



# Blue Hole Banner

Winter / Spring 2011



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### Members Only Aquadopt Offer

Beginning in 2011, Aquadopt contributors will be recognized on a commemorative wall of personalized tiles inside the RiverQuarium. Each tile will feature the adopter's chosen animal. The Aquadopt wall will be unveiled on February 12. For the month of January, RiverQuarium members may be the first to adopt for a one-time, members-only price of \$15. In February, the price will return to the regular to regular price of \$25.



The Flint RiverQuarium is home to more than 1,250 fish, reptiles, amphibians and birds. That's a lot of mouths to feed! Through the Aquadopt program, you can help provide for the care and feeding of the RiverQuarium's living collection by adopting your favorite animal for an entire year. Animals available in the Aquadopt program are:  
Fish, Bird, Alligator, Snake, Frog, Turtle



To be the first to adopt, please call 229-639-2650, go online to [flintriverquarium.com](http://flintriverquarium.com) or visit the Member Services window at the Flint RiverQuarium.

### Third Annual Flint RiverQuarium Turtle Race

Fun and excitement await you at the Flint RiverQuarium Turtle Race on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 4 p.m. as 10,000 rubber turtles race for prizes including \$3,000 in cash, free gas for one year, a \$1,000 Publix grocery gift card, a Hobie Lanai kayak and free Chik-fil-A for one year. For \$5 you may adopt a turtle in support of the Flint RiverQuarium. This year, preliminary mini-races on January 1 and February 12 give entries two additional opportunities to win with \$500 cash to each winner.

Sponsors for the Flint RiverQuarium Turtle Race are Publix, Security Bank, WALB-News 10, The Albany Herald, Cumulus, Huggins Outboard, Westover Animal Hospital, Homerun Foods, Oxford Construction Company, Albany Tractor Company, Albany Airconditioning & Heating Company, LRA Constructors and Turners Fine Furniture.

To adopt turtles, please call 229-639-2650 or visit [flintriverquarium.com](http://flintriverquarium.com).



## Flint RiverQuarium Staff

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Marlon Tonge, *Maintenance Associate*  
Harold Mason, *Event and Maintenance Associate*

## Calendar of Events

### January 2011

- 1 Turtle Race Mini-Race- \$500 to the winner!
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Happy New Year Special! \$5 admission to the FRQ every Sunday. Add a movie for \$1.
- 2 *Discovery Days* - A Sense of Wonder
- 16 *Discovery Days* - A Sense of Wonder
- 19 *Tadpole Time* - A Sense of Wonder

### February 2011

- 6 *Discovery Days* - No Bones About It
- 11-14 Gift Store Valentine Sale - 20% off
- 12 A Sweetheart Deal - Buy a joint ticket for the RiverQuarium and Thronateeska and your sweetheart gets in free! Special gifts for each couple at both locations.
- 12 Turtle Race Mini-Race-\$500 to the winner!
- 12 Unveiling of the Aquadopt wall
- 16 *Tadpole Time* - No Bones About It
- 20 *Discovery Days* - No Bones About It

### March 2011

- March-May: School Daze Promotion-Each student visiting the FRQ on a class trip will receive a coupon entitling them to free admission with a paid adult on a return visit. Coupon to expire August 31.
- 5 Turtle Race
  - 5 Mardi Gras Madness (\$5 admission)
  - 5 Gift Store sale - 15% off
  - 6 *Discovery Days* - Blue Hole Gang
  - 16 *Tadpole Time* - Blue Hole Gang
  - 20 *Discovery Days* - Blue Hole Gang

### April 2011

- 3, 10, 17, 24 Church Promotion - Visitors show a church bulletin and receive a free movie with admission to the FRQ every Sunday in April.
- 3 *Discovery Days* - Eco Warriors
- 17 *Discovery Days* - Eco Warriors
- 18-24 Gift Store Easter sale -20% off, excluding mark-down items
- 20 *Tadpole Time* - Eco Warriors
- 22 *A Wild Affair*

## New Youth Activities Coordinator

Say hello to our new Youth Activities Coordinator, Jaleesa Coe. Born and raised in southwest Georgia, she is a true Albanian. She is enrolled at Albany Technical College where she is studying Early Childhood Education. She is a sports fan. Her favorite sports are football and track and field, but her true passions are for children and her Shih Tzu, Mitch.



