

FRIENDS OF GUMBO LIMBO

A 501c3 Organization

2014 Annual Report

Mission Statement

To support coastal and marine education, conservation and research endeavors of the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center



Message from our President

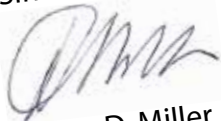
2104 was a record year for attendance, gift store revenue and donations – all in support of Gumbo Limbo. Over 170,000 visitors learned about the marine and coastal environment that is so special to us.

In 2014, Friends of Gumbo Limbo used funds to offset certain operational expenses including supplies and veterinarian services for the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility. We successfully launched the turtle tracking program. Use of special monitoring devices and satellite/GPS technology on rehabilitated turtles will further understanding of migration and help in conservation efforts. Once again, the Gumbo Limbo Green Turtle Gallop generated a sizeable donation to the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility.

To further our commitment to education, our scholarship program in 2014 expanded to six awards. We continued on-going support of exhibits and education programs at the Center. Friends is assisting in the development of a new master site plan being developed by the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Park District that will be completed in 2015.

I would like to thank all of our members and supporters for their continuing contributions. Your donations, combined with the support from foundations and corporations such as those in the annual donors list are a key factor in making Gumbo Limbo a premiere coastal and environmental experience. That support will enable Gumbo Limbo to meet our growth opportunities.

Sincerely,



James D. Miller
President

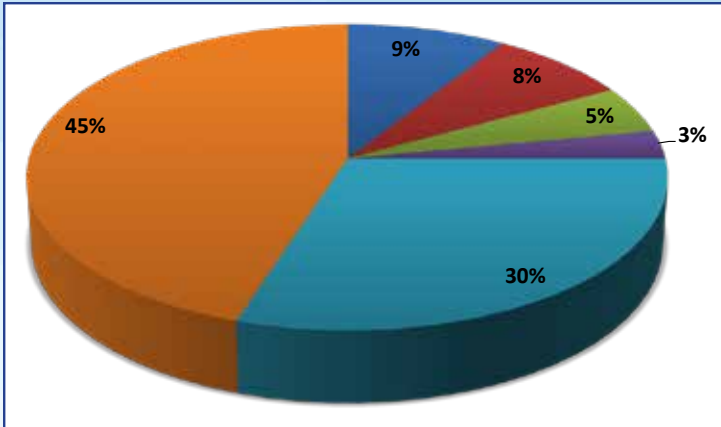
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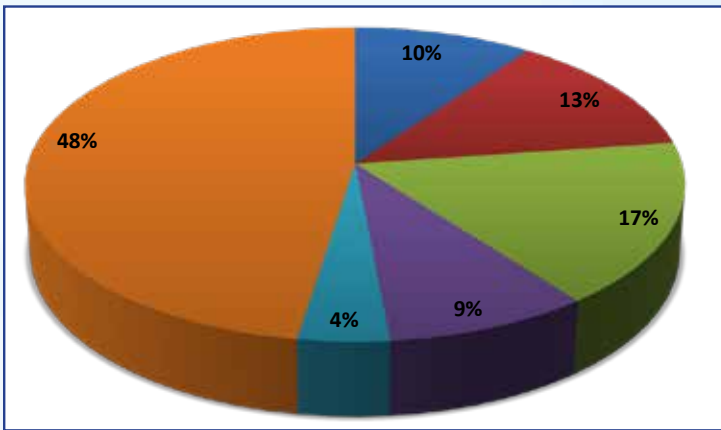
(L-R) Nancy Leeds, Steve Alley, Susan Walker, Larry Weissman, Ross Appel, Judy Gire, Ken Imhoff, Karin Marques, Bronwen de Villiers, Michele Peel, Robyn Morigerato, Jim Miller. *Not in picture:* Carol Borrow, Connie Thoms-Mazur, Laura McCurdy, Gordon Gilbert.

Friends Financial Report



REVENUES

	Revenue	% of Total
Grants	83,710	9%
Fundraising/Membership	77,766	8%
Programs	49,466	5%
Sea Turtle Conservation	26,404	3%
Donations	284,755	30%
Gift Store	426,962	45%
Total	949,063	



EXPENSES

	Expenses	% of Total
Administration	64,933	10%
Fundraising/Membership	83,279	13%
Programs	105,767	17%
Sea Turtle Conservation	55,054	9%
Exhibits	22,364	4%
Gift Store	306,421	48%
Total	637,818	

2014 was another great year for Friends of Gumbo Limbo. Once again, Friends set new records in membership fees and gift store while the Center set attendance records. During 2014, via funding from Friends, satellite tracking of the rehabilitated sea turtles was introduced to increase public awareness of the threats to marine turtles by studying behavior and movement patterns after release. Friends also underwrote a security surveillance system to secure the pavilions and rehab facility.

