



In memoriam: Carole Walsh

It is with pain in our hearts that we have to announce that our very dear and loyal Broward Sierra member, Carole Walsh, has passed away during Thanksgiving week. She was surrounded by her loved ones, succumbing after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Many (perhaps all) of our Broward Sierrans do not know what goes into the on-going operations of our group, and while some of you may have heard her name, you may not know the details: Carole Walsh was the person who:

- Arranged the layout of our monthly newsletter, including the editing and proofreading, and made it ready for printing all by the monthly deadline.
- Helped maintain our Facebook page.
- Created flyers for our special events.
- Ensured that our website is always up-to-date and easy to use.

So, not only was Carole very much part of the Broward Sierra community, she was a significant part of where our group is today.

We can recall the days when, in spite of her also very busy daily work, she somehow found time to sit with us at fundraising activities or assist in promoting our Broward group events. In this regard, you all have probably seen her artwork; the many wonderful fliers she put together over all these years, be it for yearly picnics, holiday get-togethers, and special events (just to name one example, the beautiful Bee presentation flier, some years ago). Her great artwork has been a big part of our chapter's promotional undertaking.

We do hope that her family will find the strength to accept her passing, and we most certainly will not forget her enormous contributions to our Broward chapter.

Carole - you certainly left an indelible impression in our group's history that we can never soon replace. May you rest in peace.

Ina Oost Topper, *Chair - Broward Sierra group.*

Broward Sierra Club's General Meetings






December: We will be having our annual holiday party at Fern Forest on Thursday the 6th. Please see the flyer on page 3.

January: We will not be having a meeting in January. Instead we will be joining the South Florida Audubon Society's general meeting on January 14 at the Long Key Nature Center: 3501 SW 130th Ave, Davie, Florida 33330. It will be from 7:00 - 9:00 and the guest will be Richard Crossley, author of Crossley's Field Guides and the Shorebird Guide.



LOCAL SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

To preserve a place, you must believe in it. To believe in it, you must see it.

	<p>Sunday, December 9: Nature Walk at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary</p> <p>The Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary is a large ancient cypress forest comprised of exquisite parcels of land that has been preserved for visitors to see. Cost: \$5/members or \$8/non-members. This is in addition to the Audubon lobby: \$14 for adults, \$6 for full-time college student with photo ID, \$4 for students 6 to 18 and free for kids under 6. \$10 for National Audubon members with card. Leader: Adriene Barmann, Contact : Mobile: 954-328-9447</p>
	<p>Saturday, December 22: Fern Forest Beautification Day. 9:00 am to Noon.</p> <p>You know we meet at Fern Forest on the first Thursday of the month? Well, it's time to do something for them. In December we will be helping them get rid of invasive plants and in general keep the place looking good for visitors. So, we will be meeting on December 22 at 9:00 AM at Fern Forest. Please bring water and help out your local Sierra Club and Fern Forest as well.</p>
  	<p>February 15th to February 17th, 2019: Juniper Springs camping trip</p> <p>Juniper Springs Recreation Area is one of four wilderness areas in Ocala National Forest designated by Congress as a habitat untrammelled by man, and is protected and managed to preserve its natural state. Its semi-tropical foliage setting has hundreds of tiny bubbling springs and massive springs gushing out of crevices in the earth beneath a dense canopy of palms and oaks.</p> <p>We'll camp at the Fern Hammock Loop at the Juniper Springs recreation area from Friday, February 15th to Sunday the 17th. Bathroom and heated showers are on the premises, although no electrical hookups will be available. On Saturday morning we'll drive to meet the outfitter at the Juniper Springs store where we will begin the 7-mile canoe/kayak trip down the Juniper Springs run. You may bring your own kayak or rent one.</p> <p>Cost Members - \$70, non-members - \$75 This includes a canoe rental for two people or a single kayak, the boat hauling and ride service, park entrance fee, two nights on the campground, and dinner on Saturday night. For a tandem kayak rental, the cost is \$75/members and \$80/non-members. For those who have their own canoe/kayak, the cost is \$38/members and \$43/non-members. For all rented and individually-owned canoes/kayaks, there is a \$20 deposit fee which will be reimbursed upon returning the boat to the Juniper store. Non-paddlers cost is \$25/members and \$30/non-members.</p> <p>Rated as a moderate canoe/kayak trip. You must be experienced at canoeing or kayaking!! The Juniper Run has lots of turns, and it is narrow and shallow at the beginning.</p> <p>Meals You are responsible for your own meals for Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch, and Sunday breakfast. A non-alcoholic happy hour Friday night and dinner on Saturday night will be provided by the Sierra Club (please let us know any dietary restrictions). After small Sunday morning breakfast, we will hike the Juniper Springs Nature Trail and depart from the campground by 1:00 PM. For those who want to have brunch, we will drive south (towards home) to Deleon Springs Old Sugar Mill restaurant, where you can cook your own pancakes on top of a griddle (this is a separate cost to be paid at the restaurant).</p> <p>Leaders Adriene Barmann: 954-328-9447, Email: adrienesierraleader@gmail.com Max Goldstein: 954-296-3411, Email: maxgold@yahoo.com Kaatje Bernabei: 305-298-0277 Email: kaatjebernabei@bellsouth.net</p> <p>You can also watch this video for a quick sample of what an average run looks under optimal conditions: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C93WrYnKvAQ&feature=youtu.be</p>