



Photo Contest grand prize winning submission "Loxahatchee Sunrise Sunbeam" by Michael Dubiner

A Night on the Loxahatchee

Special thanks to everyone who made this event possible!



On Saturday April 17th the River Center hosted its first fundraising benefit, *A Night on the Loxahatchee*, with over fifty guests in attendance.

The event was a huge success, raising over \$1,900 for the River Center!

Winning photographs from the Loxahatchee River Photography Competition were revealed during the gala, with a special unveiling of the Grand Prize winning photo "Loxahatchee Sunrise Sunbeam" by



Michael Dubiner. Guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction included a variety of excellent items donated by local businesses.

The River Center staff and the Friends of the Loxahatchee River extends a huge "Thank You" to everyone who attended, our wonderful volunteers, and the great sponsors who helped make this event a success!



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Upcoming Events:

- *Fri, May 7 - Friends of the Loxahatchee River Meeting, Guest speaker Pat Walker presents The "What If" Scenario: Past, Current, and Future Restoration along the Loxahatchee River, 12 noon to 1 p.m.*
- *Sat, May 15 - National Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River designation 25th anniversary celebration, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Call for details*
- *Sat, May 22 - River Cleanup, Volunteers take kayaks onto the Loxahatchee River as part of the Great American Cleanup, 8 a.m. -12 p.m.*

Creature Feature: Lookdown

Lookdowns are schooling fish found in western Atlantic waters ranging from Maine to south Brazil.

These unique fish are easily identified by their silver or golden color, exceptionally thin body, and scythe-shaped fins.

As juveniles Lookdowns feature long, thread like rays that extend from their dorsal and pelvic fins.

Although Lookdowns have been recorded at up to 3 lbs they generally range between 1 to 1 ¼ lbs and grow up to 12 inches in length.

Lookdowns are found in both marine and brackish water, but prefer a warm, shallow, inshore habitat with a soft bottom. Lookdowns feed on small fish, shrimp, squid, and crabs.

Stop by the River Center to visit Leroy, our



Lookdown, and learn more about these fascinating marine animals.

Going Green Tips!

- Paper with writing on only one side can be cut into smaller squares and used for notes and reminders.
- Toilet paper and paper towel holders make excellent kids crafts, like binoculars. Bring them into the River Center as arts n' crafts supplies, or ask for more fun ways to use them at home!

Want to learn more about an animal at the River Center? Give us your suggestions and they may be featured in the next newsletter!

Volunteer Roundup

Sat, May 1 - Community Event, Maltz Jupiter Theatre, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Docent needed to discuss the center and our events with attendees. Little setup required.

Sat, May 15 - 25th Anniversary Event, JD State Park, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Volunteers will help with setup, registration, and cleanup.

Sat, May 22 - River Cleanup, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, Volunteers will take kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards onto the Loxahatchee River as part of the Great American Cleanup. Preregister by calling the River Center or sending an email to Rivercenter@Loxahatcheeriver.org to sign up.

Winning Photos on Display!



Winning photographs from the Loxahatchee River Photo Contest will be on display in the River Center's classroom through the month of April. Stop by to see the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place photographs.



Over 60 volunteers helped beautify the River Center's grounds on April 17th as part of FPL's Power to Care Day.



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