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Happy New Year! Welcome the year two thousand twenty four with exuberance and goodwill to all!

What a great pleasure it is to have this opportunity to greet so many people in this way, through the Dudley Farm Journal. With gratitude, the Board of Directors of The Friends of Dudley Farm wish all of our members, along with the dedicated park volunteers, resident volunteers and staff, a year abundant in peace, health, prosperity and joy. And, may you always be surrounded by those who make your life brighter. Think positive and be open to finding the new adventures that await just around the corner. In this new year, we envision a new beginning and are looking forward to growing, advancing in all ways possible. Our CSO membership will grow, there will be additional park volunteers helping at the farm and in the gardens. Even more dedicated volunteers will join the Soil Sisters of the plant nursery, others will be store keepers in the Commissary, researchers in the Collections Building and quilters/sewers/knitters/spinners with the Domestic Skills group. Opportunities abound to contribute to the success of this authentic historic park.

This year is truly a NEW BEGINNING, join in the excitement!

The year 2023 ended with exciting, interesting and fun activities:

The 34th Annual Fall Farm and Cane Day Festival, held December 2nd, was an overwhelming success.

A multitude of visitors enjoyed activities and demonstrations throughout the park and farm, there was fun for all ages.

Here are some pictures taken that day:



Working the cane press



Demonstrating old-timey toys



Wash day was an involved process



The happy Quilt drawing winner

On Saturday, December 23rd from noon to 2pm, The Dudley Musicians started a new tradition, Christmas caroling!

Tunes and songs of the season with lyrics that most visitors found familiar and happily sang along, helping to get everyone in the spirit of the season. Cookies, snacks, refreshing cider and more were available for everyone on the back porch.

Led by Jim Marks, the groups coordinator, these talented dedicated volunteers enhance the old time, friendly atmosphere of DFHSP. There's music in the air each Saturday and often during the week at the farmstead as well.



Getting started - Tuning up



Yummy treats on the back porch

The year's events ended at 8:00am, December 30th, with the very popular "Bird Walk".

Birders throughout the area gathered for our annual bird watchers event. Guided by Ted and Mary Ellen, members of the Alachua Audubon Society, enthusiasts with binoculars in hand, listening intently to the sounds of nature observed and identified the avian presence in this tranquil, natural environment. Ending 2023 with another great event! *So sorry, I didn't take pictures of this event.*

OUR 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

February 10th – Kids Day: Take a Spin, 10 to 2 learning all about cotton

February 24th – Stories by Moonlight, 5:30 to 7:30 an evening event

March 2nd – Plowing Up the Past, 10 to 3 Tractors and more.

March 23rd – Heritage Skills Day, 9 to 3 all sorts of old time skills

April 13th – Partake of the Past; 9 to 3 Girl Scouts ~ as girls living in the 1880's demonstrate their work & play.

Saturday's farmstead guided tours: March 30th, April 27th.

January 13th - Kids Day: About Milk Was so much fun!

Children and their adults learned all about milk! Where it comes from, how it is acquired and the many products that it can create. We tried to lasso a 'wooden' cow, the cattlemen showed us how it's done. Milka, the favorite wooden demonstration cow, showed us how to extract the milk, then we churned it into butter. Cheese is made from milk too!



Milka is a fun and great teacher



Everyone had a turn at churning



John, enjoying butter from the bowl

Here's just a fraction of the many participants who joined in the festivities.

Permission granted.



As I am getting this issue together, I haven't yet received a report about the "Music by Moonlight" event held on Saturday the 27th from 5:30 to 7:30. I regret that I was not able to attend.

This was our first evening event. Hopefully you saw it listed in the Events at a Glance in the last edition and were able to attend.

We will have another evening event on February 24th, "Stories by Moonlight". I hope to see you there. *g*

This publication is interrupted with breaking news ~ very sad news!

**Bob Phillips, our long time Friends of Dudley Farm member has passed away.
Bob left us on Saturday, January 27th, 2024.**

From the beginning, Bob and his wonderful wife Gena were an integral part of this park, making it what it is today. Bob worked tirelessly building, renovating and creating, to bring back the old buildings to usable and acceptable condition. There was no one more willing to help in every way. His talent and his dedication had no end! Read on about this amazing person:

The Journal of July / August 2022 featured Bob and Gena for their dedication and tireless work for Dudley Farm Historic State Park. Here are some excerpts from that tribute:

A note of acknowledgement from Dale Kendrick:

