



SIERRA CLUB
FLORIDA CHAPTER

Broward Group

Sunday, October 9, 2022

at the

Riverside Hotel in Fort Lauderdale

Come celebrate our first In-person regional TRI-GROUP meeting:

Loxahatchee / Broward / Miami

HAPPY HOUR 4:30-6:00pm

Free fun event with hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and Prizes!

We will adjourn to hear Denise Elliott, Broward LWV, talk about:

“Decision 2022”

**This evening's presentation focuses on ballot issues
for the upcoming Mid-Term General Election November 8th.**

**** *Space is limited* ****

6:00-7:45: Our presenter will be Denise Elliott

Since her retirement in 2017, she has been devoting her time to League activities and volunteering in a local elementary school. As a member of the League of Women Voters, she serves on the Board of Directors as the Assistant Treasurer and is active on various committees including Voter Services, Communications, and the Speakers' Bureau.

Cost: FREE TO THOSE WHO REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 23, 2022 DEADLINE!
REGISTER EARLY. Limited Seating!!! \$25.00 charge for last-minute attendees, those who arrive without having registered before the deadline!

Bring: A friend (who must also register). We will pay for new members' first year membership fee!

Come early and explore Las Olas, but be at the Riverside Hotel by 4:30 PM!!!

Additional Directions: Valet parking \$8.00

Carpool: Recommended to save on gas and parking.

REGISTER HERE

Note: Carpool transportation is at the sole risk of the participants.

Must be 21+ to attend.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Leah Weisburd, Executive Committee (ExCom) Chair

Our Broward Sierra Group's ExCom is very busy planning many exciting outings and very interesting, informative general meeting speakers. So, please mark your calendars so you don't miss anything!

- **August 4, 2022**, our presenter will be Rachel Skubel from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Her topic is An Overview of Florida's Coral Reef. We'll chat about what corals are, why they're so important to South Florida, what threats they face here, and what we can do to protect them. Recommended by our Sierra member Phil Busey.
- **September 8, 2022**, our presenter will be Beth Malow and team from Braver Angels. They'll talk about how the environment and climate change are not partisan issues and how to discuss these issues with ANYONE, regardless of political persuasion. Recommended by our Political Chair, Susan Steinhauser.
- **October 9, 2022**. This will be a very special occasion! We are going to have a tri-group meeting with our Loxahatchee Sierra Group, and our Miami Sierra Group, **on Sunday, October 9th at the Riverside Hotel on Las Olas Blvd.** This is our first in-person meeting, after 2+ years of not being able to hold in-person events, and our first tri-group occasion. The Broward Sierra Group invites you to happy hour from 4:30pm-6pm on a beautiful terrace overlooking the intracoastal, drinks and hors d'oeuvres, and lots of surprises and prizes. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!! DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 23rd DEADLINE!! REGISTER EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED!** If you don't register, there will be a \$25.00 charge when you arrive. After mingling at our happy hour, each of our Chairs will fill you in on what their Group is doing to protect our planet. And then, our presenter Denise Elliot, who comes to us from League of Women Voters Broward County, will focus on Decision 2022 -A recap of the political races & issues on the November 8th ballot, changes in Florida voting laws & districts, including in-person vs. vote-by-mail. **REGISTER BEFORE DEADLINE 9/23!!!**
- **November, 2022**, No meeting this month as we are planning a Thanksgiving holiday party to give thanks to all our members, supporters, and volunteers. We will be awarding BSG Award Trophies to several of our members who have volunteered over and over again.
- **December, 2022**, No meeting this month as we proceed with our election for our 2023 ExCom group. We wish you all a very happy, healthy, wonderful, holiday.

