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# President's Message

*by Kathryn Sullivan,*

*President, MICA Board of Directors*

When I am concerned about the conflict and controversy that seems to plague and divide our city, I remind myself of the "Allyson Richards" of our community. MICA recently awarded the 2019 Humanitarian of the Year Award to Allyson Richards for all she does quietly for those in need in our community.

Allyson has spent countless hours volunteering with Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, the Marco Island Charter Middle School, the Marco Island YMCA, the Marco Island Historical Society, the American Cancer Society, among many other causes.

And she's not alone. There are many, many Allysons out there, helping Marco be a more compassionate, caring community where we respect each other and work to make life better for all. When we get discouraged, they lift us up. Thank you to all who volunteer to make Marco a better place.

Speaking of volunteers. You, the members, have spoken in the recent election and you have elected four members to the MICA Board of Directors. Elected to three-year terms are: Bob Brown, Patti LaMotte, Tom Morr, Joe Swaja.

We thank them for sharing their expertise, time and energy with us.

Marco Island's beach received a quick regrade with sand being taken from within the Gulf and spread up onto the low spots on the beach. The regrade should alleviate the ponding seen in recent summers, and it should create favorable conditions for nesting sea turtles, shore birds and humans! This was a Collier County



*Kathy Sullivan, President,  
MICA Board of Directors*

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Cover Photo: taken at Residents' Beach by Jean Hall

Coastal Zone Management project, and we thank them for their attention to detail and for always leaving water access available to beachgoers.

For those who are with us only seasonally, we wish you safe travels, a good summer and look forward to your return in the fall. Meanwhile we'll be here looking after our beautiful beach and enjoying the peace and quiet of the "off season."





# MICA's New Board Members



*Elected by MICA members to the MICA Board of Directors:  
Tom Morr, Patti LaMotte, Joe Swaja and Bob Brown*

## About our Cover

Our cover photo was taken by Jean Hall on Residents' Beach.

If you are curious about the bands on the owls' legs, Burrowing Owls of Marco Island tell us "The male has the band combination "White/Metal - Red/Black" and the female has "Orange/Metal - Blue/Light Blue."

The colors are like letters in the alphabet. Individually they do not mean much, but they can be combined into unique "names."

Other owls are banded with these colors, but the order they are placed in is unique to these two individuals.





# MICA Names its 2019 Humanitarian of the Year

*By Ruth McCann, Executive Director, MICA*



*2019 Humanitarian of the Year Allyson Richards and the MICA Board of Directors*

On Sunday, March 11, before a crowd of more than 3,000 individuals at Marco Island Residents' Beach, the MICA Board of Directors presented its 2019 Humanitarian of the Year Award to the consummate volunteer and humanitarian, Allyson Richards!

MICA's President Kathryn Sullivan stated that Allyson is a caring friend to so many and has made volunteering her job. She has spent countless hours volunteering with Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, the Marco Island Charter Middle School, the Marco Island YMCA, the Marco Island Historical Society, the American Cancer Society of Marco Island, among many other causes.

The children at Marco Island Charter Middle School were lucky to have Allyson on their board of directors and as chair of their 20th anniversary celebration and other events, raising much-needed funds for school programs.

On Marco there is a daily Bread Run, taking bread from Publix and Winn Dixie every day from Marco Island to the 6L's Farm migrant workers. Through the YMCA, Allyson coordinates the program and drivers, and ensures that the bread is delivered to those who need it.

MICA's Vice President, Ray McChesney, continued listing Allyson's humanitarian acts. Through "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" and the Marco Island YMCA, Allyson has worked to perfect "Lunch with Friends Over 60." Each month this luncheon brings together seniors who would normally be in their homes alone. She arranges for transportation if needed and has recently added entertainment to the luncheons. They even outgrew their original location at the Family Church and are now up to 110 attendees at the Lutheran Church!

When a mom was in tremendous need with her newborn baby sleeping in a laundry basket, Allyson sought out donations for the new mom and delivered everything to her doorstep.

Katherine O'Hara, MICA's Secretary, picked up where Ray left off by reminding that Allyson spurred all of us island wide over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays that just passed to "fill the trailer" with non-perishable food. The food was then delivered to the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry."

By the way, the "trailer" is a cargo trailer Allyson's husband, Jim, bought for her, and that she tows behind her car! It has come in quite handy over the last couple of years.







*MICA's Vice President Ray McChesney  
listing Allyson's humanitarian acts*

It was also used last year to distribute food to the families of Manatee School children via Al's Pals, Allyson and friends' mobile food pantry. Each Friday afternoon they drove the trailer to the school and distributed surplus food to help augment the meals of hungry and hardworking families.

Allyson's latest project is collecting jeans and sturdy shoes for the migrant farm workers at 6L's Farm just up the road.

She is on the Board of Directors of the Marco Island Historical Society and the Newcomers Club. Even when not on the board of directors, Allyson has headed up events or raised funds for the Marco Island Center for the Arts and the American Cancer Society.

She has volunteered as a member of the City of Marco Island Parks and Recreation Committee for several years, ensuring that our city parks and programs are meeting the needs of our community now and in the future.

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award is one of the most prestigious awards on Marco



*2019 Humanitarian of the Year Allyson Richards  
and husband Jim Richards*

Island. This esteemed award was developed in 1998 to honor the unsung heroes of Marco Island, the people who do so much for so many. The wonderful, positive people you do not hear much about.

Allyson joins recent recipients, including Cheryl and Mike Mueller, Al Bismonte, Dennis and Joan Pidherny, the Super Team of Five from "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" and Bernardo Bezoz.

There are special people that help to change the face of a community through their leadership, dedication and energy. Allyson Richards is that person on Marco Island.

Allyson humbly accepted the award and thanked the Marco Island community for assisting her in her pursuits, especially her Al's Pals comrades! Standing by her side was her husband, Jim Richards, and Allyson stated that he is her partner in all and helps to bring her ideas to fruition.

Congratulations, Allyson Richards on being named MICA's 2019 Humanitarian of the Year!





# Participants Learn about Unique Features at “Discover Tigertail”

*by Allie Delventhal, Friends of Tigertail*

On Saturday, February 23, local residents and visitors were treated to “Discover Tigertail”, where many mysteries of this unique park were uncovered. Hosted by Friends of Tigertail, eight learning stations provided information about the natural fauna and flora that inhabit the area, as well as the Conservancy hospital that cares for local sick and injured animals. Children set out on a scavenger hunt after decorating pails to hold items found at each station, and adults filled out a questionnaire with information learned at each table, receiving a prize for their efforts.

On the lagoon beach, interactive activities allowed participants to look through a scope to see the resident osprey family in their nest, and to try

their hand at using a seining net to catch some of the small animals and fish in the lagoon. With its tidal lagoon and Gulf of Mexico beaches, home to unusual birds, fish, shells, turtles, and plants, Tigertail Beach is more than a place to sunbathe. Children and adult participants came away with expanded knowledge about the park, while having a fun morning.

With a mission to educate, as well as preserve and protect the park, Friends of Tigertail hosts several activities throughout the year, as well as sponsoring students at the Conservancy summer camp.

*To learn more about the group, visit their website at [www.FriendsofTigertail.com](http://www.FriendsofTigertail.com) or their Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/FriendsofTigertailBeach](http://www.Facebook.com/FriendsofTigertailBeach)*



*Photo credits, clockwise from top left - Nancy Richie: The gopher tortoise station. Allie Delventhal: Lynn Livingston and Linda Colombo man the prize table. Allie Delventhal: Alyce Townsend discusses ospreys and other birds on the beach. Allie Delventhal: Mary Nelson describes information about the turtles that nest on Tigertail. Allie Delventhal: Signs on the boardwalk welcome the public to Discover Tigertail. Allie Delventhal: After using the seining net, Conservancy intern, Jimmy Parsons describes the animals and plants found in the lagoon.*

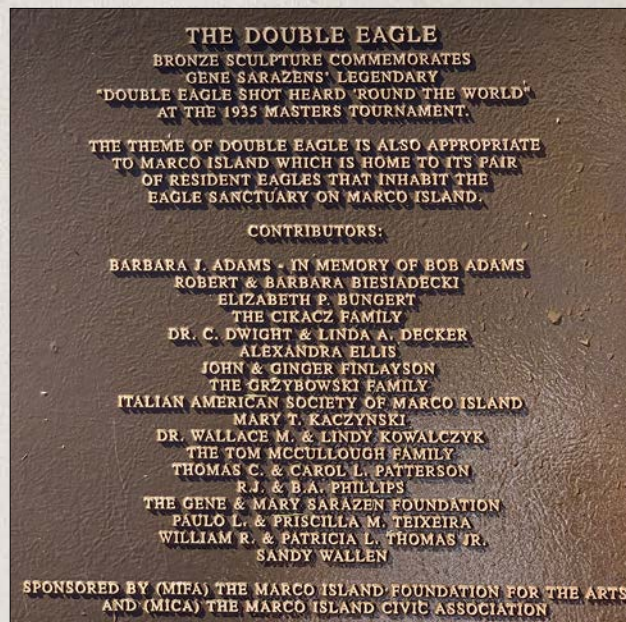




# Double Eagles Donors' Plaque at Sarazen Park Unveiled

On April 12, we celebrated the unveiling of the Double Eagles donors' plaque at Sarazen Park. The sculpture was a joint effort between the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) and the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA). We were honored to be joined by Mary Ann Sarazen, Gene Sarazen's daughter, and her family!

The Double Eagle bronze sculpture is appropriate for this park which honors golf legend Gene Sarazen, who was the first to shoot a 'double eagle' during a Masters' tournament. In 2013, the Boards of Directors of MICA and MIFA enthusiastically agreed to place this sculpture at this location and accepted donations for acquisition and installation. The project is now finalized and stands for all to appreciate!



*The unveiling of the Double Eagles donors' plaque at Sarazen Park, with special guests Mary Ann Sarazen, Gene Sarazen's daughter, and her family, along with MICA and MIFA Board members.*





# Bargain Basket

*by Samantha Kopren*

Visitors to Marco Island often talk about “the two B’s” that make their trip to paradise unforgettable—the beach and the Bargain Basket. With new items constantly on display, the Bargain Basket is always a popular spot for visitors and residents to shop for treasures.

United Church of Marco Island members, Ruby Rutherford and Betty Ringler dreamt of operating a successful thrift store that would provide income for the church in addition to providing funds for the local community. In January of 1975, The Bargain Basket Thrift Store, a ministry of the United Church of Marco Island, opened for the first time in a former coin laundry on Collier Blvd.

The store has come a long way in nearly 45 years. As the oldest and only thrift store on the Island, The Bargain Basket is now located at 750 Bald Eagle Dr. and provides around 5,000 square feet of products including clothing, jewelry, housewares, linens, books, media, and more.

