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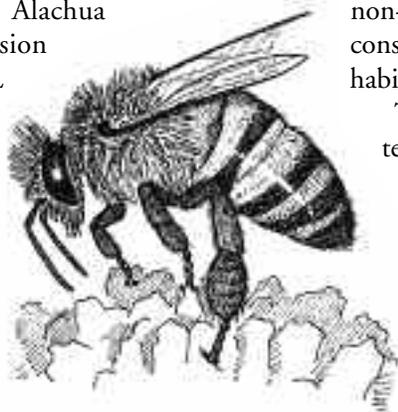
**BY KATHY CANTWELL**

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Wendy Wilber has been the Residential Horticulture Agent at the Alachua County Cooperative Extension Service in Gainesville, FL since 1999.

She is responsible for home-owner horticulture, the Master Gardener Program and the Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program.

She writes a weekly column in the Alachua Today



newspaper and a monthly newsletter called "Tips" that reaches 1,400 local readers.

As the program leader for Florida

Yards and Neighborhoods she works with clientele that want to create and maintain landscapes that minimize non-point source pollution, conserve water, and provide habitat.

This Sierra program will teach folks how to create and maintain environmentally friendly landscapes.

These Florida friendly landscapes minimize water use, reduce storm water

**GENERAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:30 PM**  
 Nematology/Entomology Building on the UF campus  
 (Just east of the Performing Arts Center. Turn south off  
 Hull Road on to Natural Areas Road.)

**FLORIDA YARDS  
 AND GARDENS**

WENDY WILBER  
 ALACHUA COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT



run off, and decrease the potential pollutants of pesticides, and nitrates.

## VOTE FOR OUR FAMILIES AND OUR FUTURE

**BY ROB BRINKMAN**

As chair of the Political Committee this year, I have become increasingly concerned about the need for all members of the Sierra Club who are registered to vote to cast an informed vote in every election. This is our responsibility to our families, community and country – indeed, to our planet and our future. I am speaking not only of the national and state election every two years, but also of all elections in

which you are allowed to vote. If you live in a municipality, this may mean voting every year.

Many citizens of this country only pay attention to the presidential elections. This year's election has been called the most important of our lifetime. Many feel that the future course of world events and of environmental challenges, such as global warming, hang in the balance; certainly the current administration is the most

hostile to the environment in our history.

Bear in mind that your local county or municipal government may determine everything from the size of your utility bill and how much pollution is associated with your domestic energy needs, to if and where a Wal-Mart supercenter or distribution center is built. Critical public health issues are decided locally like whether the creek in your neighborhood is contaminated with sewage, or the superfund site is finally cleaned up after twenty years.

I hope every member of the Sierra Club votes. If you have difficulty getting to the polls on Election Day, early voting

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# Apocalypse Now

## THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD

BY DAVID AUTH

Chair Suwannee St. Johns Sierra Group

Carl Pope, Executive Director of Sierra Club, summarizes the approach of the Bush Administration on the environment as follows:

"George W. Bush and his radical supporters do not express their goals on the environment explicitly. They do everything they can to conceal those goals from the general public: They shut down scientific research, close off public information, make up numbers, give their programs misleading titles, defy the courts, and calmly, resolutely stick to ... their strategy. The radicals, the True Believers who share the social Darwinist vision of a brutal world in which fierce competition lets ever fewer winners take all, understand what Bush is doing. The hard right follows Bush's plays, not his announced photo ops. They read his budget, not the press release about the budget" (Page 226. 2004. Carl Pope and Paul Rauber. *Strategic Ignorance*. Sierra Club Books. 303 pages).

I recommend Pope and Rauber's book as mandatory immediate reading for every Sierran, to then spread its truths to as many

voters as possible before Nov. 2. You can order *Strategic Ignorance* locally or from the National Sierra Club website (\$24.95; 10% off for members). National Sierra Club's website also posts "Keeping Tabs on George W. Bush," for the latest in the administration's so far successful strategy to turn the clock back a full century on the environmental movement, to before President Teddy Roosevelt took office in 1901. Additional information about Pope's book is at [WWW.StrategicIgnorance.com](http://WWW.StrategicIgnorance.com). Also, the National Research Defense Council chronologically lists the Bush Administration "Record on the Environment" from January, 2001 to the present at <http://www.nrdc.org/bushrecord/default.asp>. Be sure to also read the September/October issue of Sierra Magazine, "Who's Got the Power?"

What are a few of the Bush Administration's many anti-environmental changes, detailed in Pope and Rauber's 239 page book?

