



The Broward Bulletin

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Broward Sierra Group

PROUDLY PRESENTS

XAVIER DeROOS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023, 7PM-8:30PM on Zoom



Speaking on **Composting**

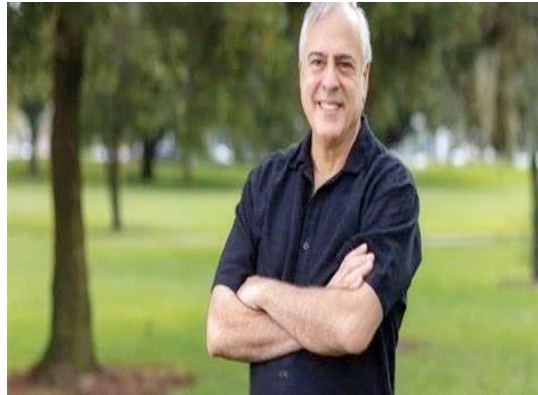
**What is composting?
Why is composting important?
How composting can fight climate change.
How to compost...safely!**

[You must Register here to participate](#)

Xavier is the founder of Renüable which is a leading composting organization specializing in the aerated static pile composting method. Our mission is to safely transform organic materials into nutrient-rich soil while reducing food waste in landfills, mitigating methane emissions, and promoting soil regeneration. At Renüable, we prioritize sustainability and community involvement. We collaborate with both commercial and residential clients, collecting approximately 10,000 lbs. of compostable materials on a weekly basis. By engaging the community, we foster a sense of shared responsibility towards the environment.

[2023 National Sierra Club Volunteer Award Winners](#) [The National Sierra Club's 2023 Awards](#)

- [Richard Grosso, Esq.](#)



Volunteer Achievement Award honors a Sierra volunteer for a particular achievement of importance to the environment or to the Club.

- [Melissa P. Dunn, Lauderhill's Commissioner](#)



Environmental Service Award honors a person in public service for strong and consistent commitment to the environment and/or environmental justice over a considerable period of time.

The Broward Sierra Group's 2023 Awards

- [Adriene Barmann](#) and [Max Goldstein](#)



This award is dedicated to and named for Stan Pannaman, a man who was a devoted member, went above and beyond, and was always available to volunteer.

Pannaman Award honors two amazing volunteers for their continuous assistance whenever called upon.

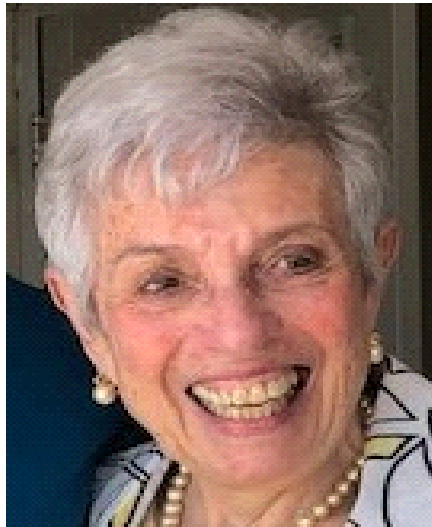
- [Pat Turpening](#)



Innovation Award. honors a person for outstanding excellence in creating, developing, transforming, and implementing procedures.

[The Broward Sierra Group's 2023 Awards](#)

- [Leah Weisburd](#)



Shepherd Award honors a person for outstanding leadership, visionary guidance, compassion, dedication, and professionalism.

- [Kyle Fisher](#) and [Anagha Iyer](#)



Inspirational New Member Award honors two new members who have taken on leadership with creativity, dedication, and professionalism.

By Linda Thompson Gonzalez – Broward Sierra Group Member

If you are interested in helping to shut down the DeSantis anti-history/education/people campaign, we need a few people to step up to invest in a small independent film about two Florida school teachers and civil rights trail blazers (acknowledged by Dr. King in his book "Testament of Hope") who were killed by the KKK on their 25th wedding anniversary, December 25, 1951.

My friend, Fort Lauderdale neighbor, and film producer Walter Shaw has produced a book, "The Bomb Heard Around the World," and a school curriculum about Harry and Harriette Moore that was approved and set to go with lesson plans for teachers two years ago until the DeSantis education Commission shut it down. Walter is now working to produce a film that will bypass the DeSantis bans and tell the story about these civil rights heroes who registered over 150,000 African American voters in Florida, initiated over 64 NAACP chapters, and brought their friend Thurgood Marshall (who slept on their couch) to investigate and prosecute Florida lynchings. Walter has an exemption to the Screen Actors Guild strike so that his all-star cast can start filming in September right here in the Ft. Lauderdale area with Jerry Blohm's (Titanic) sets in storage ready to go, with

Lionel Ritchie/Merv Warren music for the soundtrack, and a distributor very interested in purchasing the rights.

We just need a few more people to step forward to help/invest with production costs so that the film will be out before the 2024 elections. This is a powerful story that will tell the history our Governor wants to ban, and most importantly, inspire people to register and voters to get out and vote!

If you can invest, please contact me, Linda Thompson Gonzalez, a lifelong Broward Sierra Group member, at LindaTGonzalez@gmail.com as soon as possible and I will put you in contact with Walter Shaw. Thank you!

