

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Accomplishments for 2015**

**JANUARY:**

Exhibited the DSCA, Inc. Traveling Historic Display at DSSP's Day in Florida History January 10<sup>th</sup>  
Hosted the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board January 12<sup>th</sup> for breakfast at the Historic Porter House  
Hosted our annual visioning meeting, receiving input and direction from members for projects they wished to pursue during 2015 which included: continue our two annual festivals; work toward construction of the community center; continue building on the educational partnerships and scholarship program for local students, continue participating in Great Kids and Head Start support.

Festivals Board met to plan the Third Annual Art Among The Trees Juried Fine Arts and Music Festival focused on local fine arts, crafts, music and McInnis student art increasing the art awards to \$200 each for Best of Show, Best Fine Art and Best Fine Craft, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ribbon and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon for each category

Hosted "Coffee With A Cop" to give local citizens an opportunity to meet the VCSO men and women who keep our community safe and who have worked diligently with the DSCA, Inc. to reduce crime in our area.

**FEBRUARY:**

Continued the second annual "Ride into Reading" program in conjunction with McInnis Elementary School's third grade "Reading Counts" program, which will award a new bicycle to the top boy and top girl reader.

Signed the Community Center Lease Agreement with Volusia County on February 10<sup>th</sup>

**MARCH:**

Created criteria and an application for the DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc. Merit Scholarship. Placed the scholarship application on our website and with Taylor Middle High School's Guidance Department  
Published the Spring Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter  
Began removing underbrush to locate the survey markers on the new DeLeon Springs Community Center property.

**APRIL:**

Hosted the Third Annual Art Among The Trees Fine Arts, Fine Crafts, Old Time and Bluegrass Festival with an attendance of over 2,000, with exhibitors including 47 McInnis student artists who received certificates and ribbons for participating. \$200 Best of Show went to Donna Massey of DeLand. \$200 Best Fine Art to Tom Smith of DeLeon Springs; 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Gary Spangler of DeLand, 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Carol Mears of DeLeon Springs. \$200 Best Fine Craft went to Doug Garvey of Daytona Beach, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Robin Sapp of Paisley and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Melinda Cummings of DeLand.

Began clearing underbrush from the new Community Center property on Berts Park Road. Buddy Raines began drafting the initial floor and site plans for the building.

**MAY:**

Presented the DSCA, Inc. Merit Scholarship in the amount of \$600 to Taylor Middle High senior and DeLeon Springs resident Moriah Braswell

Presented brand new Ride into Reading bicycles to winners Sofia Vazquez and Benjamyn Morris with safety helmets donated by Hidden Valley Mobile Home Park.

Presented a Certificate of Participation and embossed ribbons to 47 McInnis Elementary School students for their participation in the Art Among the Trees Festival in April

**JUNE:**

Published the Summer Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter

Witnessed the passing of our beloved President and mentor Don Malmborg

## **JULY:**

Helped sponsor the Town of Pierson's July 4<sup>th</sup> Family Celebration  
Festival Board began planning the Third Annual Autumn in the Oaks Art, Old Tyme and Bluegrass Music and Craft Festival, featuring the Third Annual Ponce DeLeon Look Alike Contest

Requested a \$2,500 grant from Volusia County to sponsor the Autumn in the Oaks Festival

## **AUGUST:**

Added By-Laws, Mission Statement and Three Year Plan to our website with an "about us" tab on our website  
Membership voted Amy Munizzi president of the DSCA, Inc.; Board appointed Bobbie Witt Secretary and Taz Witt Vice-President

## **SEPTEMBER:**

Sponsored the Annual Taylor High Wildcat 5K September 26<sup>th</sup> with a donation of \$250, large enough to have our logo in their t-shirts

Launched the Third Annual Ride into Reading Program September 22<sup>nd</sup>, expanding the program to include monthly gift card incentives

Published the Fall Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter

Applied for a \$1,000 Wells Fargo grant. Received a \$2,500 festival reimbursement grant from Volusia County

## **OCTOBER:**

Participated with VCISO and McInnis Elementary School in the International Walk to School Day on October 7<sup>th</sup> with a \$100.00 gift card donation to the McInnis Art Department for purchase of art supplies so students could create works to be displayed at the Art Among the Trees Festival in April, 2016

Hosted the Annual Autumn in the Oaks Arts, Old Tyme & Bluegrass Music and Crafts Festival on October 17<sup>th</sup>. An estimated 2,000 attendees enjoyed a day of fun with art and craft exhibitors, live Bluegrass, Gospel and Old Tyme bands playing and picking throughout the day and the free KidZone including Native Exhibit and Tee Pee.

Received a \$500 reimbursement from USA Services for coontie damage and replanted coontie in the US Highway 17 medians to beautify DeLeon Springs

Received the \$1,000 Wells Fargo Community Partner Grant

## **NOVEMBER:**

Raised funds to create and donate 20 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to the DeLeon Springs Head Start program with the help of the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs, who contributed over 400 canned and boxed food items.

## **DECEMBER:**

Monday Men entered their Spanish Galleon in the DeLand Christmas Parade for the second year.

Members donated Christmas gifts, warm clothing and stuffed animals to the Head Start Program for children in need in DeLeon Springs

Published the Winter Edition of the DeLeon Dispatch Newsletter

Hosted our Annual Covered Dish Dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> to thank everyone for their generous volunteer efforts in *Making DeLeon Springs A Better Place to Live, Work and Play*