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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE - Elaine Carson Spencer



Good news! Our fundraiser, the “Invasion of Privacy” Preview Party held on June 12th at the Matheson Museum was a big success along with the sale of books and drawings during the next week’s play! Thank you to our sponsors and a special thanks to the director of the play, Judith Chapman from Palm Springs, CA and the cast members who made their grand entrance shortly after the Preview Party started. It was an exciting two weeks. Special thanks go to Alora Haynes Chair of the Santa Fe College Fine Arts Department and Kathryn Lehman, Coordinator of Santa Fe College Cultural Arts. They invited the Friends of MKR Farm to be involved with the event. We are very appreciative and, of course, the exposure has been absolutely fantastic. Since the benefit and the play, the Farm has been busy with giving tours to more people than usual. Many have returned after years of remembering her books and her life at the Creek.

If you’d like to see the more photographs from the benefit of June 12th than we have in this issue, please go to this Link: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/bngar325e6tt6ch/AACCetfj2blpsPaYiffNW6l_a?dl=0. (Phew!)



A date change to note: Marjorie’s actual birthday is August 8th, but this year we decided to combine the last day of house tours by our docents on **July 31st** with her birthday party. August and September is house cleaning time and no tours are conducted. Tours on this day will be at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm. Continued by popular demand is the cooking of homemade Marmalade (in MKR kitchen). A “Chance drawing” for jars of delicious Marmalade made using Marjorie’s recipe will follow the demonstration. The drawings will be held at 12 noon and 1 p.m. with winners being announced. So join us for a fun day at the MKR farm in Cross Creek.



Cast members and Director of Invasion of Privacy Play

Photo taken at Preview Party held June 12, 2015

Front left: Gina Bikales as Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Back left to right: Matt Lindsey as Norton Baskin, Retired 8th Circuit Judge Chester Chance as Judge John A. Murphree, Corbett Brattin as Sigsbee Scruggs, attorney for MKR, Yo Younger as Kate Walton, attorney for Zelma Cason, Judith Chapman, Director/Soap Opera Actress and Sara Morsey as Zelma Cason

Left to right: Murray Laurie, Elaine Carson Spencer, Park Manager Valerie Rivers and Flo Turcotte

Photo above taken at presentation of Cross Creek Cookery and World War II

“What a delightful and informative program on MKR. Makes me proud to be a native of this state” from a guest attending this program!

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HELP WANTED

The Farm couldn't run without the hard work of both staff and volunteers, and we can always use more help. We are about to "put the house to sleep" for August and September, but that doesn't mean we aren't still hoping for some volunteers to come out to the farm. Take a look at our volunteer "jobs" and see if any strike your fancy.

To volunteer at the park, please contact Park Ranger Carrie Todd at 352-466-3672 or by email carrie.todd@dep.state.fl.us. You can also find out more information and fill out a volunteer application at <https://www.floridastateparks.org/content/volunteers-how-apply>

If you fill out the online volunteer application please put Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park in the volunteer location section. Or fax application to Carrie Todd at (352) 466-4743.

Volunteer Positions available at Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park

House docent

This position is specifically to provide guided tours through the MKR farmhouse and provide one on one interpretation of the park in the farm yard. In order to do this work, you must be comfortable speaking in public and interacting with visitors. You must also have or enjoy either teaching or customer service experience as you will be the main contact for visitors to the park. To be a successful tour guide, we will provide training and access to all of MKR's written works and historical narrative of the property. You will also be expected to help with other aspects of farm work that can vary from feeding ducks to flower arranging. The house does not have climate control and you will wear 1930's period costume. Days needed: . October-July Thurs-Sunday for regular tours (tour times are 10, 11 am and 1, 2, 3 and 4 pm). Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10, 11 am , 1pm for large group tours.

Conservation assistant

This position will focus on the conservation and preservation of the historic house and the park's collections. The duties would include assistance with cleaning and maintaining the interior of the house for tours. It would also involve larger projects like painting, mold removal, and artifact cleaning. This will also involve work on the artifact inventory and collections assessment that requires attention to detail and keeping good notes of the cleaning and maintenance done around the house. Remember the historic house does not have climate control and you will wear 1930s farm work clothing in the historic house. Days needed: M-W when tours are not scheduled. Daily August and September when the house is closed.

Past Perfect and Collections Assistant

This position is for individuals who like to work with data and information. We are bringing MKR Farm into the 21st century collections management-wise and we need help doing it. This position will involve data entry of existing paper and computer records into the new PastPerfect museum collection management software. Other aspects of this work may include photography of individual collections pieces, researching new or existing pieces in our collection and labeling collections pieces. Attention to detail is very important for this kind of work. This work will be done in our research room that is climate controlled. Those with mobility issues or who are unable to work out of doors are encouraged to consider this volunteer position. Days needed: Daily year-round with special needs in August and September when we focus on preservation and cleaning of our collections.

