

# Calusa Land Trust

and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc.



A new Preserve is born.

A gift of 7.73 acres from the Eric M. Flanagan family has been given to the Calusa Land Trust.

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**Annual Poker Run  
Sunday December 5th**

**The Calusa  
Blueway  
Paddling  
Festival is  
October 30th  
thru  
November 7th  
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## Acquisition News

by Harold Bruner

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### Newest Preserve is a 7+ Acre Donation on Upper Captiva

**T**hrough the generosity of the Eric M. Flanagan family the CLT recently received the donation of 11 contiguous lots near the south end of Upper Captiva. Public records indicate the total area to be about 7.73 acres. The southernmost lot is about 0.3 mile north of Redfish Pass. There are several homes clustered near the south end of Upper Captiva. This new preserve begins just north of the last house which is shown at the bottom of the photo.

Watch future newsletters and the CLT website for updates on this new preserve. We hope to have a dedication late in November. We will be working on projects including signage and posting boundaries. In the meantime please respect the privacy and property rights of the adjoining owners if you should visit the site.

The board is excited about the possibilities for this new preserve. A sincere thanks goes out to the Flanagan family for this generous gift.  
**See Map of Preserve on Page 2.**

## Fund Raising

by Ron Wesorick

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### Great Calusa Poker Run Is Right Around The Corner.

**T**he Calusa Land Trust and Pine Island Boat Club invite everyone to participate in the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Poker Run on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Following last year's format, you can draw your lucky poker hands at seven stations accessible by boat or land. Everyone young or old can boat, drive, kayak, walk, run, or take golf carts to enjoy the day and have a chance to win cash prizes. As before, we will finish up at Woody's Waterside to eat, drink, and socialize while waiting for the winning poker hand to be determined.

In addition to all participants having an enjoyable day on the water and on Pine Island, all proceeds will be donated to the Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island to help procure and preserve environmentally sensitive land.

The goal of The Great Poker Run is to enjoy the day and collect poker hands at various locations - - - speed of completion is not important as long as you draw the 7<sup>th</sup> card at Woody's before 3:00. Each ticket (you can buy as many as you wish) is carried

to 6 dealer locations around Pine Island Sound and St James City where a card is drawn and entered on your ticket(s). The 7<sup>th</sup> and final card is drawn at Woody's. If you can't participate in the Run, your tickets may be carried by someone else. You do not have to be present to win. Best Poker hands will win cash prizes of \$1000 (first), \$350(second), \$150 (third). There will also be a losers drawing for \$ 100 (however you must be present to win).

Tickets will be available at Woody's and from various sellers starting in October.

For more information, or to purchase tickets call Bob/ Bonnie Kellen at 283-8677, Ron/Pink Wesorick at 283-7249, or Dewey/Liz Duchaine at 470-1072.

## Plunk-a-Plank

Everyone who has walked the St Jude trail knows how nice it is to see (and rest upon) the Memorial Benches along the trail. We have been in need of more benches for a long time. Our solution has come from the local Boy Scouts. In the next few months, Cameron Swartz, with help from his fellow scouts, will build and install 6 new benches along the trail as his Eagle project. Achieving the rank of Eagle Scout requires many years of hard work and concludes with a community project such as this. We are very grateful to Cameron for thinking of us and the many people who walk the trail.

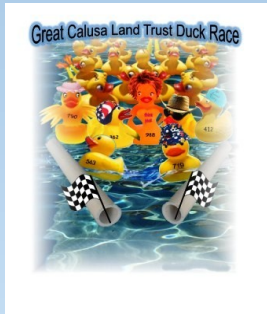
With the addition of these benches, there are more opportunities to install memorial planks along the trail. For a \$50 donation, we will carve your



requested name on a plank to be installed along the trail or on a bench. For a \$200 donation, you can have the top board carved on a bench naming it as your memorial. For a \$500 donation you can have the whole bench as your memorial carved to your specifications.

