

AIA Volunteer News Briefs

Special points of interest:

- National Scenic Byway (NSB) Grants awarded to Friends of AIA effective July 2009
- NSB grants for marketing and ongoing organization needs submitted for March 13th deadline
- Local grants applications continue funding streams
- Charter Members for Crew of 72 still needed to sustain improvements for AIA
- Banking supporters also need for line of credit approvals for grant management

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Volunteer Orientations

Friends of AIA will be conducting Volunteer Orientation for new and returning members who want to participate in the community events lined up throughout the year. Generally, volunteers only work shifts at community events to get out the word about the AIA Byway and all the improvements underway. Currently Susie Kontul and Vicki Ogden have been double teaming the efforts to enroll volunteers to man the tents and tables at the local Framers' Markets

and other events. The role of the volunteer is to answer questions regarding the AIA projects and encourage financial or community support for the preservation and improvements.

The Hammock group known as PRIDE (Promoting Responsible Integration for Development and the Environment) has scheduled an orientation for Saturday morning—March 14th—following the Hammock Highway clean-up. The event

will be at the Hammock Community Civic Center located near the Sheriff's substation on Malacompra Road across from Bings Landing.

In May and in October a similar orientation will occur for volunteers in St. Johns County and in Flagler Beach.

Be on the lookout for a job fair for interested applicants for Friends of AIA in April.



New Welcome Center at Flagler Beach



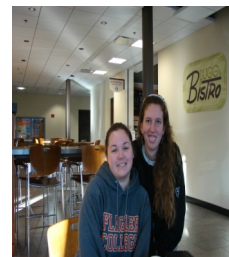
New Welcome Center at Windswept Acres Beachfront Park in St. Johns County

Interns Complement Volunteer Energy

Sarah Bennett, Junior, and Jordan Greathouse, Senior, are newly enlisted Friends of AIA volunteer interns. Under an agreement with Flagler College for promoting learning objectives related to history , anthropology and archeology, the ladies are researching AIA pro-

jects to move them forward. Jordan is working to catalog historic markers in the area and also track the AIA Historic Marker Applications now in the Division of Historic Resources under review. Sarah is cataloging recently completed Oral Histories and compiling an in-

ventory of all AIA story resources. Both ladies are working on Cell Phone Tour background information.



Mark Your Calendars

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| PRIDE Volunteer Orientation | Mar 14 |
| Lighthouse Festival St. Johns County | Mar 21 |
| Turtle Fest, Flagler Beach | Apr 4 |
| Sea Turtle Event St. Johns County | Apr 18 |
| Earth Day Washington Oaks | Apr 25 |
| Adopt-A-Highway | |
| Farmers' Markets | |