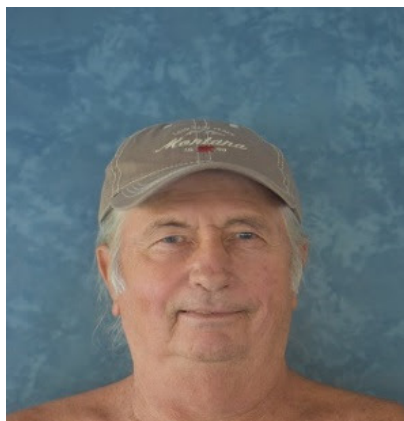


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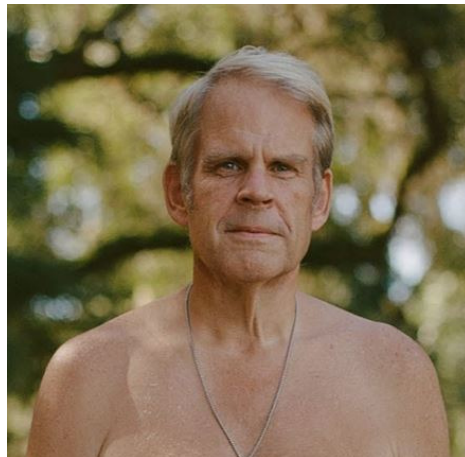
President's Corner April 2024

Spring has sprung and the weather for nude recreation is perfect across Florida. Many clubs are holding special events like the 5K race at Hidden Lake, Nudie Blues at Hidden River, Naked Arts and Music Burn Festival and Naked 5K Run or 2 mile walk at Lake Como, and a Plant Based Retreat at SunSport Gardens.

Check the website of your favorite resort and get out and enjoy the freedom of nude recreation.

Recently members have sent me information regarding Facebook Groups or posts indicating that there are clothing-optional beaches in Taylor County at Hagens Cove which is near Cedar Key and at the north end of Narvarre Beach in Santa Rosa County in the Panhandle. Naturists may use these beaches periodically; however, they are at risk of being cited by local authorities. Neither of these beaches are sanctioned clothing-optional beaches despite what you may read on Facebook.

Currently, the only sanctioned clothing-optional beaches in Florida are Haulover in North Miami, Blind Creek Beach in Ft Pierce, Playalinda Beach in Titusville at the Canaveral National Seashore (north of parking lot 12), and Apollo Beach in New Smyrna also in the Canaveral National Seashore (south of parking lot 5.). There is a very active effort to get a clothing-optional beach on the west coast of Florida, I encourage you to take a look at the Tampa Bay Free Beaches (TBFB) website and if interested get active in their efforts.



Erich Schuttauf
Executive Director

When it comes to Government Affairs work on behalf of nude recreation in Florida, there are always developments to report. Currently, AANR / AANR Florida's efforts securing specific exemptions for nudity when licensed massage therapy takes place in an AANR resort are most significant. Bills with this exemption have passed both House and Senate and are awaiting further action by leadership.

AANR Florida members may have heard less about the Association's critical work defending nudism elsewhere. In Hawaii, for example, AANR dues and donations are helping to fund a lobbyist working against measures that would punish *intentional* exposure for a person (as opposed to current prohibitions on *indecent* exposure that would arouse or offend another). The proposals also call for increased penalties, threatening to worsen what is already a tenuous situation on Hawaii's nude beaches.

AANR also works to assist members encountering difficulties in employment that occur from legitimate enjoyment of nude recreation during off-duty hours. One example is a member facing challenges to a professional license. Our office has prepared research material, working in tandem with the member's own counsel.



Joan Harris, Interim, AANR Trustee
AANR-FL WINR Chair, Liaison Chair

April News

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Happy Spring! While many areas of the country are getting hit hard with a winter storm, Tampa area was a sunny 86 degrees today!

Earlier in March, we celebrated International Women's Day at Cypress Cove with a great turn out

of AANR and TNS folks, presenters and celebrants. AANR was well represented, and FL Women in Nude Recreation welcomed many visitors and friends to the booth. AANR FL sponsored a free raffle for a lovely wrap from the Fig Leaf Boutique. Thanks to a great sale at the Boutique, we were able to offer two prizes. It was a well-received part of the day.

Later in the month Patti Sarver and Crossed Oaks Haven sponsored another nude bowling event in Kissimmee. As usual, there was a big turnout. This is a great event and worth checking out! Patti travels with the club's mascot "Bare" who collects pins of interest to AANR. Here's Bare at the bowling alley sporting a newly acquired WINR pin.



On April 8, there will be a total solar eclipse visible in many places across the US. It will be the last one until 2044. Since this will most likely be my last opportunity to observe one, I will be traveling north to do so. I have my eclipse glasses for safety and am stockpiling warm clothes for the trip. The day I arrive, the HIGH temperature is forecasted at 43 degrees. A bit cold for me!

If you are not able to observe this yourself, catch it on YouTube or one of the many media outlets sure to carry it. For fun, research some of the superstitions and old traditions surrounding such an event.

Remember, Election season is approaching. AANR- FL will have officer positions and director positions open. Voting will be by club representatives and occur at the Summer Convention on June 8 hosted by Nautical Nudists at Bare RV Resort in Land O'Lakes.





