

# TURTLE TRACKS

WINTER 2022

#### Lecture at the Lyric

Join us on Wednesday, January 26th, 2022 at 7pm at the Lyric Theatre for the Environmental Studies Council's Annual Lecture Series.

This year's topic: Manatee Mortality: How water pollution and seagrass loss is killing Florida's beloved sea cows.

An "unusual mortality event" struck Florida's manatees in 2021, killing off a record number of the beloved marine mammals. The Indian River



Lagoon was particularly hard-hit. Learn how seagrass loss and algal blooms
— both fueled by man-made pollution — contribute to these deaths during
an evening conversation with the Save the Manatee Club's executive director



Patrick Rose and Eve Samples, executive director of Friends of the Everglades.

Tickets to the Lecture Series are free, but must be picked up at either the Lyric Theatre Box Office or at the Environmental Studies Center.

This event is coordinated by the Environmental Studies Center, with support from the River Kidz.

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



# The Environmental Studies Council, Inc.

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#### **Mission Statement**

To protect and enhance the education programs of the Environmental Studies

Center and to promote and extend environmental awareness through community education.

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#### From the desk of the President

Happy 2022!

Ushering in the New Year can be so exciting! Looking forward to the promise of a brand-new 365 day slate, setting up our goals, and that fresh motivation that comes with changing our calendars.

And while it's important to have goals, we want our goals to align with our purpose, with what fills our cup and makes life grand. My own personal goal is to spend more time in nature. Perhaps this desire harkens back to school days where the ESC field trips were the best parts of my education in Martin County-I know many of you feel the same way. There's something about getting outside, and in the case of the Center, getting wet and sandy, which releases that inner child- the soul sustaining fun that comprises the marrow of life.

If actually getting sand in all your nooks and crannies isn't exactly your thing, come on out to the Center for our Grandparent's Day open house on February 5, or join us for an Afternoon at the Center on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, and reconnect to the magic that is the ESC. And, for as little as \$25 a year, you can become a member of the Environmental Studies Council, and help to keep the Center alive and thriving for generations to come. For more information, please visit escmc.org.

I wish you a happy, healthy new year full of time spent connecting with each other and nature.

> See you out there! Kara Muzia

#### **Did Your Membership Expire?**

Have you renewed your membership to the Environmental Studies Council? We need your support!

To sign up, log on to www.escmc.org or call (772) 219-1887 x 121



## Please join us!

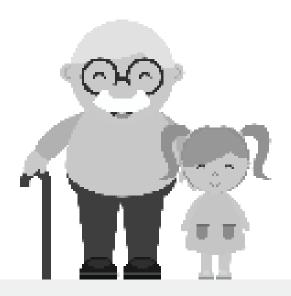
# GRANDPARENTS' DAY OPEN HOUSE

Bring your grandparents for a day of fun, learning, and exploration at the Center.

CRAFTS - SNACKS - TOUCH TANKS - JOEY THE ALLIGA OR - SHELBY THE SEA TURTLE - AND MUCH MORE:

Saturday, February 5 9:00am-Noon

2900 NE Indian River Drive Jensen Beach



Free! Donations accepted

# HISTORY AT THE ESC



Can you remember which sea turtle the Center released in 2013? Take a guess on our Facebook page!

Correction from fall issue-John Morrow, our boat captain, has two daughters and a son.

### Wish List

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

- Critter food for our residents
- Check out the Environmental Studies Council facebook page for the Amazon wish list!

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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#### Afternoons at the ESC

hird Tuesdays have become our days to open the **Environmental Studies Center** to the public from 1:30-3:00 PM. You can spend some time visiting with Shelby, our loggerhead turtle; Joey, the alligator; our Touch Tanks and many other animals and fish. Our classrooms are available to walk through to see the artifacts and materials that our students use when they come to the center on field trips. The gift shop is open as well. You can find unique gift items with a portion of what you spend



going to help support the Center. We would love to see you at our next afternoon at the ESC on January 18, 2022 from 1:30-3:00 pm.

Find us on Amazon Smile to support the Council!

GO GREEN! JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST! FIND US ON FACEBOOK!