The Bargain Basket thrives off the help of over 130 hard working volunteers in addition to countless donors and shoppers. Thanks to their support, the store has experienced record-breaking sales, allowing over \$100,000 to be donated to local and national charities each year.

The Bargain Basket holds a lot of excitement Monday through Saturday. Donations stream into the back room from 9am-3pm, customers wait outside to be the first ones in the store at 10am, and they shop until last call at 4pm. On popular sale days, the line to get into the store goes clear out to the street and down the sidewalk. Volunteers and staff move quickly and efficiently, working to keep merchandise constantly moving.

Whether it’s the busiest part of season or the slowest day of summer, The Bargain Basket holds many opportunities. For some, it provides the opportunity to keep busy as a volunteer and give back to not one, but many, local organizations. For others, it’s the place to go when you need just one more wine glass for a dinner party. For the local treasure hunters, it’s a place to visit daily, checking for the hidden bargain that will



*The Bargain Basket Thrift Store*

pay for their retirement. And for the family in need of a bargain, it’s also the best place to find exactly what they need without spending a fortune. For the people recovering from surgery or an accident, it’s the place to go to find crutches, canes, commodes, walkers, wheelchairs, and more at no cost at all.

Above all, the Bargain Basket is an outreach mission, offering quality merchandise at affordable costs. Our purpose is to give back to the community in as many ways as possible.

So how can you help? If you’re too busy to donate your time as a volunteer, consider donating your items instead. Without donations, the Bargain Basket could not exist. Giving back by donating gently used items and buying from the store is just as important as being a volunteer. If you are ready to volunteer your time we would be happy to have you! The Bargain Basket offers many volunteer opportunities, from cashiering to sorting to interacting with customers on the floor. Whether you choose to give back by shopping, serving, or donating - know that your contribution is greatly appreciated.

In 2020, The Bargain Basket will celebrate 45 years of giving back, helping our customers, and making lasting friendships. The store continues to be blessed by the generosity of Marco Island and looks forward to serving the community for many years to come.

*Located at 750 Bald Eagle Dr.*





# Marco City Councilor Appointed to Water Management District

Congratulations to Charlette Roman on her appointment by Governor Ron DeSantis to the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) on February 21, 2019.

It is policy of the Florida State Legislature that the state's water resources be managed at a state and regional level. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is responsible for the water resources at the state level and exercises general supervisory authority over the state's five water management districts.

The five water management districts include the Northwest Florida Water Management District (WMD), the Suwannee River WMD, the St. Johns River WMD, the Southwest Florida WMD, and the South Florida WMD, which Marco Island falls under.

The four core mission areas of the water management districts are water supply, water quality, flood protection and floodplain management, and natural systems. Among other responsibilities, there are primary ways that the water management districts implement these mission areas.

Seven individuals have been newly appointed by Governor DeSantis to the SFWMD with two more seats to be filled. They have a huge task ahead of them with a massive water system in South Florida consisting of 2,200 miles of canals, 2,100 miles of levees and 670 water control structures! We wish them all the best and will be following along on their journey for water quality and supply in the years ahead.



*City Councilor Charlette Roman addresses the MICA Board of Directors on April 1, 2019*





# Keep Kids Safe Around Water - The Earth is 71% Water and Kids are 100% Curious

*by Morgan Joseph, Aquatics, Sports, and Specialty Camps Director,  
Greater Marco Family YMCA*

It is our responsibility as water safety advocates to make sure that all children have the knowledge and skills to be safe around water.

Whether you are a resident of Marco Island or you are vacationing on this beautiful island oasis, it is important to keep in mind that water access is everywhere. Luckily, opportunities to teach children how to be safe around water are just as accessible.

The Greater Marco Family YMCA offers group swimming lessons to all ages including a parent/child lesson for children under 3. Private lessons are also offered year-round and provide a flexible schedule for vacationers looking for a fun water safety activity during a stay on Marco Island. YMCA members will receive discounted rates for swim lessons and many other programs. Membership is a great way to be involved in our community! Another opportunity for water safety offered by the Greater Marco Family YMCA is the new Puddle Jumper Program. If you do not have a lifejacket for your



child or grandchild, you can borrow a U.S. Coast Guard approved Puddle Jumper from the YMCA for free during your stay on Marco Island!

If you are headed over to the beach, don't forget to pick up a beach lifejacket provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and NCH Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County. You can easily borrow a beach lifejacket at any of the lifejacket stations found at every public access point along our shores. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary also offers boater safety classes if you are headed out for a day at sea.

In any case, it is important to also know how to respond to an aquatic emergency. CPR classes are offered by both the YMCA and the Marco Island Fire Department. For more information about YMCA programs and membership, please call (239) 394-9622, visit [marcoymca.org](http://marcoymca.org), or stop in and see membership services. For information about U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary programs, please contact Joe Riccio at [cgauxcourses@gmail.com](mailto:cgauxcourses@gmail.com) and for information about CPR classes at the MIFD, please call (239) 839-5040. Become an advocate and make water safety a priority for your family!

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# The Marco Island Deed Restrictions

*Updated by Betty Hernandez, Deed Restriction Specialist*

In October 1986, The Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) was assigned the responsibility of enforcement of the declaration of restrictions. The declarations were placed and recorded for properties developed by the Deltona Corporation on Marco Island up to that date. Deltona created the deed restrictions to protect the integrity of the island and to assure conformity of all new construction in the geographic areas protected by the restrictions. As a general note: deed restrictions are an excellent tool for maintaining property values.

A condition of the agreement between Deltona and MICA was to create an Architectural Review Committee (ARC) which would act as an authority in the construction review process. Among others, the restrictions state that no new construction shall take place without a review and written approval of the design drawings by the ARC. The ARC is composed of individual volunteers who have a background in construction. Since 1986, the ARC continues to meet monthly. Of particular interest to the committee are setback requirements.

The deed restrictions cover single family residences, multi-family residential and commercial properties on the island and apply to most of the island. Areas not included are properties located North of Old Marco Lane in Old Marco; the Highlands area; The Esplanade, Hideaway, Key Marco and a portion of beachfront properties. In deed restricted areas, construction drawings must be submitted to the ARC for review.

The deed restrictions differ somewhat from the City of Marco Island's Code of Ordinances. In cases where the restrictions don't match, the more conservative of the two must be met. Corner and shoulder lots have unique requirements and a meeting with the MICA Deed Restriction Specialist is encouraged prior to final design.

MICA works closely with the City of Marco Island Building Department. Although our requirements vary, if MICA observes a violation of City codes, we will notify the City. In return, on the City's application for a building permit, there is a notification to check with MICA for applicable deed restrictions.

*If you are planning on building a new home or commercial building or adding a new screen enclosure, pool or addition, please call the MICA office at 239-642-7778 to verify if deed restrictions run with your property. The application for ARC review may be downloaded at [www.marcocivic.com](http://www.marcocivic.com).*

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# Summer Youth Art Classes at Marco Island Center for the Arts

*by Annie Burns, Marco Island Center for the Arts*

Marco Island Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the classes for the 2019 Summer with Art Youth Program. This is a time where ages 6 - 14 can explore, discover and develop their visions.

These June and July classes will emphasize imagination and creativity through maturing of a youth's artistic skills. They will help build confidence and critical thinking skills while being fun. The instructors are teaching professionals and artists with diverse backgrounds in the arts. The Marco Island Shell Club will also be teaching a three-day class on Shell Art.

The classes being offered include: Mixed Media Art; Shell Art; Create and Design with Anything; Basic Clay; Story Building with Digital Media; Mini Clay Creations (Polymer); Collage Mania; Sew Cool – Creating with Felt; Collage and Paper Mache; and Fantasy Architectural Design. The digital media classes are for 10 - 14 years old.

For full class descriptions go to [marcoislandart.org](http://marcoislandart.org) or stop in at the Art Center, 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island.

## *About Marco Island Center for the Arts*

*Founded in 1969 by a dedicated group of artists and patrons, the non-profit Art Center has developed into a place to gather, to learn and to become inspired. The program offerings include classes and workshops for adults and children. The Art Center brings a wide variety of arts to the community including visual, music, literature, and special presentations. It is a showcase for local, national and international artists in many disciplines.*

*Mission: To Promote Education and Appreciation of the Arts.*

### *The following are the Summer with Art Youth Instructors:*

- **Matt Fazio** is a talented emerging digital artist.
- **Michael Grandi** is an art educator at Seacrest Country Day School, as well as a practicing artist.
- Multi-talented Artist **Karen McEwen**, is an active member of the Clay Guild at the Art Center.
- Instructor **Jennifer Norqual** has worked as a graphic designer. She has a business in Tin City called Docks by Jen where she also teaches children's art programs.
- Mixed Media Artist **Marjorie Pesek** is the creator of a unique art form called Layer Imagery.
- **Tracy Pospeck** is the owner of The Pottery Club and is best known as a potter, sculpture and mixed media/collage artist.

*The Youth Art Classes are a summer must do!*

*To register for classes call Marco Island Center for the Arts at 239-394-4221 or online at [www.marcoislandart.org](http://www.marcoislandart.org). Space is limited. Sign up quickly.*





# Class Photos from Summer 2018







## Residents' Beach Concert Series



## Ben Allen Band, Sunday February 10th, 2019







*See more concert series pictures on pages 22 and 42*





# Your American Cancer Society in Action – Fueled with Magic and Disney!

*by Maureen Chodaba, ACS Publicity Volunteer*

2019 has been a very busy year for the American Cancer Society of Marco Island! We have been attacking cancer at every angle, working hard to raise funds that contribute to the global fight against this deadly disease. We have vowed to do whatever it takes to eliminate cancer from our world. This year we used some abracadabra followed by a little help from the wonderful world of Disney.

The 2019 ACS Imagination Ball, “A Magical Night to Finish the Fight”, presented by Phoenix Roofing and chaired by Debra Shanahan, was held February 1 at the JW Marriott. This sold out gala fundraiser was a night like no other! The Moroccan theme, complete with the guest appearance of a

camel, added opulence and mystique to the evening. The prestigious Grado Award was presented to island philanthropists Gary and Anne Landis, in appreciation of their tireless efforts in supporting the American Cancer Society in the quest for a cure.

Cancer survivor Lauren Ross of Mango’s Dockside Bistro shared her personal story of courage, staring cancer straight in the eye and bravely fighting back against this bully of a disease. There wasn’t a dry eye in the house as Lauren inspired the crowd to join forces and finish the fight once and for all!

