

# Tigertales



## President's Message

Charlette Roman

Spring is in the air and it's time for the transition of the tides and the birds at Tigertail! With nature's transition also comes our very own organizational change.

This concludes my third year as President. We enjoyed another successful year of partnership, educational outreach, and volunteer service. We are financially healthy and our membership continues to grow. Our success would not have been possible without the support of the board of directors and the membership. Thank you! As one member of the community said recently at a beach cleanup, "volunteers are nice people!"

Jeanne Reiley, one of our Founding Members, leaves the board for a well-deserved break after almost 10 years! Jeanne also serves on the city beach advisory committee. Her commitment and wise counsel to the board will be missed, but I know we can find her out on Tigertail!

Our Treasurer, Cindy Daly, steps down

after three years. Cindy has done a tremendous job for us, getting our finances in order. We all thank her so much for her dedication.

Special thanks also to Russ Colombo, for his three years of service as our Membership Chair. His "swan song" included the labels for this newsletter!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick and Jeannine Stone as she works to regain her health.

We'll make it official at our evening program on March 21<sup>st</sup>. I'm pleased to announce our new slate of officers for 2007-2008: Debbie Roddy, President; Burt Robbins, Vice President; Ken Kubat, Treasurer and Susan Kubat, Secretary. I know that you will continue to support our new officers as you have supported me in "preserving," "protecting" and "educating."

Tigertail Beach will stay a treasure with all our efforts!

## Board of Directors 2006-2007

Charlette Roman—President  
Kathy Apy—Vice President  
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## Albino Horse Conch Wins Friends of Tigertail Trophy at Shell Show

Phil Miller was the winner of the Friends of Tigertail award at the 2007 Marco Island Shell Show. His albino horse conch was judged the best single Marco Island self-collected shell in the scientific division.

Member Linda Shockley won a blue ribbon, the Scribner's Trophy and Conchologist of America Plaque for her scientific exhibit of Marco Island self collected gastropods. Many of Linda's shells in the exhibit were collected at Tigertail and Sand Dollar.

Other FOT members who won were: Burt Robbins, a blue ribbon for a beautiful necklace and earrings with jingle shells; Carolyn Ginther, a blue ribbon in scientific division for her Alaskan Limpet; and Fran Enman, several ribbons in both the artistic and scientific divisions. Her blue ribbon shell mirror was a real masterpiece!



Nancy Richie, City Environmental Specialist, reports that the first burrowing owl chicks are starting to emerge from burrows around the Island.

To report any harassment or destruction of burrows, the owls or young, do not hesitate to call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Hotline Number: 1-888-404-FWCC (3922). This Hotline can also be used for any other protected species - pelicans, manatees, osprey, gopher tortoises, shorebirds, dolphins, etc.

## Memorial Tree and Bench Program Available at Tigertail Beach

Last month we dedicated our first memorials in ceremonies at Tigertail Beach Park. The Collier County Parks and Recreation Department offers members of the community the opportunity to purchase a bench or native tree for the park in memory of a loved one. The donation of \$2,000 for a bench and \$500 for a native tree of your choice, includes maintenance of the memorial throughout its life-cycle.

If you would like more information on this program, please contact Kathy Apy, Memorial Committee Chair, at 389-4278.

# Numbers Up for Weekday Beach Walks at the Park

Since 1993, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida has sponsored free guided beach walks at Tigertail Beach. This year, the walks began January 8 and will continue through April 13, Monday through Friday at 8:30 A.M. The two hour walks are lead by experienced volunteer naturalists, some of whom are also members of Friends of Tigertail: Susan and Ken Kubat, Nancy Sineni, and Judy Polizzotti. The walks are offered free of charge and no reservations are needed. In addition to birding, the naturalists give information about the mangroves and other plants great and small that call the estuary home, and the history and dynamics of the barrier island ecosystem. In the first nine and one half weeks of the season, there have been 628 people on the guided walks.

More guides are needed for this fun activity. If you are interested in learning to become a guide, please call Susan Kubat at 642-7740.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Thursday, April 19:** Member birdwatching field trip to Eagle Lake led by Beverly Anderson, Rookery Bay. Call or email Harriette Tax for reservations at [taxhar@aol.com](mailto:taxhar@aol.com) or 642-8505. Space is limited.

**Saturday, April 21:** Bay Days Beach Clean-Up, 8 am—12 pm, meet at the Tigertail Beach Kiosk. Bags and gloves will be provided. Come for an hour or spend all morning! Call Susan LaGrotta for more information or to sign-up at 438-7776.

**Saturday, July 21:** Quarterly Beach Clean-Up, 8 am—12 pm, meet at the Tigertail Beach Kiosk. Bags and gloves will be provided. Come for an hour or spend all morning! Call Susan LaGrotta for more information or to sign-up at 438-7776.



Jeanne Reiley Chairs FOT volunteers for City Conservation Day



Friends and family gather for Bob Rosa's Memorial Tree dedication at Tigertail Beach Park. Coats were worn by all! Pastor Fiol, Marco Presbyterian Church, and Betty Rosa pictured bottom left.



Educational events with partners from Rookery Bay, Hide-away Beach and the National Park Service-Big Cypress: "Sand, Sea and Sky" and Buddy Day highlights.



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