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March/2008

Dear Debbie,

We had a wonderful time at our Valentines's Earthfest last month. We owe a big thanks to all our sponsors, silent auction donors and our volunteers. I also don't want to forget all the great folks that bought tickets and the silent auction winners. You all made it possible for us! Thank you!

Don't miss our March General Meeting on Monday, March 10th at 7:00 PM.

## General Meeting - Upcoming Speakers

**March 10th - 7:00 PM - Coconut Grove Sailing Club - 2990 South Bayshore Drive**

Our speaker will be Harvey Ruvin - Clerk of the Circuit and County Courts in and for Miami-Dade County, Florida and Chair for Miami-Dade's Climate Change Advisory Task Force. Mr. Ruvin's topic will be "Climate Change". Don't miss this one guys!

## 2008 Sierra Club Picnic

Mark your calendars! The Miami Group's Annual Sierra Club Picnic will be held at A. D. Barnes Park on the afternoon of Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Once again we have reserved Shelter Number 2, the lake view shelter. Although the shelter rental has become more expensive, we are holding the cost of advance sale tickets to \$7 for adults and \$3 for children aged 5 to 14 years. Children under 5 are free. Tickets can be reserved at the March and April General Meetings or by calling Jim Gross at 305-665-2401. Please make a note of the date and reserve your space now.

## Green Awards

### Caught Doing Good for the Environment

It's time once again to recognize students, teachers, schools, clubs, Scouts, and community youth groups that are doing good deeds for the sake of the environment.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Sierra Club Miami Group Green Awards, presented at the April general meeting, recognizes our community's youngest environmentalist and their

adult leaders for promoting and leading environmental education activities.

If you have a nominee that was caught doing good for the environment, please email Maria Papazian at [miami-enviroed@florida.sierraclub.org](mailto:miami-enviroed@florida.sierraclub.org) for an application. The deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## In Case You Missed It

As the minutes ticked away nearing the 8 PM start of the Valentine's Earth Fest Party and Silent Auction fundraiser, our host's house, **Dr. Barry Burak** was all a buzz. A small group of volunteers from the Sierra Club Miami Group and **Dr. Burak's friends** rushed to put together the outside, the silent auction, the food, and the decorations.

In the backyard, huge live orchid plants donated by **Silver Vase** adorned the area; the live band, **Ana Kanpa (Mike Matthews-Guitar and vocals, Robert Barcelo-drums, Piort Ramos-bass, and Valkyrie-vocals)** and **DJ Ralph Duany**, set-up for the entertainment; lighting effects and the PA system were readied **Steve Paulson**. The backyard bar, tended all night by the Miami Group's very own ExCom chair, **Debbie Matthews**, was stocked and readied for the guests. In the front driveway, **George Bailey of Green Affairs** set-up lighted live plants and more volunteers worked to set-up tables to welcome guests as they arrived.

Inside the house, the pool table became the food station, the dining room became the dessert station, the theater room transformed into the silent auction room; and the bar, was stocked with **Ravenswood Wines** and **Rain Vodka**, **Lipton Pure Iced Tea**, and **Premium Coffee** among other beverages.

Finally, as the clock moved closer to 8 PM, guests began to arrive. As they walked in, they were welcomed with the performance of jazz guitarist, **Sandy Poltarack**. Sierra Club member, **Harley Morgan** tended bar in the front of the house.

The entertainment continued as guests moved to the backyard. There was something for everyone's taste. Journalist **Jim DeFede** and Miami Group's Conservation chair, **Mark Oncavage**, addressed the guests. Professional ballroom dancers **Nicki Fraser** and **Dr. Lee Fraum** of **Bijoux Dance Center** performed three dances; belly dancer, **Shayna Rogg**, entertained the crowd with her exotic dances that caught everyone's attention.

**Vicky Laurence**, professional intuitive and tarot card reader, read cards for curious guests. Magician extraordinaire, **Jake Fraum** interacted with guests as he walked around the party.

The food was just as varied as the entertainment. There was vegan appetizer donated by **Harmony Vegetarian Meats** and **Prana Restaurant**. For the main courses, guests had the choice of selections from **The Big Cheese**, **Akashi Japanese Restaurant**, **Thai Sushi & Bistro**, and **Empanadas by Monique**. Desserts were provided by **Fresh Market** and **Affiliated HealthCare, Inc.**, **Dr. Barry Burak**, who sponsored the freshly made to order crepes made by **Amida Frey** and **Ximena Mesa**.