"I was assigned Park Manager of Dudley Farm in September 1996 and from the start faced many challenges to bring the Farm back as we know it today as well as get it opened to the public. At that time, many volunteers came forward to help meet the challenge. One volunteer that stands out in my mind is Bob Phillips. Bob was always ready to help in anyway needed. We relied on Bob to help handle the electric wiring for the visitor center. He also donated many items to the farm and went with me to Jacksonville to purchase the John Deer Model M tractor now at the Farm. Bob was instrumental in having the Marchant Commissary donated to the farm. I know I've left out some of the contributions Bob has made, but he was never one who wanted any credit for what he contributed, hours worked, contributions made and projects completed. Bob just wanted to help the Farm become what it is today. Thanks Bob and thanks to you Gina for all of your never tiring support."

"Bob Phillips is a Friend of Dudley Farm that gives in so many ways that it would be difficult to say enough thanks. He did the electrical wiring and the A/C for the Hodge House" "Visitors Center". "Bob cooks, repairs, runs errands, and is truly our handyman. Thanks from all of us, Bob, for donating so much time and talent to this project."

Special Thanks from Anne Leivonen Hair to Bob & Gena Phillips for all the time and effort they put into Dudley Farm, The Evening at Dudley; Cane Grindings; Farm Plow Days; Electrical work; Cooking; Food Committee details; The Hand Pump Project; Handicap Accessibility Advice; Tractor upkeep & Supplies; Public Relations.



The last time that Bob participated in an event at the park. Here he displays some of his extensive collection of antique tools and engages visitors in conversation.

Sally Morrison, 1st Ranger, Volunteer Coordinator of Dudley Farm, added her acknowledgements in the aforementioned edition:

"Even before Dudley Farm officially opened to the public, Bob and Gena Phillips were volunteering their knowledge, time, and hard work all during the restoration. Once the park opened Bob purchased, fixed and operated the corn grist mill used at cane grindings and maintained the antique tractor that powered the mill. It was easy to see his love of people as he greeted visitors and explained/demonstrated the uses of antique tools and farm equipment. Bob helped facilitate the donation of the Oren Marchant Commissary, too. Good neighbor, special friend, and the best volunteer you could hope for, that's Bob.

Gena and Bob had breakfast for everyone before the initial Cane Day events. They also provided hoe cake demonstrations at the Hodge Barn, cooking and serving them with Dudley syrup. They built the pecan wood plank tables used at the park. Bob directed CSO money to repair the pitcher pump in the farmyard and to install electrical service to the 1950's kitchen. They both served on the Board of Directors of the Friends group. Bob also served as assistant editor of the Dudley Farm Journal.

The Bob Phillips that I knew ~ I consider myself blessed to have known him!

It was an honor and privilege to know this wonderful, honorable, friendly, honest, kind and generous man.

He always greeted me with 'Hi, young lady', I loved it! Bob was very special,

I never knew Bob to have a cross word. He truly cared about people and he helped many.

He had an analytical mind and would come up with creative solutions to solve any problem, he always found the answer.

His distinctive voice, recognized anywhere, was always friendly.

There were no limits to his love for his amazing wife and their family, and they reciprocated in kind. Bob was very special, one in a gazillion! He will be missed by me and by the many people whose lives he touched throughout his life.

I extend my sincerest condolences to Gena and their children, grandchildren and all their loved ones. My love, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely, Gloria

P.S. Bob and Gena, always supporting The Friends of Dudley Farm, supplied the stamps and did all the mailing of the DF Journal

The Presidents Note

It's been a great start to a new year. The weather may be a little colder and windier than I like but most days the sun has been shining. I can look out to my back yard and see the garden growing. The field is planted in oats, but our garden has greens, lettuce, cabbage, eggplant, English peas, carrots, potatoes, and I'm sure Archie has planted much more. We eat fresh vegetables, home canned or frozen at most meals. It is a lot of work for him, but he seems to like it.

When I was a child, we always had a garden in the summer months. I remember cleaning green beans at home and then going to my job in the canning factory and processing beans until the trucks were empty. We went to work at 3:00 pm and sometimes it was 3:00 am when we left work. We did get two hours for lunch or supper break. Don't think I could work like that anymore.

We had our annual meeting on January 8th .

The following were elected as officers of the Friends of Dudley Farm:

President, Emelie Matthews; Vice President, Art Wade; Secretary, Sally Johnson; Treasurer, Joey Malphurs.

The Board of Director members are:

Archie Matthews; Lorraine McDowell; Jim Colt; Norm Tankersley; Cydney Wade; Dorothea Roebuck-Hawes; Antonio Zamora and Corina Zamora.