### The Great Calusa Duck Race

**P**lanning has already begun for our Great Calusa Duck Race next March 5. One of the keys to our success in previous years has been the generous donation of prizes for the race and the auction. We are asking all Calusa Land Trust members who are craftsmen, artists, or business owners to consider donating an article for this great event. Nothing is too large or too small. We especially would like items which would be of interest to men, such as tools, fishing tackle, sporting goods, marine items, gift certificates, etc.



For more information, call Pink Wesorick at 239.283.7249 or e-mail [wesorick@umich.edu](mailto:wesorick@umich.edu) .



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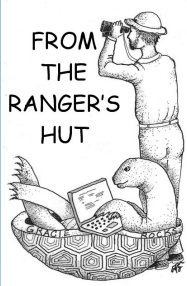
## Ranger's Report

by Ed Chapin - Beeper

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Work Party Schedule 2010  
On the Back Page  
Everyone Welcome

Peter Ordway  
Mangrove Adventures



**J**ust a heads up that we will be starting up the infamous Peter Ordway Mangrove Adventure tours in this month. These are guided kayak and canoe trips through our Preserves. We do not charge for these adventures" but enthusiastically encourage donations.

The first trip of the new season will be on Sunday, October 17th heading out to Fish Eating Creek. This is a fabulous off-island day trip. Fish Eating Creek is a freshwater ecosystem through a gorgeous mature cypress swamp in Palmdale, Fl. We usually see a lot of wildlife including alligators and always come back glad to have had a change of scenery and paddling water. Watch for details in your e-mail as we get closer to October.

Saturday Nov. 6th - We will be visiting our beautiful, flagship Calusa Island Preserve at the northernmost tip of Pine Island. Because of that day's tide, this trip will be Noon to 3 pm.

This trip will be part of the Great Calusa Blueway Festival held in our local waters from October 29 to November 7, 2010. For more information on the Festival please visit [www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com](http://www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com)

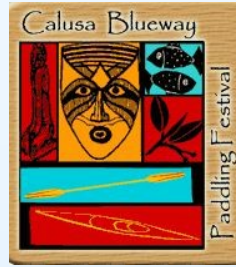
The Peter Ordway Mangrove Adventures will run from October 2010 through March 2011. Watch our website [www.calusalandtrust.org](http://www.calusalandtrust.org) for a list of the full season's paddles.

# Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival

Brenda Anderson

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Mark your calendars now for the Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival.



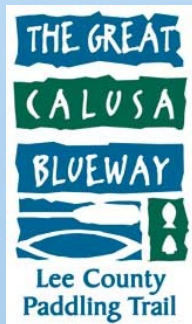
**T**he festival is set for **Saturday, October 30 through Sunday, November 7.** On

Saturday, October 30, the activities will be based at Lovers Key State Park and throughout the week events will be held in various Lee County locations. On Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7, numerous events and activities will be held on Pine Island.

The Calusa Land Trust will once again sponsor a guided paddling trip to Calusa Island in Bokeelia on Saturday, November 6 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.. We will depart from Jug Creek Cottages in Bokeelia and paddle about a mile and a half to Calusa Island where you can then join us on a guided hiking tour of this beautiful island preserve. This is the island that forms the northeast border of Jug Creek in Bokeelia.

Bring your own canoe or kayak or rent one from The Tropic Star. Since this is also a fund raiser for us, a \$20 contribution per person is suggested for the trip. We always have a big turnout for this event and everyone has a great time.

For reservations E-Mail [Brenda@CalusaLandTrust.org](mailto:Brenda@CalusaLandTrust.org) or call me 239.283.1878.



Check our website for more information and for Calusa Blueway Paddling Maps. [www.calusalandtrust.org](http://www.calusalandtrust.org)



