



TURTLE TRACKS

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES COUNCIL

SUMMER 2017

Barbara Hendry recognized at Evening on the River

Barbara “Barbie” Hoke Hendry was recognized at the Council’s annual fundraiser, Evening on the River, on March 31. Barbie Hoke attended Jensen Beach Elementary School, which became the Environmental Studies Center when she was 30 years old and had two young children. By far the youngest one involved, she joined forces with Dr. Walter Stokes and several leaders from the Martin County Conservation Alliance and other local prominent environmentalists including Maggy Hurchalla along with Gene Van Curen of FPL (Gene just retired from the Environmental Studies Council Board of Trustees after serving for 38 years!). This group wanted to make sure the Center could stay open after its original grant money ran out.

Barb was a born leader and idea person. She has no fear—not only of diving in sky and sea, but also in social situations. She once hosted Governor Bob Graham’s wife at a luncheon at her home, impressing Adele with her Florida lobster salad she prepared herself.

The Florida Flavors cookbook was Barbie’s brain child. It was her idea to have annual arts and craft shows called “Our Place in Nature.” The Annual Kitchen Tour came about when she saw a magazine article about one and thought it was a

good idea for the center. Plus it would help us sell cookbooks!

Barb was a nature girl from the beginning and her first aquarium and laboratory was the shoreline

of the Indian River Lagoon in front of the Jensen Elementary School, now the Environmental Studies center and Ocean Breeze Park where she grew up.

She raised her kids to love and interact with nature just as she did. She set an example of giving to the community and the ESC is only one of her worthy causes that she helped launch. This year’s fundraiser for the Council was hosted by Barbie’s son Gary and his wife Marcia. Barb’s daughter Marcia Hendry Coker attended as well. Both of Barb’s children have inherited not only her love of nature but her can-do attitude and giving spirit. Our community is blessed to call them our own, and we thank Barb for all she has done!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Jack Daye, this year’s scholarship recipient! Jack graduated from Jensen Beach High School and will be attending UNF in the fall, where he will study marine science. A long-time volunteer at the Center, Jack was named the ESC student Volunteer of the Year in 2016, and is a long-standing camp counselor. You’ve likely met him at an open house event, teaching visitors all about Joey the Alligator! Jack is an Eagle Scout, and for his project he redesigned and rebuilt Joey’s exhibit at the Center, making it easier for students to learn about alligators and providing a more natural environment. Jack was presented with her scholarship at the May Environmental Studies Council Trustees’ meeting. We wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavours!



Please consider leaving a legacy by naming the Environmental Studies Council in your estate plans.



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Mission Statement

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From the desk of the President

This spring the Environmental Studies Council hosted Martin County's Youth Driven Cinema Film Contest & Festival. Youth Driven Cinema was created by Crystal Lucas, a former Martin County teacher and Council Youth Group leader, to educate and engage the youth of Martin County by fostering community involvement within the arts and sciences. This year, the Environmental Studies Council and the Council's youth group, the Earth Savers Crew, chaired the program.

All Martin County kids from K -12 were invited to submit a 3 minute film of an environmental theme. This year, the Earth Savers selected "things that affect our local environment," as the theme. Thirty films were entered across four categories.

The top five films in each category were shown at the film festival held the Lyric Theatre on April 21. Earth Savers greeted attendees and acted as the masters of ceremonies. Nicholas Leonard and the River Kidz started the evening by playing the River Kidz song, backed by a full band and chorus. Twelve films across four categories were presented on the Lyric Theatre stage, and more than 150 students, parents, and community members watched the truly inspirational films.

Youth Driven Cinema was an amazing event with Martin County students both organizing and participating in the event. Additionally, proceeds from the Film Festival went towards scholarships for the Environmental Studies Center's summer camp.

We'd like to thank the Knopf Family Foundation who generously funded all of the student prizes. Southeastern Printing provided design and printing services for the event's posters. The Lyric Theatre provided in-kind technical assistance and graciously hosted the Film Festival. Special thanks to Hans Heinz, the YDC planning committee (Cory Carter, Iren Arpayoglou, Greg Leatherman, Marilyn Gavitt, Samantha Robertson, and Nicole Vanderwerf), and this year's judges Kathy Hill (IRL Council), Ralph Villani (Martin County TV), and Tyler Treadway (TCPalm).

Sincerely,
Cody Mott

Did Your Membership Expire?

Have you renewed your membership to the Environmental Studies Council? These tax-deductible year-long memberships start at just \$25 for individuals and \$250 for businesses. Funding everything from critter food to the salary of a certified teacher, memberships directly support the educational experience presented free for ALL Martin County students. We need your support!

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TEACHER MICHELLE FOWLER RECOGNIZED FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS



Environmental Studies Center teacher, Michelle Fowler, was honored with the Conservation Award by the Halpatiokee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at a luncheon on April 14th at the Stuart Yacht and Country Club. Center administrator, Marilyn Gavitt, and former ESC teacher, Demma Bailey also attended. Michelle was recognized for her work in environmental education.

The DAR, established in 1890, has long been deeply involved in conservation. Former Center Director, Frank Pittman, won this same award back in November of 1985! Congratulations to Michelle for achieving this prestigious honor.

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"Best Wishes to Palm City Elementary" - Nancy Marin



Special thanks to our hosts, Marcia & Gary Hendry



REMEMBERING CURT WHITICAR

Curt Whiticar, founder of Whiticar Boat Works and longtime supporter of the Environmental Studies Center, passed away in March at the age of 106. Curt continued to remain active and involved in the community. Just this past January, Curt raffled off one of his paintings and donated all the proceeds to the Center.

Memories at the Center

Since 1972, Martin County students have been making memories at the Environmental Studies Center. Share your memories with us for a chance to be featured in the next issue of Turtle Tracks!

Frank Pittman, previous Center director, teaches a class at the Environmental Studies Center circa the 1980s



Wish List

The Environmental Studies Center needs your support! The Center has a current need for:

- *Exhibit sponsors - help support new aquariums and exhibits in the Red Door Room!*
- *Send a child to camp for one week*
- *Critter food for our residents*

If you are interested in supporting any of the above opportunities, please contact us at info@escmc.org or by calling 772-219-1887 x121. Or stop by the Center - we'd love to see you!



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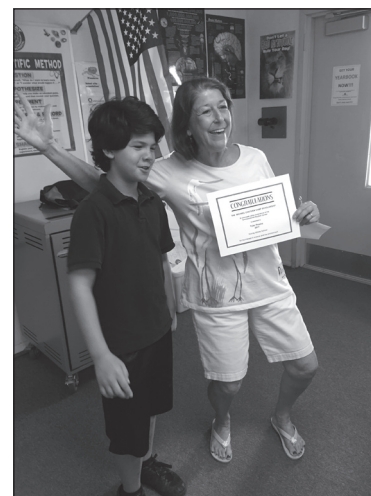
Summer Camp Scholarships

Thank you to the Jensen Beach Garden Club for their generous donation to our summer



camp scholarship programs. Because of their generosity, 9 students from Jensen Beach Elementary and Felix A. Williams Elementary are afforded the opportunity to attend a week at the Environmental Studies Center's camp this summer. A special thank you to garden club members, Gail Rounds and Diane Burr, who stopped by the ESC to present the check to Kris Kerr, scholarship chair.

Denise Chatham was thrilled to present the Michael Chatham Summer Camp Scholarship to Murray Middle School student, Tyler Pereira this year!



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