



LOVE THE EVERGLADES MOVEMENT

~ A Full Spectrum Movement ~

Newsletter 2015-01

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WELCOME MESSAGE

SALUTATIONS from **Love The Everglades Movement's** **Coordination Circle!**

Welcome to the 1st edition of our Newsletter. We'll be sending these out on a regular basis – as news and other goodies come through.

As a “**Full Spectrum Movement**,” we're using all the tools available to achieve our goals – including the arts, traditional organizing methods, direct actions, scientific research, spiritual techniques, and much more.

Let us know about anything awesome that's going on out there in the world.

Make this a dialogue. Our website and blog are very popular – so if you have something to say, send it over and we'll publish it. We want to foster discussion. We also welcome your contribution to these newsletters.

Help us to connect with other communities and organizations. **Invite us. Refer us.** Relay our messages through your networks.

We started doing our work during the Winter Solstice of 2012. Since then, we've been involved in VIP Everglades Excursions, Art Exhibitions, an eclectic Summer Symposium, Film projects, interviews for TV, Print, Radio in both English and Spanish.

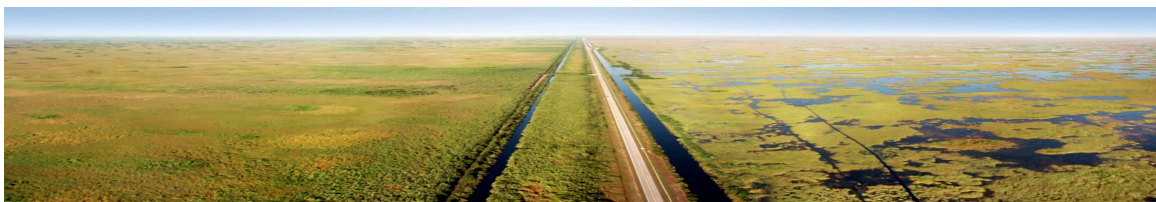
Yet, as wide and varied as our work is, we want to stay focused on the essential sanctity of the water.

Join us as we continue to give the water the respect it deserves.

Water is Sacred & Water Unites Us.

Nuff Respect!

Jean Sarmiento, Houston R. Cypress, Geovanny Perez, Frank Allegro, Robin Haines Merrill, Martin Siskind, Jared Jacobs, Lloyd Goradesky, Flash, Dennika Mays





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Weds., Feb. 4, 2015 – 7:00pm – Free Lecture at the University of Miami, Cox Science Center, Room 166, Coral Gables, FL**
 - Everglades Tree Islands: Kinds, Origins, Ecology, and Problems; by Thomas E. Lodge, Ph.D.
 - Dr. Lodge will explain how Everglades tree islands are formed and how they evolve, with special emphasis on how nutrient imbalances can cause their demise.
 - For directions please visit:
<http://www.bio.miami.edu/arboretum/directions.html>

Friends of the Gifford Arboretum February Meeting

"Everglades Tree Islands: Kinds, Origins, Ecology, and Problems"

By Thomas E. Lodge, Ph.D.





**Wednesday, February 4th, 2015 at 7:00 PM
in Cox Science Center, Room 166 at UM**

An Everglades ecologist and environmental consultant, Dr. Lodge is author of *The Everglades Handbook: Understanding the Ecosystem*, now in its third edition. Dr. Lodge will explain how Everglades tree islands are formed and how they evolve, with special emphasis on how nutrient imbalances can cause their demise.

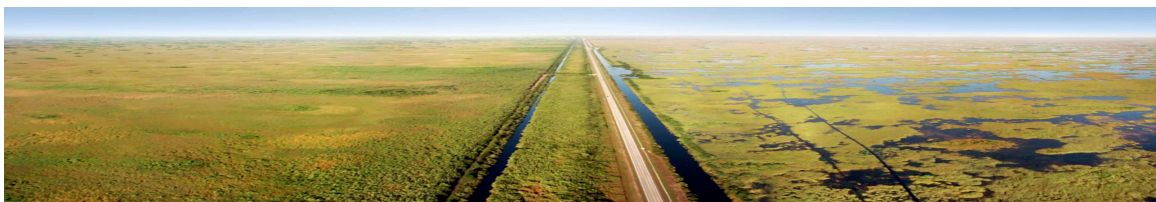
Don't miss these upcoming events!
February 18 – Music in the Arboretum, 6-7pm, performers t.b.a.
March 4 – Monthly meeting: Dr. Floria Moria-Kempler Uy will present "Symbiotic Relations Between Insects and Plants, and How to Attract Beneficial Insects to Your Garden," at 7pm in Cox Sciences Rm 166

