

50th Anniversary Celebration of Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve hosted by the Estero Bay Buddies, Inc.



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WHAT: Dinner and Silent Auction

WHEN: Friday, December 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm

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HERE: Hyatt Regency Coconut Point
Resort Estero, Florida

TICKETS: \$75.00 at EsteroBayBuddies.org

WHY: Designated in 1966, Estero Bay was the first aquatic preserve; this event will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Florida's statewide aquatic preserve

program. Florida now boasts 41 aquatic preserves encompassing over 2.2 million acres which are maintained in their essentially natural condition for the enjoyment of future generations.

PROCEEDS: Benefit science education programs provided to Lee County students, science based internship programs and community outreach activities within the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve and Estero Bay Preserve State Park.

The dinner and silent auction will be the culmination of **statewide events** to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Florida's aquatic preserves and acknowledge the citizens involved in the grassroots movement to protect Estero Bay over 50 years ago. A historical retrospective, oral history footage and keynote speakers will take you back in time through the rich history of Estero Bay and the aquatic preserve program. Renowned photographer and longtime friend of the aquatic preserves, Clyde Butcher will be in attendance and all guests will receive a signed poster commemorating the 50th Anniversary; ready for framing.

Estero Bay Buddies, Inc. (EBB) assists the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Coastal Office and Florida Park Service in the management of Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve and Estero Bay Preserve State Park. EBB's mission is to support and further protection, conservation, restoration management and the enhancement of the natural and cultural resources of the coastal and aquatic ecosystems of the Estero Bay estuary and watershed for the enjoyment and appreciation of current and future generations. For more information about the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve, please visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/>.

The Estero Bay Buddies want to thank you in advance for your support of this important and exciting event. **Your support makes a difference!** Sponsorships and silent auction donations such as vacation getaways, fishing charters, artwork and gift certificates significantly enhance the fundraising success of this event and our ability to provide science education programs for the community. Please review page two for sponsorship opportunities related to the 50th anniversary celebration and visit EsteroBayBuddies.org to see the list of statewide events as they are scheduled.



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Sponsorship Opportunities

Platinum \$5,000 (Presenting Sponsors)

- Named table with eight complimentary meal tickets
- Presenting Sponsorship Acknowledgment (company name and logo) on statewide marketing materials, Save the Dates, Invitations, t-shirts, Estero Bay Buddies website, social media, and 50th anniversary video
- One year Business/Corporate Membership to Estero Bay Buddies, Inc.
- Certificate of appreciation

Gold \$2,500

- Two complimentary meal tickets
- Name on program and name and logo on Estero Bay Buddies website
- Certificate of appreciation

Silver \$1,000

- Name on program and name and logo on Estero Bay Buddies website
- Certificate of appreciation

Bronze \$500

- Name listed on Estero Bay Buddies website

Individuals and Non-Profit Allies \$100

- Name listed on Estero Bay Buddies website

Silent Auction Donations will be recognized based on the value of the donation, as listed in the sponsorship levels above.

If you would like to become a sponsor or donate items please contact us at info@EsteroBayBuddies.org or (239) 530-1005. Your support will make a difference in preserving Estero Bay for another 50 Years!



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