1. "Bush has stripped protections from more of the American landscape than any other American president, more than Teddy Roosevelt ever managed to protect

(230 million acres), some 234 million acres and still stripping" (page 131). This loss includes authorization to log the last of the remaining primary forest in the United States, already less than five percent of the pre-European acreage.

2. U.S. funding for the United Nations Family Planning Agency was cut to zero in 2002, '03, and '04, from \$34 million annually during the Clinton Administration. This \$102 million could have prevented the deaths of 4,700 mothers, 77,000 children under age five, and 800,000 abortions by providing access to safe family planning.

3. Our country has gained control of Iraqi oil reserves (third largest in the world), which now provide five percent of United States consumption. We did this by unilaterally declaring war on, invading, and conquering two neutral nations, Afghanistan and Iraq, both members of the United Nations. A British poll in 2003 resulted in a tie between George W. Bush and Saddam Hussein as the greatest threat to world peace.

4. Whistle blower environmental employees of the federal government are now consistently fired without cause.

5. On Oct. 11, 2000, a 2.2 billion-gallon coal slurry pond near Inez, Kentucky spilled 250 million gallons of sludge into two creeks, then polluting 50 miles of the

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# Riding the Storm Out

BY KAREN GARREN

What a crazy, stormy late-summer we've had!

The September 18 Suwannee St. Johns Sierra Group Reunion social event was cancelled. The water in the Santa Fe River had over-run its banks and Poe Springs was not a great place for a picnic.

**OCTOBER 2**—There will be a meeting of the SSJ Outings Committee on Saturday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. Location to be announced. Contact Karen Garren – info below.

**OCTOBER 16 - 17**—Cross-Florida Greenway in Marion County, a “Slack-Packing” opportunity.

Using Ross Prairie Equestrian Park as a

base camp, we will shuttle to the other side of I-75, hike across the unique “Land Bridge”, cross through several types of ecosystems from dry to wet to planted, back to Ross Prairie where we have a special use permit to camp for the evening. Meals are

on your own. We will be using “Leave No Trace” practices.



The second day we will

shuttle to Pruitt Trailhead, hike back to Ross Prairie which may include a 1/4-mile road hike, then reconvene for dinner at a nearby restaurant. You have the option of making it a 1 or 2-day trip. The hiking is moderately strenuous; you must be able to hike 10 miles with elevation change while

carrying your water and lunch. This outing will be limited to participants older than 12 years. The number of participants will depend on the number of shuttle vehicles that can be arranged.

If you're new to Florida, you may not know that these recreation lands are what the State decided to do with them after being deeded them following the deauthorization of the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Parts of the trail cross decades-old canal excavations that are interesting. Co-leaders Jack and Jeanne Foster will provide historical background during our hiking. I'll talk Natural History until you beg me to stop!

**OUTINGS COMING UP**—St. Marks River in November, Everglades and South Florida in December. Recall, all our outings are educational and open to the public, though a waiver form is often required.

Please contact Karen Garren at 352-371-0008 or email [IluvFla@GRU.net](mailto:IluvFla@GRU.net) for more information.

## A Monumental Free Movie Night

If you've ever wondered what a single person can do against the relentless onslaught of development, wait until you see the charismatic and enigmatic David Brower push the 1964 Wilderness Act through Congress, and then go on to save the Grand Canyon from damming and help create Redwoods National Park and Point Reyes National Seashore.

From the moment David Brower first witnessed the extraordinary beauty of the Yosemite Valley, his life was tied to the fight to preserve the American wilds for future generations.

*Monumental* explores the beautiful, dramatic, and lyrical story of unrelenting campaigns—fought through lobbying, art, and hard-hitting advertising—to establish and protect some of our most treasured national parks.

With a playful visual aesthetic, a cool alt-country soundtrack, and hand-held wilderness footage from as far back as the 1930s, *Monumental* documents the golden age of American environmentalism,

when Brower took the Sierra Club from a regional hiking group into a national political force.

Brower himself was an accomplished filmmaker. Seen through his eyes, a 1956 raft trip down Glen Canyon, before its damming, evokes the awful sadness of losing public land we've failed to protect.

And in period footage of Brower's early rock-climbs—done in sneakers, with hemp ropes—and of his training of the 10th Mountain Division and participation in their victory against the Nazis in the high Alps, Brower emerges as an unlikely and inspiring national hero.