All in all, the party/fundraiser was a great success (for details about the silent

auction read the article *And the Winner Is*). In October 2007, the Executive Committee accepted the gracious offer from Dr. Barry Burak's to host a fundraiser at his house. With a small group of dedicated Sierrans, Dr. Burrak and Jim Vourakis as the planning committee, the preparations proceeded. Jimmy Vourakis and Lee Fraum did a tremendous job in getting all volunteers outside of the Sierra Club, and our entertainment all lined up. November, December, January, February, month after month, meeting after meeting, as the group brainstormed ideas developed. The success of the Valentine's Earth Fest Party and Silent Auction fundraiser could not have been achieved without the support of generous sponsors and volunteers. **Affiliated HealthCare** staff, **Raul Gramatges** of **Graphink Printing & Promotions, Inc.** who generously donated the printing of the invitations, **Desimone Consulting Engineers**, who sponsored the printing of the acknowledgement posters and **Miami River Inn**, who processed all credit card payments came through for the Sierra Club; as did the numerous volunteers, both members and non-members of the Sierra Club.

On the evening of February 16<sup>th</sup>, a total of approximately 200 joined a fundraising party to help raise funds for the Sierra Club Miami Group. Earth Fest Party & Silent Auction raised \$5,000 for the Sierra Club Miami Group and raised awareness for many members of the community who were not familiar with the vital work the Sierra Club Miami Group does to protect South Florida.

Thank You to all our Sponsors

This list below is all our wonderful sponsors that made our Valentine's Earth Fest a success. Without you guys, we would not have been able to do this. From the scrumptious food, to the decorations to the supplies and the fabulous entertainment, thank you from the bottom of our green hearts. It is great to know that we can count on our community to support the efforts of the Sierra Club Miami Group.

**Host:**

Dr. Barry Burak, Affiliated HealthCare, Inc.

**Printed Materials:**

Mr. Raul Gramatges, Graphink Printing

**Decor:**

Mr. George Bailey, Green Affairs



Silver Vase



**Credit Cards:**

Miami River Inn, Dr. & Mrs. James Jude & Ms. Jane Caporelli

**Entertainment:**

Mr. Jim DeFede

Ms. Vicky Laurence, Tarot Card Reader

Ms. Nicki Fraser , Bijoux Dance Center

Dr. Lee Fraum Bijoux Dance Center

Mr. Ralph Duany, DJ

Ana Kanpa, Live Music

Steve Paulson -PA System and Lights

Mr. Jake Fraum Magician

Ms. Shayna Rogg , Belly Dancer

Mr. Sandy Poltarack, Jazz Guitarist

Ms. Klein, Blackjack Dealer

**Beverages:**

**Ravenswood Wines**

**RAVENS**



**WOOD**

**Rain Vodka, Courtesy of AMC Liaisons**



**Lipton Pure Iced Tea**

**Premium Coffee. Cheryl Kristal**

**Food:**  
**The Big Cheese**  
**Akashi Japanese Restaurant**  
**Harmony Vegetarian Meats**  
**Prana**  
**Walls Ice Cream**  
**Fresh Market**  
**Thai & Sushi Bistro**  
**Empanadas by Monique**  
**Affiliated HealthCare, Inc., Dr. Barry Burak**

**Party Supplies:**

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**And the Winner Is**

by Maria Papazian - Education Chair and Co-chair of the Silent Auction.

The Sierra Club Miami Group *was* the winner in the Valentine's Earth Fest Party & Silent Auction fundraiser hosted by Dr. Barry Burak, Executive Committee member and owner of Affiliated HealthCare Centers, Inc. located in South Miami.

The transformation of the theater room to the silent auction room was orchestrated by Georgia Guerra, silent auction co-chair, Margarita Borda, Miami Group treasurer, Sierra Club members - Pat Hudson, Valerie Robbin, and many, many non-Sierrans who are Dr. Burak's friends.

For weeks, volunteers had been requesting donations for the silent auction, sometimes in person and others by mail. Over 75 items and certificates were collected and displayed. The space was tight, but the team managed.