The event featured both live and silent auctions and the stuffed Animals for Hope campaign for children in hospitals, sponsored by John R. Wood Properties. This year the “Diamond Dig”, generously sponsored by Kathein Jewelers, added to the fun and funds. For a \$100 donation, gala attendees and volunteers had the opportunity to select a concealed jewelry pouch from a treasure chest. Each participant would receive a pair of cubic zirconia stud earrings, but the lucky grand prize winner would go home with a pair of 2 carat diamond stud earrings. The winner turned out to be far more than just lucky. She has been truly blessed to be a cancer survivor and ACS volunteer for many years. I know firsthand that she proudly wears those beautiful earrings each day as a reminder of the efforts and accomplishments made by this wonderful organization of 2.5 million supporters, survivors, patients, advocates, volunteers, caregivers, and researchers, aka the American Cancer Society!

“When you wish upon a star, makes no difference who you are. Anything your heart desires will come to you,” sang Jiminy Cricket in Walt Disney’s Pinocchio. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Marco Island, held on March 30 at Mackle Park, had its own version of that message. “Wish Upon a



*Cancer survivor & event speaker  
Lauren Ross and friends*







*Avital Katheine of Katheine Jewelers  
with the winner of the Diamond Dig*

Cure”, presented by Robert J. Flugger and chaired by Cathy Nelson, continued our efforts to eradicate this disease. Throughout the year, Relay teams had already been working diligently to raise funds. On the day of the event, the fundraising became fun raising as they offered sales of refreshments, games of chance and other entertainment in Disney inspired tents surrounding the track.

A dinner for survivors and their families was served inside the Mackle Park Community Center, featuring food that was donated by several of our

area’s finest restaurants. The Sandy Holdgate Spirit of Relay Award was presented to three-time cancer survivor Joan Hilbish who continuously inspires and encourages others to fight back against the disease.

The event concluded with the emotional Luminaria Ceremony. Beacons of light in honor of survivors and in memory of loved ones lost illuminated the Marco Island sky. The ceremony began with the luminaries assembled to spell out the word “hope”. At its conclusion, they magically became the word “cure”. Someday soon that will be our reality. That is our wish. That is our dream.

We will continue our mission to fight back against cancer until the final showdown, but we can’t do this alone. We need YOU! There are so many ways to help. Marco Island Candle Co. will be donating \$1 to the American Cancer Society for each candle sold until June 30. Please stop by to see Alexis at 9 Front St. to select your favorite island fragrance. The candles will shine their magical light in the wish upon a cure.

Although our Relay For Life event has already taken place, Relay season extends through the month of August. There is still time to contribute and help the Relay For Life of Marco Island become the #1 fundraising event in Florida for the third consecutive year!

***Please contact your American Cancer Society at 239-642-6217 or Sue.Olszak@cancer.org to donate, volunteer and discover more opportunities to help us finish the fight! Imagine a world without cancer!***



*Phoenix Roofing, ACS Imagination Ball presenting sponsor*





# Highlights of the New City of Marco Island Listed Species Ordinance

The City of Marco Island is reaching out to all contractors who conduct business on the Island to share with you the highlights of our new Listed Species Ordinance #19-01 that became effective on January 7, 2019. If you do any work that includes, but is not limited to, seawall repairs, construction/repairs of new single family homes or commercial businesses, use of vacant lots for staging lots, and the trimming or removal of native or exotic vegetation, this information will be valuable to you.

You may be aware that Marco Island is home to many diverse species of wildlife, including those that are listed as “threatened” and are protected by state and federal law. These species may be present on the properties you conduct work on or adjacent to. In order to avoid impacting these species and their habitat, and potentially violating local, state and federal laws, we would like you to be aware of this ordinance and ask that you share it with your team. Please be aware and drive slow in areas known for gopher tortoise crossings.

## Burrowing Owls

Protection zone requirements now match the setback guidelines established by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for specific activities within the vicinity of Burrowing Owl burrows:

- a. 10-foot buffer in all directions around the entrance of Burrowing Owl burrows during the non-breeding season (July 11 through February 14).
- b. 33-foot buffer in all directions around the entrance of Burrowing Owl burrows during the breeding season (February 15 through July 10).

## Burrowing Owls & Gopher Tortoises

- For sites where a listed species is found, a protection zone, consisting of silt fencing, must be erected prior to construction activities, and should be installed around two to three sides of each affected burrow, leaving one or two sides open for species ingress and egress. All protection zone enclosures must be removed upon work completion.



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- Protection zones can only be entered by an Authorized or Registered Agent, property owner, FWC, and trained City or Audubon staff, volunteers or consultants.
- To prevent unnecessary disturbance, take or burrow collapse, operation and parking of any vehicles or equipment is prohibited within 33' of Burrowing Owl burrows and 25' of Gopher Tortoise burrows.

### **Additional Points to Note**

Feeding any wildlife is prohibited in the City, except the use of bird feeders at least 300 feet from any designated conservation area.

To protect the regionally significant populations of beach-nesting birds and migratory flocks within the City, the following policies are in effect:

- a. No trespassing in posted or closed nesting or habitat areas (protection zones).
- b. Fireworks, dogs and other lethal disturbance sources are prohibited on beaches.
- c. Aerial disturbances are prohibited within 500 feet of posted avian listed species nests or habitats.

### **Penalties**

Violation of this Ordinance will now be subject to the following penalties:

- 1st Offense: \$ 150 - \$ 500
- 2nd Offense: \$ 500 - \$1,500
- 3rd Offense: \$1,500 - \$2,500

### **\*\*Other Friendly Reminders\*\***

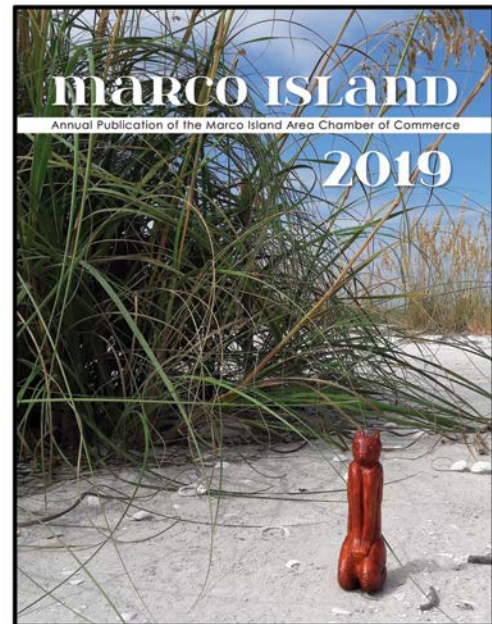
Vacant lots are privately owned property. Entering a vacant lot without permission of the property owner is considered a trespassing violation. A Construction Temporary Use Permit must be obtained through the City prior to using a vacant lot. You must also obtain permission from the property owner.

### **Prohibited uses on vacant lots include:**

- Dumping debris or trash.
- Storage of construction equipment or materials.
- Parking of vehicles, boats or RVs.

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# Marco Island Center for the Arts Showcased Vintage Cars

*by Annie Burns, Marco Island Center for the Arts*

The Art Center's eclectic and informal setting on Winterberry Drive hosted the 6th Annual "Cars as Art" event featuring pre-1978 unmodified antique and classic automobiles.

The chair people and sponsors for this annual fundraiser were Jack and Claire Keery, and Keith Pershing at Island Automotive. Other sponsors were members of the Naples/Marco Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Chapter led by its current president, Rudy Socoy. In attendance was the "Cars as Art" founder Malcolm Newbourne. Keith Pershing's super crew was exceptional, especially Alyssa Baumer.

Each of the cars was judged by qualified art professionals. Recognized local artist and current treasurer of the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts, Carolyn Burger employed her visual acuity for color and inherent beauty to assign a winner. Jim Swanker, set designer and builder for Marco Players Theater, used his experience in style and engineering to help judge.

Under blue skies, hundreds of people attended the event and the 69 automobiles on display were spread across the parking lot and the lawn. Ample room was given to the Art Center's Burrowing Owl nests of Art and Teenie as they got ready to become parents.

The judges had a difficult choice to make, for not only did the cars have perfect period details and were stunning in appearance, but any number of them were deserving of an entire article, not just a trophy.

In the best cars the total entity is art itself. This they found in a **1930 Ford Model A owned by Rudy Socoy** the winner of Best in Show - Judges' Choice award.

The People's Choice award winners were determined by a steady stream of visitors throughout the multi-hour event. It was clear to many that these automobiles were designed with someone's passion and creativity. Many of the cars were a complete masterpiece unto itself in every aspect of visual design and sculpture.







*People's Choice #1 went to a 1954 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith owned by Sal Campo.  
People's Choice #2 went to a 1967 Volkswagen Type II owned by George Connell.  
People's Choice #3 went to Bernd Koerner's 1947 Dodge Power Wagon.*

## Letter from a Member

**Good Morning Ruth:**

***I just finished reading the MICAWAVE and wanted to tell you it is an outstanding issue. The subject matter is very diverse and interesting. I was amazed at all the nice activities and services MICA is presenting for the members to enjoy.***

***Thinking back to the first issues that MICA presented I must say "It has come a long way."***

***Marco Island is very fortunate to have such an active and responsible Civic Association.***

***And the "Most Beautiful Beach In Florida" speaks for itself.***

***Congratulations to you, Dennis, your professional staff, a caring and dedicated Board Of Directors and all the supporting members.***

***MICA has done a wonderful job of making Marco Island a better and more beautiful place to live and visit.***

***Best Wishes.  
Lynn Bradeen  
Past President, MICA***







## Residents' Beach Concert Series



## Long Run - Eagles Tribute Band, Sunday March 10th 2019







*See more concert series pictures on pages 14 & 42*





# Butterfly Release at Calusa Park

*by Maria Lamb*

On April 16th, members of the Calusa Garden Club (CGC) and the Beautification Advisory Committee (BAC) celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Butterfly Garden with a butterfly release.

According to Susan LaGrotta, a CGC member and event coordinator, “releasing your butterflies was a way to pay tribute to significant moments in life such as the 10th anniversary of this special place and to honor or remember loved ones. Butterflies are symbolic of all positive things in life and its endless potential. They represent endurance, change, hope and the ability to experience the wonders of life. This garden has wings.”

Each guest delicately held the envelope containing the butterfly very gently and at the time of release, opened it slowly to allow the butterfly to warm up. Instinctively it flew out of the envelope and landed on a leaf or a branch before flying off.



*Butterflies inside envelope and warming up prior to release*

For those present, it was a solemn moment of remembrance. Jackie Pierce released her butterfly in honor of her granddaughter Vanessa who was born with cancer and was not expected to live three weeks. As it is, Vanessa just celebrated her 14th birthday.

Jackie Purvis lost three very important people in her life, her sister Janice, and two cousins. For those who were not present, butterflies were released for them by members of the CGC.



