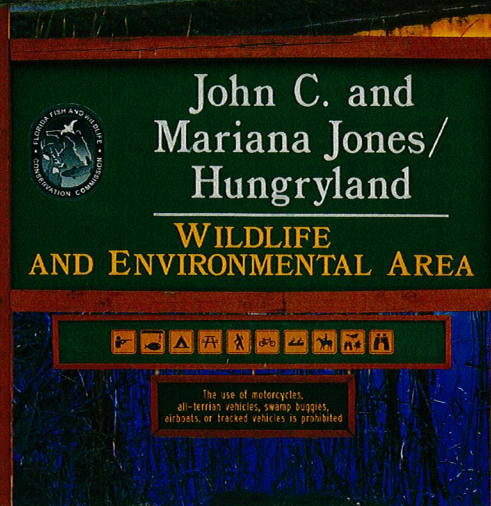


Monument Dedication in Recognition of Johnny and Mariana Jones

For Preservation of Hungryland Natural Areas



Saturday, June 29, 2013 at 10:00 am
There will be optional tours at 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Refreshments, food and seating will be provided.

*Please contact Jim Schuette, at 561-301-4883 or
jwfschuette@yahoo.com, with any questions. Cell phone
service is minimal in that general area.*

Photo by Linda R. King, Johnny Jones' Sister

Main Entrance to the John C. and Mariana Jones Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area (Hungryland WEA). See location map below.

Hungryland WEA straddles the boundary between Martin and Palm Beach counties. It is situated five miles southeast of Indiantown, eight miles west of Jupiter, 15 miles northwest of Palm Beach Gardens, and one half mile east of the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. The main entrance is located along CR 711 (Pratt-Whitney Road) about two miles north of its intersection with SR 706 (Indiantown Road).

In 2002, the Hungryland WEA was named for John and Mariana by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission due to the efforts of Frank Montalbano,

then director of wildlife for the commission, to whom the entire Jones family is continually grateful.

The entire Hungryland area is about 30 by 40 miles of land from Jupiter to West Palm Beach west to Lake Okeechobee near Sand Cut and north to the City of Okeechobee.

The area was so named during the Seminole Wars in the middle 1800s when hundreds of Seminoles, including women and children were surrounded by General Jesup's troops and soon surrendered because of starvation and death due to the lack of wildlife and other food sources in the area.

Agenda

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME

Manley Fuller, President, Florida Wildlife Federation

SPEAKERS

Commissioner Ron Bergeron, FWC

Tommy B. Strowd, P.E.

Assistant Executive Director Operations, Maintenance & Construction SFWMD

Bishop Wright, *Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association*

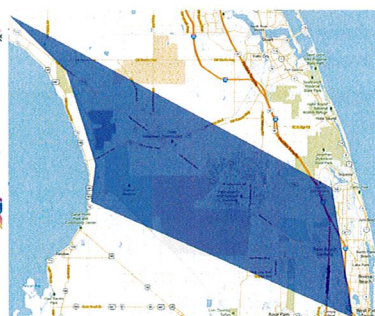
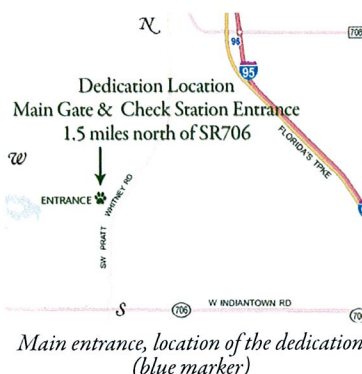
APPRECIATION

Mariana Jones

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- Dave Charland and many other sportsmen
- South Florida Water Management District
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- Miotto 2000 Tile & Marble Work *Mike "Red" Ramsey and owner Ruth Peters*
- Linda R. King *Johnny Jones' Sister, palmbeachcreative.com*
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Main entrance, location of the dedication (blue marker)

Map of the entire Hungryland area

John Clark Jones
(8/20/1932 - 7/10/2010)
met Mariana Blanch Beebe
(1/3/1934) in Seventh Grade (1946)
and they married at ages of 16 and 15
(5/28/49) just after Tenth Grade. John
went to work for his father's plumbing
business and opened his own business
in 1962. They were married for 61
years, had five children, six grand-
children, four great grandchildren
and a great-great grandchild born in
September 2011. Mariana still resides
in the home they built by hand in 1953,
in West Palm Beach on Haverhill Road,
about two miles north of Okeechobee
Boulevard.



wildlife areas at that time), Mariana got
upset about cattle and fencing which
had turned the natural
area into cattle pens. She
expressed her anger in
letter to newly-elected
Florida Governor Claude
Kirk and copied the Palm
Beach Post, which pub-
lished it. Soon after the
governor's conservation
advisor Nathaniel Reed
(who lived on Jupiter