## Welcome Harold!

The newest member of the Flint RiverQuarium team is Harold Mason who joined us on November 8, 2010. Harold is a Maintenance Associate and also the Event Maintenance Associate. He recently moved to Albany from Houston, Texas, where he owned his own contracting business. Harold is experienced in all facets of the building trades. In addition, he has volunteered his time at several non-profit organizations doing everything from mentoring to office work.



## RiverQuarium Board of Directors

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## Flint RiverQuarium and DNR Partner to renew fish populations

On November 8, the Flint RiverQuarium released 60 Channel catfish into the pond at Robert Cross Park under the supervision of Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries section. These fish were donated to the Flint RiverQuarium by Georgia DNR and had been raised in the hatchery section of the Flint RiverQuarium over the past two years.

On November 9, several hundred baby Channel catfish, Red eared sunfish, and Bluegill sunfish were given to the Flint RiverQuarium by the DNR hatchery in Dawson. These fish are on exhibit as a small representation of the DNR's efforts to re-stock streams and ponds in the area. Please feel free to drop in and watch them as they grow.

## Gopher tortoise update

In late October 2010, four gopher tortoises were airlifted by volunteer pilot Perry Cawthon from Albany to the Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Jekyll Island. One of these tortoises had a fractured plastron and had been brought to the RiverQuarium by a good Samaritan who witnessed it being struck by a semi-truck. The other three were from a nearby wildlife rehab expert. All had severe injuries and needed specialized care.

Two of the tortoises, including the one hit by the truck and another that had a severe ear abscess, have received treatment and are expected to make full recoveries. They have both been seen grazing outside on warm days and should be returned to us for release back into the wild this spring.

The other two tortoises suffered from severe shell wounds and other injuries including a fractured spine, punctured lung and other punctures into the body cavity. Unfortunately, recovery was not possible and these two tortoises were humanely euthanized.

## The Flint RiverQuarium Dive Program

Many of our visitors have seen the divers feeding the fish in front of the window of our main exhibit, the Blue Hole. What you may not know is what those divers go through to bring our guests that fun and interesting experience.

Normally, dive shows are held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. and every afternoon in the summer. The water is kept at 68° Fahrenheit, the temperature of a blue hole spring in southwest Georgia. This is a bit chilly, so the diver usually wears a wetsuit to keep warm. After donning mask, fins and buoyancy compensator, the diver tucks a bag of thawed fish under his arm before swimming across to the display window where the gar, bowfin, bass, and sunfish drift lazily in the water. As the diver nears the display window he tries to keep his fingers tucked in so the striped bass, which weigh



more than 50 pounds, don't bite his fingers while trying to steal a fish! Our divers love clowning around for the children on the other side of the display window and usually do a few flips and waves before going back to the dry world above.



The divers also are responsible for cleaning the inside of the Blue Hole exhibit. Once a week they clean the algae off the inside windows as well as vacuum debris with a two-foot hose. There must always be a standby diver and people to scrape debris at the other end of the hose. Any time you see a diver, there is at least one other person on the surface to tend him or help him if there is any trouble.

You might guess that there is more to SCUBA diving at the Flint RiverQuarium than meets the eye, and you'd be right!

First, each RiverQuarium diver must have gone through a course of dive instruction and be certified by a nationally recognized authority such as PADI (the Professional Association of Dive Instructors) or NAUI (the National Association of Underwater Instructors) as an open water diver. All divers also must go through a check-out dive with one of the staff divers or volunteer divers here at the RiverQuarium.

The Flint RiverQuarium has a group of about 20 active volunteer divers as well as a "core group" of five volunteer divers that sit on the Flint RiverQuarium Dive Board, along with five employees of the RiverQuarium curatorial department. Current volunteer dive board members are Phyllis and Larry Crumb, John Crowell, Sunny Lafontaine and Josh Spradley. The volunteer divers that serve on the board are elected annually.

The purpose of the dive board is to make sure that the Flint RiverQuarium follows all Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards set by the U.S. Department of Labor during dives. The board has developed a Safe Practices Dive Manual that all Flint RiverQuarium divers must follow. Due to this commitment to dive safety by the dive board, the Flint RiverQuarium has an excellent record of dive safety.

# Education Highlights

## Sam's Club Grant

Thank you to Sam's Club for awarding the Flint RiverQuarium Education Department a \$250 grant. What a great way to support science-based, hands-on learning for the community. We really appreciate their support!