*Butterfly is released but not quite ready to fly off*

Calusa Park located in Winterberry Drive was deeded by the Mackle Brothers as a Green Belt and was referred to as Tract C & D. In July 2011, the name was changed to Calusa Park by the Beautification Committee.

A beautiful mature Royal Poinciana tree is found on the east end of the park; a Butterfly Garden and a bench on the west end and a Calusa Park sign, all made possible by a public endowment from the Calusa Garden Club in the sum of \$10,000.



*Syd Mellinger attending the 10th Anniversary of the Butterfly Garden*

In 1998 Syd Mellinger, CGC member, presented her idea of selling a garden guide for gardeners as a fundraiser for the club, thus giving birth to the Palms, Pineapples & Periwinkles Garden Guide.

*Photos by Maria Lamb*







*Molinari Family with mom attending the Butterfly Release*

It was meant for Marco Island's subtropical and coastal zone 10A and sold for \$10 and raised over \$12,000. Today, there is a newer version of the Gardening Guide.

When Syd Mellinger joined the BAC in 2001, it was determined that the funds be used to enhance the Calusa Park. BAC presented the City with a check for \$10,000 for Calusa Park.

The Butterfly Garden is a labor of love for members of the Calusa Garden Club. For the last



*Gerry Richards and Karen DuMontier waiting to release their butterflies*

10 years, volunteers continue to maintain the garden and provide community outreach with funds from the City of Marco's BAC and the Calusa Garden Club.

*Calusa Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month, October through March, at Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 350 S. Barfield Drive, Marco Island. Visit CGC's website at [calusa.org](http://calusa.org) for more information.*



*Royal Poinciana at the East End of Calusa Park (l-r) Linda Colombo, Susan LaGrotta, Gyn Goodman, Donna Kay, Sue Oldershaw (Calusa Garden Club Members)*





# News from Across the Bridge

*by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner*

I recently attended the Bayshore CRA (Community Redevelopment Authority) meeting, which is held on the first Tuesday of each month in the FGCU building at the Naples Botanical Garden, to discuss all of the exciting things taking place or about to take place, and also to discuss where we, the CRA, want to go from here. The conversation was exciting and energizing. Our dreams are beginning to come true. This is what we have been hoping for and working toward! We have worked for years to create a community centered around the arts. Yes, there are some big issues that need work, but at least we are moving forward!

The residents have stated very clearly they don't want more housing, so the CRA is working to add green space, a performing arts center, a large parking lot, some scattered commercial, etc., and they have the perfect 17 acres for the plan! The best thing about this plan is: They Already Own the Property! It feels so good to see a plan come together! The excitement in the air was electrifying! There is a lot to do yet, but it feels like we are on the same playing field now, and what a good feeling THAT is! There are other pieces of land in that area that can also be used for different projects, but this prized piece of land was bought for this specific purpose! Even Paul Arsenault was part of the Art Shows back then, along with Jerry Vallez and Phil Fisher...and right on this same property! If we all work together, we can make it happen sooner.

FGCU has requested the CRA give them the land for research, but that would change the whole plan, and they already own the building we were sitting in, in which they could add a second layer dedicated to research. It is also within the Botanical Garden where a huge lake exists, so that meets what they were hoping to do, and the arts would be able to move forward with the original plan. I pray nothing derails that plan!

As many know, my office offers tours to the community, featuring different functions of our government, which are paid for by the taxpayers – all of us! This season we had a tour of the Sheriff's Special Operations Unit. Within three hours of publishing it in TidBits, we had over 80 people signed up and more calling!

The people really enjoyed all that they saw and heard on the tour. The sheriff's staff was outstanding and knowledgeable and took the time to explain everything we were looking at. We had no idea how protected we were! They explained everything as we went along in terms we could understand and demonstrated things as well. The Sheriff came in and was eloquent in his explanation of school readiness, things we face in this county, what we are moving forward with, and many other in-depth items.

We saw and heard about the SWAT vehicle and team, the Drone Unit, the Robot Unit, the Bomb Squad, the Tactical Unit, Cyber Crime, the Helicopter Unit with their night surveillance equipment, heat sensing equipment to find someone lost in the Everglades overnight, the delivery of water in huge canvas bags to major fires in the Estates, Motorcycle Squad, Search and Rescue, and much more. Attendees came from East Naples, Port of the Islands, Pelican Bay, North Naples, City of Naples, and Marco Island. If you missed this tour, I will try to arrange another next season.

By the time you are reading this, the lights on the Judge S.S. Jolley Bridge should be repaired. As we went to print, I was advised by the Florida Department of Transportation that the lights damaged by Hurricane Irma in September 2017 were to be repaired on April 15 and 16. That's great news!



*Donna Fiala,  
Collier County Commissioner,  
Marco Island Representative*





*Artist Kim Peet received a blue ribbon at the Shell Show for her sailboat artwork made from trash that she picked up on Marco's beach. On display at the MICA office through September.*

## Beach Clean-up Schedule

- **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Beach clean-up at South Beach  
*sponsored by Marco Island Area Assn. of Realtors*
- **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Beach clean-up at South Beach  
*sponsored by Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce*
- **Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Quarterly Beach Clean-up at Tigertail Beach  
*sponsored by Friends of Tigertail*
- **Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.** Beach clean-up at South Beach  
*sponsored by CJ's on the Bay*
- **Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 p.m.** Beach clean-up at South Beach  
*sponsored by Beach Advisory Committee*
- **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 a.m.** Annual Coastal Clean-up at Tigertail Beach  
*sponsored by Friends of Tigertail*
- **Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Beach Clean-up at Residents' Beach  
*sponsored by MICA*
- **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Beach Clean-up at South Beach  
*sponsored by Marco Women's Club*

MICA supplies gloves, water, trashbags and the beach vehicle to haul trash to the dumpster. Bring your own reusable bottle for water to fill up from our Igloo water dispenser. Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce supplies buckets and grabbers.





# Learning About Dolphins

*by Renee Wilson, Rookery Bay*

The Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) of 1972 requires that population stocks of marine mammals be assessed regularly and that estimates of their abundance be reported in the U.S. Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports.

The area near Naples and Marco Island is one of the regions where current estimates of dolphin abundance are lacking and where three recent rescues of entangled dolphins have occurred. Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is partnering with the Chicago Zoological Society's Sarasota Dolphin Research Program to conduct a three-year project in and around Rookery Bay. The project aims to estimate the population size of bottlenose dolphins in the region and build a photographic catalog of identifiable individuals.

During the weeklong survey, the research team observed 69 unique groups of dolphins during six surveys conducted with Rookery Bay staff, recording an estimated 466 total individuals, including 32 calves born in 2018.

Sightings also included an observation of Skipper, a dolphin that Dolphin Research Program staff had disentangled from fishing line and released in 2014. Rookery Bay staff took part in that recovery



*Skipper the dolphin, photo by Dr. Reny Tyson*

effort as part of the Southwest Regional Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

Information collected during this and future studies can be used to monitor the health of dolphins in the region and better assess impacts related to boat strikes and entanglements, as well as events such as oil spills and red tide.

Now celebrating 40 years, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with NOAA and protects 110,000 acres of coastal lands and waters between Naples and Everglades National Park.



*Local dolphin swimming, photo by Karen Hinrichsen*







# A 2018 -2019 Season Remembered for The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts

The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts is a 501 (c)(3) charitable non-profit, all volunteer organization on Marco Island since it first met in 2003.

MIFA's mission is to strive to bring literary, visual and performing arts to the Marco Island community through a variety of events.

With proceeds from these events, MIFA is able to award scholarships each spring, fulfill grant requests and maintain outdoor art around the island. MIFA is proud to sponsor:



## The Left Bank Art Fests

Eight juried shows were held this season at both The Esplanade and The Marco Island Center for the Arts

## Brushes & Paint Outdoor Art Shows and Sales

a show exclusive to artists that work in oils, acrylics, pastels, watercolors, pen & ink. Held on the porch of the Marco Island Historical Museum



## Winter Film Fest - held at Marco Movies

This seasons theme was inspired by the "Me Too" movement and featured movies with strong female roles.

## Special Performances

At the Marco Players Theater featuring Janina Birtolo as Sarah Bernhardt



## Scholarships & Artist of the Year

Five scholarships were given to area students enrolled in the arts – Anastasia Baran, Brenda Perez, Logan Fischer, Joseph Byrne and Brianna Monroe. "Artist of the Year" Gina Sisbarro was honored.

## Grants

MIFA fulfilled a grant request to the Marco Island Center for the Arts to fund their Children's Summer Program.



## Double Eagle Sculpture at Gene Sarazen Park

Purchase of the Double Eagle Sculpture was a joint venture between MIFA and the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA). In April, full ownership was transferred to MICA and a Donors' plaque was unveiled. Special guest MaryAnn Sarazen – daughter of golfer Gene Sarazen was present.

Marco Island Foundation for the Arts – PO Box 1091 – Marco Island, FL – 34146

[www.marcoislandfoundation.org](http://www.marcoislandfoundation.org)



# Take a “Trip” Through History this Summer at The Marco Island Historical Museum

Visitors to the Marco Island Historical Museum experience an immersive trip through time that spans more than 10,000 years of Marco Island’s unique and intriguing pre-history and history. The museum’s four permanent exhibits provide a comprehensive and colorful view of the Island’s past that engages all ages. There is always something new to experience! Mask making and other interactive experiences, temporary exhibits, concerts, lectures and other entertaining and enlightening programs take place throughout the year.

AND...2019 is truly the year of the cat with the return of the world-famous Key Marco Cat and other rare Pre-Columbian Native American artifacts to their Marco Island home! The artifacts are showcased at the museum now through April 3, 2021 in the expanded permanent exhibit, **Paradise Found: 6,000 Years of People on Marco Island**. More than 21,000 individuals have visited the museum since it opened in January 26, 2019 through March, and the enthusiastic response continues with visitor numbers remaining high.

The Key Marco artifacts were discovered on Marco Island in 1896 during a Smithsonian-sponsored expedition led by Frank Hamilton Cushing. They are on loan from the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History and University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology.

In addition to Paradise Found, permanent exhibits include a unique outdoor gallery - **Windows & Doors to History** - with faux windows and doors that surround the museum complex buildings and frame vivid scenes from Marco Island’s Pleistocene, Archaic, Glades and Calusa periods to the pioneer period and modern Marco.

**Pioneer Marco: A Tale of Two Villages** chronicles the evolution of the island’s pioneer villages, offering visitors an in-depth look at the people, industries, and lifestyles on Marco Island during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Rare photographs and objects are brought to life in dynamic and engaging displays, and a full-sized



*The Marco Island Historical Museum presents an immersive trip through time. Photo by Jim Freeman*







*The Key Marco Cat is one of the finest pieces of Pre-Columbian Native American art ever discovered in North America.*

*Photo Courtesy of Department of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution (A240915)*

Cracker cabin with video gallery allows visitors to imagine themselves in an early pioneer home.

