

News from the Creek

Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc.

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President's Message

by Elaine Spencer July/August 2016

Here we are in these hot and humid summer months, but believe or not, visitors continue to come out to see and experience what it was like in the 1930-1940's when Marjorie Rawlings lived in Cross Creek. On May 15th we had a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the naming of a new hybrid rose...the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Rose. See photographs of this grand ceremony.

The Friends have been busy this past month with the planning of 2017 which is the 75th Anniversary of the Publication of **Cross Creek** and **Cross Creek Cookery**. Some of the events in the planning stages....

"The Haunting of Cross Creek"

"Paint-Out" Open to all artists - held at the home of MKR

"Cross Creek Kayak" through the floating islands of Orange Lake

"Foodies Prepare Marjorie's Favorites" from Cross Creek Cookery
with Stefanie Hamblen and local chef's

"Tea with Marjorie and Zora" a premiere event - held at the Matheson History Museum (Gainesville)

So....**STAYED TUNED.....FOR A GRAND FILLED YEAR 2017**
COMPLETE CALENDAR - COMING OUT IN OCTOBER 2016 - ALSO CHECK OUR WEBSITE!

Help us with Historic Preservation!

Summers at Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park are dedicated to Historic Preservation! In July we finish our tour season and start to focus our attention on the historic house and grounds for August and September.

Do you love to paint? Perhaps you have a penchant for pressure washing. Maybe you see mildew and dust as your enemy. Have you ever wanted to complete a detailed assessment of an historic collection? We need you! We have all kinds of historic preservation and maintenance tasks including some in the cool of the AC! The schedule is flexible during the summer.

If you have an RV you can move right in! MKR participates in the Florida Park Service Resident Volunteer Program. Resident Volunteers are required to do 20 hours of service in exchange for a lovely secluded campsite. We are right on Orange Lake in a beautiful rural setting. The real bonus to this is that we don't have the trash and bathroom duty of the popular beach parks, while providing beautiful scenery, a location close to both beaches and springs and a really lovely atmosphere. We have 2 full service hook-up sites (50 amp); though your motorhome will need its own bathroom/shower. We also have a laundry facility.



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**I scream, You Scream, We all scream for... Our YELS team!
(and Ice Cream!)**

by Carrie Todd, Park Ranger



This summer we were excited to be a service partner for the Young Entrepreneurs for Leadership and Sustainability Summer Program for the second year. For 5 weeks high school juniors and seniors from all over the country participate in this college preparatory program sponsored by the Social Impact and Sustainability Initiative of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Warrington College of Business Administration at the University of Florida.

We couldn't be more thrilled!

Boy, did these kids work hard! We had a team of 6 rising seniors and a team leader, all of whom never seemed to stop moving. The program is designed to give students a taste of college life while helping them fulfill community service requirements and fuel their passion for building their community. That means that each day they were taking classes and attending lectures while spending 2 hours at the park in the HOT sun. As if studying weren't hard enough, they transformed our garden and citrus trees in the historic farmyard and helped us establish native plant and pollinator landscaping around our administrative office. They were cheerful about the bugs, weeds and heat. Hopefully they had a little bit of a transformative experience as well.



Treating them to Marjorie's hand churned mango ice cream probably didn't hurt. We had an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social during their final week of service during which they cheerfully set up tables, churned ice cream and served visitors before they treated themselves.

Without our wonderful volunteers The Farm wouldn't be such a special place!



**Happy Birthday!!
120 Years**



Marjorie Kinman Rawlings
August 8, 1896

A small birthday party was held at the park on our last day of tours for the summer, July 31st to celebrate Marjorie's 120th Birthday (actual birthday is August 8th)

MKR Rose Ceremony

LIFETIME MEMBERS

- Ginny and Gunter Arndt
- Danny and Judy Baker
- Sheila Barnes
- Catherine Beazley
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- Alachua Conservation Trust
- Blue Highway Restaurant
- Horseless Carriage Club of America
- Mansbridge Editing & Transcription



Ribbon Cutting (left to right) Art Wade, Elaine Carson, Valerie Rivers and Keith Honeycutt



Winners of the MKR Rose (left to right), Keith and Marshi Honeycutt with Elaine Spencer



Board Members Neal Spencer and Barbara Wingo at reception table



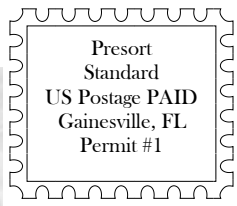
Entertainment provided by Jessie and Donna Townsend

The Perfect Gift

Looking for a gift idea for a birthday, holiday or just because? We suggest a monetary gift to the Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc.; it has never been easier. You may send a check to PO Box 337, Micanopy, FL 32664, or specify a gift on the web site (<http://marjoriekinnanrawlings.org/>) via PayPal with a credit card or PayPal account. You may give a personal gift or a gift in memory or in honor of another person. All gifts are acknowledged as you direct. Think of us also as you plan your estate. We are pleased that several people have recently taken advantage of our options through lump sum gifts and automatic monthly debits. You select the plan, and we will work with you.

The Friends of the MKR Farm, Inc., is registered with the State of Florida as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Certificate Number 85-8012599640C-1).

Let us help you simplify your giving.



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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!



2016 Friends of MKR Calendar

August and September	MKR Historic State Park is closed tours for summer cleaning and maintenance, to reopen on October 1, 2016
October 6, 2016	MKR Historic State Park reopened for house tours.
October 18, 2016	MKR Board Meeting - Downtown Gainesville Public Library, 6:00pm-7:30pm - Foundation Room
December 4-6, 2016	Citrus Picking between 4th and 6th - Call park for exact date! Ya'll come & pick!
December 10, 2016	MKR Annual Meeting and Holiday Party - Time and Place, TBA - Public invited!

<i>Membership Information</i>					
Effective July 1, 2014 new membership dues are as follows					
Type	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Lifetime
Individual	\$25	\$70	\$105	\$200	\$ 450
Family	\$30	\$85	\$130	\$250	\$ 550
Educational	\$30	\$85	\$130	\$250	\$ 550
Corporate	\$55	\$155	\$255	\$500	\$1,000

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Membership in the Friends of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc.

We invite you to join or renew your membership in the Citizen Support Organization (CSO) for the MKR Historic State Park. Friends of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Farm, Inc., is a 501©(3) nonprofit organization. All contributions are tax deductible. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Florida Division of Consumer Services by calling 1-800-435-7352 (toll-free within Florida). Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State.

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