## More From 20 Years Ago

This is from the CLT's first ever Newsletter in the Summer of 1990

Written by Alison Ackerman

### BIG JIM CREEK LAND ACQUISITION !!!

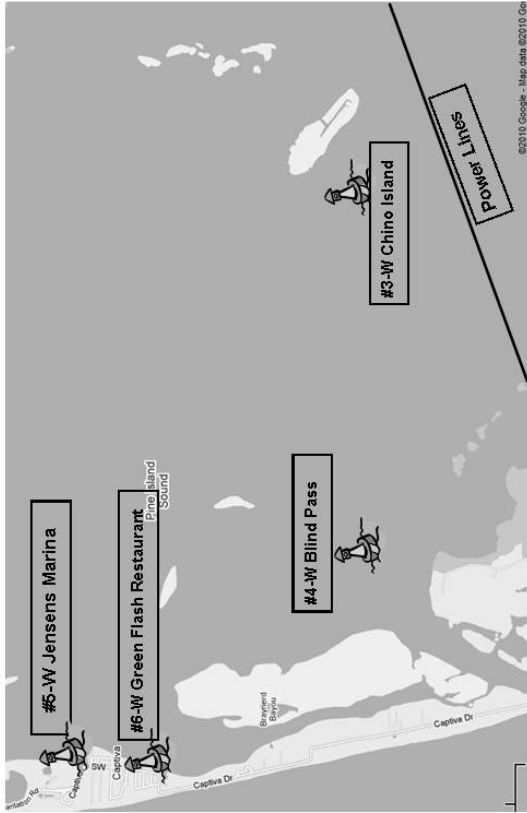
As most of you know, the option-to-buy that Calusa Land Trust received was on about 325 acres surrounding Big Jim Creek near Bokeelia. This is a great accomplishment and one for which we should all be proud. Funds for the first of three tracts have been raised and were paid out in June; and we have just received the deed. The land now belongs to the Calusa Land Trust and can never be developed!

The second and third tracts must be purchased no later than February 1991 and August 1991 respectively, for almost \$7,000 each. If we do not raise the needed funds by those dates, we will lose the chance to purchase this land at the exceptionally good price in our option contract. Our main fundraising efforts will focus on the "Buy an Acre for an Eagle" campaign which was so successful for the first tract. However, the fundraising committee needs other ideas and help mailing our notices. Please keep this in mind if you have any time to spare.

### Aerial View of Big Jim Creek Preserve



All Players must go to one of each numbered station (i.e. #4-W or #4-L/W, but not both number 4's). You may mix Water and Water/Land stations, but must stop at only one number. Stations do not have to be done in order.



## 2010 Poker Run Dealer Stations



Boat to these stops.

- #1-W Long Cut—Water
- #2-W/L Pine Island Shores—2063 Macadamia Ln—Pink & Ron Wesorick—Water/Land
- #3-W Chino Island—Water
- #4-W Blind Pass—Water
- #5-W Jensens Marina, Captiva Island—Water
- #6 W Green Flash Restaurant, Captiva Island—Water
- #7 Woody's Waterside 3051 Stringfellow—Monroe Canal—LAST STOP FOR ALL

L=Land W=Water

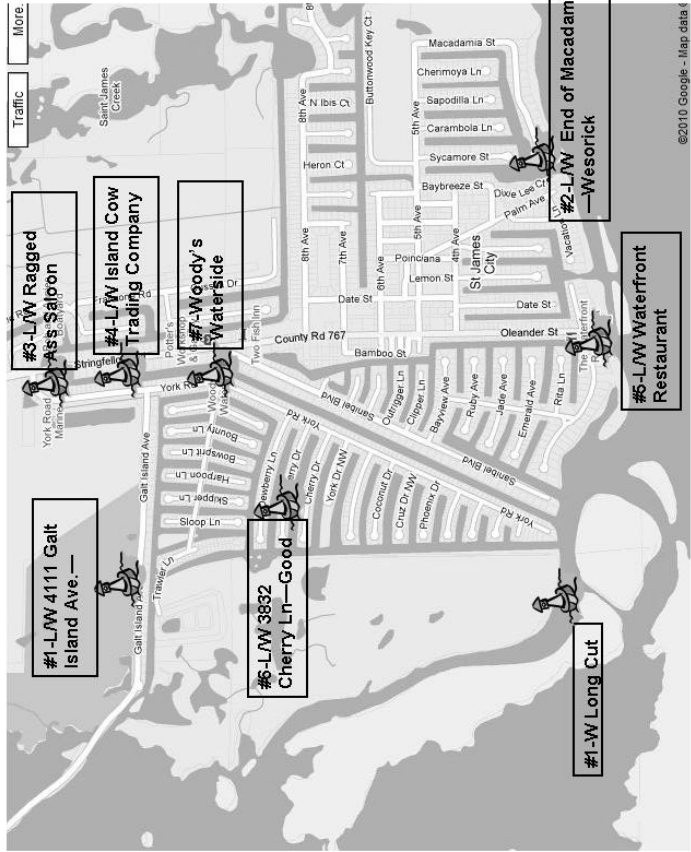
Bike, Walk, Drive or Boat to these stops.