The fourth permanent exhibit, **Modern Marco Island**, spans the transformative period beginning in 1962 when the Mackle Brothers, developers and founders of the Deltona Corporation, first visited Marco Island and envisioned its potential for large-scale community development. An original Deltona promotional film plays on a vintage television; a suspended model of the early Marco Island Airways airliner “soars” across the gallery; and a replica “Tiki head” from the bow of the early Marco Islander catamaran are just a few of the colorful high points.

*The Marco Island Historical Museum is located at 180 S. Heathwood Drive, and is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the site is handicapped accessible. For general information call (239) 642-1440 or visit [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com)*

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# Shorebird Nesting Season in Full Swing on Sand Dollar Island

*by Maria Lamb*

Adam DiNuovo, of Audubon Florida has been working with shorebirds and seabirds on the East, West and Gulf Coast for 20 years. For the last four years, Adam has been a biologist with Audubon Florida (AF) and is also the Collier Shorebird Monitoring and Stewardship Program Manager for Audubon Florida.

Adam has been working hard along with staff of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) setting up postings on Big Marco Pass (also known as Sand Dollar Island). This area is host to large colonies of nesting Least Terns and Black Skimmers for the summer.

According to Brad Cornell of the Audubon of the Western Everglades (AWE), “Marco Island has one of the biggest nesting colonies of Least Terns and Black Skimmers in Florida.”

The Wilson’s Plover, Least Terns and Black Skimmers have started their breeding behavior on Sand

Dollar Island. These birds make small indentations in the sand called scrapes and lay their eggs out in the open. Sometimes there is a bit of vegetation for camouflage and shelter.

The Wilson’s Plover is a year-round resident and they have started laying eggs. They are solitary nesters. They don’t like to be near each other and they are actively defending their territories.

The Silly Dance of the Wilson’s Plover: The male (with dark neck band) flattens its back and prances around on its tippy toes repeating this multiple times to impress the female. Within 15 days of the dancing routine the female will start to lay eggs. She will lay an egg every day till a third one is laid. Once the chicks hatch and feathers are dry, they are self-sufficient and begin to feed mostly on Fiddlers crab. Expect Wilson’s Plover chicks in early May.

The Least Terns are starting to arrive from South America with hundreds sighted on Sand Dollar



*Expect Least Tern chicks around mid-May*







*Signage for Big Marco Pass Critical Wildlife Area (Sand Dollar Island)*

Island. Sounding like a chorus of squeaky toys they circle figuring out where they are going to nest. A lot of times, they will pair off with a bird they nested with from the previous year.

The Least Terns and Black Skimmers are colonial nesters and they use “safety in numbers” to defend themselves against predators. Expect Least Tern Chicks around mid-May and Black Skimmer chicks around mid-June.

### *What you can do to help:*

- Respect posted areas.
- Pay attention to bird behavior. They will let you know if you are too close to eggs or chicks.
- Do not feed gulls or crows.
- Pack out your trash.
- Do not flush sitting or resting shorebirds.
- Leave your dog at home.
- Do not fly drones over nesting flocks.

*Photos by Jean Hall*



*Do not flush sitting or resting shorebirds*

*Join the Shorebird Stewardship Program as a volunteer to gain knowledge about local shorebirds, help educate fellow beach-goers and protect nesting shorebirds. If interested, email Adam DiNuovo at: [adinuovo@audubon.org](mailto:adinuovo@audubon.org).*





# Sharing Our Love of Shells – The Marco Island Shell Club

*by Karen Caster, Marco Island Shell Club President*

Marco Island Shell Club has been busy sharing our love of shells and marine life in many new ways. Our members volunteer their time to help raise money to use for scholarships and grants in environmental science and marine biology. As members, we learn about mollusks and other marine life during workshops, monthly seminars and excursions to other shell shows and group shelling trips.

As many of you know, we have Shell Art Workshops on Tuesday mornings for our members from November through March each year. We use many of our local shells to make jewelry, flowers, home décor, frames, mini-shell creations, and holiday items. We sell these items at our two fundraisers. We have a holiday sale on December 3, 2019 and our Shell Show and Sale on March 19-21, 2020. Most of our scholarship and grant money is raised at these events. We have also done several presentations at local libraries and one at a major hotel. Our program, “Shelling on Marco Island,” includes a presentation of interesting facts about our local shells that can then be shared with children or grandchildren when they are at the beach. Participants had the opportunity to create a tea light candle ring using local shells. Program attendees were guaranteed they would never look at the beach the same way again! The fees for this program were added to our scholarship fund.

Shell Club members will also teach a summer Children’s Shell Art class at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Children will not only learn how to create some beautiful art using local shells, but they will also learn some scientific information about each shell. Tuition for this class will be added to our scholarship and grant fund.

Our Scholarship Committee had some great suggestions for our recipients of funding. Their conclusion was that our future is dependent upon the education of our youth and searched for ways to assist in that regard. We are excited about a new



*Tea Light Candle Holder*

mobile program offered by the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, “Mollusks on the Move.” It delivers a highly interactive program experience in which a museum staff member brings live mollusks to the school. The presentations focus on the importance of observing the natural world, mollusk feeding habits and reproduction, and marine conservation and protection. An educator will set up live tanks and allow students to visit and ask questions about our local mollusk species. What a great way to introduce the students to the local shell animals. “Mollusks on the Move” will be funded by the Marco Island Shell Club and scheduled for the following schools next year:

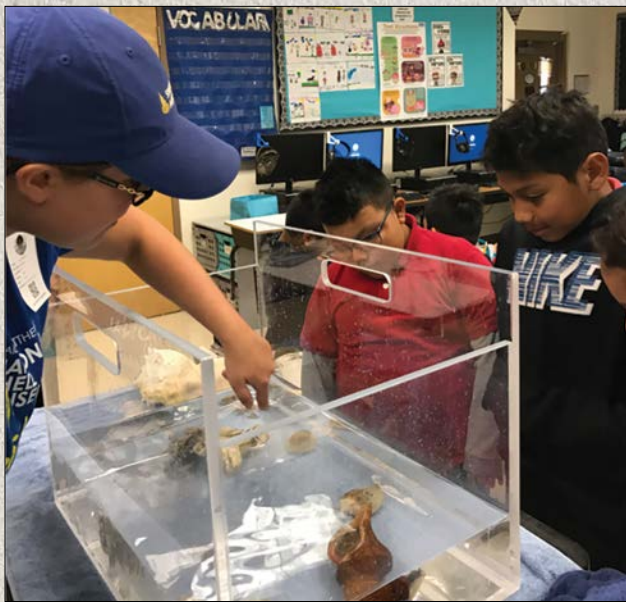
- Marco Island Middle School
- Tommie Barfield Elementary School
- Golden Gate Elementary School
- Golden Gate Middle School
- Manatee Middle School

18 classes at the Marco Island schools and 10 classes at the Golden Gate and Manatee Schools will have the opportunity to participate.

Marco Island Shell Club will also help fund an outdoor classroom at Rookery Bay Research Reserve used for Collier County students’ educational study trips. The outdoor class will need some screen







*"Mollusks on the Move" program brings live mollusks to the schools.*

*Picture retrieved from Mollusks on the Move website*

walls to protect the children from many bugs in this estuary, and an industrial fan and benches for the students' comfort. The arts will be included as four Marco Island Academy students will design and paint a mural at the outdoor classroom area. We

will also provide 10 summer institute scholarships for students entering the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade who have shown an interest in marine science. This scholarship will pay for a 5 day program hosted by Rookery Bay Reserve staff and local researchers. The program brings students into the field to experience concepts in ecology, marine biology, sustainability and citizen science.

We also have two endowments at Florida Gulf Coast University. The scholarship amounts are based on how much interest we received on the endowments. The University selects the undergraduate recipient, and the University will also send the scholarship committee a list of graduate applicants to be considered for selection. Our endowments will fund the scholarships for these marine biology or environmental science students.

These are just a few of the ways the Shell Club helps students of all ages learn about our beaches, shells and marine life.

*For more information about the Marco Island Shell Club, please visit [www.marcoshellclub.com](http://www.marcoshellclub.com)*



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# You are Part of the Solution at Paradise Grill at Residents' Beach

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Meals eaten at Paradise Grill are always made with the best of ingredients for a reasonable price and are typically served on either a paper plate or a basket with a paper liner.

If you have purchased a to-go meal from Paradise Grill at Residents' Beach in the past six months, you received your order in a 100% compostable, made from natural fiber box! The boxes are made from unbleached wheat straw fiber. An added bonus,

unlike plastic and Styrofoam containers, no harmful chemicals will leach into your food.

What does compostable mean? Compostable products are capable of disintegrating into natural elements in a compost environment, leaving no toxicity in the soil. This typically will occur in about 90 days. Some products are advertised as biodegradable. This is not necessarily a good thing since nearly everything will biodegrade in 10,000 years!

At Paradise Grill, your coffee or tea is now served to you in a paper cup that has been certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative! This paper is sourced from a sustainable forest that is carefully managed so that as trees are felled, they are replaced with seedlings that grow into mature trees. This is a carefully and skillfully managed system.







*All take-out orders at Paradise Grill are served in a 100% compostable, made from natural fiber box*



*At Paradise Grill, your coffee or tea is now served to you in a paper cup that has been certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative*

Since the inception of the food grill at Residents' Beach, cup lids and straws have never been served.

Little things you may not notice or realize also are in play. Condiments, such as mustard, ketchup, etc., are in a dispenser that you place directly onto your plate. No little packets at the Grill! Of course, many product deliveries are made to the Grill in cardboard boxes. These boxes are flattened and taken to the recycling center.

So sit back, relax and order that wrap or burger that you have been eyeing, knowing that you are helping your environment and wildlife, and you are not contributing to the mounting pile of plastic!

*Paradise Grill is located at the entrance to Residents' Beach. They are open daily 9am-3pm (closed Tuesdays). Closed for September, after Labor Day. They can be reached at (239) 394-1475.*



*Judi Himmel was excited to learn of the beach wheelchairs from a gate attendant at Residents' Beach. Her husband, Don, has trouble getting around. Judi remarked, "What a blessing to be able to get Don to the beach!" She continued, "The gate attendant was very helpful. Love that beach!"*

*Remember...  
No Glass  
at the Beach*





# Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

*by Andrea McKenna,  
Donor Relations, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County*

Everyone deserves a decent place to live. With support from those in our community who believe in this vision and the goal of eliminating poverty housing, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County has spent the past 41 years helping families purchase a safe, affordable home. More than 2,140 families and 5,100 children have realized the independence and stability that come from having the security of owning their own home.