## Teacher Open House

All teachers, whether you are affiliated with a private, public or home school, are invited to the fourth annual Teacher Open House. This year our host will be Chehaw. Enjoy exhibits by area cultural resources, prizes and refreshments. We hope you will all come out to this FREE event and see what our cultural resources have to offer you and your students. We hope to see you all at this drop-in event on January 20, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Chehaw Creekside Education Center. If you would like more information about this opportunity, please contact Melissa Martin at 229-639-2650 ext 226 or by email at [mmartin@flinriverquarium.com](mailto:mmartin@flinriverquarium.com).

## Quarium Classes

The Flint RiverQuarium Education Department is proud to offer Quarium Classes, educational classes designed to enhance school curriculum and field trip visits. All of our educational programs, complete with hands-on activities and animal experiences, are held in the wet lab and are led by our trained staff. Aligned to Georgia Performance Standards, Quarium Classes come with detailed pre- and post-activity guides executed in the classroom and pre- and post-assessments given on-site. Make reservations for Quarium Classes starting today for grade levels Kindergarten through 5th.

We have a limited capacity of 40 students per Quarium Class. However, multiple classes can be booked on the same day, back-to-back, in coordination with Flint RiverQuarium exhibit visits and Imagination Theater movie screenings.

Each class lasts one hour with a group size minimum of 15 students. All adults are admitted free to Quarium Classes. Maximum number of adults (including staff and chaperones) per class cannot exceed six due to space limitations. Each class is \$4.50 per child.



## RiverQuest Summer Camp 2011

Here we go into 2011, and we are making plans for a summer of fun and adventure at the Flint RiverQuarium. Come let your "Wild Ones" meet our "Wild Ones." The wonders of nature will be around every corner with animal encounters, hands-on experiences, experiments, games, outdoor learning and crafts. All of our camps include tours of the RiverQuarium, movies in our Imagination Theater, snacks and a camp t-shirt. Summer camps at the Flint RiverQuarium are a great way for all kids to experience nature while having fun. If they aren't careful the campers may even learn something!

The camps are open to children ages 7-11 and run through the months of June and July. Our younger campers, ages 5-6, will have their very own Small Fry Camp filled with nature-based activities just for them.

Back again this year, our Wild and Wacky Science Camp III will explode onto the scene with all new challenging and mind boggling experiments. Also keep a look out for collaborative camps with Thronateeska Heritage Center again this year. We are looking forward to a great summer!

If you would like to be on our mailing list for camp news and updates, please contact Lynn Campbell at 229-639-2650 ext. 234 or [lcampbell@flinriverquarium.com](mailto:lcampbell@flinriverquarium.com).



# Education Highlights

## Discovery Days 2011

Bring the whole family and join the fun with arts and crafts, live animal presentations and more from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month throughout the year.



It is FREE with your RiverQuarium regular admission or membership. Each month features a different fun and educational theme focusing on the elementary aged child. Each child will receive a Flint Ultimate Naturalist (F.U.N.) Passport that is stamped each time your child participates in Discovery Days' hands-on activities. When you get 4 stamps, a F.U.N. certificate and a free t-shirt are yours!

### Discovery Days 2011 Themes

January - A Sense of Wonder  
February - No Bones About It  
March - Blue Hole Gang  
April - Eco-Warriors  
May - Hey-Ho H2O  
June - Animal Antics  
July - River Bash  
August - Buggin' Out  
September - A Place to Hang Your Habitat  
October - Things That Make You Go EWW!  
November - Every Birdy Welcome  
December - Merry Fishmas

### Congratulations to our 2010 Flint Ultimate Naturalists!

Brittini Doggett  
Kinley Hynote  
Tyler Doggett  
Destiny Lee  
Chrissy Hawkins  
Lacey Lee  
Sierra Hawkins  
Amanda McCormick  
Austin Hynote



## Tadpole Time

Designed for preschoolers and parents, *Tadpole Time* is held the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.

Featuring the same monthly themes as *Discovery Days*, this special time features crafts, story times, snacks and live animal presentations geared toward our youngest visitors. FREE for members; included with regular admission price for non-members. Please make reservations by calling 229-639-2650 ext. 233.



## Sleep with the Fishes

Your group will be able to experience the RiverQuarium on an overnight indoor camping adventure. These group sleepovers allow Kindergarten through 8th grade level participants to see a movie at the Imagination Theater, get a personal tour with a RiverQuarium expert, have a pizza dinner, enjoy many other activities and bed down at the Blue Hole. This is a great opportunity for organized groups such as scouts or church groups. For more information, please contact Melissa Martin at 229-639-2650 ext. 226 or [mmartin@flintriverquarium.com](mailto:mmartin@flintriverquarium.com).