Are you ready to help us protect, promote, provide, and preserve nude recreation?

The American Association of Nude Recreation-Florida seeks nominations for Board members and the President and Vice President positions from our members in Florida, the Caribbean, and Eastern Mexico.

- Each Board member and officer is elected for a two-year term and can be re-elected.
- An individual can be nominated or self-nominated for a Board or officer position.
- The President and Vice President must be a member in good standing for 2 years immediately preceding nomination who, at the time of nomination, holds an AANR membership through an AANR-Florida club or the AANR-Florida Associates plus 1-year minimum experience as a Board member or elected officer.
- Board members must be a member in good standing for 2 years immediately preceding nomination who, at the time of nomination, holds an AANR membership through an AANR-Florida club or the AANR-Florida Associates.
- All AANR-Florida Board members and officers must have an official place of residence that is within the geographical boundaries of the AANR-Florida Region or no more than 100 miles from the AANR Florida boundaries.
- The Board of Directors conducts the business of AANR-Florida during the period between summer and mid-winter meetings of the Regional Assembly.
 - The application form can be found at <https://aanr-florida.org/links>

Now is your time to shine. While our Bylaws welcome nominations for Board Officer and Member positions from the floor at the Annual Convention, we strongly encourage interested applicants to submit their materials to joe.rives@aanr-florida.org by April 26, 2024.

This allows fellow AANR-Florida members to know who is running for office when meeting materials are distributed to clubs 30 days in advance of our summer meeting at Bare RV and hosted by Nautical Nudists on June 7-9 in Land O'Lakes, Florida.

All Board members and officer candidates will have the opportunity to present why they are interested in serving on the Board at the summer meeting. Please use the joe.rives@aanr-florida.org email address if you have questions before submitting your nomination form.



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Sunsport Gardens is enjoying some of the best weather of the year with lots of sun and not too hot or cold weather. People are playing daily petanque, pickleball, and often volleyball. Water aerobics is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 am, and yoga is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon on Orchid Lawn.

New rates for site rentals start April 1st.

A "Plant Based Retreat, A Healing Weekend In Tropical Paradise" April 26-28. "Connect with nature and enjoy a weekend with some of the most healing foods and practices on the

planet." The cost is \$150 plus \$30 for non-Sunspport members or anyone tent camping. Call 914-886-3148 or email samadhichris@gmail.com for information.

The World Naked Gardening Day and International Permaculture Day weekend is coming May 4 and 5, 2024. The schedule will include permaculture/gardening workshops and work projects that will benefit the Sunspport community. We expect the workshops and projects to run from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday and Sunday, with time off for lunch on the restaurant deck. The fee for all weekend events and daily ground fees is \$30, \$15 for Sunspport members.

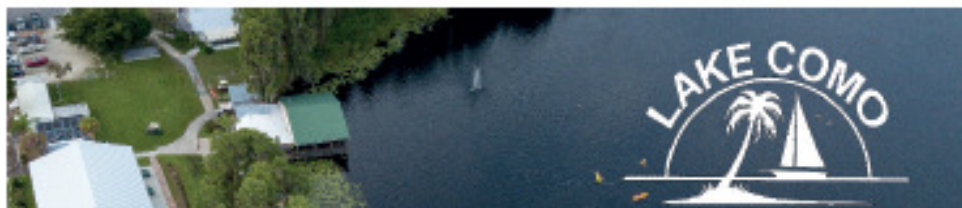
The next Young Adult Naturist Weekend is May 10-12. The theme is, "Naked, Natural, & Nurtured". The weekend is going to include yoga workshops, an artistic nude photography workshop, a musical medicine concert by Brielle Águila and Michael Waters, a land connection plant walks, and a planting ceremony to be reciprocal with the land that is holding us, an authentic sharing circle by the fire, a drum circle, body painting and much more! Vendors and facilitators who are still interested are encouraged to reach out to Katie at katieospina@gmail.com. The cost is only \$30 for the whole weekend including tent camping for people ages 18-30 and \$40 for people ages 31-40. Anyone over age 40 may attend many of the activities but will pay regular day & camping fees.

Beginning May 1, the Smoothie Bar will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 7 pm for the summer. Smoothie Bar hours may differ for special events. Healthy food will be available daily in the office which is open 10 am - 6 pm. Be sure to pick up your food for dinner by 6 pm.

May is the month when lower summer rates for site rentals start.

The Sunspport Board has established a Nature Preserve area including the walking and golf cart nature trails through the jungle, the labyrinth, the permaculture project, the lotus pond, and the meditation field overlooked by a beautiful Buddha Head. The cart trail has been elevated to avoid flooding. The Serenity Garden near the office now has a waterfall, beautiful new plants, a small campfire area, a Buddha statue, and an aviary. New in the Serenity Garden is a Japanese-style Zen Garden. If the gate to the Serenity Garden is closed, please check with Theresa or Morley before entering. There will be no camping in these areas, just experiencing Sunspport's natural beauty. The Nature Preserve and the Serenity Garden exemplify the spirit of Sunspport.

Sunspport has many new members; the long-term membership is at a new high. Come meet the new members, and enjoy Sunspport's natural beauty.





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2024 special events include:

10-day Volleyball Tournament – March 8-17

Dare to Go Bare 5K Run – April 14

Naked Arts & Music Burn Festival – May 3-5

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