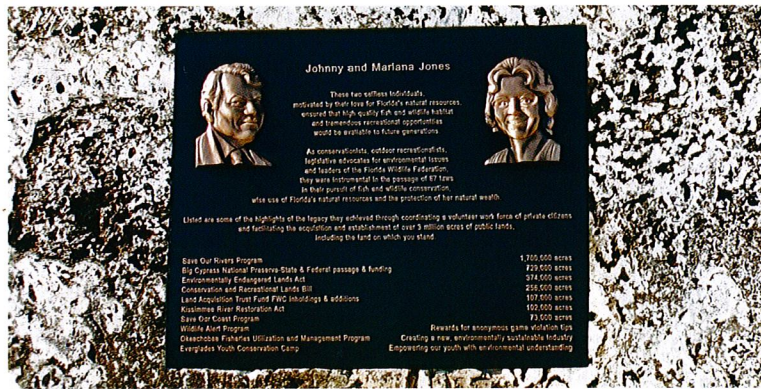
Island and was working for a dollar-
a-year) responded. Although it took
several years to get the
cattle out of the Corbett
Wildlife Management
Area (expiration of the
lease), that led to their
further involvement in
conservation efforts.
In 1968, they began
attending Florida Wildlife
Federation meetings. In
1970, Johnny served as

vice president of the Federation and
became president in 1971. In January
1972, Johnny and Mariana were hired
as the initial Executive Director and
Executive Secretary of Florida Wildlife
Federation which continued to be
headquartered in their home. Their
total annual salaries of was \$20,000 for
the full-time positions. When they de-
parted the Federation in 1986, Johnny
was being paid \$40,000 and Mariana
was being paid \$15,000. Their daughter
Diane served as Operations Coordina-
tor from 1975 through 1987.

During the 16 years, Johnny lobbied 67
environmental bills through the Florida
Legislature -- many he initiated. No one
else in the fight to save the Everglades
can boast such an array of trophies.
Later on, in 1986, his G.E.D. was

presented unexpectedly
during a Florida Cabinet
meeting with governor
and the entire Florida Ed-
ucation Commission in
attendance -- a first and
only time that a degree
of any kind was award by
the entire commission.
Mariana received her
G.E.D. in 1970.

Johnny began hunting with his Uncle
Coy Jones and got his first shotgun in
1950. In 1956, he became active in a
sportsmen's club, includ-
ing the initial construc-
tion in 1964 of the South
Florida Youth Conserva-
tion, now known as the
Everglades Youth Camp.
During a family outing
in the J.W. Corbett Area
in 1967 (which they
later learned was one of
only two state-owned



Johnny and Mariana Jones - Text on the dedication monument:

These two selfless individuals, moti-
vated by their love for Florida's natural
resources, ensured that high quality fish
and wildlife habitat and tremendous
recreational opportunities would be
available for future generations.

As conservationists, outdoor recreation-
alists, legislative advocates for environ-
mental issues and leaders of the Florida
Wildlife Federation, they were instru-
mental in the passage of 67 laws in their
pursuit of fish and wildlife conservation,
wise use of Florida's natural resources and
the protection of her natural wealth.

Listed are some of the highlights of the legacy they achieved through coordi-
nating a volunteer work force of private
citizens and facilitating the acquisition
and establishment of over 3 million acres
of public lands, including the land on
which you stand.

Save Our Rivers Program:
1,700,000 acres

Big Cypress Natural Preserve State and
Federal passage and funding: 729,000
acres

Environmentally Endangered Lands Act:
374,000 acres

Conservation and Recreational Lands
Bill: 256,000 acres

Land Acquisition Trust Fund FWC in
holdings and additions: 107,000 acres

Kissimmee River Restoration Act:
102,000 acres

Save Our Coast Program: 73,000 acres

Wildlife Alert Program: Rewards for
anonymous game violation tips

Okeechobee Fisheries Utilization and
Management Program: Creating a new
environmentally sustainable industry

Everglades Youth Conservation Camp:
Empowering our youth with environ-
mental understanding

"The person I most identify with the Florida Wildlife Federation is Johnny Jones;
what a fabulous human being he was. He would say okay, but he never gave out
superlatives because he always knew you could have done it a little better than you had.
He was one of those people who set very high standards. He was the only person in the
world -- in the world -- who thought you could restore the Kissimmee River. He was
agile, mobile and hostile in getting others to share his beliefs." ~Bob Graham on June
16, 2012, at the 75th annual meeting of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

"Florida has lost a beloved son and unflinching environmental leader. Because of his
resolute actions, the Kissimmee River and Everglades restoration efforts are closer to
reality while generations to come will enjoy countless acres of wild places because he
cared." ~Governor Charlie Crist, July 10, 2010

"Mariana and Johnny, in the years to come, people will stand along the banks or
perhaps canoe an oxbow of the Kissimmee and credit the foresight of those who were
so bold as to insist on a higher level of environmental achievement, and I want them
to know that no two people deserve more credit than you." ~Governor Lawton Chiles,
April 13, 1994

"Johnny Jones is indefatigable." ~Governor Reuben Askew, 1973

"Few people have left such a large, favorable mark on Florida as Johnny. Every time I
drive that 10 mile stretch of the Turnpike that runs through Three Lakes Ranch, I look
out the window and think 'Johnny saved this for us.'... But, there is hardly a sign to
tell them what wonderful place it is, much less to indicate how the persistence of one
man succeeded in saving it. Three Lakes, like the millions of other acres Johnny is re-
sponsible for saving are an incredible legacy. We would not be seeing dredges put back
the Kissimmee, or even be talking about restoring the Everglades without the things
Johnny was able to accomplish. He was a leader and mentor for all of us." ~Charles
Lee, Audubon of Florida, July 16, 2010

Johnny Jones was the first inductee into the Florida Wildlife Federation Hall of
Fame, created in 1990 and, also the first inductee into the Everglades Coalition's
Hall of Fame, created in 2003. Johnny is among The Palm Beach Post 100 -- the
people who changed the way we live, published in December 1999. He received
numerous recognitions and met three times with President Carter in the White
House. Johnny and Mariana were among the few invited in 1996 to welcome
President Clinton at the Palm Beach International Airport, but were unable to
do so because of Johnny's health.