian & Charlotte Naylor
Michael Neely
Beverly Nelson-Dykes
Cheryl K. Nimz
Phil Norris
Dr. & Mrs. W. Allen Oaks
Chris & Lesley Pacey
Charles & Lucia Partin
Melissa Pershina
Virginia Pletty
Stephanie Pluscht
Barbara & John Pryor
Michael & Debbie Quinn
B. Greer Radcliff
Elberta G. Reid
Bradley Reinke
Jim Rieman
John Riser
Michael Rogers
Dr. Tom Roush
Tim & Sandy Russell
Robert & Kathleen Ryan
Andrew & Elise Saunders
Daniel & Susie Schambeau
Lillian Schubert
John Craig Shaw
Andrew A. Smith, Sr.
Norvelle Smith
Burt & Freya Sonenstein
Dr. & Mrs. John L. Stump
Bill Summerour
June B. Taylor
Conan & Mary Ann Terrell
The Atchison Firm, P.C.
The Daniel Foundation of Alabama,
Lyndra & Bill Daniel
The Daniel Foundation of Alabama,
Mrs. Lucy C. McVay
Duncan Greenwood
Amy & Jay Thompson
Thomas Roofing & Construction
Scott & Amy Thompson
J. Mills & Brenda G. Thornton
H.W. Thurber

Jay & Gena Todia
Mac & Michelle Tonsmeire
Larry & Suzanne Torbert
Lloyd & Beth Turner
Robert & Susan Turner
Sylvia Walding & Grandchildren
Rick & Susie Wallace
Al & Bonnie Weeks
Leslie Weeks & Rawlin Hoffman
Mike & Joanne Werneth
Laurel Wilson
David & Julie Wirtes
William Neal & JoAnn Yates

SPECIAL GIFTS

In memory of Peter V. Wiese & Marty Wiese
Mr. & Mrs. C. Coleman Daniel, II

In honor of Dr. Ellis Allen and family
Lila Dexter

In honor of Philip & Alice Webb
John Gilchrist

In honor of John & Pam Gyllenberg
Jim & Gail Laughner

In honor of Don & Ruth Lysaught
Jim & Gail Laughner

In honor of Skipper Tonsmeire's dedication
Linda Montgomery

In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth "Liz" Courtney
The Lin Moore Family

In honor of the Tonsmeire Family
Dave & Ruth Morine

In honor of Rebecca & Jeffery Grizzle
John & Melissa Roombos

In memory of Elizabeth Vickers Courtney
Mr. & Mrs. Howard M. Schramm, Jr.

Florida Registration # CH40701: A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 1-800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OR BY GOING TO WWW.FLORIDACONSUMERHELP.COM. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

North Carolina Solicitation License # SL009125: Financial information about this organization and a copy of its license are available from the State Solicitation Licensing Branch at 919-807-2214. The license is not an endorsement by the State.

In memory of Terry Sims
Janis Hopper
William & Kim Kitchens
Lily Lane Art
Angee, Brandon, Tyler, & Kathy Miller
Bobby & Debbie Mosley
Bridget & Holcomb Mosley
SSA Marine - Gulf
Albert & Anna Walker
Sheila Witherington

FOUNDATION PARTNERS

Alabama Department of
Conservation & Natural
Resources, State Lands
Coastal Section
The A.S. Mitchell Foundation, Inc.
Baldwin County Soil and Water
Conservation District
Dauphin Island Bird
Sanctuaries, Inc.
Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Estuarine Reserves Division,
NOAA
Gulf Coast Resource
Conservation & Development
Gulf of Mexico Alliance
Land Trust Alliance
Lillian C. McGowin Foundation
The Mapp Family Foundation
Mobile Bay National Estuary
Program
National Estuarine Research
Reserve Association
NOAA Coastal Services Center
Partnership for Gulf Coast
Land Conservation
The Curtis and Edith Munson
Foundation
The Nature Conservancy
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Weeks Bay National Estuarine
Research Reserve
Weeks Bay Volunteers



Weeks Bay Foundation

11401 US Highway 98
Fairhope, Alabama 36532
(251) 990-5004
www.weeksbay.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Fairhope, AL
Permit #55



Photo by John Borom

Ruddy Turnstone
Arenaria interpres

“The goal of life is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe,
to match your nature with Nature.” - Joseph Campbell

9th Annual



Saturday, April 21

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center

Featuring **FRESH LOCAL SHRIMP**
prepared by the area's finest restaurants.

Live Music by

Johnny Hayes and the loveseats

BaldEagleBash.com
or call (251) 990-5004

Tickets \$45 in advance / \$50 at the gate
Kids 10 and under FREE
Tickets may be purchased at Page & Palette in Fairhope,
Serda's Coffee Co. in Daphne and Mobile, Serda Brewing
and Red Beard's Outfitter in Mobile, Weeks Bay Foundation
office, Weeks Bay Reserve, and at baldeaglebash.com

Your attendance helps protect the
natural resources of coastal Alabama and
supports the Weeks Bay National Estuarine
Research Reserve.