The Miami Group earned a total of \$4500 on the sale of silent auction items alone through the generous contributions of business throughout the community. Please read through the list below and next time you need a service, please consider going to one of these businesses. Be sure to thank them for supporting the Sierra Club Miami Group.

As the evening came to a close, guests at the Earth Fest party continued to shop; in fact, several announcements were made throughout the evening about the closing of the silent auction, and guests were so involved in the events and entertainment of the party that some didn't have time to make it into the silent auction room. Nonetheless, all guests who wanted to shop were able to do so.

If you missed the opportunity to shop the silent auction, it's not too late. If you would like to purchase any of the following, please contact Maria Papazian at [Miami-enviroed@florida.sierraclub.org](mailto:Miami-enviroed@florida.sierraclub.org) :

1. Two tickets for Footloose at Actor's Playhouse valued at \$83 (Wed./Thurs. performance only - expire date: April 6) - minimum offer: \$30
2. Complimentary admission to the Deering Estate for a Family of four valued at \$28 (Excludes special events - expire date: February 2009) - minimum offer: \$15
3. Complimentary admission to the Deering Estate for a Family of four valued at \$28 (Excludes special events - expire date: February 2009) - minimum offer: \$15
4. Gift certificate for Cavanaugh's Men's Shoe Fitters valued at \$100 (expire date: February 2010) - minimum offer: \$50
5. Gift certificate for services from Coral Gables Acupuncture valued at up to \$250 (may be applied to consultation, examination, diagnosis, and all necessary testing - expire date: March 16, 2008) - minimum offer: \$75
6. Gift certificate for The Dog Bar valued at \$100 (1684 Jefferson Ave., Miami Beach or 259 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables - expire date: none) - minimum offer: \$30
7. Gift certificate for Snakes at South Dixie valued at \$50 (expire date: none) - minimum offer: \$20
8. Gift certificate for services from Dr. Robert Faine, D.D.S. at Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc. valued at \$175 (dental cleaning - expire date: none) - minimum offer: \$75
9. Gift certificate for services from Dr. Barry Burak, F.A.C.C. at Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc. valued at \$500 (initial visit & 2 follow-up visits - expire date: none) - minimum offer: \$175
10. Gift certificate for one week stay at 3/3 furnished town house in Monticello, NY valued at \$1000 (restrictions- availability - expire date: none) - minimum offer \$400
11. Gift certificate for services from Dr. Elton Rosenblatt, D.D.S. at Affiliated Healthcare Centers, Inc. valued at \$250 (TMJ consultation - expire date: none) - minimum offer: \$100

#### Valentine's Earth Fest Silent Auction Donors

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KEN SMITH  
ALBERTO RAVELO

## Local Festivals Celebrate Our Unique Environment

by Maria Papazian - Education Chair

You can be a part of the celebration. Contact Maria Papazian ([miami-enviroed@florida.sierraclub.org](mailto:miami-enviroed@florida.sierraclub.org)) or Ken Smith ([kpsmith@gate.net](mailto:kpsmith@gate.net)) to volunteer to represent the Miami Group. All that is required is your willingness to share with others: why you joined the Sierra Club; what you like about the Sierra Club; any outings you have joined; and general information about the Miami Group. Basically, you will be an ambassador for the Miami Group and put a friendly face to the Group. There is plenty of opportunities right in your neighborhood, so step up and volunteer today to spend three to four hours or the whole day. Volunteering will leave you with a feeling of well-being that is priceless!

### **Thursday March 13 - 11:30-2:30 (lunch included)**

*The Middle School Research Poster judging*

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - 10901 Old Cutler Rd.

### **Saturday, March 15 - 9 AM to 4 PM**

*Native Plant Day at Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park (Arch Creek Park) - 1855 NE 135th St, North Miami*

### **Saturday, March 22 - 4 PM to 12 Midnight**

*Everglades Awareness Concert*

Tobacco Road - 626 S Miami Ave, Miami

### **Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 4 pm (lunch included)**

*UM Earth Alert - "The Green Life"*

UC Patio - Coral Gables Campus

### **Saturday, April 12 - 12 Noon - 5 PM**

*Miami River Day*

Jose Marti Park - 351 SW 4th St, Miami

### **Saturday, April 12 - 11:30-2:30 (lunch included)**

*The Sr. High Research Project judging*

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden - 10901 Old Cutler Rd.