**Free and open to the public! For directions please visit:
<http://www.bio.miami.edu/arboretum/directions/html>**

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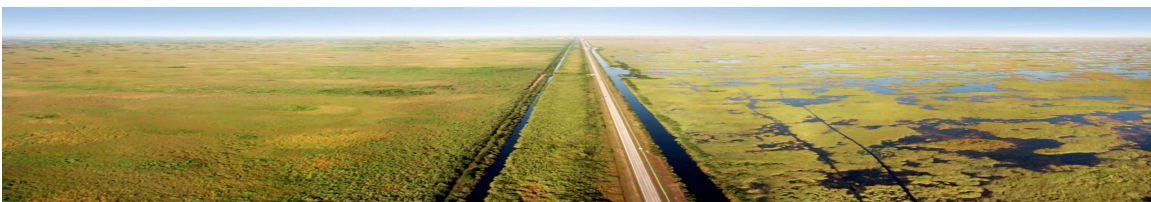
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- **Sat., Feb. 7, 2015 – 11:00am to 3:00pm – Monthly Everglades Cleanup #3**
 - For more info, contact Chris Thomas at: gatorboys3322@gmail.com
 - Description: Chris says, “We pretty much clean up one area and then drive to the next. Depending on the temperature, dress accordingly, most likely shorts & t-shirt. We supply food (hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks), drinks, garbage bags and anything else we may need.”
 - Directions: “At the West Palm Beach / Broward County line. North of 595 on US 27, there's a cell tower right at the entrance and a sign that says: Holey Land Wildlife Management Area. It's on the left, west of US 27. When you enter just take the levee, follow it down. You will see our trucks. Ample parking.”
 - Facebook Event Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1400478296917764/?ref=70>
- **Weds., Feb. 18, 2015 – 11:30am to 1:30pm – Rally on the steps of the Old Capitol, 400 S. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL 32399**
 - Floridians Clean Water Declaration and Amendment 1 Rally
 - Description: On February 18, Floridians' Clean Water Declaration and Amendment 1 activists will join forces for a "*Floridians for Clean Water & Amendment 1 Rally*" on the front steps of the historic Old Capitol in Tallahassee. After the rally, they'll spread out over the Capitol for the unique opportunity to take our water stories directly to decision makers! **The Sierra Club, St. Johns Riverkeeper, and Florida's Water & Land Legacy are providing bus service to the rally!** You can catch a bus for a day-long round trip excursion from these 10 cities: Ft. Myers, Bradenton, St. Pete, Tampa, Gainesville, Orlando, Ocala, Port St. Lucie, Melbourne and Jacksonville. **Act now, buses will fill up fast!** All buses will arrive in Tallahassee at 11 a.m. Buses will depart Tallahassee between 3:30 and 5 p.m. (check your route for exact departure time).
 - To sign-up for the bus ride up to Tallahassee (\$40), please contact: <http://yes1fl.org/2015rallytix> and for more info: Cris Costello at cris.costello@sierraclub.org
 - Facebook Event Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/353538181484717/>





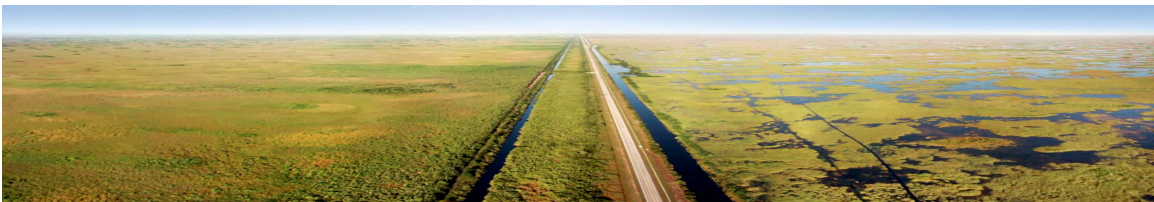
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- **Sat., Mar. 28, 2015 – Multiple Days – Walk for Mother Earth**
 - A protest march in opposition to the River Of Grass Greenway.
 - Description: Walk in opposition to the proposed construction of the River of Grass Greenway (ROGG Bike Path). To educate the public about the significant destruction to the land, water, animals, plant life, indigenous burial grounds, battle grounds, and rights that will occur if this path is allowed to be built. Check-in March 28th, and walk begins March 29th. **Walk will start in Naples, FL, and culminate in West Miami, FL.** Mother Earth needs our help!
 - To participate, provide support, or for more info, please contact Shannon Larson at: AncientTrees@hotmail.com
 - Facebook Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/659009204209947/>





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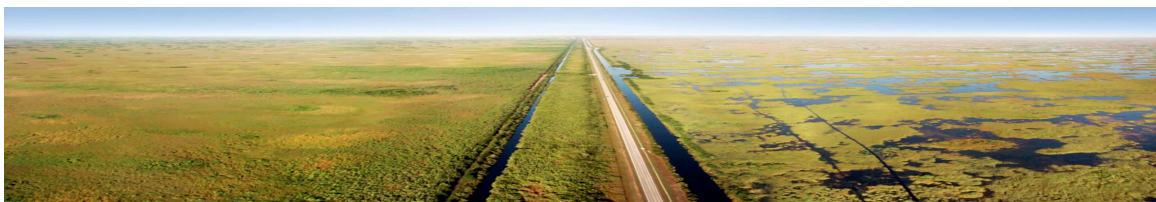
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FUNDRAISER

We are selling photo prints of the following images. 5 options to choose from. Each print is priced at \$111 (includes shipping). E-mail us to place your order:

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PRAYER CONSIDERATIONS

Please consider incorporating the following intentions in your spiritual practices and prayers:

- Compassion flourishing in the hearts and minds of the decision-makers and stakeholders involved in Everglades Restoration;
- For public policy to protect our resources throughout the state, and that proper laws are enacted and enforced to conserve and revive our waterways;
- The purity of the water as it flows from the Kissimmee River Valley into Lake Okeechobee and through the River of Grass out to Florida Bay and beyond;
- Growth of the community concerned with Everglades matters – because the Everglades matters;
- Integrity and vitality of the Circle of Life.

In Spirit, we encourage you to pray for the Everglades as a regular practice.

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Hashtags: #WaterIsSacred
#ILoveTheEverglades
#SaveTheEverglades
#WeDontReallyOwnThisLand

