

# 2008 BCC Newsletter

## Summer Supplement



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### Family Member Honored at Dedication Ceremony



12 and 1/2 acres of timber and a seepage stream known as Bear Creek became a preserve when Doreen Miley Holder was honored by a donation of

this family land by her husband Lehman and sister Donna. Ms. Holder died in 1986, and her ashes were scattered on the property. The preserve

is located off Highway 83A near Freeport in Walton County.

### What's in a Name...M<sup>3</sup>S<sup>3</sup>

Ten acres of preserved land received a new name in early 2008, bestowed by Julie Hilton and Richard Whitsitt after a substantial donation was made to the BCC on their behalf. The name is whimsical—"Marjorie's Magical Marsh—Symone's

Sanctimonious Swamp"—but the motivation is not: the desire to honor two

**Marjorie's Magical Marsh**  
**Symone's Sanctimonious Swamp**  
Award-winning artist and professor  
**Marjorie R Whitsitt, Ph.D. (1922-2003)**  
would have cherished magical times here with her granddaughter,  
**Ava Symone Katherine (2006- )**  
who would relish in making this a sanctimonious haven for play. We hope you do too!!

important women in their life and to hope that love of the land will continue

to be passed from one generation to the next. Marjorie's Magical Marsh—Symone's Sanctimonious Swamp is located off Highway 2311, to the east of Deerpoint Lake.

### Special Thanks To:

- Dr. Ted Wilson—BCC's newest Board member and Palm Preserve property manager
- The Jonkel Family—management team leaders at Juniper Headwaters Preserve
- Rick Ruebsamen - management team leader at the Talkington Preserve
- Laura Jenkins—proposed a memorial project for Wally Jenkins
- Our Volunteers

-The Wal-Mart crew helping to clean up at Audubon Nature Preserve

-All those who have given of their time to help out with the habitat restoration project at the Mary Ola Reynolds Miller Palm Preserve

#### Recent Special Donors:

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And all who kindly donated in memory of Audrey Parker

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## Tumble Creek Preserve Expanded

Rivulets of clear water trickling through sphagnum moss and red-flowered Florida anise come together to form Tumble Creek and eventually flow into Econfinia Creek, source of Bay County's drinking water.

Pine, turkey oak, and wire-grass surround the creek and provide habitat for a variety of living creatures.

Nearly 50 acres of this ecosystem has now been protected by the Bay County Conservancy with the recent 4.8 acre expansion to the Preserve located near the intersection of Bay, Washington, and Jackson Counties.

Monies from dues, donations, and memorials was used to purchase the land from out-of-state owners. The original 20 acres of the preserve had always been declared a sanctuary by T&P Land Company, developers of the Tumble Creek subdivision. That sanctuary was deeded to the Panhandle Audubon Society in 1986 and then passed on to the BCC in 2000.

Two previous additions were funded by grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Jelks Family Foundation, and Gulf Power Foundation.

## BCC Protected

### Properties

- Audubon Nature Preserve
- King Family Preserve
- Tumble Creek Preserve
- Mary Ola Reynolds Miller Palm Preserve
- Savage Swamp
- Juniper Headwaters Preserve
- Talkington Family Nature Preserve
- Richard Jennings Preserve
- Marjorie's Magical Marsh—Symone's Sanctimonious Swamp
- Doreen Miley Holder Preserve

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## Mission Statement

The Bay County Conservancy is a not-for-profit, 501 (c) (3) land trust dedicated to the preservation of environmentally sensitive lands in the St. Andrew Bay ecosystem with emphasis on Bay County Florida.



Coreopsis blooming at the Palm Preserve in May

## Thank You for Your Support

Volunteers and donors who understand the need for preserving at least a small part of our native environment are the bed-rock of our organization. Please help the Bay County Conservancy save open space, wetlands and wildlife habitat.

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