Friends continued its support of the annual Sea Turtle Day, the EcoWatch lecture series and the Center's volunteer award luncheon. Friends also funded a total of \$12,000 in scholarships to graduating high school and college graduate students pursuing degrees in scientific fields.

Friends has no debt and maintains \$200,000 in a reserve account for emergencies.



Exhibit Funding

In 2014, Friends of Gumbo Limbo either funded or donated multiple exhibits. These include:

Exhibits FUNDED by Friends:

- Solar Energy Interactive Kiosk – *installed May 2014*
- Dry erase Patient Board in rehab – *installed November 2014*
- Seagrass Sign at Chiki Hut – *installed December 2014*
- Aquarium Fish ID Guide – *finalized & printed 2014*
- Revolving Exhibit Room changed from Beautiful Butterflies to Terrific Teeth from Under the Sea in June 2014
- FAU Gallery aquarium tanks renovated January/February 2014

Exhibits DONATED through Friends:

- Lionfish tank – *June 2014*



Rehab Success



In early 2014, the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility (STRF) admitted one of its most severely injured turtles since opening in 2010. "Phoenix", a subadult Loggerhead, came to the facility with a severe boat strike to the posterior end of the carapace (shell) and a 4" fishing hook lodged in his esophagus. Additionally, the turtle was severely malnourished as it had not been eating for several months. Phoenix was in critical condition upon admittance but immediately showed resilience and the will to live. Once the turtle was stabilized, a surgery was performed by veterinarian Maria Chadam to remove the hook. With amazing precision Dr. Chadam was able to make a small incision in the esophagus and the hook was removed. STRF staff erupted in cheer as the potentially deadly hook was pulled from the turtle's throat.



Although the hook was removed successfully, Phoenix was not out of the woods. His boat strike injury was severely infected which would have ultimately led to the turtle's death. There was a period where STRF staff did not think that Phoenix would pull through, but each day Phoenix improved in health and increased in appetite. After several months of wound care and antibiotics, Phoenix made a full recovery and was ready for release. Over 1000 people turned out to wish Phoenix farewell on his journey back to the ocean. A satellite transmitter was attached to his shell and for over six months Phoenix's journey to feeding grounds in North Carolina was followed by thousands of people through the Gumbo Limbo website.



Scholarships

Friends has established three high school senior scholarships named to honor Gordon Gilbert.

The Gordon J. Gilbert merit-based scholarship awards two \$2,500 scholarships to high school seniors who plan to continue their education in a marine-related major that ties into our mission. In addition, a third \$2,500 scholarship is awarded to previous or current Gumbo Limbo volunteers. That scholarship is eligible to be awarded to one high school senior who has volunteered at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center AND who plans to continue his/her education in a major related to our mission.

Selection of recipients is made by our Scholarship Committee.

The winners of the Year 2014 are Cassie Nicholas and Karyn Saunders of Boca Raton High School and Raymond Truong of Atlantic Community High School.

Graduate awards were given to Karen Pankaew (FAU), Courtney Cocilova (FAU), and Boris Tezak (FAU).



Scholarship Winners

(L-R) Gordon Gilbert, Patrick Shea, Karen Pankaew (Grad), Courtney Cocilova (Grad), Boris Tezak (Grad), Cassie Nicholas, Karyn Saunders, Raymond Truong all HS Carol Borrow and Karin Marques.

Strategic Plan Update

In 2011, Dr. Dennis Frisch of the Greater Boca Raton Beach and Parks District, commented publically that he would really like to see a plan for Gumbo Limbo, instead of requests coming before the District piecemeal. As a result of that comment, leaders from the City and Friends came together and devised a process to create a Strategic Plan for Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. Eighteen months and numerous surveys, interviews, meetings and workshops later, the Plan was unveiled and warmly embraced by the City, District, and Friends.

With six areas of focus, the Plan has become a guidepost for decisionmaking in all aspects of the Center's operation. It establishes goals, without dictating how to achieve them, which allows continued creativity. In 2014 we made progress towards opening the grounds from dawn to dusk, successfully piloted an afternoon summer camp session which will allow the Center to increase camp attendance, implemented a revolving exhibit plan for space in the Main Building, established free daily programs, increased treatment capacity of the Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Facility, shepherded the interim update to the saltwater life support system, and created visitor user guides to the Butterfly Garden and Aquariums among other things.

As of the end of 2014, the District has embarked upon an update to the Red Reef Master Plan, which will include recommendations and plans for Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. With the Master Plan underway and Strategic Plan in place, we envision moving towards increasing collaboration on how to achieve the shared vision for the future of Gumbo Limbo with our partners at the City and District.

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