

## Upcoming Events

- 12/15 Neighborhood Bill of Rights Workshop.
- 12/31 St. Augustine Beach New Years Eve Celebration. We need volunteers to man our booth.
- 1/16 4th Annual First Coast Air Potato Round-up.
- 1/27 National Heritage Area Initiative, Hampton Inn, St. Augustine Beach.
- 3/26 Florida Scenic Highway Day.

## Alert! Beginning Artists

The GTM Research Reserve will offer a monthly trail walk where beginning artists will learn sketching techniques from Susan van Hoek, former Art Instructor at Indian River Community College. These courses will be conducted on the "River to Sea Preserve" nature trail and will be held the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 beginning 1/2. A suggested donation of \$5 per class may be made to the Friends of the GTM Reserve.

# AIA Volunteer News Briefs

## Volunteer of the Month—Alyce Decker

Alyce Decker is an added plus to the St Johns Scenic & Historic A1A Corridor Management Council (CMC). She joined the group in early 2007 and currently serves as the recording secretary.

Alyce is currently an urban planning consultant with The Mellgren Planning Group. She has been very active supporting the Bird Island Park Association in fund raising and grant writing among the many

other charitable endeavors. She champions the cause of preserving the fishing village of Mayport and supports the Cummer Gallery's cultural events.

Ms. Alyce Decker lives in Ponte Vedra and has been a resident of northeast Florida since 1975. Quoting Alyce, "Wild horses couldn't get me back up North!"

She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the

American Planning Association, Mayport Waterfront Partnership Board and the Scenic & Historic A1A Corridor Management Council.

Like so many volunteers with Friends of A1A, dedicated members devote their best talents to the group. The opportunities are many for those who want to help. Join volunteers like Alyce and stay in the know about projects and developments along A1A.



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## Cruising for Friends of A1A

The Sundance Cruise left port on November 19th with 57 members and guests of Friends of A1A. Luckily the boat was not named the Minnow and there was no stopping at Gilligan's Island.

It was a perfect night with a mix-

ture of Flagler and St. Johns County residents. Jane Culpepper invited the Mayor of Palm Coast along with 16 other guests.

The board met while the engines roared. Guests bought raffle tickets for prize packages provided by generous merchants.

Thank you to the St. Augustine Lighthouse, Café Atlántico, Old Town Trolleys, Beach House Beanery, Finns Beachside Pub, GOLLA Silver Bells, Bahama Mamas and Sundance Cruises for contributing to the raffle.

A good time was had by all.