



FRIENDS
OF ROOKERY BAY
2017-2018
YEAR IN REVIEW
&
2018 ANNUAL APPEAL

Connecting people with Southwest Florida's dynamic coastal environment in support of Rookery Bay Research Reserve for more than thirty years.

FRIENDS OF RESEARCH

Reserve scientists conduct research and monitor water, weather, and wildlife so policymakers can make informed science-to-management decisions to protect the health of our ecosystem.

Friends of Rookery Bay supported avian interns and the purchase of the R/V McLeod, a new custom-built research vessel in place of 'R/V Stella' that was destroyed by Hurricane Irma.





FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

The Reserve and its Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center are an outdoor and indoor classroom for both children and adults. They serve as dynamic hands-on field trip sites for Collier County 4th and 7th grade students, as well as high school and college students.

Friends of Rookery Bay supported interns, staff and resources critical for implementing educational programs.

FRIENDS OF STEWARDSHIP

Using science to continually improve management practices in the Reserve, staff remove invasive plant and animal species, conduct controlled prescribed burns, and partner with other local agencies to ensure ideal habitat for wildlife and enjoyable recreation space for people throughout Southwest Florida.

Friends of Rookery Bay manages an Adopt A Sea Turtle Nest Program to raise awareness of the Reserve's sea turtle program and provides funds for interns working in the field daily with volunteers and Reserve staff monitoring beaches and protecting nests.





FRIENDS OF COMMUNITY

Friends of Rookery Bay advocates on behalf of and fundraises to support education, research and stewardship at Rookery Bay Research Reserve. These efforts ensure Reserve staff, volunteers and interns have the resources necessary to educate the community and continually manage and protect YOUR backyard.

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OUR FRIENDS

Membership and Sponsorship help the Friends provide support for all of the Reserve's programs. We thank our members at the Contributing level and higher, especially Lavern Norris Gaynor (below with Athan Barkoukis and Ray Carroll), who became our first Lifetime Member in December 2017.

LIFETIME

Lavern Gaynor

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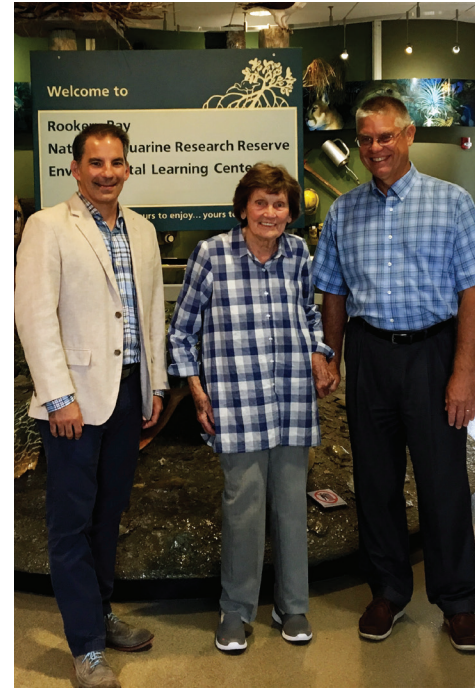
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- Membership
- Adopt a Sea Turtle Nest
- Estate Planning Gift
- Donation
- Endowment Contribution
- Event Sponsorship

Give Us Props!

Colorful red mangroves sit prominently at water's edge throughout Rookery Bay Research Reserve. They provide habitat for juvenile fish and wading birds, and buffer our coastline when storms approach.

These forests grow stronger when pencil-shaped propagules bloom and drop off the trees into the estuary waters, taking root and growing upwards to build new trees.

Members of our Red Mangrove Society make the same impact as propagules. The steady drop of monthly donations into our coffers helps us grow our support for research, education and stewardship programs throughout the 110,000-acre Rookery Bay Research Reserve.

Join our exclusive club of environmental champions today!





FRIENDS

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2018-2019

FRIENDS EVENTS

We hope to see you!

ART RECEPTIONS

November 29, 2018

January 31 & April 27, 2019

ADVENTURE RACE

December 1, 2018

MEMBERS' NIGHT

February 13, 2019

PATRON PARTY

February 28, 2019

10TH ANNUAL BASH FOR THE BAY

March 15, 2019

ROOKERY BAY RESEARCH RESERVE

40TH ANNIVERSARY PBS

DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE

April 8, 2019

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