



# Broward Sierra Bulletin



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## NEWS FROM 2022 AND NEWS FOR 2023

At a supposed quiet time of the year, our Broward Sierra Group has been on double time! Here's what we have been up to and what we have planned.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> we had our first tri-group in-person social meeting at the lovely Riverside Hotel on Las Olas Blvd. Despite a nasty rainstorm, it didn't stop us from having a large attendance and lots of fun. The venue was beautiful, the food and drinks were delicious, Denise Elliot, our presenter from the League of Women Voters, was very informative, and meeting new members and reconnecting in person again was exactly what we all needed after 2+ years of virtual get togethers. Welcome to our new members!!! Max Goldstein, our photographer extraordinaire, has posted many photos for all of us to enjoy and remember this wonderful event.

Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.5513051052116759&type=3>

On November 5<sup>th</sup> Adriene Barmann, our Outing Leader, led a group on a scenic bike ride, and a tour of Fairchild Gardens. Please see her photos and read about the fun day in her article below.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> had a luncheon at Angelo Elia's restaurant to celebrate four of our BSG volunteer members who won awards for the outstanding contributions they have made to our Group. They are Phil Busey who received the Pannaman award, Richard Grosso who received the Legal Service award, Susan Steinhauser who received the Innovation award, and I'm humbled to include myself as I was given the Shepherd award. The well-deserved Environmental Service Award was bestowed on Commissioner Beam Furr by our National Sierra Club and he received his trophy at this luncheon. Adriene Barmann, our Vice Chair, eloquently introduced each of the awardees and presented us with our trophies. And once again, our photographer Max Goldstein was there to take photos for us to remember this lovely tribute.

Here is the link <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.5565463736875490&type=3>

Vote for the candidates running to be on our Broward Sierra Group's Executive Committee starting January 1, 2023. Voting started November 17, 2022 and runs through December 15, 2022. Please review and place your vote. BSG ExCom Election 2023-24 | Sierra Club

### **So, what's in the works for 2023....**

We will once again begin having our general meetings the first Thursday of each month. We have already lined up fantastic educational presenters. Thanks to our members' suggestions, it looks like we are booked with very timely and interesting presenters through April 2023. Keep your eye out for these and other announcements!

Our first meeting of the new year will be on Thursday January 5, 2023, virtually. We have arranged for you to see a film called "Dear President Biden." Michelle Allen, who is the Southern Region Deputy Director at Food and Water Watch, will present this film and answer all your questions.

**Now for the BIG news!** We are holding our early Earth Day celebration on Sunday March 5, 2023, at Anne Kolb Nature Center, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood, FL 33019. More information to come, so save the date.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Leah Weisburd, Broward Sierra Group Chair

### **Outing to Fairchild Botanical Gardens and Matheson Hammock Park**

---Adriene Barman, Outing Leader

A wonderful day was spent in Coral Gables on November 5th with an awesome group of people! I was privileged to lead an outing that turned out to be a great adventure in good company! The weather couldn't have been nicer when our group of 7 started out at the Coco Plum traffic circle on old Cutler Road, on our bikes. We meandered past old beautiful Banyan and Ficus trees that aligned with the bike path, with views of many gorgeous mansions.

When we arrived at Fairchild Gardens, our adventure began. We were surrounded by rare palm trees, cycads, orchids, and bromeliads. We saw 125 species of bamboo trees, magnificent cactus gardens, a tropical rainforest, and we took a tour on a fantastic tram ride where we were shown exotic tropical fruits of every shape and color. Our journey ended in a beautiful indoor butterfly garden where we were surrounded by hundreds of colorful butterflies. We also learned about the Million Orchid Project which is the nation's largest outreach program dedicated to orchid conservation.

Our next destination was Matheson Hammock Park where we enjoyed spectacular views of Biscayne Bay and the city of Miami. We ate lunch and shared stories and recipes. We rode back to our cars and bid farewell to our new friends.

## MEMBERSHIP Chair

The Membership Chair will welcome all of our new members with a monthly welcome letter, engage new and existing members to volunteer, and create ways to stay in touch with all members and supporters via the tools and rules provided by Sierra Club. Any questions? Contact Leah Weisburd, [excomleah@gmail.com](mailto:excomleah@gmail.com)



# SPECIAL PRICING FOR SIERRA CLUB

THE SYMPHONIA PROUDLY PRESENTS:

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December 3, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

### WE'RE STRIKING A CHORD FOR CLIMATE CHANGE!

- 6:00 pm** 🎵 **Mini-Eco Fair** with representatives from our local environmental organizations, the City of Boca Raton, and a **VIP Reception**.
- 7:30 pm** 🎵 **The SYMPHONIA's Chamber Orchestra World Premiere of Terra Nostra**, an award-winning multimedia Symphony composed by Christophe Chagnard, that combines stunning visuals (film by Charlie Spears) with the power of music that explores the impact and challenges of climate change.
- 8:30 pm** 🎵 **Panel Discussion** made up of representatives from our environmental partners, who will take questions and comments from audience members.

**Students (18 & Under): FREE Adults: \$25 \$10 (Use code: ECO10)**

**VIP Reception: \$75**

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