## MONUMENTAL: DAVID BROWER'S FIGHT FOR WILD AMERICA

Thursday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. • Reitz Union Auditorium

Sponsored by Reitz Union Board, Gator Greens and the Civic Media Center

Movie Director Kelly Duane and National Sierra Club President Larry Fahn will speak after the movie.

*Monumental* is the story of a true American legend, an artist, a publisher, a filmmaker and a zealous crusader whose fiery dedication and activism inspired the environmental movement.

For more information on *Monumental* go to [www.loteriafilms.org](http://www.loteriafilms.org)

Article based on *Loteria films website, contributions by Ted Terry, Gator Greens.*

## UNCOVERED

Also sponsored by the RUB, GG and CMC, free showing of *Uncovered: The War on Iraq.*

Thursday, October 7 at 7 p.m. At the Orange and Brew at the Reitz Union, UF campus.

This controversial film takes you

behind the walls of government, as CIA, Pentagon, and foreign service experts speak out against the lies and exaggerations that justified an unnecessary “pre-emptive” war. Offers an in-depth look at the distortion of military intelligence and at the hype presented to the public. See more: [www.truthuncovered.com](http://www.truthuncovered.com)

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is available at your Supervisor of Elections office. Absentee voting has also been made easier; you are no longer required to give a reason when requesting a ballot or provide a witness to your signature. (For more on early and absentee voting see "Getting out the vote" on page 5 of this newsletter.) Please note that even if you cannot vote, anyone can volunteer for the candidate of their choosing. Foreign nationals holding a green card may contribute to non-federal candidates.

The following is a review what the Suwannee-St. John's Sierra Group political committee has done so far this year:

### Gainesville City Mayor

We endorsed both incumbent Mayor Tom Bussing and Pegeen Hanrahan over banker C.B. Daniel in the mayoral race. In the runoff we endorsed Pegeen's successful bid for mayor of Gainesville.

### Alachua County Commission

This summer we endorsed Alachua County Commission Chair Mike Byerly's re-election bid. Mike defeated his democratic opponent in the August 31 primary and only faces a write-in challenger in the November 2 election. While you're at the polls, be sure to make it official and cast your ballot for Mike Byerly for Alachua County Commission District 1.

### Alachua County School Board

This year we also endorsed two candidates for Alachua County School Board, Eileen Roy and Isaac Jones. The political committee took an interest in this year's school board race primarily because of the issue of school concurrency, which requires that sufficient capacity exist in the school system before new developments can be approved. Congratulations to Eileen on her election to the school board.

### Campaign Finance Reform

In 2001, the Alachua County Commission placed a non-binding question on the ballot to gauge voter support for local campaign finance reform; 68% of

voters supported it. In November 2002, 56% of voters approved a special act of the state legislature that allows Alachua County to amend its charter to regulate campaign finance; only one other county

Congresswoman Corrine Brown. The League of Conservation Voters gave Corrine a 90% score for the last session of congress.

The Sierra Club and the Florida League of Conservation Voters have endorsed Dave Bruderly, past chair of the Suwannee St. Johns Group, for the District 6 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. A recognized expert on alternative fuels and renewable energy, Dave is taking on a 16-year incumbent who has strongly supported Bush Administration environmental policies for the past four years and has a dismal lifetime rating by the

League of Conservation Voters (LCV). Incumbent Congressmen have a very high re-election rate, but this race can and will beat the odds with our support.

### Kerry/Edwards endorsed for Presidential ticket

This year is going to be a close election and high voter turnout is expected. Hopefully everyone has seen a copy of the Sierra Club's *Planet* and knows that the Sierra Club has endorsed the Kerry-Edwards ticket. For more information you can go to the National Sierra Club website at [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org).

The easiest and surest way to protect our environment for our families and our future is to do all we can to elect candidates who share our values. True family values include protecting our natural heritage for future generations. The time grows short; by the time this newsletter reaches your home, little more than a month will remain before what well could prove to be the most important election of our lifetime. Please talk to your friends, neighbors and co-workers and urge them to vote and become active politically for our environment. If the SSJ group endorses any other candidates, we will include them in our get out the vote phone calls and emails prior to the election.

For information on local Sierra Club endorsements or the Sierra endorsement process, contact Rob Brinkman at [rob-brinkman@cox.net](mailto:rob-brinkman@cox.net) or 352-337-1757. To subscribe to our email list go to [www.gatorsierra.org](http://www.gatorsierra.org).