I am excited to be working with this group of individuals. They have innovative ideas and are excited to support our precious farm.

Hope to see you around the farmstead.

Emelie

Peaceful Reflections at the Farm

by Sally Johnson

Peace and wonderment fill my head as I sit here on the porch of the commissary.

I picture myself back in the day that the Dudley's struggled to raise a family of 12 children and at the same time managing several crops while making their home into a small community. I picture myself as a young girl back on my family's farm with a family of seven harvesting and managing a farm on the 300 acres my mother and father bought back in the 1930's. Things were a little more progressive compared with the 1800's but it was in the time of WW2 and the depression so times were difficult. However I was a happy child and enjoyed hay rides, tapping maple trees, rounding up cows with my dog Tippy and living the good life on the farm. We lived in Vermont my Dad boiled down maple syrup every year and that reminded me of the cane boil.

The purring of the Kawasaki buggy interrupts my thoughts as John the ranger buzzes by and waves to me with a big smile on his face. This takes my mind off from myself and I think of how hard the staff works to fulfill a mission to make this period of time into living history. Sandra crosses my mind as I have volunteered several times with her sharing history with children about that era in time. She not only creates so many wonderful programs and ideas for the public she also is in touch with her staff making the people around her feel like one big happy family.

I have had so many positive experiences with such wonderful people Stephanie was the first one I worked with. She was a joy and so were many others like Gayle and also chatting with Gloria. Norm was amazing and so was Keith. Working at the

commissary has helped me to get to know Joey, Connie, Carl and the people on the Board have been very friendly and welcoming.

Visitors at the commissary bring me back again to reality. A couple from the Netherlands excited to see the museum and all it holds come in and we talk for a while about all the memorabilia behind on the shelves. I showed them the map of the countries and all the pins representing the people that visited and they were surprised and wanted to put their country on. They looked at the toys and I explained to them how each one was played with. They loved the jacks and they purchase a packet for their grandchild. A large group came by with two adults and children. They bought several things then they wanted to talk about volunteering and being a Corporate Member. She is one of our new members Corina Zamora. She said they come out every year exposing the children to such a fascinating history site.

So many people ,so many places some from across the world and they all share the same amazement. Time travelers going back to a time that many have never been or know. I feel akin to this place and it takes me home to a place that was very dear to my heart. I know that I have not met all the volunteers but the ones I have met have that same commitment that I feel tug at my heart. I have a lot to learn and know that many of you have been at Dudley since it opened and you are still here.

I look forward to sharing ideas and learning about many fascinating times here at Dudley. The staff and the volunteers are the finest people you will ever meet and I feel blessed to be a part of the Friends of Dudley Farm.

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Citizens Support Org.**

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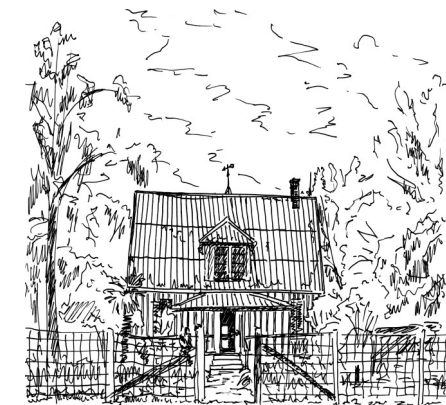
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The turkey ornaments.



**Volunteers Gayle and Meg
Kids Day, on the farmhouse back porch**

Mr. Terrence Ho attended our Cane Day. Here are two of his many drawings depicting our very special park and the event. www.mrterrenceho.com

Tidbits from the Farm

Last year, this feature for the Journal was suggested by **Tom Fasulo, volunteer extraordinaire.** It was a great idea, letting everyone know about the ‘little things’ that go on at the farm and throughout the park. Tom has contributed greatly to it as well. At the farmstead Tom engages visitors in conversation, he is a wealth of information about history, the Dudley's and their farm, farm practices and what's growing. He also busies himself, always accomplishing, by picking weeds or fixing something.

Thank you Tom!

The tidbits that I report, in each issue, are given to me either first handed or second handed by our wonderful staff and volunteers. Sometimes, something reported is unintentionally incomplete. That happened in the last issue, so here's the complete story: When reporting about the remarkable transformation of the farmhouse gardens the credit was given to one person. That person set the record straight reporting that = Resident Volunteer, **Elaine Czarnecki**, was responsible for most of what was accomplished in the farmhouse gardens. Thank you **Lee** for the correction!