## O-fish-al Guide

The *O-fish-al Guide* is an interactive guide to learning more about the animals who call the Flint RiverQuarium their home. People sometimes have the tendency to move through aquariums at a quick pace spending little time at each exhibit. If you or your child crave a more in-depth, self-guided educational experience, ask for the *O-fish-al Guide* and begin your journey today! This guide is designed for ages 9 and up. (A nominal fee applies.)



## Myth-Understanding

**Myth:** You can tell the age of a rattlesnake by counting its rattles.

**Truth:** It is very hard to age a snake. Snakes grow at different rates depending on how much food they eat. A rattlesnake adds one rattle each time it sheds its skin. Since they may shed several times a year and rattles break off easily, you can't tell a rattlesnake's age by counting its rattles.

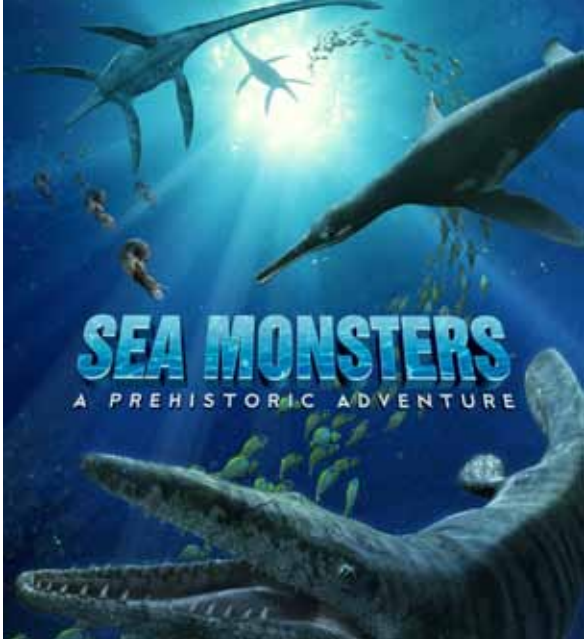


## waterSmart Tip of the Month:

Wait until you have a full load of laundry before running the machine to save both water and energy. By running full loads in the washing machine the average family can save up to 700 gallons of water per month, reducing water bills.



# Now at the Flint RiverQuarium



## Now Showing

### **SEA MONSTERS: A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE**

When strange bones are discovered in a muddy Kansas river bank, paleontologists set out to investigate a mystery “buried in time.” Through ultra-realistic computer animation we travel back to the Late Cretaceous, when the sea was dominated by giant marine reptiles, some as large as present-day whales. The film follows a female Dolichorhynchops (a seal-like reptile) and her offspring through adventures that illustrate life in the sea during the Age of Dinosaurs. Live-action recreations of actual paleontological digs are intercut throughout, revealing the scientific basis for each animated episode. In the end, the bones in Kansas turn out to be those of the featured Dolichorhynchops.

**Please check our website, [www.flintriverquarium.com](http://www.flintriverquarium.com), or call 229-639-2650 for the most current show times.**



## Bring Your Group for a Visit

Now is the time to schedule your group reservation. Whether you have a daycare, school, church or civic group, the Flint RiverQuarium has something for you! Meet some of the native creatures of southwest Georgia, as well as exotic creatures from around the world. Then cool down and relax in our large-format theater. Call today to make your reservation! Group rates apply for groups of 10 or more. Educational rates apply for schools.



For reservations, contact Ola Terrell, Guest Services Manager, at 229-639-2650 ext. 191 or [tickets@flintriverquarium.com](mailto:tickets@flintriverquarium.com).

*Ask about our new joint Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska field trip option! It's like getting two field trips in one!*



## Every Weekend at the RiverQuarium

*(movie show times subject to change without notice)*

### Saturday

10 a.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 11 a.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 11:30 a.m. Animal Encounters  
 Noon Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 1 p.m. Alligator Feeding at Spring Run Creek  
 2 p.m. Dive Show at the Blue Hole  
 2 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 3 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 4 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 4 p.m. Animal Encounters  
 5 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*

### Sunday

All day Member discounts  
 1 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 2 p.m. Dive Show at the Blue Hole  
 2 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 2-4 p.m. *Discovery Days* (1st and 3rd Sunday)  
 3 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*  
 4 p.m. Animal Encounter  
 4 p.m. Movie: *Wild Ocean*

# Now at the Flint RiverQuarium

## Alien Attack: Target Everglades!

### ALIEN ATTACK TARGET EVERGLADES



Aliens have landed in our midst and they're threatening our natural world! Learn about invasive plants and animals that are wreaking havoc in the Florida Everglades—and those in our own backyard—at the Flint RiverQuarium's new exhibit, *Alien Attack: Target Everglades*.