## SSJ SIERRA CLUB ENDORSEMENTS NOVEMBER 2, 2004 ELECTIONS

Mike Byerly for Alachua County Commission  
YES on both Alachua County Campaign Finance Reform questions  
Corrine Brown for U.S. Representative, District 3  
Dave Bruderly for U.S. Representative, District 6  
John Kerry for U.S. President

in the state has this ability. This November there will be two questions on the ballot on this subject. The first will place a \$250.00 limit on individual contributions per election for all county constitutional officers. The second will require electronic filing, which the current supervisor of elections already does, and will move back by 48 hours the deadlines to accept contributions and file reports before the election.

The Sierra Club has endorsed these two measures in order to reduce the influence of large contributors and better inform the public of where candidates are getting their financial support. Hopefully this will increase the likelihood of environmentally friendly candidates winning. For more information on this issue, go to: <http://www.alachuacampaignreform.org/>.

These measures are only the first step, but passing either one will preserve our ability to amend the Alachua County Charter to regulate campaign finance. Failure to pass any such measures by 2006 will result in the expiration of the special act and the citizens of Alachua County will then lose this ability.

### U.S. Congress Seats

Due to the gerrymandered redistricting done by the Florida State Legislature in 2002, the area covered by the SSJ group is split between six congressional districts and Alachua County is divided between two congressional districts. This year the Sierra Club has endorsed in two congressional districts, three and six. In District 3 the Sierra Club has once again endorsed

# Getting out the Vote for Conservation

BY TED LA COMBE

During the years of the Bush Administration, the environment has been under assault and would be in even greater peril in a second Bush Administration. In order to support environmental policies that the Sierra Club embraces, a candidate with a good record on conservation issues must be elected. I believe that is why the Sierra Club endorsed John Kerry.

On many other policy issues, a Kerry administration would also be more attractive than another four years of the Bush administration. Voters who care about civil rights, affordable healthcare, good jobs, and the social safety net all have good reasons to consider the benefits of a Kerry administration a change in leadership. The critical question is whether they will vote in great enough numbers.

This year, as in 2000, Florida is considered to be a "battleground" state and every vote is critical. In the presidential election, whichever candidate captures the majority of popular votes in Florida will get ALL of the state's 27 electoral votes - the only ones that count in the presidential race.

## Register by October 4

Many (but probably not all) of us reading this article are registered and plan to

vote, but there is more that we can do. We can find others who would be likely to support a the Kerry Edwards ticket administration and help them get ready for Election Day, November 2. Eligible voters must be U.S. citizens and 18 years old by Election Day. In Florida, convicted felons need to apply to have their voting rights restored. Many potential voters still are not registered, and the deadline of Oct. 4 is fast approaching.

## Absentee ballots

Others may need a way to make casting their vote easier to do. It is now much easier to vote by mail. In the past, people who wanted to vote absentee had to get someone to sign as a witness on their ballot envelope, but that is no longer required. Absentee ballots can be requested by the voter or a member of the voter's immediate family by simply calling their county's supervisor of elections office. Alachua

County residents call 352-374-5252; in Marion County the number is 352-620-3290.

## Early voting

Avoid the Election Day rush. Another convenient way to vote is by going to the supervisor of elections office and cast your ballot ahead of Nov. 2. In Alachua County you may vote Monday through Friday

between 8:30 and 5:00 pm during the two weeks before Election Day - Oct. 18 through Nov. 1. They even have weekend hours: 1 - 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. In Marion County early voting is being conducted Oct. 18 thru Nov.1, weekdays plus both Saturdays (10/23 and 10/30).

## Assist others in voting

It is also possible for you to pick up a ballot from the supervisor of elections office for another person, provided you have a signed note, show a picture ID, and sign an affidavit. The ballot must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to count. If you think you might want to do this, please contact the supervisor's office for more details. Information is also available online at: [http://elections.alachua.fl.us/voting\\_absentee.html](http://elections.alachua.fl.us/voting_absentee.html).

## Want to do more?

You could also sign up to help with driving voters to their polling place on Election Day. We will also need people at some polling places to assist voters who may have forgotten to bring a photo ID with them. These voters need to know that Florida state law allows them to vote if they sign an affidavit affirming their identity.