Thank you Elaine for all the work that you put into the farmhouse gardens!

Steve and Elaine Czarnecki, Resident Volunteers, are diligent workers. Their time spent at DFHSP each year truly makes a noticeable difference. They left our park at the end of December. We're looking forward to their return next year.

Lee Etchells weeds the garden and propagates plants, **Michele Flenor** takes care of the roses and **Stephanie** weeds and prunes. They're keeping it all looking pristine! Fencing is being built for the new Rhode Island Red young hens, extending their run. We're in need of a ‘people friendly’ rooster preferably a RI Red, to live with and protect the hens from the very aggressive hawks in the area.

And, even more fencing work is be accomplished throughout the farm. More sugar cane has been planted.

Roses are in bloom, they are magnificent and smell *so good!*

The citrus trees are laden with fruit, yummy oranges and grapefruit.

The newest Resident Volunteers are **Larry and Penny Wolford**. Welcome aboard!

Connie Covey reports that the **Commissary** has a new offer, baskets of three small jars of jelly or jam (your choice) along with other goodies, for \$20.

Everybody enjoys visiting the turkeys, **Terry Byatt** initiated a new item offered at the Commissary: Turkey ornaments, as refrigerator magnets or to hang. Kids love them, only \$2.00.

The Commissary's newest Keeper is **Honesty Huston**. Welcome Honesty!

The Soil Sisters are planning for the Spring Plant Sale.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to enhance the visitors experience through supporting preservation and through education at Dudley Farm, a one of a kind 1880's farm.

This issues featured plant -- Antique Roses

Antique roses are unique, beautiful, fragrant and easy to grow. They survive neglect and thrive with little care. They do not require the use of fungicides and insecticides. Antique roses are tough survivors planted by American Pioneers before the time of chemical sprays and fertilizers. Many are repeat bloomers that will out flower any other perennial found in the Southern garden.

These roses are famous for their fragrances.

Many antique roses are grown on their own roots, not grafted to a root stock like modern roses. Rose bushes, fifty to one hundred years old have been found throughout the Deep South and every one was an 'own root' rose.

One of the treasures carried by pioneer women when they traveled to a new homesite were rose and plant cuttings. The Dudley's migrated here from South Carolina. The Dudley women, all three generations, took pride in cultivation their roses and other plants.

Many of the original Dudley roses still flourish in the farmstead's heritage gardens.



Louis Philippe, from the 1830's, also known as the 'Old Florida Cracker Rose'.

See it at the entrance, by the parking lot on the bamboo trellis. It's a real beauty.

Stop for a whiff ~ it has an amazing fragrance.

Correction to the last issue - The Issue's Featured Plant was an Angel's Trumpet, not an Angle's Trumpet.

I wonder if you good folk read the Journal just to see my type-o's, misspelled words, etc. Thanks for overlooking my mistakes. ☺



The Friends of Dudley Farm Website explained

The Friends of Dudley Farm website is full of useful information and updates. A new feature we have is a place where members can log in and update their profiles.

This ensures that member information is always current.

Go to friendsofdudleyfarm.org/Sys/Login or click on the **Log In** button in the upper right corner of our website.

Then click on the [Step-by-Step Member Log In Instructions](#) button for full instructions on accessing and updating your profile.

We hope you will use this new-to-us technology. As a volunteer-run organization, it helps us to be more efficient in managing our membership records.

This is a link to the actual PDF file
<https://friendsofdudleyfarm.org/resources/Documents/Member%20Login%20Instructions.pdf>

Thanks, Your Membership Committee

We are encouraging those interested in history and in particular preserving history, to join our Collections Building Group.

This is a volunteer position.

The Dudley family possessions are housed within this 'Collections' building. The building was built, under strict specifications, to preserve the extensive positions of Dudley family. Built in 2007, available to accommodate these treasurers in early 2008 when the treasure-trove of items were brought 'home' from Tallahassee. Ms. Myrtle Dudley deeded her farm to the State. After her death the contents were brought to the Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources in Tallahassee for cataloging while the farm buildings were under renovation in preparation to open this new State Park to the public. This building safely stores and preserves and makes available for research the wonderful collection that reflects the lives of the Dudley's. This collection was planned to give researchers the opportunity to examine a treasure-trove of books, documents, sheet music, letters, photographs as well as historic clothing, quilts, fabric items saved by family member since a time prior to the Civil War. There are toys, collectables, glass and China and more - all history! Plans included a rotating exhibit in the three display cases at the parks Visitors Center.