- #1-L/W 4111 Galt Island Ave.—
- #3-L/W Ragged Ass Saloon
- #4-L/W Island Cow Trading Company
- #6-L/W 3832 Cherry Ln—Good
- #7-Woody's Waterside
- #1-W Long Cut
- #2-L/W End of Macadamia—Wesorick
- #6-L/W Waterfront Restaurant

#7 Woody's Waterside 3051 Stringfellow—Monroe Canal—LAST STOP FOR ALL

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The Calusa Land Trust and The Pine Island Boat Club thank you for your participation.



## Invasive and undesirable plant!

**Have you seen this plant  
on your property?**

This is **Earleaf acacia**  
(*Acacia auriculiformis*) and  
it has recently been  
identified as becoming  
invasive and unmanageable  
on Pine Island!



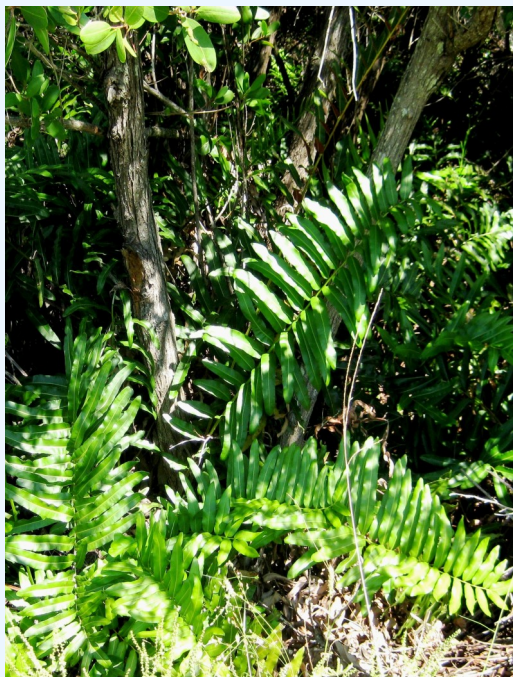
**If you see this plant, remove it! Call the Lee County Extension  
Service at 239-461-7514 for information on how to get in-  
volved in the Earleaf acacia control program on Pine Island.**

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## Treasures of the Trails for October: Giant Leather Fern in Galt Preserve

by Judy Ott

While Galt Preserve is under restoration and literally tons of "weed" species



are being removed, the patches of remaining Giant Leather Ferns remind us of the healthy wetland habitats that once were, and will again be, found at the preserve. Giant Leather Fern (*Acrostichum danaeifolium*) is a native Floridian, found along the edges of brackish and freshwater marshes, swampy hammocks, wet prairies and ponds from north central to south Florida. They can grow as tall as 10 feet, but are more commonly 5 feet tall. The fronds are evergreen and stouter than other common Florida ferns. The leaflets are lance shaped and leathery, with brownish felt-like undersides that carry the reproductive spores of the fern. Giant Leather Ferns have to keep their feet wet and can grow in dense thickets that provide excellent cover and shelter for wildlife.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 50 Donor

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**Upcoming Work Parties – 2010**  
**Mark your Calendar – Plan to Attend**

Saturday November 13      9 am – 12 noon      Cayo Pelau  
Saturday December 11      9 am – 12 noon      Back Bay Preserve, St. James Creek Preserve

**Peter Ordway Mangrove Adventure Tours**

Sunday October 17th Fish Eating Creek (off Island)  
Saturday November 6th Our Own Calusa Island

For more information including where to meet  
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