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Wilderness Journal

News from the T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve
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T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Reserve Open House

The Friends of the Carlton held a public open house on **Saturday April 5, 2008, from 9-3**. Many thanks to all the volunteers and organizations who helped us make this day possible and bring greater awareness of the treasures we have in these protected lands.



The Orens introduce bird watching



LeeAnn Harling & Bill Locher greet visitors



Sally Storsberg makes new "Friends"



Boyce Blackmon orients a visitor.



Wildlife Center of Venice



Silent Sports of Osprey



Robt. Shainline: Wildlife Photographer



K-9 Search & Rescue



Village Bikes of Sarasota

Gigi Bates tries on a reptile necklace.



Sarasota Cty. Herpetologist Brian Pavlina



Linda Lovallo demonstrates--one size fits all.

Information on other County parks



Ranger Rick Storsberg and Land Manager Debbie Blanco discuss issues such as recreation, ecological burning and trail maintenance.

Bob Fitzpatrick captivates us with the complexities of feral hog control.



Sheriff gives advice on bike safety



Geocaching Instruction



Nancy Edmondson returns from guiding a nature tour.

Events not pictured were a walking tour with Tom Learmont, a butterfly walk by Jean Dubi, biking tours by Village Bikes, wildlife camera update by Donna Day & Sherm Stratton, GPS use for hiking by Peter Johansson and a presentation on the Myakka Wild and Scenic River by Stacia Hetrick. Closing remarks on the history of the Carlton were presented by Ranger Rick Storsberg and Boyce Blackmon who held the recreational lease on the property for 30 years prior to County acquisition. Thank you to all the other helpers: Russ Johnson, Bob Branson, Jim Courtwright, Bob Hladik, Charlie Sample, Carl Schwartz, and Pete Davis.