

YOU DID IT !!! ST. JAMES CREEK PRESERVE PROJECT COMPLETED!!

The final payment has been made and the satisfaction of mortgage for the largest parcel in our St. James Creek Preserve will be presented during a special event planned for Saturday, June 19, 1993. Come and celebrate with achampagne toast at the St. Jude Trail at 2:00 p.m. Mark Ebelini, attorney from the Humphrey and Knott law firm which represents the sellers, will present us the with the formal paperwork indicating that our mortgage has been satisfied. Copies of the deed and individual Certificates of Appreciation for those who purchased an acre or more will then be distributed.

This is truly a proud moment for everyone who has supported the Calusa Land Trust these past couple of years with their time or made donations, whether large or small. At last count, 142 individuals, families, organizations and businesses contributed more than \$19,600 for an acre or more of this valuable property. This does not include the many others contributors who made up the difference our the total cost of \$23,000 and provided us with initial funds to improve and manage this important nature preserve.

For those who are haven't visited the St. Jude Trail on this property, drive south from Pine Island Center on Stringfellow Boulevard. Just past the American Legion hall, turn left onto Laratonda and then turn right at the cul-de-sac. The St. Jude Trail begins 1/4 mile up on the left. We hope to see you there!!! (If you cannot make it to the St. Jude Trail on June 19th and you expect to receive a certificate, be assured that we will mail it to you shortly.)

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Frank Stapleton and Cindy Bear, of Gulf Coast Kayak in Matlacha, are organizing a special outing for June 26, with all the proceeds (including any rentals they have that day) going to the Calusa Land Trust!! There is limited space (only 15 spots) so call early to make a reservation. Their number is 283-1125. Their business is located on the north side of Pine Island Road in Matlacha (across from the Sandy Hook Restaurant).

If you are hesitant about getting into a kayak, Frank and Cindy give on-the-spot lessons and assured us that anyone can learn to manage quite nicely in a short amount of time.

This outing will begin at 8:00 in the morning and last until about noon. The cost is \$35 per person and this includes the use of their kayaks and any instruction you may need, plus amenities such as sunscreen, bottled water, a snack and life jackets. They plan to explore the waters and mangrove islands near Matlacha. For those who can make this trip, it should be great fun. I am sure everyone joins me in thanking Frank and Cindy in advance for donating their day and their proceeds to the Calusa Land Trust.