### **Saturday, April 19 - 9 AM -12 noon clean-up, 12 noon -2 PM the Celebration**

*Baynanza Clean-up*

Morningside Park - 750 NE 55 Terr.

### **Sunday, April 20 - 10 AM to 8 PM**

*Earth Fest*

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center - 6767 Crandon Blvd. Key Biscayne

### **EARTH DAY! Tuesday, April 22 - 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM**

*Killian High Earth Day Celebration - 10655 SW 97<sup>th</sup> Ave.*

"Local Action makes Global Impact" -Speaker to be address 100 members of the student body and faculty members in our Media Center

### **Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

*The 4th annual NBC6/Telemundo 51 Health & Fitness Expo - "Going Green" Pavilion*

Miami Beach convention center - 1901 Convention Center Dr, Miami Beach

**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

*The 4th annual NBC6/Telemundo 51 Health & Fitness Expo - "Going Green" Pavilion*

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## Urban Development Boundary

# Tell your County Commissioner to Stop Development in Florida's Everglades

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Miami-Dade County Commissioners will make a final decision on April 24, 2008 whether to approve three applications which seek to move the County's Urban Development Boundary (UDB) or whether to deny them to protect the public interest.

Please contact your County Commissioners and tell them to deny all applications in order to protect our economy, our water supply and our quality of life.

The HTL campaign was gratified that the state of Florida recently objected to the County Commission's preliminary approval of these applications citing insufficient water supply, increased traffic congestion and school overcrowding that would damage quality of life for South Floridians.

We need your help today to stop this development in Florida's Everglades! Please personalize our sample letter to let your Commissioner know why preventing sprawl in Miami-Dade County is important to you.

**Take Action: Personalize a letter for hand delivery by Clean Water Action to your County Commissioner.**

[http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2155/t/203/campaign.jsp?campaign\\_KEY=23518](http://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/2155/t/203/campaign.jsp?campaign_KEY=23518)

## MIAMI GROUP 2008 OUTINGS SCHEDULE/OTHER GROUP OUTINGS

### Miami Group Outings Information

Our outings are listed as Leisure, Moderate, or Strenuous. Be realistic about your physical condition and the degree of challenge you enjoy. Come ready to paddle, bicycle or hike and share the work. There are no passengers on our outings, only participants. Family trips are open to everyone. Once you have made a reservation, we ask that you make a serious commitment to attend the trip. Cancellations are detrimental to our program. **Our outings leaders are unpaid trained volunteers.**

Camping trip fees typically include food, transportation, canoes and campground fees. Trip participants need to furnish their own tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, and personal gear. Because of changing costs, outing fees listed may be changed at the opening of the trip.

If you are interested in a trip, call or e-mail the trip leader and ask for details or come to the

signup table at the general meetings. Reservations open at the general meeting three months in advance of the trip. At the leader's discretion, reservations close one week before the date of the trip. Please sign up early for planning purposes. **All reservations must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit.** Make all checks payable to Sierra Club Outings. Please write the name and date of your trip on your check and include your phone number. Deposits are \$10 on trip fees of up to \$100 and \$20 on trips over \$100. Fees on trips of \$15 or less are to be paid in full with your reservation. **Full payment is due 30 days in advance of the trip.** Please send all payments to the trip leader.

**If you must cancel, call the leader or assistant leader as early as possible.** If you cancel 30 days or more in advance, your deposit will be refunded. **If you cancel less than 30 days in advance, you lose your deposit. If you cancel 7 days or less in advance, you will forfeit all fees at the discretion of the leader.**

### Miami Group Outings

#### March 2008

**March 9 - Lignum Vitae Key Canoe.** Canoe to Lignum Vitae State Park to view one of the last tropical hardwood forest that used to cover the entire Florida Keys. Moderate. Limit 16. cost: \$35 members, \$40 non-members. Leader: Jim Gross, 305-665-2401, e-mail: [JMGross3013@aol.com](mailto:JMGross3013@aol.com). (C)

**March 23-24 - Prairie Lakes Backpacking.** Overnight trip to Prairie Lakes for backpacking. Easy fun trip for all. Leisure. Limit 8. Cost: \$25 members, \$30 non-members. Leader: Dan Cruse, 305-661-2975, 6580 Santana St. #27, Coral Gables, 33146. Asst: TBA.

