

Marshall Matters

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Photo by Kay Larche

11th Annual Cypress Harvest provides a wholesome outdoor activity for families

Dozens of volunteers ignored the weather reports and joined us at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge for the Marshall Foundation's 11th annual Cypress Seed Harvest. This family-friendly event gives people the chance to explore the Everglades while assisting in our native tree-planting program by gathering seeds from the cypress trees found at the Refuge. Those seeds are then germinated for use in our Everglades restoration program.

Fortunately, it stopped raining just as the group gathered with buckets and ladders (and shoulders!) to reach the seeds. The event culminated with the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary's release of a rehabilitated great horned owl back into the Everglades.



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River of Grass Gala

"Let the Dance Begin!"

Saturday, December 10
6:30 pm
Kravis Center for the Performing Arts
701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach

Join us for a great evening of fun, food, entertainment, plus presentation of the "Champions of the Everglades" awards!

\$250 per person

Visit www.artmarshall.org for more info and to purchase tickets securely online.

Rain doesn't dampen spirits at pre-Gala party

Despite a few showers, the friends of the Marshall Foundation who gathered in the beautiful tropical garden at Paul Suschak and Jimmy Cates' home on October 29 barely noticed the rain as they enjoyed delicious food and refreshing beverages, while swaying to live steel drums music. The pre-event gift gathering party was held in support of the River of Grass Gala.

Watch this space...

...for a major announcement in an upcoming issue of Marshall Matters!



Meet Gala Co-Chairs Bob and Michelle Diffenderfer

Longtime Marshall Foundation supporters, 2011 River of Grass Gala co-chairs Bob and Michelle Diffenderfer's interest in the environment is predominant in both their personal and professional lives. As shareholders at Lewis, Longman & Walker, PA, their practice includes environmental law.

A sampling of Bob's activities includes serving as immediate past chair of the Pine Jog Environmental Education Center and as a member of the American Bar Association's Environment, Energy and Resources section.

Michelle, a 2008 Athena[®] Award winner, is Chair-Elect (2010-11) of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and past chair of the Florida Bar Environmental and Land Use section. She was named Florida Super Lawyer in Environmental Law (2010-2011) and to the International Who's Who of Environmental Lawyers (2009-2011).