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Art Mural Project



Exploring Our Oceans Through Art Mural Project

During the Dive Into Oceans career fair at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center April 12- 14, 2007, students and the community were invited to connect with our oceans on many levels.



A unique mural project was organized for the event by Naples artist and cartographer Jaime Quintero. Students were able to express themselves by painting their favorite sea creatures and habitat for others to see. The students' response to the project was overwhelmingly positive.



It is hoped that this mural will continue to enhance young people's awareness of the amazing diversity of life in our oceans and encourage future generations to embrace stewardship of our coastal waters.

The mural will be on display at the Environmental Learning Center. Supplies for the mural were funded through the United Arts Council of Collier County.



Event Photos



Dive Into Oceans - Career Fair - 2007



Saturday, April 14th 2007

More than 600 people participated in the Dive Into Oceans Career Fair at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center on Saturday, April 14. An underwater IMAX film, free SCUBA experience, interactive sea life mural and estuary touch tanks were just a few of the activities offered to better acquaint residents and visitors of all ages with our oceans and the array of opportunities they contain.

Approximately 400 Collier County middle school students participated in the career fair on Thursday and Friday, bringing the total event attendance to more than 1,000 people over the course of 3 days.



Activities Included:

Explore the amazing array of ocean and marine industry careers available in our region.

Get more than just your feet wet in a 15,000-gallon "Try SCUBA" dive pool.

Enjoy ocean-related activities, including a marine life touch tank, barnacle exhibit, plankton station and tours of a working research lab.



Go inside the "Deepworker", a mock submarine research vessel.

See the IMAX film "Deep Sea 3D" starring Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet (showing at 10:30 & 1:00), and other films in the auditorium.

BBQ food vendor on-site throughout the day.

For more information please call 239-417-6310 ext. 401

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RBNER Boundary and Aquatic Preserves Map.

Map of the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and Cape Romano - Ten Thousand Islands Aquatic Preserve.

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Career Fair for Middle Schools – Participant Biographies



Eric Foht

Eric is a recent graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University and works as an Environmental Specialist at Rookery Bay. Visit the wet lab and hear about Eric's latest research experiment with live crabs from the estuary!



Alaina Owen

Alaina is an educator at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center and currently working on her Masters Degree in Education from Florida Gulf Coast University. Join Alaina on a tour of our dry lab and use microscopes to get a closer look at plankton from the estuary!



Dave Graff

Dave works in the Education Department at Rookery Bay and works with high school and college students by taking them out into the Reserve to learn more about the estuary. Meet Dave at the touch tank and get to know some of the critters that call Rookery Bay home!



Jaime Quintero

Jaime is a local artist who will be creating a Dive Into Ocean Careers mural to be on display in the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Help Jaime finish his ocean mural while learning more about art as a marine career!

Website



Mike Starke

Mike is a published outdoor writer and photographer who operates a local eco-tour and fishing guide service. Visit Mike outside to witness a fly fishing demonstration and learn why it is as much an art as it is a sport!!



Captain Wayne Hasson

Wayne is a local dive instructor and underwater videographer for the Oceans for Youth Foundation. Talk with Wayne about his work with Leslie Nielsen, David Hasselhoff, National Geographic, Jaws II, Into the Blue, and James Bond's Never Say Never!

Website



Greg Mount

Greg is a part-time Instructor for Pro Dive International, a Professional Diving School in Fort Lauderdale, while attending Florida Atlantic University. Meet Greg and hear what its like to work aboard a dive boat as a certified PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer!

Website



John Schneider

John writes, films, directs, edits, markets, and produces videos including commercials and documentaries for his own company, JS Media Corporation... and he's just 18 years old. Come meet John and hear how he began directing at age 8 and producing films at 11!



Davide Molino

Davide is a local filmmaker who became one of the first pioneer's to edit films via computer. After 20 years in Hollywood, Davide now produces his own films. Meet Davide and hear about his work with Warner Brothers, Universal Studios, and MGM.



Rick Stratton

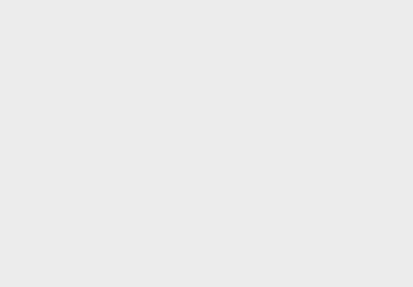
Rick is the founding publisher and Editor-in-Chief of Northeast, Northwest and Midwest Dive News Magazines, which are part of a network of scuba diving magazines that promote the sport of diving at a regional/local level. Hear from Rick what its like to serve as a DEMA (Diving Equipment and Marketing Association) Board member and help others become active in the sport of diving!



Dave Reidenbach

Big Wave Dave tours the country, teaching people how to SCUBA dive through the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association. Stop by the dive pool on the back lawn and see how self-contained underwater breathing apparatus really works!

Biography Company Website



Donnie Lankton

Donnie is a Marine Mechanic at Cedar Bay Yacht Club and keeps all of the rental boats tuned up and in good working order. Talk with Donnie about how the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology helped him with his marine career!

Officers Mark Mahoney, Felix Collazo, and Harley

Mark and Felix work in the Law Enforcement Division of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, conducting enforcement on local waterways and area mainland. Help the officers in a mock-confiscation exercise and meet Harley, the K-9 Officer, as he works to "sniff out evidence" to solve the crime.

Ocean Careers

For more details about ocean careers, visit: <http://divingcareers.org/>