#### April 2008

**April 27 - Annual Sierra Club Picnic.** Join your friends for a fun day at the Miami Group's annual picnic. Details: TBA. Leader: Jim Gross.

### Other Chapter Outings

**March 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> - Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park Overnight backpack trip.** Easy backpack trip for beginners. Primitive camping. Learn about this part of old Florida. Limit 8 participants. Overnight back country camping fee is \$4 per person. Leader: Rudy Scheffer, 727.726.8375, [rudya@adventuresworldwide.com](mailto:rudya@adventuresworldwide.com) (Suncoast)

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - 10-Mile Linear Parkway in South Ft. Myers- Monthly hike.** Leisurely walkers will hike Phase 1 (~2.25 miles), while brisk hikers will do both Phase 1 and 2 (~4.5 miles) along this new trail that follows a canal whose purpose is to filter water naturally. We have several outing leaders participating on these walks. Both groups will finish hiking about the same time, and can join us for brunch afterwards at a local restaurant, if they like. Register with Brigita at [bbgahr@embarqmail.com](mailto:bbgahr@embarqmail.com) or call 239-337-1857 (evening/weekend). (Calusa)

**March 15<sup>th</sup> - Collier-Seminole State Park (Near to it).** Moderate 6.5 mile hike through Everglades cypress habitat. Limited to 15 participants. Sign up with Brigita at [bbgahr@embarqmail.com](mailto:bbgahr@embarqmail.com) or call 239-337-1857 (evening/weekend). (Calusa)

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ocean to Lake Trail Day Hike.** We'll hike from Riverbend Park west of Jupiter to the Jonathan Dickinson State Park Marchina. The total distance is 11 miles. More details are available at [http://lox.floridatrail.org/html/ocean\\_to\\_lake.html](http://lox.floridatrail.org/html/ocean_to_lake.html). Moderate to Strenuous. Limit 20. FREE. Donna Brown, 561-317-8288, [cips07@comcast.net](mailto:cips07@comcast.net). (Loxahatchee)

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Collier-Seminole State Park Car Camping and Big Cypress Swamp Walk Corkscrew Swamp Ecowalk**  
. Details to follow. Sabrina Carle, 561-732-4486, [Carles@bellsouth.net](mailto:Carles@bellsouth.net). Charles Hunt, 561-967-4770, [sierra@smarchtsolutions.com](mailto:sierra@smarchtsolutions.com) (Loxahatchee)

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - Shell Creek in Punta Gorda - Kayak Guided Tour.** Waiver Required. Reserve: [941-460-8814](tel:941-460-8814) (Greater Charlotte Harbor)

**Apr 19-20th - Myakka River State Park - Mossy Island Campsite** - Overnight backpack trip. We will explore this beautiful park and learn a little about what Florida's prairie was like. An easy backpack of only about 5 miles total. Limit 6. Leader Mike Pici, 727-798-9227 or [revmp777@earthlink.net](mailto:revmp777@earthlink.net) (Suncoast)

**Apr 26th - Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park - Moonlight Hike and Owl Prowl.** Join us for a unique night hike under an almost full moon. Learn about night vision and experience the nocturnal wildlife. We'll look for owls, listen to various owl calls, and enjoy other learning activities led by the Park Naturalist. The total hike is about one mile and will last about 1 ½ hours. We need a minimum of 15 participants; children old enough to be comfortable in the dark woods are welcome. Bring water, bug spray, closed-toed shoes, and clothing appropriate for the weather. PLEASE DO NOT BRING A FLASHLIGHT.! (Leaders will have light in case of emergency.) Tillie K. Fowler Regional Park (formerly Westside Regional Park) is located at 7000 Roosevelt Blvd (west side) directly across from the Jacksonville Naval Air Station's Yorktown Gate. Reservations required. RSVP by April 13 to Outing Leader Bill Armstrong [armsfam@yahoo.com](mailto:armsfam@yahoo.com); 904-880-7702 (Northeast).