*Ted La Combe is the coordinator of Alachua County Votes, a group of over 60 volunteers working to encourage broad voter participation in the 2004 elections. If you would like more details about how you can help with this effort, please contact Ted at 352-338-0082 or lacombe@gru.net*



# Dave Bruderly

FORMER SSI SIERRA GROUP CHAIR RUNNING FOR CONGRESS

A registered professional engineer with more than 30-years experience solving environmental problems, Dave has the expertise and drive to work with Congress to strengthen our existing environmental laws and regulations and to incorporate environmental protections into trade agreements with other countries. In addition, Dave is proposing aggressive new initiatives

to reduce our nation's dependency on fossil fuels, especially petroleum, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Given the rapid industrialization of



developing countries, like China, Dave feels that we cannot wait 20 years for technology breakthroughs or so-called "market-based" initiatives to work; we must adopt energy and environmental policies that will empower people to create a more sustainable global economy.

Even with all his "environmentalist" credentials, Dave has strong appeal among moderates and genuine conservatives who care about their families and their future; because he is dedicated to efficient solu-

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Big Sandy River, all the way to its confluence with the Ohio River. EPA officials called this the "worst-ever environmental disaster in the Southeastern United States," 20 times the size of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. Massey Energy, the owner of the slurry pond, called the spill "the direct, sole and proximate result of an act of God." And this turned out to be the case. President Bush, as he has stated in public on many occasions, has a direct line to God. The federal government handed down no fines and no punishment.

The Bush Administration has made hundreds of environmental decisions that have unnecessarily hurt everyone. The only reason why this has happened is that the Hard Right of both the Republican and Democratic Parties gained control of the executive and legislative branches of the federal government in 2000, with the help of the majority of the Supreme Court. The Hard Right consists of most conservative Christians, a large number of whom are employed by huge corporations, now richer and more powerful than the majority of governments on Earth.

How the Hard Right gained political control after the election is also clear from doing some reading and watching PBS, CNN and C-SPAN:

1. A higher percentage of these extremists and their followers vote than in the other categories of eligible voters. Also, approximately fifty percent of United States adults never vote in presidential election years, far outnumbering the undecided voters who make up their minds in the voting booth and may still determine the next President of the United States.

2. The Hard Right makes decisions based on a belief system of incorrect assumptions, rather than on science and common sense.

3. The United States, with the fall of the Soviet Union, is now the only superpower on Earth. Many of our present national leaders think in terms of unilateral global corporate domination rather than maintaining the rules of law through alliances and leading the United Nations.

4. We have had a significant third party presidential candidate on the ballot in the last three presidential elections and will

again this time.

5. Appointments to positions of leadership, in the executive and judicial branches, are now filled almost exclusively with past employees of corporations, directly or through contract, rather than educators, scientists, entrepreneurs, etc.

6. Campaign finance reform has failed thus far. Corporations, which operate essentially like dictatorships, dispense millions in profits to elect politicians with their views, a small investment. These politicians then approve contracts worth billions of dollars of public money. They also guarantee the weakening of all environmental laws. The Republicans also want to privatize social security, health care, the management of all public lands, government retirement funds, etc. to give corporations more money through the stock market to work their wonders.

7. Most media, now almost totally corporate controlled, look at people as a market out of which to wring money. The various media outlets have become sophisticated and callous in their abilities to convince Americans through advertising, lies and distortions.

8. In 2000, the United States quickly re-entered its spiral toward economic collapse, of little concern to global corporations in control of our government and a lot of others as well. The assets of the

United States, more and more, are owned by foreign nationals. Saudi Arabia alone owns over ten percent of the United States. More and more products are produced elsewhere rather than by American workers. We have a huge annual trade deficit. We have returned to a huge annual federal deficit. The debt, four years ago finally on the decline, is now again shooting upward. Seven trillion dollars disappeared from the stock market in 2000-01 and has not nearly re-appeared. In this financial environment, which determines environmental funding, the Bush Administration passed mammoth tax breaks for the rich.

9. Citizens of the United States have waited too long to solve our energy crisis and reduce the rest of our grotesque materialism, increasing exponentially since 1945. Unless this is done, it won't matter who holds political office.

Sierra Club National endorsed the John Kerry/John Edwards ticket in May, followed by many other candidates running in this year's election. The viewpoints above are a mixture of those of National Sierra Club, Pope and Rauber, and me. I advise you to independently find out as much as you can from all informed sources, on everyone and everything on this critically significant November 2 ballot. Make your own voting decisions, as all citizens should in a functioning democracy.

## SIERRA CLUB CALENDAR SALE

What's colorful, reminds us of the real world we're trying to conserve and protect, and helps us remember what we've done or promised to do in our lives? Sierra Club calendars, of course!

Why should you buy from us? Well, each year, our local Suwannee-St. Johns Sierra Club Group sells these lovely calendars as a fundraiser, and many of us don't know what we would do without them. And, you save money! We sell the calendars at a discount off the cover price you would pay in a retail outlet.