Now in between all these incredible presenters at our monthly General Meetings, our Outings Leaders Adriene Barmann, Max Goldstein, and our new Outings Leader, Alfredo Aquirre are planning many outings this year, such as more kayak dates, Everglades exploration, nature walks, and so many surprises too. Keep your eyes on our website to make sure you don't miss anything! [Outings & Events | Sierra Club](#)

So, Broward Sierra members mark your calendars to "save the dates". Also, as you will note, we value your recommendations so keep them coming. We have presenter openings from January-December 2023. Please send me your suggestions to excomleah@gmail.com. Please don't hesitate to send any other suggestions to me Leah Weisburd, excomleah@gmail.com And, last but never least, please check our need for you to volunteer to help us make the

Broward Sierra Group the best in Florida! Please check out our need for YOU! Explore Issues & Take Action | Sierra Club

Thank you for joining the Broward Sierra Group!

**The Braver Angels Present at our
September 8, 2022 General Meeting
Please register to attend**

Broward Sierra SEPTEMBER General Meeting (sierraclub.org)

Braver Angels was launched in 2016. It is a national citizens' movement to bring liberals, conservatives, and others together at the grassroots level – not to find a centrist compromise, but to meet one another as citizens.

Braver Angels seeks to depolarize American politics. Their work is rooted in grassroots organizing. From the grassroots, however, their volunteer leaders leverage Braver Angels programs and unique organizing structure to impact community life and American institutions.

Our Three Presenters from Braver Angels are:

Beth Malow co-founded a Braver Angels Action Team within the national organization, Citizens' Climate Lobby, to help bridge political divides related to climate change solutions.

Bruce Morlan is a Rotarian and is active with both Braver Angels and Citizens' Climate Lobby. In each organization, he is part of the conservative caucus, speaking with a conservative voice.

Randy Lioz is Director of Events for Braver Angels and has served in a variety of roles at the nonprofit, one of the leading national groups focused on reducing political polarization, active in all 50 states.

Their Topic is:

The environment and climate change are not partisan issues; how to discuss them with ANYONE, regardless of political persuasion.

Recruitment for the 2023-24 Executive Committee

If you live in Broward County and want to get involved in improving the environment, get in touch with us. We are looking for a few dedicated people for the 2023 term. Training is provided! Share this notice with anyone who may be interested. Membership in Sierra Club is mandatory. If you have any questions at all, email the Nominations

Committee members. Thank you.

Nominations Committee Members:

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Susan Steinhauser, excomsusansteinhauser@gmail.com

Pat Turpening, patsierraexcom@yahoo.com

BSG AWARDS AND WINNERS 2022

THE PANNAMAN AWARD – This award is to a BSG member who has continually assisted our Group whenever called upon to volunteer. – Our 2022 winner is PHIL BUSEY

THE LEGAL SERVICE AWARD – This is for an individual who has distinguished themselves in environmental law and policy. – Our 2022 winner is RICHARD GROSSO

THE INNOVATION AWARD – This is for a BSG member who has created, developed, transformed, and implemented policy and procedures. – Our 2022 winner is SUSAN STEINHAUSER

THE SHEPHERD AWARD – This is for a BSG member who has shown outstanding leadership, visionary guidance, compassion, dedication, and professionalism. – Our 2022 winner is LEAH WEISBURD

Flamingo Gardens
Back2School Weekend

August 13-14, 2022



Emily Robinson and Max Goldstein tabled and brought in new members!

New Member Spotlight– Emily Robinson

I'm a new member to Sierra but not new to caring about and championing for the environment. I am an artist, photographer, activist, and storyteller.

Last March, I was lucky enough to be approached by Sierra to bring my beach trash artwork to be displayed at the Earth Day event. It was such a wonderful opportunity and I was so pleased to meet so many like-minded, passionate environmentalists.

Now, since May, I'm the Membership Chair for our Broward Group!

I've lived in Hollywood since moving from Texas in 2005, and I've been madly in love with the ocean and the incredible variety of plants and wildlife here ever since.

Over the years, I've raised my daughters - now ages 12 and 16 - along the shoreline. We've always found incredible beauty all around us here, whether it's under a rock in our yard, or under the water with a snorkel mask on.