*Alien Attack* offers a top-ten countdown of the most dangerous plants and animals and their threat to the area's fragile ecosystems. These non-native species are al-

ready threatening the Florida Everglades and many are making their way toward Georgia. Live aliens on display include the Burmese python, Nile monitor lizard, Mayan cichlids, exotic frogs, and more.

In addition to live examples of harmful alien species, the *Alien Attack* exhibit presents vivid photographs of invasive species that might be found in your own backyard, along with recommendations on what can be done to resist the invasion. A few plant examples common in southwest Georgia are Chinese privet, coral ardisia, nandina and Japanese climbing fern.

## We the Flint RiverQuarium

Saturday, February 12, will be a special day of caring at the Flint RiverQuarium with an array of activities including a specially priced Sweetheart Deal for admission, the unveiling of the new Aquadopt commemorative wall of tiles and a preliminary turtle race with \$500 cash to the winner.

The Flint RiverQuarium and Thronateeska Heritage Center are teaming up to offer a buy-one-get-one-free joint ticket deal from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Purchase one joint ticket to both locations for \$17.50 and your sweetheart gets in free.

Tickets include admission to the Flint RiverQuarium, a movie at the Imagination Theater, admission to Thronateeska and a planetarium show at the Wetherbee Planetarium. In addition, this special couples ticket will include a sweet treat and commemorative photo at the RiverQuarium, a flower for each lady at Thronateeska and an entry to win a gift basket of goodies from each location.

That afternoon, the Aquadopt wall of commemorative tiles also will be dedicated, followed by a mini-race for all Turtle Race turtles adopted to date. The winner of the mini-race will receive \$500 cash and will automatically advance to the finals for the main race on March 5, 2011.

## Creature Feature



### Cattle egret

Recently, the Flint RiverQuarium received a call about an injured wading bird that was seen wandering along a road. Volunteers caught the bird, a Cattle egret. Within minutes of arriving at the RiverQuarium, he was devouring food and seemed to perk up a bit. He was seen by our local vet who informed us that he would never be able to fly again. After a short quarantine period, the egret nearly doubled in weight and was able to move into the aviary.

We have since received an additional Cattle egret that had a broken wing and was also non-releasable.

Cattle egrets can be seen in fields alongside livestock eating insects that are stirred up during grazing. They are the only small egret with both yellow legs and beak. Cattle egret could only be found in Africa until the 19th century. Around this time it is believed that they flew to South America. The birds reached the United States in 1941 and are now one of the most abundant of the North American herons.

## Volunteer Spotlight

Jared Prince, a Flint RiverQuarium youth volunteer, began volunteering in May of 2008 and has logged over 200 hours of service in Animal Husbandry. Jared is a very reliable young man who spends most Sunday afternoons in the aviary helping to care for the birds. In fact, Jared donated one of the aviary's most infamous residents - Archae, the Blue Jay. Jared is also quick to volunteer at special events and help with animal presentations. The staff is always happy to see Jared's smiling face, and we appreciate his eagerness to help!



# RiverQuarium Support

## Corporate Partners

The Corporate Partners Program allows businesses of all types and sizes to invest in the Flint RiverQuarium. Three investment levels make this attractive program affordable and the generous benefits may be shared with employees and clients alike. Contact the Membership Department at (229) 639-2650 ext. 233 for more information.

### Bronze (\$250)

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### Gold (\$1,000)

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Albany Advocacy Resource Center

## Corporate Sponsorship Program

Demonstrate your support for natural-resource conservation and education by investing in the Flint RiverQuarium Corporate Sponsorship Program. Corporate sponsorships provide for school-group tours, ensure the proper care of the animal collections and guarantee a quality experience for all RiverQuarium visitors. Let tens of thousands of people know your company is "earth friendly" and civic minded through your investment in the Flint RiverQuarium. Investment levels include \$3,000; \$6,000; \$10,000. Please call 639-2650 ext. 225 or log on to [www.flintriverquarium.com](http://www.flintriverquarium.com) for more information.