As season comes to a close, we are grateful for the many part-time residents who give a hand-up to Habitat families. Dedicated volunteers work side by side with future Habitat homeowners

building, sawing, hammering and painting on the job-site making sure a sturdy, safe home will be purchased by each grateful family. That is only part of the Habitat program. Volunteers teach required classes in budgeting, home maintenance, living in a community and English as a second language for those who need it. With nearly 2,000 families inquiring each year about purchasing a Habitat home, volunteers play an integral role in determining which families have the greatest need and those that will best partner with Habitat through our Selection Visit process.



*The Dockside Community is Habitat Collier's first multi-unit, town-house style complex*





For year-round residents with spare time over the summer, a helping hand is always welcome at Habitat Collier. There is always something to do! Our two ReStores are happy to have extra help. The flow of applicants is constant throughout the year. Those interested in doing a Selection Visit will learn the personal story about a family who needs a better home in which to raise their children. We often hear this is one of the hardest, yet most rewarding, volunteer experiences.

There is always a steady flow of applicants working on Marco Island applying for a Habitat home. Many are those who make life on Marco Island so delightful by working in restaurants, country clubs, and golf courses.

Cindy, a recent applicant, applied for a Habitat home with the dream of giving her 3 year-old daughter, Kairi, the house of her dreams. They currently live with extended family in one small room in a mobile home in a high risk area. The room is so small it only contains their beds and a few belongings. They share the bathroom, kitchen and laundry. Cindy gets up 3 hours before work to use the bathroom before her housemates. She is a Housekeeping Team Leader at the Marriott on Marco Island. When describing her living situation Cindy said "Sometimes I have to wait to feed Kairi if others are occupying the kitchen. Laundry takes hours, if not days, to complete."

Cindy is among those recently approved applicants who will be purchasing a home in our newest community, Dockside, located off 951 near U.S. 41. Families will begin purchasing their homes and moving in this spring. Dockside is Habitat Collier's first multi-unit, town-house style complex with both 3 and 4 bedroom condominiums. When complete, 44 families will call this home. This will be a convenient location for those working on Marco Island. Each year about 8 families who work on the Island apply for a Habitat home. Today there

are nearly 100 families living in Habitat homes who work on the Island.

Affordable housing is virtually non-existent in Collier County with the exception of Habitat homes. Much has been done but so much remains. Last year 20 families inquired for each home we are able to fund, build and sell, leaving 19 families to return to their untenable living conditions. Thanks to all who have volunteered or donated their time, talents and treasures. Every helping hand makes a difference! All of us at Habitat Collier are grateful to those who have helped us get one step closer to the day when everyone has a simple, decent place to live.

### **About Habitat for Humanity of Collier County**

This year for the second time, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is among the 1% of charities to have earned a perfect 100 score from Charity Navigator, the largest and most utilized evaluator of charities in the U.S. Additionally, 14 times Habitat Collier received a four-star rating. In 2014, Habitat Collier was recognized as #1 in the nation for Housing and Community Development. 95¢ of every donated dollar is used to build homes and serve families.

*Keep up to date on what is happening  
by visiting our website  
[www.habitatcollier.org](http://www.habitatcollier.org) or contact  
Andrea at 239-775-0036 or  
[amckenna@habitatcollier.org](mailto:amckenna@habitatcollier.org)*





# Tommie Barfield Elementary School Names New Male Eagle - Herb!

*by Linda Turner*

This nesting season a new adult male has paired up with Calusa, the Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary's (MINP) adult female eagle. Bald eagles are a state and federally protected species. They are traditional to their mates and their nest throughout their lifetime. In Florida, eagle-nesting season is October through May. Currently, there are two large eaglets in the nest ready to fledge.

This year, MINP invited the Tommie Barfield Elementary School's (TBE) fifth grade classes to name The Preserve's current adult male eagle. Fifth Grade Team Leader, Mabel Pena, directed each student to write a paragraph explaining the name they chose and why. Each fifth grade class voted their choice to be placed on a ballot. One hundred and ten students participated and five names were put on a ballot for a collective fifth grade vote. "Herb" for Herb Savage received the most votes and Bertha Guzman submitted the original proposal.

On the 147th day of the school year at TBE, Herb was officially announced as the name of the new male eagle at the MINP during a broadcast to students on their Morning Show.



*Linda Turner, Communications Director,  
Carl Way, President of MINP,  
Bertha Guzman reading her essay and  
TBE Principal, Katie Maya during the school's  
Morning Show. Photo by Maria Lamb*

Bertha read "Hello! Did you hear about the bald eagle and that we get to name him? Well, in my opinion, I feel he should be named Herb, after Mr. Herb Savage. He was and still is a very important part of our country and community. In other words, he was a patriot, he fought for our freedom, and as







*Bertha Guzman, TBE's Fifth Grade student with homeroom teacher, Mabel Pena.  
Photo by Maria Lamb*



*Fresh delivery to feed the hungry juvenile Bald Eagles.  
Eagle photos by Frank Steiger*

you know, the bald eagle stands for freedom. In conclusion, I feel that the bald eagle should be named Herb, after Herb Savage”.

Bald Eagles have resided on The Preserve since the early 1970s. In Marco Island the Bald Eagle is on the City's logo and is also the mascot for the Marco Island Charter Middle School. In the Spring of 2011, MINP sponsored an Eagle naming contest at TBE for the pair of resident eagles. The 5th graders chose Paleo and Calusa. Last year, Paleo had a deadly encounter with the powerlines.

In appreciation for the student's participation in the eagle naming, Carl Way, President of the MINP,

presented a monetary contribution to TBE for the school's media center.

Including bald eagles and burrowing owls, MINP has 17 species of birds. The Preserve has also been home to gopher tortoises and a bobcat with cubs. The vision for the MINP is to preserve the land, protect wildlife for future generations, and educate children and adults about the importance of our ecosystems and environment. The Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary is a 100% volunteer, 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. The eagles can be viewed on the eagle cam by visiting [www.MarcoIslandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.MarcoIslandNaturePreserve.org).







## Residents' Beach Concert Series



## Galaxy Band, Girls of Motown, Sunday April 7th, 2019







*See more concert series pictures on pages 14 & 22*





# Rookery Bay Research Reserve to Host Breakfast with the Birds Lecture Series



*Audubon Florida's  
Adam DiNuovo*

The Breakfast with the Birds lecture series hosted at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center invites guests to enjoy pastries, juice and coffee while learning about the biology and habitat of shorebirds and seabirds. Lectures are provided by Adam DiNuovo, the Shorebird Stewardship Program Manager for Audubon Florida. DiNuovo has been working with shorebirds and seabirds across the United States and beyond for more than 15 years.

The cost to attend each lecture is \$15 and includes pastries, juice and coffee. Friends of Rookery Bay members enjoy a 10 percent discount. Doors open at 9 a.m., and the lecture begins at 9:30 a.m. Registration is required. Register at <http://rookerybay.org/calendar>. Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is located at 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113.

***May 23, 2019***

***A Day in the Life of a Seabird Biologist***

***June 27, 2019***

***Seabirds and Plastic - A Deadly Combination***

***July 23, 2019***

***Stewardship and Citizen Science - Success Stories and How You Can Make a Difference***

***August 20, 2019***

***Water Quality and Seabirds - The Lost Summer of 2018***



*Least tern chick hiding in the vegetation on the beach*





# Hurricane Irma Review Committee Helps Ready City for 2019 Season

*by Jim von Rinteln, CEM, FPED, CFM*

At the beginning of this year the City's ad hoc Hurricane Irma Review Committee issued a final report outlining its assessment of how the City of Marco Island government and its residents prepared for, responded to and is recovering from Hurricane Irma.

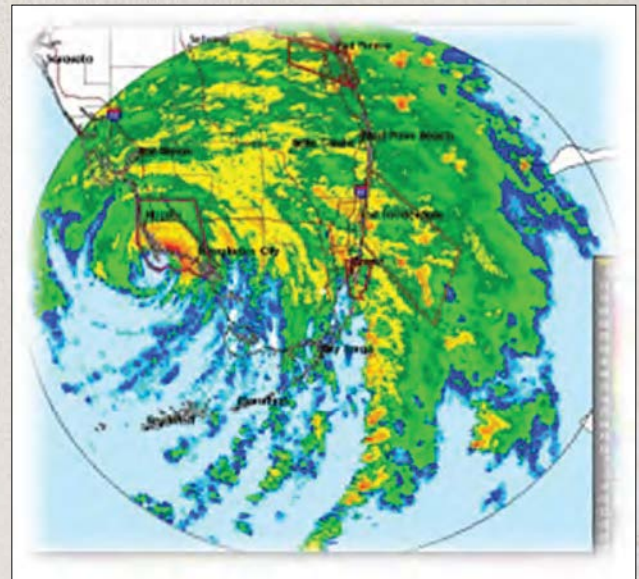
In the fall of 2017, the City Council asked several Island residents with hurricane disaster experience, who were also present during Hurricane Irma, to serve on an ad hoc review Committee and to provide a report back to them no later than the end of 2018. I was honored to Chair this effort and work with island residents: Margie Hapke, Ron Myers, Allyson Richards and Bill Tipton.

We met often throughout 2018 interviewing government officials, residents, volunteers and other participants to glean their experience, insights and recommendations. We were very ably assisted throughout by Mr. Chris Bryne who is the City's Disaster Recovery Coordinator and was our liaison during the review. Our charter from the City Council was to "identify actionable improvements."

The following main areas were highlighted in the report:

- City Leadership
- Coordination with the County, State and Federal Agencies
- Emergency Communications
- Debris Removal
- Preparedness Resources
- Disaster Planning and Training
- Budget Resources

Additionally, the Committee felt that the City and its residents needed to renew its commitment



*The eye of Hurricane Irma approaching Southwest Florida*

to adopting a year-around atmosphere and focus on hurricane/disaster preparedness and community resilience.

The Council accepted the report at their January 7, 2019 meeting and committed to support the majority of findings and to provide additional resources in this year's budget. The report, in its entirety is located on-line at: <https://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/emergency/page/ad-hoc-hurricane-irma-review-committee-final-report>.

I would encourage everyone to read it and share the information with their neighbors prior to this year's hurricane season.

Additionally, MICA has updated and is reprinting its popular Marco Island Hurricane Preparedness Guide with current post-Irma information and procedures, and it will be available this summer.





# Marco Island Library News

*by Nanette Finkle, Friends of the Marco Island Library*

The Marco Island Branch of the Collier County Library has announced its Summer Reading Program for 2019. According to Librarian Brenda Rasch, the theme will be "Outer Space". Stargazing, eclipse t-shirts, fun games and galaxy jars will be awaiting participants to encourage and excite the young readers.

