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Keep Martin Beautiful announces nominees for annual Environmental Stewardship Awards

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PALM CITY – Keep Martin Beautiful (KMB) announced the nominees for the 2015 Environmental Stewardship Awards. This year's lineup includes more than 40 nominations including: individuals; businesses; nonprofit, civic and youth groups; and government agencies.

While the types of projects and activities vary widely, the common thread is that all of the nominees are doing something to improve the environmental quality of life in Martin County.

"We are always impressed with the diversity and ingenuity of Martin County's environmental stewards and this year is no exception. They are from every walk of life, young and old, and many are the unsung heroes in our community, doing their part with little fanfare to make a difference in our corner of the world," said Jim Dragseth, KMB president.

This year's nomination applications were reviewed by eight

judges: City of Stuart Commissioner Tom Campenni; KMB President Jim Dragseth; Martin County Commissioner John Haddox; South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Member Mitch Hutchcraft; Ed Killer of TCPalm's Environmental Team; Jason Matson of Kimley-Horn; Wendy Parker of Martin County Utilities and Solid Waste; and Martin County School Board Member Marsha Powers.

A list of this year's nominations, as well as winners from previous years, is available online at www.KeepMartinBeautiful.org.

Winners will be announced Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club.

Tickets to attend the Environmental Stewardship Awards are \$75 each.

For more information or to register online go to www.KeepMartinBeautiful.org, call 772-781-1222 or events@keepmartinbeautiful.org. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available.



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Winners and nominees from the 2014 Environmental Stewardship Awards.

2015 NOMINATIONS

Youth

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County
- Bessey Creek Elementary Team Green Ambassadors
- Veronica Dalton
- The Pine School
- Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida - Sea Star Unit

Business

- Florida Cattlemens Association (FCA)
- Indian River Lagoon

Team

- Jenkins Landscape Co.
- N2 Architecture + Design
- Ocean Blue Yacht Sales
- Pipers Landing

Non-Profit/Civic

- Children's Museum
- Habitat Angel
- Indiantown Non-Profit Housing, Inc.
- Inwater Research Group
- Jensen Beach Community Playground Committee
- Marine Industries Association

Individual/Unsung Hero

- Michelle Byriell & Leslie Blanchard - Nighttime Sea Turtle Walks
- Michelle Maguire with Pipers Landing
- Pipers Landing Garden Club
- The Rio Civic Club
- Marty Baum
- Nicholas E. Cocoves
- Michelle Maguire
- Janeen Mason
- Celeste Norup
- Russ Overholt
- Mark Perry
- Beverly Poppe
- Julie Preast

- Eve Samples
- Ron Shewmaker
- Captain Don Voss

Government Agency

- City of Stuart - Biennial Calendar - "Creating a Healthier River Day-By-Day"
- City of Stuart - Public Works Department - Poppleton Creek Tidal Wetlands Creation and Restoration
- City of Stuart in partnership with Florida Oceanographic Society - Oyster Shell Recycling Program
- Martin County Airport - Runway 25 Obstruction Removal and Clearing Project
- Martin County Engineering Department Ecosystem Restoration & Management Division - Hoke Library Rain Garden
- Martin County Engineering Department, Ecosystem Restoration - Brochure - A Citizen's Guide to Protecting our Waterways
- Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization - Martin Metropolitan Planning Organization & Saint Lucie Transportation Planning Organization Regional Waterways Plan
- Peter Schaller, MCTV Producer - "Your Environment"