This is a fascinating but can be tedious experience, just right for the right person! Experience preferred ie. curator, museum technician, archivists.

If interested kindly contact: ladyg8r@gmail.com

Who's Who in the Dudley Family
Compiled by Mary Jane Ballou, July 2002
Edited and Updated by Thomas R. Fasulo, October 2021

Originally, names, dates and information were from Farm records. In 2021, these were updated with data from FamilySearch.com, FindAGrave.com, Social Security records and visits to the Jonesville Cemetery gravestones of the Dudley, Wynne, Jones, Kirby, McQueen, McLarty and Garland families. If known, age at death is given in parentheses. If called by a name other than the first, it is also in parentheses. If known, marriage dates and the number of children are listed.

Where possible, spelling of names was confirmed by checking with spelling on the gravestone.

First Generation on the Farm

Philip Benjamin Harvey Dudley, Sr., May 1814 – September 14, 1881 (67 years)

Mary Magdeline Thomson, September 11, 1816 – August 22, 1880 (63 years) married 1832 ; seven children

Second Generation on the Farm

The seven children (5 girls, 2 boys) of P.B.H. Dudley, Sr. and Mary Thomson Dudley

Malinzie Harriet, 1837 – 1895 (57 years) married James Washington Williams

Sarah Frances, 1841 – 1842, (less than 5 months)

Mary Ann Elizabeth, Oct. 19, 1844 – May 2, 1864 (19 years)

John Joseph Jones, Feb. 15, 1833 – Mar. 21, 1913 (80 yrs.) married Sept. 1858, two children

Zachariah Taylor Harvey, 1847 – 1850 (3 years)

Virginia Emeline, Jan. 7, 1847 – June 6, 1914 (64 years)

John Joseph Jones, Feb. 15, 1833 – Mar. 21, 1913 (80 yrs) married (after death of Mary Ann) Oct. 30, 1865; seven children

Phillip Benjamin (Ben) Harvey, Jr. Dec. 29, 1852 – Oct. 28, 1918 (65 years)

Sarah Frances (Fannie) Wynne, Mar. 7, 1858 – Jan. 28, 1937 (78 years) married June 28, 1877, twelve children

Joanna Zilphia, Aug. 30, 1855 – Apr. 20, 1886 (30 years)

Thomas Monroe Kirby, May 1849 – Sept. 4, 1904 (55 years) married Mar. 9, 1873, six children

Third Generation on the Farm

The twelve children (8 girls, 4 boys) of Benjamin Dudley, Jr., and Sarah Frances Wynne

Mary Catherine ("Dollie"), Sept. 29, 1878 – Dec. 13, 1955 (76 years)

Cadimus W. McLarty, June 25, 1875 – June 10, 1958 (82 years) married 1910, two children

Laura, Oct. 25, 1880 – Aug.27, 1914 (33 years) never married

Dora Margaret, Dec. 10, 1882 – Nov. 9, 1969 (87 years)

William L. Pickett, Dec. 29, 1883 – Feb. 28, 1955 (71 years) married 1911, no children

Annie Virginia, Mar. 27, 1885 – Nov. 20, 1968 (83 years)

Thomas E. Garland, July 22, 1858 – Dec. 18, 1947 (89 years) married Mar, 1909, three children

Margaret Leila (Leila), Jan. 1887 – 1972 (84-85 years)

Arthur H. Benner, 1880 – 1973 (92-93 years) married 1911, four children

Edna, Nov. 25, 1888 – Mar. 3, 1963, (75 years) never married

Winifred ("Winnie"), September 2, 1890 – December 4, 1968 (78 years) never married

Philip Benjamin Harvey III ("Harvey"), November 14, 1892 – January 28, 1982 (89 years)

Narcissus Johnson Cole Feb. 7, 1893 – Apr. 1, 1977 (84 years) married Mar. 1, 1927, two step-sons

Ralph Wynne, Mar. 25, 1894 – Mar. 26, 1967 (73 years) never married

Norman Woodall, Dec. 14,1895 – Oct. 17, 1971, (75 years)

Nina Geraldine Harris, May 16, 1898 – Feb. 27, 1981 (82 years) married June 30, 1923, no children

George Francis ("Frank"), Aug. 13, 1899 – Sept. 5, 1980 (81 years)

Cara Elizabeth Long, (July 29, 1915 – June 23, 2007 (91 years) married Dec. 16, 1945, two children

Myrtle Elizabeth, Dec. 8, 1901 – Jan. 14, 1996 (94 years) never married

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