The Mackle Park summer campers will also be participating in the library events. An Adult Summer Reading Program is also in the works with more information forthcoming. Through financial support from the Friends of the Marco Island Library, acoustical panels will be added to the ceiling of Rose Hall this summer.

This enhancement will improve the quality of sound for the numerous public events held in the facility. Additionally, local Friends members are working with Collier County to investigate the replacement of the pendant lighting in the library to improve the amount and quality of light in key areas. The County is also expected to replace the American Flag pole this summer which was severely damaged in Hurricane Irma.



*Author Kathy McKeon signing books after her presentation to a full house at the Books and Brews event held on March 8th in Rose Hall.*

## **Friends of the Marco Island Public Library Board of Directors 2019-20**

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Marco Island Public Library was held on April 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Library. The officers and board members listed below were nominated and approved.

Mary Bryan, President  
Marie Johnson, Vice President  
Mary Lee Cale, Secretary  
Dolores Siegel, Treasurer  
Cathy Auten  
Dolores Burton  
Nanette Finkle

Pamela Fuller  
Susan Gardner  
Arlene Goldstein  
Gwynette Goodman\*\*  
Stacey Onorato  
Judy Sacher  
Maxine Shapiro

Gayle Thawley

\*\*Gwynette Goodman is the immediate past president. She has done an outstanding job leading the organization forward during her years of service. (Gwyn is the former Marco Island branch librarian.)





# AHOY!

Don't miss the annual

## Pirate Day

**Marco Island Historical Museum**

*180 South Heathwood Drive, Marco Island*

**Friday, June 21, 2019**

**11:00am-2:00pm**

*Free Admission!*



## Pirate Day

**Come dressed as your favorite swashbuckler!**

*Children's Pirate Costume Contest awarded at noon!*

**Face Painting, Activities, Games, & More!**

**Food available for purchase.**

*For info, call (239) 252-1440 or visit [CollierMuseums.com](http://CollierMuseums.com)*



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Marco Island Historical Society





# New Officers and Year-End Program for Calusa Garden Club

*by Maria Lamb*

Members of the Calusa Garden Club held their year-end luncheon at the Marco Island Yacht Club on April 2nd, complete with installation of new officers. A big thank you to Special Events Coordinators, Kim Porter and Janice Engel for the beautiful centerpieces showcasing miniature pineapples, succulents and hydrangeas.

Highlight of the luncheon was the installation of new officers for Calusa Garden Club for 2019-2021. The officers are: President, Sara Wolf; First Vice President and Program Chair, Susan LaGrotta; Second Vice President and Membership Chair, Susan Neustadt; Treasurer, Vivian Patterson; Assistant Treasurer, Jane Gregory; Recording Secretary, Rhea Brekke with Cristina Leske, Corresponding Secretary. Opi DeFalco, CGC's past President presided over the oath of office for the new officer.

Special guest, Katie Vance of Floromancy Designs showed simple and artistic ways to create headbands and fascinators from plants, flowers and leaves commonly found in your landscape.



*Sara Wolf, New President, Sandy Wallen, Past President, City Councilor, Charlette Roman, Linda Colombo, Past President*

Katie is affiliated with the Naples Botanical Garden and has an extensive landscape background. She has always been interested in plants and fashion and she is now using real materials instead of faux flowers.

Dale DeFeo, past President, reported that the Pioneer Garden to be installed at the Marco Island



*Opi DeFalco, Dale DeFeo, Vivian Patterson, Connie Lowery, Sandy Wallen, Juliette Flasche, Linda Turner, Janet Watson*







*Opi DeFalco presenting new president Sara Wolf with Calusa Garden Club pin*

Historical Museum will be “in the manner of the pioneer garden” and not a replica. Dale is waiting for final approval of the plans and installation, which will commence this summer. Linda Colombo, also past President will be assisting Dale with this project.

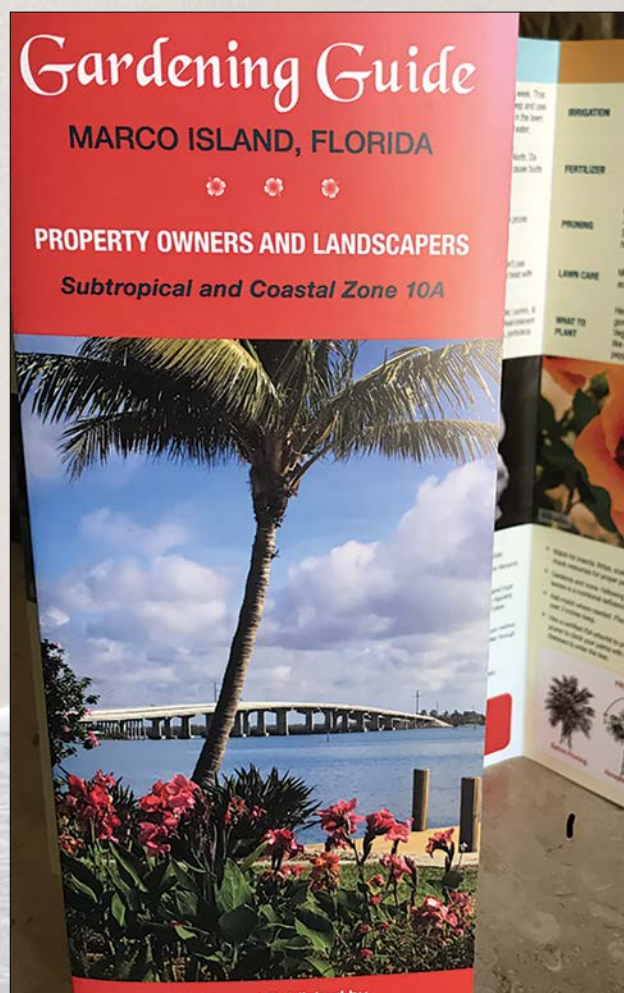
Also a reminder to all the members that the Gardening Guide, is available for sale at \$10.00. According to Sue Oldershaw, an avid gardener and member, this is a ‘must have’ and was compiled by club members with an average of 25 years of gardening experience on Marco. The Gardening Guide explains the differences and challenges of gardening on Marco Island’s Zone 10A, where the majority of the gardening is done between September and April as the summer heat is difficult for plants. With this Gardening Guide, gardeners will become familiar with various vegetation and tips on a monthly schedule.

According to the Gardening Guide, In May - “Fertilizer is not needed, but last chance to fertilize until October. Per Marco’s Fertilizer Ordinance, applying Fertilizer is banned during the summer months.”

Calusa Garden Club is a member of the Florida Federation of Garden Club and membership is open to residents interested in floral design, horticulture and the environment.

*Calusa Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month, October through March, at Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 350 S. Barfield Drive.*

*Calusa Garden welcomes visitors interested in their educational programs and in membership. For a copy of the Gardening Guide, please contact the Garden Club at [Calusagardenclub@aol.com](mailto:Calusagardenclub@aol.com). or visit their website at [calusa.org](http://calusa.org)., for more information.*



*Calusa Garden Club Gardening Guide - This Guide will explain the differences and challenges of gardening on Marco Island, Zone 10A*





# Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center Events

Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Enjoy the air-conditioned two-story visitor center, art gallery, gift shop, as well as the nature trail with viewing platform and more. Kids and grown-ups alike can explore and discover the plants, fish and wildlife that call Rookery Bay Research Reserve's 110,000 acres home. At Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, you can learn about environmental science and the natural world through actual hands-on experiences with marine-life touch tanks, exhibits and scientific displays. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6 – 12, and free for kids under 6 and Friends of Rookery Bay members. Located at 300 Tower Road, one mile south of the intersection of US41 and Collier Boulevard. Learn more and register for tours and events at [rookerybay.org/calendar](http://rookerybay.org/calendar). Friends of Rookery Bay member discounts apply to most events.

## Summer 2019 Specialty Series

### Summertime Science Saturdays –

Discovery Labs for ALL Ages and Free Admission for Kids under 12

Every Saturday, May-August 2019, \$5 Admission for adults, FREE for kids under 12

This summer at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center Science Saturdays are FREE for kids under 12 and are sure to unleash the inner scientist or marine biologist in you with hands-on discovery labs for all ages. Each Saturday, adults and kids alike can discover science with an educator including examining live organisms under microscopes, behind-the-scenes experiences in our working laboratories, hands-on marine critter connections and more! Please visit [RookeryBay.org](http://RookeryBay.org) for more information. Hours are 9 am to 4 pm.

### Kids FREE Fridays are Back for Summer 2019!

**Summer of Science** Every Friday, June-August 2019

\$5 Admission for adults, FREE for kids under 12, 9 am - 1 pm (educator led programming)

This popular education and hands-on program is back for the summer of 2019 at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center! Beginning Friday, June 14 environmental-educators will put the spotlight on a different marine creature with hands-on activities, crafts and games – all within the cool comfort of the air-conditioned, state-of-the-art Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Open 9 am – 4 pm

<b>June 14</b>	<b>Invertebrates - Plankton</b>
<b>June 21</b>	<b>Reptiles - Sea Turtles</b>
<b>June 28</b>	<b>Fish - Lion Fish</b>
<b>July 5</b>	<b>Birds - Burrowing Owls</b>
<b>July 8</b>	<b>Invertebrates - Horseshoe Crabs</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Reptiles - Pythons</b>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Fish - Sharks</b>

### Volunteer Orientation

May 7 and June 4, 10 am- 11 am

Learn about Rookery Bay Research Reserve and the many volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers play a vital role in the preservation, restoration and engagement at the reserve. There are wide variety of opportunities including assisting visitors in the Environmental Learning Center, working with children in the education department, participating in field work in the research division (turtle nesting, avian, water, etc.) as well as serving as nature trail guides or helping with administrative work.





# May Events

## In the Gallery

Seacrest Country Day School Student Art Exhibit

May 6 - August 8

Free with admission to Environmental Learning Center

No registration necessary

Rookery Bay Research Reserve partner Seacrest Country Day School will display student art featuring the theme "Water" in the Environmental Learning Center Gallery. Please visit and support local students.

## World Migratory Bird Day

May 10

BOGO (Buy one get one free) Admission. No registration necessary.

Visitors to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center can support the effort to protect birds as well as reduce plastic pollution with buy one get one free entrance on May 10, 2019 in honor of World Migratory Bird Day.

## Essentials of Digital Photography

May 13, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, \$55,

Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

If you want to get the best pictures possible, and truly understanding your camera's features, this camera workshop is for you. The class covers the essentials of your digital camera. You will learn how to use your camera's shutter, aperture, ISO control and the drive modes to create images with impact and creativity. Sonny Saunders has over 35 years of experience in photography and instruction and is renowned for his ability to communicate to a wide variety of students.