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(August 1 through November 30, 2010)

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*Thank you for supporting the Flint RiverQuarium!*

# Membership Update

## Blue Hole Society

Blue Hole Society members participate in the highest levels of membership in the Flint RiverQuarium. Membership in the Blue Hole Society helps ensure the future of the RiverQuarium by supporting exceptional educational programs, first-class exhibits and new initiatives.

To become a member of the RiverQuarium Blue Hole Society, please contact the Membership Department at 229-639-2650, or toll free at 877-GOFLINT.

## Blue Hole Society Members

### **KNIGHTS OF BARBOUR (\$1,000)**

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### **ANGEL FISH (\$2,500)**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McAfee

## Current Founding Members

\*new member \*\*upgraded membership

### Individual Memberships

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Sue Hilliard	Dorothy Takash
Dale C. Hoffman	Lou Ann Talley
Ted Horton	David Tennyson
Jack Howard	J.P. Watkins
Steven Jack	Dorothy J. Whelchel
Andrew Jackson	B. Sturgis Wiggins
David Jackson	Cindy Young
Rebecca Jeter	

### Family Adventure

Catherine Andrews	Robert M. Drake
Nancy Appleton	Edgar W. Duskin, Jr.
Bill Baker	Timothy Fowler, Jr.
Thomas Baker	Don Geisman
Pam Barfield	Martha Guyton
Joe Bellacomo	Lou Johnson
Christine Belusko	Donald M. Kea
Robert Bishton	Terry Kile
Julia Bowles	Bill Landau
Felicia Cartmell	Deidra Langstaff
Randy Carver	Tony Lehr
Ed Cassity	James Lindsey
Eural Chestang	Ron Malcolm
Tommy Coleman	Stephen McLendon
Andy Donnan	Wayne Mehearg
Jan Dorsey	Clayton Mims

# Membership Update

## Current Founding Members cont.

### Family Adventure Memberships cont.

Margaret Mims	Charlie Plunkett
William or Bennie Moore	Thomas R. Reynolds
Pinneice Mosely	Pat Stripling
Ladd Murphy	Bill Swan
Marilyn Nobles	Robert Tennille
Raymond Norvell	Cynthia Watson
Catherine Orr	E.B. Wilkin
James Palazzolo	Jean Willis

### Friend

Nancy Barclay	
Jean B. Brown	Frank Middleton, III
Willis A. Duvall, Jr.	Nancy Presley
Heidi Ellion	Paul Smurda
F.D. Hand, Jr.	Henry Spruill, Jr.
Marilyn Malphurs-McKinney	Dunn Stapleton

### Contributor

John Holman  
Spencer Lee\*\*  
John McDuffie

## Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Have you ever wanted an opportunity to peek behind the scenes at the RiverQuarium? Ever wondered what all those machines behind the building were? Now, as a member, you have the opportunity for a personal behind-the-scenes tour! When you refer a friend who becomes a member of the Flint RiverQuarium, we will give you a personal behind-the-scenes tour as our 'thank you' for promoting the RiverQuarium to your friends. Just fill out the coupon below or on our website and give it to your friend. When your friend redeems the coupon, we will contact you to set up your tour. It's that easy!

*Offer applies to new members or members who are lapsed for longer than one year.*

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New member receives 10% discount on membership. Current member receives a behind-the-scenes tour of the Flint RiverQuarium. Bring this coupon to the Flint RiverQuarium ticket office or mail it in to purchase your membership. Current member will receive a voucher with contact information for the behind-the-scenes tour.

Current Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Good for new members or members renewing after at least one year of lapsed membership.*

## Current Members

\*new member \*\*upgraded membership

### Individual Memberships

Evelyn Berg	Chet Harrell	Julia Peterson
Frances Bowden	Melissa Henry	Connie Phipps
Thomas Bozzuto	Colette Jenkins	Ralph Powell
Janice Brooks	Adryon Johnson	Dawn Rouse
James Bush*	Patricia Jones*	Sean Sale
Elizabeth Champion	Angie Jordan*	Bernard Scoggins
Mae Crowder	Christine Kelley	Ariel Sharpe*
Vivian Davis	Richard Kennedy*	Henrietta Singletary
Nina Dyer	Sally Knox	Thomas Stringer*
Jo Farrell	Christina Luciano*	Amy Lynn Titus
Danielle Ferris*	G. N. Manley	Chip Underdown
Lindsay Fricks	Cheryl Marande	Kirsty Van Der Walt
Gloria Gaines	Jean McGuire	Sharon Williams
Lee Geer	Henry Mcguire	Danielle Wilson*
Abram Goldsmith	Shelton Mitchell	Alwen Yeung*
Josephine Gorecki	Candice Morey	
Green Oaks Center*	Corey Omar	

