

# SUNSPORT GARDENS NEWSLETTER

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## AND NOW... A WORD FROM MORLEY

The Naturist Society Youth Camp at Sunsport last week was wonderful. The 24 campers and the camp staff became a caring community. The extraordinary efforts by Sunsport staff helped the camp run smoothly. With the assistance of Dave, Hoagie and Brian, the campers built a large walk-in playhouse in the playground area. Debbie and Ron handled the extra clean-up, particularly in the pavilion, with smiles on their faces. Becky, Joel and Pat provided on-time meals of better quality than last year.

I am looking forward to the Florida Young Naturists Summer Bash Weekend August 12-14 and the 5K Run/Walk early on Saturday, August

27. The 5K organizers have visited Sunsport to chart the course and produce a promotional video. The Bloodmobile will be at Sunsport on the day of the 5K to accept our life-saving donations. If you would like to join in the run/walk, please email [streaksunsport5K@gmail.com](mailto:streaksunsport5K@gmail.com) or call Daniel Phillips at (770) 875-5272.

We've had some warm summer rain so the water level is back to normal in our ponds and canals. Summer is beautiful at Sunsport (as are all the other seasons). Come shed your clothes and enjoy the refreshing breezes and the comfortable swimming pool

## Member & Guest Contributions



### My First Visit

written by Richard Rosicha

I came away from my first Sunsport visit, which was also my first Midwinter Festival attendance, with a few interesting souvenirs. A colorful group of plants purchased from the **Nekked Man Garden** has now been transplanted by my wife in front of our Miami Beach home. I have a collection of photos taken at the photo workshop given by photographer and body painter Carl Flick, who I've also seen performing his amazing work at Haulover Beach.

But my favorites came from a life drawing session during the festival. Having attended many such sessions at the South Florida Art Center in Miami Beach - and done a few drawings of amateur models at Haulover - I was anxious to see what I could do at the two outdoor drawing sessions at Sunsport. Well, at

the second one, the beautiful golden haired model Amy - who, to my astonishment, came to the first session laden with drawing supplies for those who arrived empty handed - was absent, leaving myself, another male and one female amateur faced with either abandoning the session or drawing one another. We bravely chose the latter course.

I never thought I could do life modeling... because I sway and fidget, but then I decided to try a standing pose and stood stock still for 10 minutes. My male co-amateur gave me his rendering of me, drawn in my own pad, which was almost photographic in its accuracy. I've since enjoyed startling my fellow amateurs with it here in Miami Beach!



## Youth Camp 2011 – A *Fun-tastic* Event!

as reported by Sandra Reamer, Youth Camp Director

What an awesome week! There were 45 people registered for Youth Camp 2011, ranging in age from 2 to 69, (24 campers being between the ages of 2-18!) There were so many activities to tell you about; including an obstacle course to kayak around, which proved to be a bit challenging. The kids learned to use a compass while doing some navigating around Sunsport Gardens. One of the favorite workshops was an informative course on animation. Some children sharpened their writing skills while yet others enjoyed art workshops. A group of children enjoyed putting together a puppet show for everyone's amusement. Many practiced singing and playing music. Folks, there is a lot of talent these kids have that we just don't see everyday! At the end of the week, everyone put on a great talent show.

The trip to Haulover ended spectacularly with 63 people generated from our little, yet mighty, Youth Camp. Additional families met us down there, which helped to create so many of us! (Can you say... Mini-Mob?)

Someone on the beach even asked one of us if we were a part of that big family on the beach. That is what camp has become.... a BIG FAMILY EVENT!

During the week, the Sunsport Maintenance staff helped the campers build a playhouse for the playground. You'll have to come check it out! Yes... there was a slip-n-slide, using paint instead of water! New this year was a really large, inflatable ball that a person could get into and roll around the grounds. Morley even enjoyed being rolled around in it! Shaving cream whiffle ball got a little *crazy* and to top it all off... there was the infamous 10 foot sundae! What great fun there was!

All of this could not have been possible without the wonderful support from all of the Sunsport Staff members, volunteers, and of course, the campers and their families. Everyone pulled together to create and enjoy a ***Funtastic*** camping experience. I look forward to doing it all again next July!



# Youth Camp 2011 at Sunsport Gardens - What a Spectacular Week!





## Beauty at the Midnight Hour? By "DJ" Don Sanborn

Okay... let's see a show of hands: How many believe that a picture is worth a thousand words? GREAT!! So do I! (And it saves me a lot of time trying to put a creative spin on my monthly article!) So here goes: Most of you know that in addition to editing this newsletter and being the DJ at the Saturday Night Dances here at SSG, I'm also the Gardener of Nekked Man Gardens & Nursery. Upon returning from a fun filled Thursday evening dancing @ Clematis By Night, I remembered that I wanted to check and see if my Night Blooming Cirrus, (*Hylocereus undatus*), was blooming that evening. I grabbed my flashlight and the camera, as these gorgeous blooms are only open for 1 single night. How fortuitous for me that I did have that flashlight, for as I entered the backyard, before me was a very large, 10' wide by 6' tall spider web, with this beautiful spider in it! Yikes! What if I had just walked into it? Ugh! After a few snapshots, then walking around through my neighbor's yard to get into the nursery, I discovered that the Cirrus was not blooming. But it did the very next night! So I had 2 Beautiful "Midnight Hours" in a row in my backyard. So be warned! Walking around in the dark here at Sunsport can be quite an adventure!





Night Blooming Cirrus



Hylocereus undatus

Thanks again to all who've email your comments and suggestions to me. I'm always looking for your feedback and / or contributions.

PS. Anybody else notice how hot it's been this summer? Or is it just me? (Just kidding!)

My name is "DJ" Don Sanborn and I am the editor for the Sunsport Gardens Newsletter. It is my intention to inform members, visitors and the curious as to the activities and the "goings-on" here at SSG. Your input, suggestions and contributions are anxiously and eagerly accepted. Contact me at Lot #3, or e-mail: [SSGEDITOR@att.net](mailto:SSGEDITOR@att.net). Please have any articles, letters or digital photos delivered to me by **August 28<sup>th</sup>** for review and possible inclusion in the September issue. Thank you.

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