

Upcoming Events

AIA Volunteer News Briefs

Old Beach Photos Needed

- 1/20 Vilano Beach main Street Town Center Planning Meeting.
- 1/27 Friends of Scenic and Historic Byways Annual Meeting.
- 1/28 River to the Sea Preserve stakeholders meeting.
- 2/7 GTM Reserve's First Annual Trail Run.
- 2/27 Turtle Trot St. Augustine Beach.
- 3/26 Florida Scenic Highway Day.
- 5/1 Friends of AIA 1st Annual Environmental Education Fair.

Calling on all of you who have been enjoying the A1A beaches for a long, long time. If you have photos of beach dunes and coastal strand vegetation along the coast of northeast Florida from Jacksonville Beach to Daytona Beach taken before 1950, GTM Research Reserve would like you to share the photos with them. Photos and corresponding information will not be published and will only be used for

research purposes of the GTM Research Reserve.

They are working to restore the coastal strand habitat in South Ponte Vedra Beach. A successful restoration effort requires them to have knowledge about historic conditions of coastal strand habitat.

These photos may be informal or formal, such as pictures taken on family vacations, construction projects,

or official surveys. Ideally photos will have additional reference information such as where the photograph was taken and the approximate date.

Photos may be emailed to Lead Biologist, Matt Love at matt.love@dep.state.fl.us. You may also drop off your photos at the Environmental Education Center located at 505 Guana River Road in South Ponte Vedra Beach.



Photo from GTM website

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Susie Kontul addresses the well attended A1A workshop held at the Beach House Beanery on January 9th. Mary Ann Ruzecki assisted in the presentation. Thanks to Carol and Jeff Fisher of the Beanery for providing refreshments.

Photo by Susie K.

Great View at New Flagler Office

After the closing of the Flagler Beach Welcome Center, our Friends of A1A Office was temporarily homeless until Frank Gromling of Ocean Publishing walked in and graciously offered free space at his new office located at 200 S.

Oceanshore Blvd. For those of you not familiar with the location, it is right on A1A immediately across from the Pier. The view is beautiful.

Ocean Publishing is Florida's only Nature and Publishing Resource Center. Frank is planning to re-

lease a 10 book series on Ocean's Marine Life. The first booklet is on the critical endangered North Atlantic right whale and the second is tentatively titled *Sea Turtles at Risk: History of the Turtle Patrol*.

Stop by and help watch for the right whales!!