### Family Memberships

Kim Abel	Don Crews	Robert Hadley
Pauline Abidde	James Crowe, Jr.	Martha G. Hall
Don Adams	H.R. Crumley, III*	Gail Hall
Malek Ahmad	Billy C. Cuff*	Wayne Hanna
Marvin Allen	Leann Culbreath	Kathy Hardison
Erika Antonio	Linda Culpepper	Carolyn Hatcher
Ruthie Arnold	Nalls Curtis*	Charles Hawkins
Tabitha Ashberry*	Cawthon Custer	Holly Heath
James Atkinson	Brett Daniel	Anna Hendley
Kelli Baker	Ardenis Daniels	W.T. Henry
David Baranski	Dave Davies	Shane Herrin
Ken Barnhill	Mari Davis*	Sharon Hicks
Joyce Bartow	Susan Detitta	Kisha Hightower*
Lee Baxley	Willie Dillard	Claire Hillard
Elaine Bennett*	John Dixon	Laura Hinson
Dawn Benson	Karl Dockery	Connie Hobbs
Carol Bishop	Tobby Donaldson	Hope Hoey*
Danielle Blackwell	Orlene Donaldson	Karen Hogue
Larry Blakely	Clark Dowdell	Christine Holland
Gary Bolen	Mandy Downs	Andrew Holloway
Andrea Bowen	Thomas Driggers	Linda Holloway
Cindy Bowman	Sandra Duckworth	Cindy Holton
Andy Boyett	Gary Dykes	Vernon Horst*
Dorothy Bozeman	Lamar Eason	Don Howell
Gwen Brackins	Johanna Edgerton	Lamar Hudgins
Jere Brands	Missy Edwards	Marianne Humphrey
Blake Brantley	Vickie Edwards-Cooper	Charles Hutchison*
Genevieve Breedon*	Fred Eister	David Ivey
Roosevelt Briley*	Fran Eubanks	Arthur Jackson
Barbara Brock	Selina Evans	Marty Jensen
Carl Brokamp	Daniel Evans	Lavern Johnson
Robert Brooks	Gail Fair	Blair Johnston
Melodie Browning*	Ernie Fedewa	Karen Joiner
Anastasia Bryant	Betty Feldmann	Dale Joiner
James Buckley, III	Pat Fernandez*	Teresa Jones
Bill Calhoun	Linda Fields	Fredric Jones
Lynda Campbell	Hazel Finley	Robin Jones
Charles Carroll	Patrick Flynn	April Jowers
Nancy Carter	Ken Folsom	Brandon Keaton
Gail Carter	Lee Formwalt	Mike Keenan
Franklin Cawthon*	Wanda Friar	Tony Keith
Reggie Cella	Sharon Garcia	Bethany Kersey
Benita Childs	Jerry Geiger	Mufaddal Kheda
Dana Clark	Patsy Gerbert	Larry King
Regina Clay	Viola Gilbert	Misty Kitchens
Donald Cleesattle	Danelle Goddard	Van Knowles
Geneva Collier	Jennifer Golden	Erin Kolbie
Melissa Collins*	Troy Golden	John Konicki
Vera Collins	Teresa Goree	William Lane
Sherry Collins	Bernetta Graham	Jeff Lark
Kathryn Conner	Charles Graham	Lynn Larsen
Lewis Conner	Jim Grandinetti	Nancy Lawrence
Commodore Conyers	Mark Grimaldi	Sandra Lawson
Gilbert Crenshaw	Imogene Gunnels	Lawrence Leonard

