



Lagoon House Brown Bag

For Immediate Release:

Brown Bag Lunch presentations are fun, informative, and free! Presentations target the layman, and covered topics include ecology, aquatic life, history, native plants, and others of interest to those who care about our environment and the Indian River Lagoon in particular.

Presentations are held Tuesdays at Noon at the Lagoon House, 3275 Dixie Hwy NE, Palm Bay

For more information, call the Marine Resources Council at 321-725-7775.

Topics for the month of **May, 2008:**

May 06

Lights Out for Sea Turtles

Roger Pszonousky, Sea Turtle Preservation Society

Sea Turtle hatchlings see artificial light and become confused and may crawl in the wrong direction and be hit by cars. Besides shading lights that shine on to the beaches, there are many other ways to help and appreciate sea turtles. Come and learn more!

May 13

Using Native Plants at Home

Alice Bard, Florida Park Service

Have you ever wondered what you could do at home to help the environment? Alice will discuss how to put that desire into action through the use of native plants in your home landscape. Come find out how you can save water, attract desirable wildlife, and have a beautiful yard.

May 20

Wildlife Rehabilitation-A Personal Odyssey

Jerry Loll

This presentation will include photographs and accounts of a range of experiences spanning approximately ten years of rescue, rehabilitation, and release as a permitted "rehabber" for Brevard County, Florida. Common, as well as unusual, local animals, including many bird species, will be seen and discussed as well as the processes used to help prepare them for release back into the wild. Much information learned from these experiences as well as from other rehabilitators will also be included.

May 27

Stormwater Runoff and it's Effects on the Indian River Lagoon

Kaylene Wheeler, City of Palm Bay

Polluted stormwater runoff has many adverse effects on plants, animals, fish, people, and the Indian River Lagoon. Kaylene will give you insight on these problems and some simple things that you can do to make a big difference in the health of the Indian River Lagoon.