**May 2nd-4th - Cayo Costa State Park** - Weekend Kayak and Camping. Come join us for a great weekend at one of the state's premier island state parks, Cayo Costa State Park, truly a Gulf Coast paradise located on Lacosta Island west of Fort Myers, has one of the top rated beaches in the nation. We'll paddle out on Fri. morning with a stop at legendary Cabbage Key restaurant for lunch and paddle back on Sun. We've rented 3 primitive cabins and 3 camp sites for the trip. The cabins can accommodate 2-3 people comfortably and the campsites can hold 2 tents each. The cabins are \$62 for the weekend and each campsite is \$37. We'll divide this up appropriately along with a \$5 charge per vehicle for parking so the Club can be reimbursed. This trip is rated Moderate to Strenuous because of open water and possible wind conditions. Be sure to reserve early. Contact Don Kirkley [941 493 3085](tel:9414933085) (Manatee/Sarasota)

**May 10th-11th - Withlacoochee River Overnight canoe trip.** Easy 16 miles of paddling, primitive camping. Learn about local birds and river issues. Limited to 8 participants. Rental canoes are available for \$70, and a shuttle of a personal canoe is \$20. Leader: Rudy Scheffer, [rudy@adventuresworldwide.com](mailto:rudy@adventuresworldwide.com) , [727-726-8375](tel:7277268375) (Suncoast)

Environmental Meetings and Happenings Around Town

## **Vegan\* Potluck Dinner** **Sat, March 29, 6:30 PM**

*(Dr. Sabatino is rescheduled to May 31 Potluck)*

**Video: A Sacred Duty**

### **Applying Jewish Values to Heal The World**

Theodore Bikel reads biblical passages in this ground-breaking documentary on environmental threats to the United States, Israel and the Planet. Our planet is imperiled as perhaps never before by global warming and environmental degradation. To avoid catastrophic consequences we can turn to Judaism for wisdom and guidance. Producer Lionel Friedberg uses magnificent photography and a keen understanding of the medium to reveal a wide range of evidence and answers. Its universal message is suitable for any religious or secular venue. It speaks about ethics inherent in our relationship to the natural world and suggests how we can help effect the shift to a greener, sustainable worldwide economy. <http://jewishveg.com/asacredduty/>

**Where: Riviera Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (NE corner of building)**  
**5275 Sunset Drive (take SW 72 St. South Miami)**  
**½ mile east of US 1, on left)**

Free to EarthSave members and first-timers - \$5 for non-members  
**Bring a vegan\* dish that serves 6-8 and your own plate & utensils**

(\$1 eco-fee for not bringing your own place setting)

**We welcome everyone no matter what your dietary preference.**

**\*Vegan means free of all animal products: no meat, fish, eggs, dairy, honey, hydrogenated oils or chemical additives.**

Not sure what to bring? We suggest organic green salad or fresh fruits.

## GLEE announces third annual green Expo

Green Living & Energy Education (GLEE) will host its third Florida Keys Green Living & Energy Education Expo on May 9-11 at Marathon High School, 350 Sombrero Beach Road, Marathon, FL.

The three-day event is dedicated to demonstrating sustainable living through ideas and technologies that promote renewable energy and promote energy conservation in the Florida Keys.

Friday, May 9 will be dedicated to continuing education classes for the trades. The classes will award CEU credits. The group also plans a business reception and award ceremonies for green businesses on Friday evening.

On Saturday, the Expo will stage 28 workshops with local and national speakers on a wide range of green topics. In addition sixty exhibitors with green goods and products will display their wares. The Expo also features an outdoor display of hybrid and electric cars as well as recycling and bio-diesel workshops. Vendors will sell healthy organic food and a farmer's market will provide visitors with the opportunity to buy fresh organic fruits and vegetables.

The Expo concludes on Sunday with a brunch, eco activities, and green home tours throughout the islands.

For more information about sponsoring this exciting event or purchasing a booth, log on to [www.keysGLEE.com](http://www.keysGLEE.com), or email [info@keysoglee.com](mailto:info@keysoglee.com). People can also call (305) 293-7658.

### Meeting Sponsor



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outdoor Jacuzzi; quiet neighborhood; 1952 open ceiling charm  
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Debbie Matthews

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## Photographs



Jim Defede speaks to the crowd, Blanca Mesa, Jonathan Ullman and Mark Oncavage enjoy the party



Maria Papazian, Debbie and Mike Matthews, David and Mary Rudish. The fabulous crepes made by Amida Frey and Ximena Mesa.



Shayna Rogg mesmerizes the crowd with her belly dancing.

The following photos were taken by Sergio Fagundo on a recent Everglades outing on March 1, 2008 led by Kaatje Bernabei.



More photographs to come!

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