## Breakfast with the Birds: A Day in the Life of a Seabird Biologist

May 23, 9:30 am - 10:30 am,

\$15, includes breakfast (pastries, coffee and juice)

Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

See page 44 for details

# June Events

## Essentials of Digital Photography

June 3, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, \$55, Registration is required

[www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

See description above

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# Marco Island Civic Association "Members Only" Discount Program

## DINING

*Present discount card before ordering*

**Aria Restaurant @ JW Marriott MI**  
10% off bill with purchase of 1 entrée per person Sun thru Thurs. Complimentary valet parking. Other offers do not apply, no discount weekends & holidays.  
400 S Collier Blvd, 642-2695

**CJ's on the Bay, Esplanade**  
www.cjsonthebay.com  
Excludes Gazebo Bar, 389-4511

**Cold Stone Ice Cream,**  
Esplanade, 393-0046  
\$1 off purchase or \$3 off ice cream cake

**Dolce Mare**  
Marco Walk #302, 389-9000  
www.dolcemaresweets.com

**Marco Island Princess**  
www.themarcoislandprincess.com  
Rose Marina, 642-5415

**Nacho Mama's Tex-Mex American**  
2 Happy Hours: 3-6 & 10-midnight  
Entertainment, reduced drink prices.  
www.thenachomamas.com  
Marco Walk, 389-2222

**Napoli on the Bay - Marco**  
Free delivery on Marco. Pizza, subs, salads, wings. Marco's only wheat pizza. Open for lunch & dinner.  
www.marcoislandpizzapasta.com  
910 N Collier Blvd, 642-5662

**Ne Ne's Kitchen**  
Breakfast & Lunch (dine-in)  
www.neneskitchen.com  
297 N Collier Blvd, 394-3854

**Pinchers Marco Island**  
591 S Collier Blvd, 239-970-5391  
PinchersUSA.com  
10% off. Must show MICA Discount Card

**Sami's Pizza | Pasta | Grill**  
227 N Collier Blvd, 389-0404  
10% off for food purchase of \$20 or more, pick up only  
www.samispizza.com

**The Sand Bar**  
826 E Elcam Circle, 642-3625  
5% off food, regular menu items only  
www.sandbarmarco.com

**Snook Inn**  
1215 Bald Eagle Dr,  
394-3313  
www.snookinn.com

**Yo Marco Sweets & Treats**  
668 Bald Eagle Drive, next to Subway

**ZAZA Kitchen**  
1095 Bald Eagle Drive, 239-970-5205  
Free Order of Queso! www.eatatzaza.com

## SALONS & SPAS

**Mary Rando Hair Styling and Make-up Artistry**  
15% off all hair and make-up services  
10% off products  
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239-248-7944/617-775-6007

**The Spa at JW Marriott MI Beach Resort**  
400 S Collier Blvd,  
389-6029  
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Loyalty Program, 389-0170  
www.alwaystherhomehealthcare.com

**Feather-Light Living, Wellness Coach**  
15% discount offered;  
free 30 minute consultation  
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featherlightliving@gmail.com

**Healthy Body Fitness Training**  
Initial personal training sessions & group classes, 860 Bald Eagle Drive, Suites 4 & 5,  
394-3705 www.marcofitnessclub.com

**Personal Training & Pilates Studio**  
Above Subway on Collier Blvd  
www.101fit.com  
650 Bald Eagle Dr, 333-5771

**Summer Day Organic Café**  
Marco Town Center Mall  
Vitamins only. 394-8361  
www.summerdaymarket.com

**Xcel Fitness Spa**  
Shops of Marco,  
394-EXCEL (9235)  
10% off coffee & smoothie bar  
www.xfspa.com

## RETAIL STORES

### APPAREL/JEWELRY

**Alvin's Island** – www.alvinsisland.com  
Card should always be presented at point of sale, 581 S Collier Blvd,  
389-0600

**Beach Unlimited**  
1001 N Collier Blvd,  
642-4888

**Butterfly Beach, Esplanade**  
www.butterflybeachmarco.com  
760 N Collier Blvd #103,  
394-0837

**JetSet Surf Shop,**  
394-5544  
Excludes hardgoods,  
674 Bald Eagle Dr

**Jewelry by Laura** 394-2511  
JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort,

**Kathein Jewelers of Marco,** 239-259-8937  
(Formerly known as Golden Gate Jewelers)  
Shops of Marco www.ggimarco.com

**OMG That's Chic,** 239-970-2102  
10% off, excluding sale items  
www.OMGthatschic.com,  
287 N. Collier Blvd

**Patchington Ladies Boutique** –  
Marco Island & Venetian Village  
Marco Walk #104, 642-5006  
Fun for organizations, such as fashion shows, charity events, trunk shows, in store & out of store events. www.patchington.com

**Sunshine Stitchers,** 970-0200  
1106-1/2 N Collier Blvd, Chamber Plaza  
www.sunshinestitchers.com

**Surf & Sand / Sweetwaters / Crosswinds**  
JW Marriott Resort, 389-6051

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9 Front Street, 239-316-2373  
10% off any arrangement/walk-in only  
www.bellafloralstc.com

**Critter Café,** Excludes dog and cat food  
www.crittercafemarcoisland.com  
810 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-8488

**First Pawn Jewelry & Loan**  
889 Airport Rd S, Naples, 434-7296  
5%-20% off jewelry. Firearms, instruments & tools discounts vary.

**Keep In Touch,** Shops of Marco  
Excludes Post Office, copy and internet services and sale items, 393-6300

**Optical Boutique of Marco**  
Marco Walk,  
642-4776

**Linda Roberts Gallery/Marco Art**  
"As Seen in the MICA Office"  
Marco Island art prints and notecards.  
30% discount to MICA members.  
Also 30% off non-Marco Island prints. www.lindarobertsgallery.com  
410-944-4440 & 410-302-2387

**Something Olde Something New**  
Excludes sale & used items  
207 N Collier Blvd,  
389-9700

**Sunshine Booksellers**  
10% discount on all hardcover books;  
20% discount on, fax and copy services (In store only). Excluded from discount: paperback books, toys, gifts, greeting cards, shipping & USPS Services.  
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677 S Collier Blvd, 393-0353  
www.sunshinebooksellers.com

**Esplanade:** Collier Blvd & Elcam Circle. **Marco Walk:** South Collier Blvd & Winterberry Drive.  
**Shops of Marco:** North Barfield Drive & San Marco Road. **Town Center:** N. Collier Blvd, & Bald Eagle Dr.





**Your Island Home**  
Town Center, 642-7366  
www.yourislandhome.com

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www.asaplockofmarcoisland.com

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Fine finish carpentry; 207-7650  
\$100 off any job over \$1,000

**Beach Bum Equipment Rentals**  
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**Collier Tropical Landscaping**  
10% off all landscaping, tree trimming or lawn service contracts not less than \$125.  
Sergio 821-3213. www.colliertropical.com

**Complete Stone Management**, 642-3173  
Free quote, 10% discount on service  
www.completestonemanagement.com

**Dry & Clean Carpet Cleaning**, 642-0092  
Carpet, Tile, & Upholstery cleaning  
www.dryandcleaninc.com

**Easy Street Moving**, 248-4136  
www.easystreetmoving.com

**EcoMarcoFun, Vacation House Rental**  
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Short term (less than 1 week) available  
www.vrbo.com/114322, 573-356-1727

**Fussy Fraulein, Inc.**  
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**GB Pools**, 249-1107  
Sign a six month contract for weekly pool service, pay for the first 3 months and receive the next 3 months free. Limited time offer, new customers only. Not valid with any other offer.  
www.GBPoolsMarcoisland.com

**Global Cleaning Services**  
gcs-clean.net, 389-9140  
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**Gulfcoast Painting & Pressure Cleaning**  
642-1005

**Gulfside Electric**,  
784-8086

**JCR Screen Repair & Service**  
394-9410

**Marco Island Floor Covering**  
Discounts vary. 1711 San Marco Rd,  
394-1711

**Southern Comfort Air**  
10% off repairs; 5% off installation of new equipment, maximum of \$100, 642-6642

**Sunflower Services of Marco, Inc.**  
Lawn Maintenance, 465-8086  
First month free lawn maintenance

**Tiny Tikes Treasures (Rentals)**  
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www.tinytiketreasures.com

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**Aviation North**  
Marco Island Executive Airport,  
747-226-KEYS  
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## ***Rookery Bay Events, continued from page 51***

### **Teachers on the Estuary (TOTE) Workshop**

June 4, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, \$25, Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

The TOTE Workshop will focus on Rookery Bay Research Reserve, specifically estuarine research, stewardship, and education. It is open to all teachers. The workshop is based on the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Estuaries 101 Middle School curriculum and focuses on topics such as: sharks, birds, plankton, invasive species and water quality. Mornings are spent in the field exploring the reserve. Afternoons are inside, meeting staff and learning about activities to adapt to classrooms.

### **Estimating Your Local Marine Economy: “Telling Your Story” Workshop**

June 4, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, \$40, Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

This workshop provides step-by-step guidance for identifying and accessing local sources of economic data and telling your local economic story. Working waterfronts represent a valuable economic engine for coastal communities, but quantification is often challenging. This course will help participants get comfortable with economic terms, identify local sources of data and interpret that data to tell a compelling story of their local marine economy.

### **World Oceans Day**

June 7, 2019, BOGO (Buy one get one free) Admission, No registration necessary.

In celebration of World Oceans Day, the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers “buy one, get one free admission.” Higher price prevails. Cannot be combined with other offers.

### **Breakfast with the Birds - Seabirds and Plastic: A Deadly Combination**

June 27, 9:30 am - 10:30 am, \$15, includes breakfast (pastries, coffee and juice)

Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar) *See page 44 for details*

## **July Events**

### **Clean Beaches Week**

July 2, BOGO (Buy one get one free) Admission,

No registration necessary.

Visitors to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center can celebrate Clean Beaches Week on Tuesday, July 2 with buy one get one free entrance. During Clean Beaches Week people are encouraged to go to the beach, making sure to “leave no trace” of their visit, and also to spend some time cleaning up or collecting trash that others may have left behind.

### **Essentials of Digital Photography**

July 8, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, \$55, Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar) *See page 51 for description*

### **Breakfast with the Birds – Stewardship and Citizen Science: Success Stories and How You Can Make a Difference**

July 23, 9:30 am - 10:30 am, \$15, includes breakfast (pastries, coffee and juice)

Registration is required [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar) *See page 44 for details*

*Located at 300 Tower Road, one mile south of the intersection of US41 and Collier Blvd.  
Learn more and to register visit [rookerybay.org/calendar](http://rookerybay.org/calendar). Admission is \$5 for adults,  
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