

Join us for **Gulf of Mexico Alliance** Southwest Florida Community

Workshops hosted by Rookery Bay. Leading

scientists from around the

country and local experts will

address issues pertinent to

Southwest Florida.

The following in-depth, scientific

workshops include Q & A, breakout

sessions and brainstorming and take

place from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at the

Environmental Learning Center:

January 23, 2007: Red Tide

February 20, 2007: Water Woes

March 27, 2007: Sustainable Growth

Programs are FREE and registration is

required. Call(239) 417-6310 ext. 412 or

email christian.ercolani@dep.state.fl.us.

Complete contact information must be

provided at time of registration.

Abbreviated programs are also being

offered on the same topics at offsite

locations. For information about these

workshops visit www.ctp.rookerybay.org.

For more information about the Gulf of

Mexico Alliance visit

www.gulfofmexicoalliance.org.

Art Gallery

A diversity of local artist exhibits are

presented in our art gallery through-

out the year:

January 18- March 5: Annual Photography

March 8- April 30: Annual Works on Paper

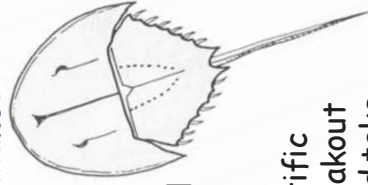
May 1- September 28: J.N. Ding Darling Exhibit

More information on exhibitions and

submitting your work can

be found at

www.rookerybay.org.



Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

Explore the Environmental Learning

Center! Interactive exhibits focus on

the plants and animals of the 110,000-

acre Rookery Bay National Estuarine

Research Reserve. Aquariums, nature

store, art gallery, native plant and

butterfly garden and more introduce

visitors to the mysteries of our

coastal world.

Winter Hours (November - May)

Monday - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm

Summer Hours (June - October)

Monday - Friday, 9 am - 4 pm

Admission:

\$5 adults, \$3 kids ages 6 - 12

FREE for members & children under six



The Environmental Learning Center will

be closed on Monday, May 28, in

honor of Memorial Day.

Location:

Located between Naples

and Marco Island on the

corner of Tower Road and

Collier Boulevard

Explore the mysteries of our coastal world

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Naples, Florida

Coastal Connections Daily Programs

Join our team of naturalists for a

closer look at some of the

remarkable creatures that

inhabit our coastal

environment.

These 45-minute

programs are offered

Monday through Saturday at

10:30 am and 2:00 pm and are

included with regular

admission.

Topics include:

Munchin' in the Mangroves

Native Plants and More

Sea Shells of Southwest Florida

Where Rivers Meet the Sea

Skulls and Bones

Manatees and Marching Molars

Slithering Snakes

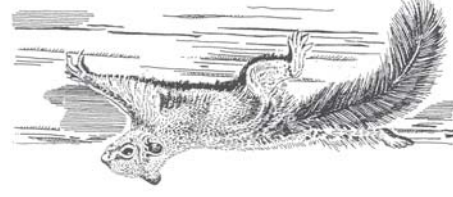
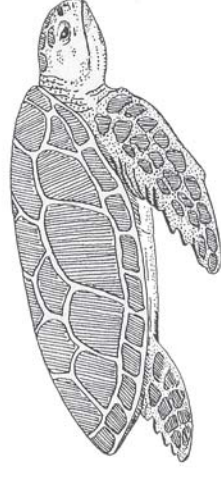
Native Orchids of Southwest Florida

Wet and Wild Waterbirds

Oceans of Life

Sharks: Facts and Fiction

A Sea Turtle's Hurdles



2007 Calendar of Events at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

Daily programs are offered Monday - Saturday at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. Events requiring pre-registration are listed *in italics*. Events are FREE where noted.

Visit www.rookerybay.org for details.



January

Friday 1/12
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Tim Andrus presents on Iceland. Doors open at 5 pm, light refreshments provided

Thursday 1/18
5 pm - 6:30 pm

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: Annual Photography presented by Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council. Mingle with local artists over light refreshments. FREE

1/19 - 1/21

Southwest Florida Birding Festival: Guided field trips, expert presentations and activities are scheduled throughout the weekend - check website for all the details

Saturday 1/27

Super Science Saturday: check out science fair projects and enjoy a day of fun, FREE

February

Friday 2/9
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Connie Bransilver presents on Madagascar. Doors open at 5 pm, light refreshments provided



Saturday 2/10
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Research Kayak Tour with Dr. Geoff Trager. Explore a pristine barrier island as you learn about research, help collect plankton, and more.

Thursday 2/22
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wing It! A Beginning Birders Workshop: This workshop will introduce the basics of birding with practice of new skills at a nearby park.

Saturday 2/24
9:30 am - 12 pm

Sand, Sea & Sky: We'll pull a seine net, use binoculars and dig in the mud at Tigertail Beach. Ages 10 and up.



March

Thursday 3/8
5 pm - 6:30 pm

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: Annual Works on Paper presented by Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council. Mingle with local artists over light refreshments. FREE.

Friday 3/9
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Mike Duever & Jean McCullom present on Australia. Doors open at 5 pm, light refreshments provided

Saturday 3/10
9 am - 12 pm

Family Kayak Through the Mangroves with Cyril Marks. Explore Rookery Bay and its ecosystem while kayaking.

Wednesday 3/21
4:30 pm - 6 pm

Citizens and Science Seminar: Learn about issues facing our local environment. Light refreshments provided. FREE

Saturday 3/24
10 am - 3 pm

Southwest Florida History & Archaeology Festival: Step back in time with presentations and field trips that uncover the mysteries of Florida's history!



April

Friday 4/13
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Mike Knight presents on the island of Trinidad. Doors open at 5 pm, light refreshments provided

Saturday 4/14
10 am - 3 pm

Dive Into Ocean Careers Family Day: Discover the diversity of career paths that Florida's waters provide and try SCUBA. FREE

Wednesday 4/18
4:30 pm - 6 pm

Citizens and Science Seminar: Learn about issues facing our local environment. Light refreshments provided. FREE

May

Thursday 5/3
5 pm - 6:30 pm

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: Works by J.N. "Ding" Darling, nationally-syndicated editorial cartoonist. Light refreshments provided by Friends of Rookery Bay. FREE

Friday 5/11
6 pm - 7:30 pm

Amazing Adventures Presentation: Mike Owen presents his magical experience swimming with whale sharks. Doors open at 5 pm, light refreshments provided

Saturday 5/12
10 am - 3 pm

International Migratory Bird Day: Learn about birds and their incredible annual journeys to and through southwest Florida

Wednesday 5/16
4:30 pm - 6 pm

Citizens and Science Seminar: Learn about issues facing our local environment. Light refreshments provided. FREE