The wilderness wall calendar (\$11) shows a month at a glance, with a gorgeous nature scene at the top of each page. The engagement calendar (\$12) has one page per week, each with a breathtaking photo of the natural world.

Beyond your own personal enjoyment of these calendars, don't forget that the holidays can be great, but gift shopping can be a chore. Sierra Club calendars are perfect gifts for your friends and family. They'll enjoy this gift every day of 2005!

Calendars are available at all General Meetings (October 7, November 11, and December 2). If you live outside of Gainesville or are unable to attend our meetings, call Joanne Auth at 352-371-1991 to discuss other arrangements. If you are a member who has contacts where the calendars may be sold to co-workers/friends, call for information about taking a few to sell. We appreciate the help!



# Annual Dinner Nov. 20

**BY KATHY CANTWELL**

For the fourth year in a row Sierrans from all over the state will converge on North Central Florida with one thing on their minds ... conservation.

The theme of this year's state conservation conference is "Florida's Water Heritage" We will have workshops and presentations covering our Gulf and Atlantic coasts and the Keys, our drinking water, our rivers and lakes, etc. Plus this is a great opportunity to learn what other Florida Sierra groups are working on.

Keeping with the water theme, this year the conference will be held at the beautiful new Luther Springs campground on Lake Vause in western Putnam County, between Hawthorne and Interlachen.

Some of the presenters already lined up are:

ple, politics and power

- Dr. Larry Brand, Professor of Marine Biology, Rosenstil School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami.

- Adam Cummings, Charlotte County Commissioner.

- Karen Mulcahy, J.D., Regional Conservation Organizer, Florida Coastal Protection, Sierra Club, Florida Office.

Our keynote speaker at the awards dinner Saturday night will be John Moran. John will delight us with his pictures and narrative of the wild Florida he has come to know in his 25 years of capturing photos. This award-winning nature photographer has been published in National Geographic, Life, Time,

- Honey Rand, author of Water Wars, a story of peo-

Newsweek, Smithsonian, the New York Times Magazine, even the cover of the National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida.

His photograph of alligators at dusk at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park was selected as the top-winning American photograph in the United Nations Earth Summit photo contest in 1992. His first book, published in 1999 with writer Bill Maxwell, is titled Finding Yourself: A Spiritual Journey Through a Florida Garden. You don't want to miss this guy! He is great!

For more information on the conference and to register contact Kathy Cantwell at kacmd@aol.com or 352-395-7441 or 400 NE 13 Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601.

You can also download a registration form at [www.gatorsierra.org](http://www.gatorsierra.org). DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION NOV.13

**DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB CONSERVATION CONFERENCE AND AWARDS DINNER ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2004**

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tions that benefit people as well as wild places. As a professional engineer who swore an oath of public service, Dave looks for systemic adjustments that will do the most good for our society, including our legacy to future generations.

Dave is a fiscal conservative who is progressive on most social issues and has a life-long passion for energy and environment issues.

"I want to be the voice for sustainability in Washington," Dave says. "I welcome and appreciate support from any individual passionate about the environment and concerned about the dangerous direction our country is heading in."

The Sierra Club believes that Bruderly is the kind of representative who will represent our ideals and values in Washington.

To learn more about Dave Bruderly and his platform please visit him online at [www.bruderly.com](http://www.bruderly.com).



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## OCTOBER 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Oct. 2**, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, SSJ Sierra Club Outing Committee meeting. All welcome, contact Karen Garren for more details: 352-371-0008 or ILuvFla@gru.net

**Oct. 7**, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, SSJ Sierra general meeting at the Entomology and Neatology Bld. UF campus (see page 1).

**Oct. 14**, 7 p.m., Thursday, SSJ Sierra Executive Committee meeting at Santa Fe Comm. College, Downtown Campus meeting room.

**Oct. 16 - 17**, weekend "slack pack" of the Cross Florida Greenway in Marion County. See page 3 for more information.

**Oct. 21**, 7 p.m., Thursday, Free movie: MONUMENTAL followed by National Sierra President Larry Fahn and film director Kelly Duane speaking (more pg 3).

**Oct. 22**, 7 p.m., Thursday, SSJ newsletter folding party at Scott Camil's house. Call for more information: 352-375-2563 or scamil@att.net

**November newsletter** will contain candidate bios and your ballot. Remember to vote for next year's SSJ Sierra Club Executive Committee members.

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