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COLLABORATION WITH ANN NORTON SCULPTURE GARDENS AND OTHER LOCAL PARTNERS MARKS 51ST YEAR OF NATIONAL MOVEMENT



Known for its environmental focus with on-site offerings, the **South Florida Science Center and Aquarium** will join the **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens** to mark this year's *Earth Day* with special virtual programming. In partnership with **Angari Foundation, Everglades Foundation, Florida Crystals, Friends of Palm Beach, Loggerhead Marinelife Center, Manatee Lagoon: An FPL Eco-Discovery Center** and **FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center**, the collaboration of local organizations will feature an opportunity for students to engage with local organizations whose mission statements and programming relate to the preservation, beauty and wonder of our South Florida ecosystem.

"Celebrating *Earth Day* with community partners who are accomplishing such important work on behalf of our environment exemplifies the visions of both the Science Center and Ann Norton's own vision for her gardens as a sanctuary for inspiration and creativity," said **Frances Fisher**, Chairwoman of the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens and South Florida Science Center Trustee.

"Restoring Our Earth, Protecting Our Community" is the theme for the Sixth

Annual *Earth Day* program. A unique component will be the creation of a bilingual coloring book with content about each partnering organization. Students attending Title I schools in Palm Beach County will receive the coloring books together with crayons and individual paint kits provided by PNC with broader distribution to audiences of all ages through *Earth Day* partners. Additional sponsors include the **Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation, Lewis Longman & Walker, P.A.** and **Florida Crystals**.

"When Frances approached the Science Center with the idea of a partnership for *Earth Day* six years ago, we knew it was a perfect fit," said **Kate Arrizza**, South Florida Science Center and Aquarium President and CEO. "This year, we are especially excited to participate in the coloring book which advances the Science Center's mission to open all minds to science. We know it will foster environmental stewardship for young learners. The Science Center's environmental programming immerses students in an adventure that allows them to experience the wonders of the Florida outdoors. Because environmental sustainability is one of the biggest issues we currently face, the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium acknowledges that

we have a tremendous responsibility to educate students about the dependence between humans and the environment in which we live. We embrace the philosophy that protecting our environment is a collective responsibility."

The Science Center offers visitors a year-round opportunity to learn more about the South Florida environment by playing a round of mini golf on the *Conservation Course*, named one of the *Travel Channel's* top 13 mini golf courses in the country. The *Fisher Family Science Trail* boasts a five-acre, quarter-mile trail connecting 15 exhibits including a *Physics Forest*, *FPL SolarScape*, the *Cox Amphitheater*, shark tooth dig pit, gem panning station, splash pad and dinosaur walk. The indoor/outdoor venue also features more than 100 hands-on educational exhibits, a digital planetarium, conservation research station, Florida exhibit hall, Pre-K focused "*Discovery Center*," and an interactive *Everglades exhibit*.

For more information about *Earth Day* or year-round activities call 561.832.1988 or visit www.sfsciencecenter.org. For additional information about the coloring book call the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens at 561.832.5328.