--Adriene Barmann, Outings Chair and Vice-Chair

Friday December 8th to Sunday 10th 2023 Myakka River State Park

Myakka River State Park near Sarasota is one of the oldest state parks and one of the biggest, and it has the most alligators, and a variety of wildlife which includes deer, a variety of wading birds, wild boar, and lots of owls. Adventurers head for the 39 miles of hiking trails, excellent paved and unpaved biking trails, and the wild and scenic rivers and lakes for kayaking. There is also the canopy walkway and the waterfront café near the lake in the main park. At 37,000 acres, Myakka is one of Florida's most complete outdoor experiences.

We will be camping at Big Flats Campground inside the park. Each campsite has an electrical outlet, and there is a men and women's bathroom with heated showers. There is running water at the campsite.

We will meet at the Big Flat campground on Friday, December 8th at 12 Noon to set up camp. There are only 2 tents allowed per campsite, and we have 3 campsites reserved. We are asking our participants to

only have one tent per family. Each campsite can hold up to 8 people, so space is limited. More information to come. Stay tuned.

Leaders: Adriene Barmann 954-328-9447

Email: Adrienesierraleader@gmail.com and Max Goldstein 954-296-3411 Email: Maxsgoldstein@gmail.com.

Sign-up deadline and payment is due December 1st.

Our Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team at work!

Anagha Iyer, who is leading our Junior Team, submitted this Letter to the Editor and it was published in the Sun-Sentinel in August.

Distorting science

Hearing the state Department of Education's approval of Prager University Foundation's videos denying climate change is extremely disturbing.

They distort climate science facts by portraying climate activists as the next generation of Nazis and teaching that global heating is part of Earth's natural cycle.

Downplaying the climate crisis should not be endorsed. We've seen the disastrous effects of climate change, especially in Florida. Hurricanes, tornadoes and heat waves have all reached all-time highs this year. It's no coincidence.

As a student, constituent and activist, I cannot stand to see future generations exposed to these videos. It makes me incredibly sad to see students being told to believe that fossil fuels are the best course of action and that renewables are unreliable. I am especially concerned about kids spreading this news to friends and family and perpetuating this misinformation.

I ask whoever reads this letter to please educate yourself and others on the climate crisis. After all, this is our home. Future generations are at stake, too.

Anagha Iyer, Miramar

Angelina Garcia wrote this LTE (letter to the editor) which she sent to all our south Florida newspapers.

It's important to know what climate change actually means, and how it impacts all living things, including us. It is extremely important to know what an animal needs for their environment/climate changes. Especially, if we own animals as pets, or take care of wildlife. An example is: a turtle must hibernate in an area where oxygen is available in water. If we don't know this, then how are we supposed to help take care of wildlife?

We also need to know how, what, why climate affects certain storms to form. Storms like hurricanes and tornadoes are alarmingly deadly and without complete knowledge of how our climate affects us, we will be in serious trouble, and potential death! If our future generations don't have the scientific education about climate change, things will most assuredly worsen. We are already seeing the effect as our weather gets hotter and lasts longer each year. Additionally, we have had severe storms that have flooded our neighborhoods and caused much damage, and they weren't even hurricanes. The world needs to know what climate change is and how we can take steps to change it, and why it's the real deal!

★ THE BROWARD SIERRA GROUP IS
PLANNING SOMETHING BIG. . .

SAVE THE *Date*

- BUFFET DINNER
- MC AND SPEAKERS
- DJ AND MUSIC
- AWARDS FOR RECIPIENTS



● INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT SOON! ●

NOV
12
SUNDAY

BANQUET CELEBRATION

6:00-9:00

PM

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Loxahatchee Group



**GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023,
7 – 9PM**

**IN PERSON JOINT MEETING OF
THE SIERRA CLUB LOXAHATCHEE GROUP &
PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**

**MOUNTS BOTANICAL GARDEN AUDITORIUM/ IFAS
531 N. MILITARY TRAIL, WEST PALM BEACH, FL**

**"Impacts of Climate Change on Florida's Plant
Communities"**

We experience sunny day flooding during the fall King Tides, but how is this affecting our coastal plant communities? Learn about some of the impacts of rising seas, coastal squeeze, extreme weather, and important adaptations as our climate changes. It's been happening in recent decades, not just in the FL Keys, and not just affecting our coasts. These topics and a few considerations for our gardens will be discussed.

Speaker: Chris Lockhart - Chris Lockhart is a plant ecologist, field botanist and environmental educator. Chris' favorite job is to work outdoors, especially in natural areas, stomping out invasive plants, observing nature, and sharing her passion with others through her company, Habitat Specialists, Inc. She is also interested in the impacts of climate change and sea level rise in Florida. She studied at Purdue University and FAU, is a member of the Florida Invasive Species Council, and is a past president of the FNPS Palm Beach County Chapter. Chris has been a lead instructor for the Florida Master Naturalist Program since 2013. You can find her educational video on youtube.com about our local estuary, called "[Lake Worth Lagoon, Saving Nature's Nursery.](#)"

[Register Here](#)

<https://www.sierraclub.org/florida/loxahatchee>

Save the date!



WILL BE PRESENTING

Michelle Salas - Lady Green Miami

On October 5, 2023-7pm -Virtually

We will learn about waste reduction and waste diversion.

Registration required.

<https://act.sierraclub.org/events/details?formcampaignid=7013q000001orx6AAA>