A couple of years ago, I began to pay very close attention to the tragic buildup of garbage and plastic pollution along the beach, and particularly inside the state park in Dania. To tell the story of the pollution, I would gather piles of the garbage and arrange it into colorful photos on my patio table. These photos struck a nerve with people I shared with on Facebook, so I kept it up. Eventually, I was featured on the Channel 10 segment "Don't Trash our Treasures" with Louis Aguirre.

(<https://www.local10.com/video/local-news/2021/05/19/woman-hopes-trash-art-sends-a-message-in-south-florida/>) I've since continued with this project, collecting, arranging, and photographing the plastic garbage that plagues our ocean. My story and work were recently highlighted on Food and Water Watch as a feature story.

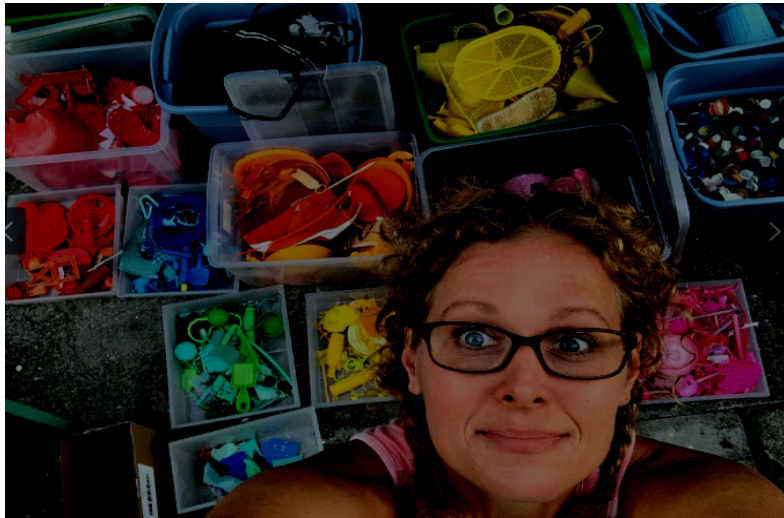
<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/2022/05/25/emily-robinson-turns-our-plastic-garbage-into-stunning-visual-essays/>

I'm determined to keep working on creative and inspired ways to tell the stories of what is happening to our planet as much as I can. I'm so pleased to be involved with Sierra Club as membership chair because that means I can help further my personal mission with the support and backing of this amazing organization. Please reach out to me directly and help me grow our membership into more actively involved volunteers! Together, we can make art, tell stories, connect with nature, protect our environment, and make a difference.

Find me here: www.emilyrobinsonphoto.com,

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Volunteer Please!

Are you organized and great with follow-up? We need you to volunteer to keep

track of our monthly meeting presenters. Our members will introduce you to speakers they have heard elsewhere who would like to present at one of our monthly general meetings. You then take it from there, it's that simple!

I will be happy to work with you and show you everything you will need. It's easy - peasy and fun! Come on board! Contact me, Leah Weisburd, leabird@comcast.net with any questions.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Hey, Broward Sierra members! What's your story? We know you aren't shy, so please share with us about yourself. Tell us why you joined our club and what interests you. Is it to attend our monthly meetings? Is it to go on outings with our outings leaders? Is it to help us save our endangered species? Is it to protect our environment? Is it to help us elect environmentally concerned candidates? Is it to volunteer on a committee? What is it that brought you to us?

This has created a good amount of members' interest. We love getting to know our members. Perhaps they would like to know you too!

Please send our editor/proofreader, Pat Turpening, a short paragraph or two to publish in our Bulletin along with a photo of yourself.

This month the deadline for submitting your story to Pat is the end of day on September 21st at patsierraexcom@yahoo.com. Please put in subject - **Getting to know you.**

We are all looking forward to knowing our members better!

Leah Weisburd, Chair