Farm Assistant

This position is dedicated to the farm chores around the house. These are varied, but can include: animal care, yard debris clean up and path clearing, outdoor house cleaning, trail maintenance and fence clearing. Volunteers in this position may choose to focus on one aspect such as the trail maintenance or fence clearing. To be successful in this position you should want to work outside and be familiar with power tools. Days needed: M-W in the farm yard and on trails. Year round

Citrus Assistants

The historic grove requires its own special care. Volunteers in this position will be

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Photos from the
 Benefit for Friends "Invasion of Privacy" Preview Party
 June 12, 2015 at the Matheson Museum,
 Photos courtesy of Allison Durham Photography



Left to right: Peggy MacDonald, Dr. Caleb King, Eileen Smith and Neal Spencer



Left to right: Bob Mounts, Anita Springs and Ensook Parker



Left to right: Fletcher and Nancy Baldwin and Roy Hunt



Left to right: Yo Younger, Jim Stephens and Dan Cantliffe



Left to right: Sharon Edwards and Wayne Norton (deceased)



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The Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc. would like to thank these companies and organizations for their generous contributions to our efforts and all of the individuals who support our mission.



Left to right: Mickey Angell and Marlene Thomas



Left to right: Margaret Stacker, Marilyn Peterson and Zelda Hawk



Helen Warren and Bob Mounts



John Schiffler and Kelly Neder



Guest at Silent Auction



Alora Haynes, Ilene Silverman and Ed Haynes

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•South Moon Farms •Matheson History Museum •Santa Fe College •Island Grove Wine Company •East End Eatery
 •The Ilene Silverman Show •Publix Supermarkets
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responsible for weeding, trimming and fertilizing the citrus trees. Assistance with freeze protection and fruit harvest are also needed. These tasks are well suited for groups as well as individuals who would be dedicated to the care of our trees. Knowledge of citrus or fruit trees is helpful but not required. Volunteers should be able to lift, bend, reach and a knowledge of power tools is helpful. Volunteers working on tour days would need to dress in 1930s appropriate clothing. Days needed: all days. Well suited for large weekend projects monthly

Garden Volunteers

At the MKR farm, we maintain a garden in the style that Marjorie would have: growing flowers, vegetables and herbs. Task include planting, watering, weeding, harvesting and fertilizing. A familiarity with gardening in Florida is helpful, but not necessary. Volunteers should be able to lift, bend, reach and a knowledge of power tools is helpful. Volunteers working on tour days would need to wear 1930s period appropriate clothing. Days needed: All days year round

Tenant house interpretation

At MKR Farm we are very fortunate to have an authentic tenant house where we can show how workers in the citrus grove would have lived. It also gives us a chance to highlight the Black history of the farm. We would like to open the tenant house and allow people to walk through it while having a docent available to answer questions. Volunteers in this position would need to be comfortable speaking with the public and answering questions sensitively and accurately. Public speaking and customer service experience are a plus. You will wear 1930s period costume and be stationed at the tenant house which also has no climate control. Days Needed: Thursday-Sunday 9 am-12pm or 1-5pm shifts Year Round

Special Demonstrations:

Do you have a special skill or know how to demonstrate homesteading work? We are looking for people who would share a craft with the public. Perhaps you can make lye soap or do needle point, maybe you would like to demonstrate how to field dress duck or clean fish after a good day on the lake. Do you make Christmas wreaths for your friends each year? We are looking for some volunteers to do demonstrations of important farm chores that would have been integral to life out here on the farm. Volunteers would be working at the historic house without climate control and need to wear 1930s period costume. Teaching experience or customer service experience is helpful. Days needed: Thurs-Sun during tour season: October - July and/or willing to be scheduled for large group tours or school children.

Maintenance Mechanic

Here at the Farm, like many farms, our equipment needs attention. We have a variety of power tools (weed eaters, mowers, chain saws, etc.) that often need some TLC as well as a single park vehicle that often needs attention. Do you like tinkering with small engines? Perhaps you would like to work on our vehicle. For this position, willingness to work in an open are garage without climate control.

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Have you updated your laptop and old one collecting dust? We might be able to put it to work!

Same with your lawnmower! We always need a backup when ours is in need of repair





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IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?
Please check your address label. The date that you see on the label is the date your dues are due. If your membership is current, we thank you!

2015 Friends of MKR Calendar

Thursday, July 30, 2015 Marmalade Cooking Demo & Home Food Preservation History from 6-8pm \$5 per person
Carrie Todd, Park Ranger at the MKR Historic State Park
Demonstrates how to make marmalade using M. Rawlings recipe.

Friday, July 31, 2015 Help us Celebrate Marjorie's 119th Birthday.
Birthday Cake, Ice Cream & Lemonade.
Marmalade cooking in Marjorie's kitchen.
Last day of summer to tour MKR farmhouse.
Tours are 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.
Call park for more information: 352-466-3672

August/September, 2015 Annual MKR Farm Cleaning & Maintenance.
No house tours, but park is open.

Thursday, October 1, 2015 House reopens for tours



Note!!! Date change for MKR's Birthday party

Membership Information

Effective July 1, 2014 new membership dues are as follows

Type	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Lifetime
Individual	\$25	\$70	\$105	\$200	\$ 450
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