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E-Newsletter

HOBE SOUND NATURE CENTER

THE NATHANIEL P. REED HOBE SOUND
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



ABOUT US

Our partnership with the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge has played a pivotal role in conserving the rich biodiversity of South Florida. Together, we have hosted transformative educational experiences for people of all ages, which have contributed to the protection of countless acres of critical habitat, the restoration of fragile habitats, and ensured the survival of many threatened species.



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*"The earth is what we all have in common."
- Wendell Berry*

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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



50TH ANNIVERSARY HONORING THE JUPITER ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

From a small group of conservation-minded residents to champions of green spaces, the Jupiter Island Garden Club played a pivotal role in establishing the Hobe Sound Nature Center in 1973 through a cooperative agreement with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This haven of biodiversity, teeming with unique flora and fauna, is a testament to their dedication and hard work.

Refuge Manager, Bill Miller, and HSNC Executive Director, Jill Griffin, kicked off the celebration by sharing a few words about the illustrious history of the Reed family and the incredible vision of the Garden Club members, who, together, realized the importance of educating and inspiring people of all ages through the lens of South Florida's unique natural heritage.

A heartfelt thank you to all the Garden Club members, past and present, and our wonderful community for making this dream a reality. Here's to growing together for many years to come!



*"Environmental education is an awareness
of the world and the study of the
interrelationship of life."
- Elizabeth Kirby*



NURTURING NATURE

Meet the newest member of our animal ambassador team - "Rootie"! This magnificent screech owl was in need of a home after living as an illegal pet for many years. Owls, vital to our ecosystem, face numerous challenges in the wild, such as injury and loss of critical habitat. Our team has provided Rootie with a safe haven, expert care, and **lots** of love. She is a reminder to keep wildlife wild and to protect natural habitats. Please stop by to meet her anytime!

You can support our mission by visiting, volunteering, or donating. Every bit helps us provide care for wildlife in need!



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SAVE THE DATE - "GOLDEN GALA"

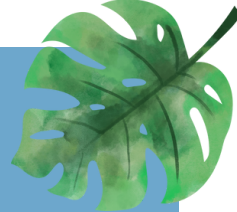
Join us for an evening of "Storytelling in Nature" with Ron Magill, Wildlife Ambassador (Zoo Miami) and Nikon Photographer, on April 4th, 2024 at the Jupiter Island Club.... additional details to come!

If you are interested in sponsoring, underwriting, or making an in-kind donation to support the Hobe Sound Nature Center at our Golden Gala, please email us at: info@hobesoundnaturecenter.org



"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."
- Unknown





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In the month of November, our Wildlife Educators visited 9 schools and 2 libraries, **reaching over 1000 children and adults!** Add another 968 visitors to our museum last month, and we are making huge strides in environmental education with the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. Our goal is to ignite a lifelong passion for the natural world and empower people of all ages to become stewards of the environment, advocating for a sustainable future.

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MEET OUR NEW WILDLIFE EDUCATOR!

We are beyond thrilled about the newest addition to our dynamic education team, Megan Crawford! Megan grew up in Indiana, where her passion for animals began with a love for horses at a very young age. She recently completed her Master's degree at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science in Marine Biology and Ecology. Welcome Megan!



Thank you to the Henry Foundation for your generous donation and support. We are honored to share this journey with you!

"Children still need a childhood of dirt, mud, puddles, trees, sticks, and tadpoles."
- Brooke Hampton

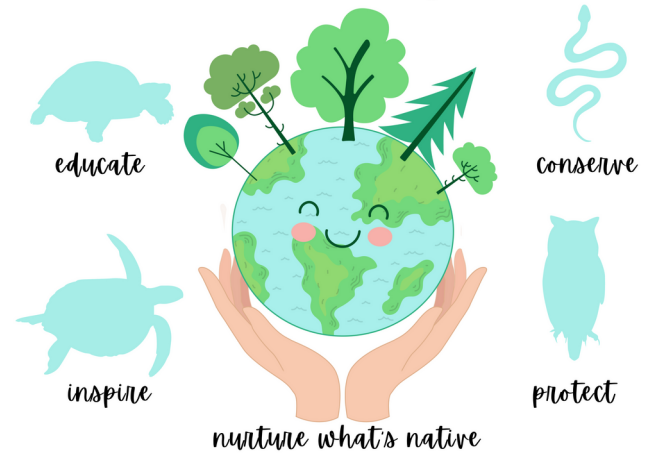


GIVING TUESDAY

It's not too late to support us in honor of the world's most important, international day of giving and generosity! Giving Tuesday is about unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and the world.

Please consider supporting our mission of conservation through education and inspiration! Help us protect and preserve South Florida's unique natural heritage, while empowering children from Hobe Sound and neighboring communities to be lifelong champions for Mother Nature.

Giving Tuesday 2023



Help us reach more children, provide our resident animals with the best possible care, and work together to conserve South Florida's critical habitats and wildlife!

Text **NatureCenterGT** to **41444** to make a donation.



"The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it."

- Robert Swan

#ONEPLANET #ONE COMMUNITY

The Hobe Sound Nature Center hosted one of many "listening" sessions last month, led by the remarkable **Explore Natural Martin** team (Office of Martin County Tourism and Marketing). They recently joined forces with **Leave No Trace** to protect Martin County's 22 miles of uncrowded beaches and over 100,000 acres of parks and conservation lands. At the meeting, we convened with other, dedicated natural resource managers to discuss our concerns and how we can work together to ensure the long-term preservation of South Florida's unique critical habitats and wildlife, as part of the County's Sustainable Tourism Pledge of 2030.





REFUGE NEWS

The refuge is always looking for volunteers to help support their programs and projects. Recently, a future Eagle Scout and his team convened at the refuge over the course of two weekend days, contributing 1000+ hours of exemplary service to the refuge, rehabilitating the Nature Center's enclosure cleaning station. We have endless projects that could use the support of dedicated volunteers!

For more information, please contact us at (772) 546-6141.

AUTHOR READ-ALOUD + book signing
 at the Hobe Sound Nature Center
 Saturday December 9th 10-10:45AM
 all ages welcome suggested ages: 4-8

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for an Author Read Aloud & Book Signing event with Eve from "Living Porpoisefully" - Dec 9, 10 a.m. @ the HSNB

Come support us at a holiday gift-wrapping fundraiser - Dec 21, 3 - 8 p.m. @ Tequesta Brewing Company

"Snappy" Holidays!

SHOPPING AT OUR NEWLY RENOVATED GIFT SHOP IS A GREAT WAY TO SUPPORT US!

Make your holiday gifts even more meaningful when you choose items that reflect the beauty and diversity of nature.... while contributing to a great cause!



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