

Keep Martin Beautiful seeks nominees for the tenth annual Environmental Stewardship Awards



2015 Education in Action Award Winner Janeen Mason with husband, Kevin Mason, and a fish from her Solidarity Fish Project

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Do you know someone who is quietly making a difference in helping the environment but receives no recognition?

Has your youth or civic group been involved in or created a new eco-friendly project or program?

Do you work for a company or government agency that has developed a new technology that conserves water or reduces energy or is contributing to beautifying or revitalizing our community?

Now is your opportunity to recognize them or even give yourself some credit!

Keep Martin Beautiful, a volunteer-based nonprofit organization, and an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, is currently seeking nominations for individuals, businesses, civic and nonprofit groups, and government agencies. Nominees and winners will be announced on February 3 at Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club in Palm City.

The Environmental Stewardship Awards Ceremony is a way to recognize notable efforts within Martin County that promote environmental stewardship. "We work with so many volunteers and groups throughout the year who participate in litter removal, recycling programs, community cleanups, beautification and revitalization efforts," said Craig Ahal, president of Keep Martin Beautiful's board of directors. "The Environmental Stewardship Awards is a way for us to reach out to a wider audience to make sure anyone in Martin County who is helping to improve our environment has an opportunity to be nominated and recognized."

Areas of focus include: recycling programs and activities; beautification and community revitalization; litter and marine debris prevention and removal; innovative projects and environmental stewardship.

Applications can be submitted in the following categories: youth/school groups; nonprofit/civic groups; businesses; government agencies; and individual/unsung heroes.

There is no entry fee and self-nominations are encouraged. Deadline for submission of nominations is Dec. 4. Nomination forms, as well as a list of previous year's nominations and winners, are available online at keepmartinbeautiful.org.

Winners will be announced on Feb. 3 at the Environmental Stewardship Awards Ceremony. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Contact Keep Martin Beautiful at 772-781-1222 or events@keepmartinbeautiful.org for more information.