



Contact: Tiffany Smith
Keep Martin Beautiful
772-781-1222

info@keepmartinbeautiful.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Keep Martin Beautiful announces nominees for annual Environmental Stewardship Awards

*More than 30 local groups and individuals to be honored for their environmental leadership,
innovation and dedication to Martin County*

PALM CITY, Fla. – Each year, Keep Martin Beautiful, a volunteer-based non-profit organization, hosts an awards ceremony as a way to recognize notable efforts within Martin County that promote environmental stewardship. Keep Martin Beautiful is pleased to announce the nominees for the 2016 Environmental Stewardship Awards. 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. More than 30 nominations were submitted this year on behalf of individuals; businesses; nonprofits, civic and youth groups; and government agencies. The nominees and winners will be honored on February 3 at Piper’s Landing Yacht & Country Club in Palm City.

“Whether it’s a new school recycling program or a government coordinated environmental restoration project, there are so many efforts taking place in Martin County that exemplify the environmental stewardship ethic of our community,” said Craig Ahal, owner of AmeriSweeps and president of Keep Martin Beautiful. “We are always impressed by the diversity of the submissions we receive and this year is no exception. Nominees represent all walks 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,” Ahal added.

The nominations were reviewed by a judging panel which included: KMB President and owner of Amerisweeps Craig Ahal; Indian Riverkeeper Marty Baum; City of Stuart Commissioner Eula Clarke; Tina McSoley Vice Chair of the Martin County School Board; South Florida Water Management District Governing Board Member Kevin Powers; Martin County Commissioner Anne Scott; Tyler Treadway of TCPalm’s Environmental Team; and Amy Vanilla Executive Assistant for the Wallace Automotive Group.



A list of this year's nominations, as well as winners from previous years, is available online at keepmartinbeautiful.org. Tickets to attend the Environmental Stewardship Awards are \$75 each and may be purchased online at www.KeepMartinBeautiful.org. For sponsorship and other information contact KMB at 772-781-1222 or events@keepmartinbeautiful.org.

About Keep Martin Beautiful

Keep Martin Beautiful (KMB) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization founded in 1994 as an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Its mission is to preserve and enhance the quality of life in Martin County through litter prevention, the promotion of recycling, improvement of solid waste management practices, and beautification and community revitalization activities. KMB signature events and programs include the annual Environmental Stewardship Awards Ceremony, the International Coastal Cleanup, the Great American Cleanup, the Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-Street programs, and other educational and outreach activities. Find KMB on Facebook at facebook.com/KeepMartinBeautiful, follow KMB on Twitter at twitter.com/KMBmartin, or visit KeepMartinBeautiful.org.

LIST OF NOMINEES ATTACHED

###



KEEP MARTIN BEAUTIFUL
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

2016 Environmental Stewardship Awards Nominations

Youth or School Groups

- Felix A Williams
- Girl Scout Troop 30054
- Hobe Sound Elementary
“Nature Know it Alls”
- Warfield Green Team
- JD Parker Green Club

Business

- Caulkins Water Farm
- Economic Council of Martin County
- Home Depot of Stuart
- Organic Laboratories
- Sawgrass Business Center

Non-Profit/Civic

- Florida Oceanographic Society
- Kiwanis
- River Warriors
- Sublime Soil
- The Children’s Museum of the Treasure Coast
- Treasure Coast Wildlife Center

Individual/Unsung Hero

- Adriana Mancini
- Clare Zelenski
- Dylan Breslaw
- Jennifer Cochran
- Larry LaRosa
- Mary “Jo” Nesson
- Shawn McCarthy
- Suzanne Stout

Government Agency

- City of Stuart - Riverwalk Expansion
- Martin County’s Ecosystem Restoration & Management Division - Kitching Creek Central Flowway & Wetland Restoration
- Martin County U.S. Coast Guards Auxiliary- Flotilla 59
- Martin County Television (MCTV)- YOUR ENVIRONMENT series
- Martin County Solid Waste & Utilities Division – America Recycles Day
- Martin County Sheriff’s Office- Martin County Hazardous Roundup
- Martin County Parks & Recreation – Beach Recycling Program

###