# Membership Update

## Family Memberships cont.

Ethel Lester  
Curt Lewsader  
Mary E. Ligon  
Nancy Long  
Mary Long  
Doris Lorig\*\*  
Carol Love\*  
Sharon Loyley  
Kirsten Lupinski  
Jennifer Mabee\*  
Teresa Manning  
Cara Marchbanks  
Jane Margeson\*  
Roger Marietta  
Shanna Marini\*  
Claudia Marshall  
Erin Mashburn  
Judy Mathis  
Teresa Mathis  
Michael Matis  
Debbie Mazur  
Bethany McAfee  
Phyllis McClain\*  
Daniel McIsaac  
Tim McLean  
Michael McMinn\*  
Mary McMullen  
Frances B. Meadow  
Matt Medders\*  
Mary Ellen Mercer  
Nancy Merritt\*  
Andrew Michas  
Kari Middleton  
David Mills  
Susan Minix  
Kathy Mobley  
Paul Mock  
Petrie Montgomery  
Ana Maria Moored  
Sandra Moran  
David Morris  
Neal Moseley, Jr.  
Mark Moshell  
Charles Mullis  
Thomas Neal  
Wallace Nelson  
Joshua Newborn  
Sara Nisinger  
Doug Noble  
Heide Noland  
Todd Northrop  
G. Titi Oladunjoye  
Douglas Oliver  
Penny Pace  
Paul Pahl

Sabine Patton  
Georgee Pendley  
Carl Pennington  
Carlos Perez  
Chrisy Perry-wise  
Joyce Pettit  
Daniel Phillips  
Karen Phillips  
Christa Pickett\*  
Jerry Pickett  
Tina Pittman  
Ken Pittman  
Joanne Poer  
Christina Pollock\*  
Tricia Pollock  
Lois Price  
Sam Pride  
Jarred Prince  
Larry H. Prisant  
Donald L. Pye  
Ron Rainer  
Linda Rainey  
Adrienne Reddick  
Gladys Reddick  
Jason Renfroe  
Lawrence Reno  
Rebekah Richmond  
Heather Roberts  
James Roberts  
Ronald Rogers  
Gina Roland  
Jody Wayne Rowsey\*  
Daniel Salas  
John Salter  
Kimberly Sangster  
Duane Sapp  
Sreenivas Sappati  
John Schilling  
Kathleen Sexton  
Patti Shellhaas  
Ethel Shelter\*  
Marc J. Shemery  
Harry Sheppard  
Jo Anne Shook  
Cantrell Sias  
La'Tasha Siler\*  
Gladys Simon  
Glenn Sims-Lime  
Jack Singletary  
Bruce Smith  
Beverly Smith  
Kevin M. Smith  
Bradley Solomon  
Joseph Sorenson  
Suzanne Speed

Christy Staggs  
Rachel Stahl  
Vicky Stephens  
Willie Steward-Muhammad  
Lucy Stone\*  
Cary Stouendemire  
Karen Stroud  
Livia Suggs  
Martha Sumner  
Karin S. Tabb  
Angelia Talley  
Betty Taylor  
Graham Thompson  
Gloria Thompson  
Kimberly Thompson  
William Tietjen  
Jean Tillman  
Mary Tilson  
Rita S. Tindell  
Sherrie Tisdale  
Nicole Touchton\*  
Deborah Tripp  
Kelly Tumlin  
Irene Turner  
Ellen Ungarino  
Victor Valencik  
Antoine Veldkamp  
Susan Wages  
Wanda Waldron  
Chris Ward  
Jeanette Warren  
Michael Watchulonis  
Bennett Watts  
Rosa Watts  
Donna Weathersby  
Gene Webb  
Freddie Wellborn  
Gerald Wessels  
Suzanne Westbrook\*  
Monte Wilcox  
Monica Williams  
Shawn Willis\*  
Bryan Willis  
Starla Willoughby  
W. P. Wilson  
Frank H. Wingate  
Gayle Womble  
Donna Wood\*  
Robert Wood  
David Worth  
Margaret Wright  
Nan Wuller  
Jay Yeiser  
J.M. Yielding

## Family Adventure Memberships cont.

Bruce Garey  
Charles George  
Karen George\*\*  
Lynne Glover  
Pamela Golden  
Bernetta Graham  
Loring Gray  
Susan Greene\*\*  
Tommy Gregors\*  
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William Hall  
Vonda Hancock  
Ed Hardison, III  
Ross Harrison  
Glenna Hatfield  
Triquenski Hicks\*  
Mary Hood  
Michelle Hoover  
Eddie Hopkins, Jr.  
Altrasey Hubbard  
Betty Huff  
Jamy Ivey  
Charles Ivy  
Lois A. Janda  
Larry F. Jernigan  
Jo Joiner\*  
Christyl Jones\*  
Justin Jones\*  
Stephen Jones  
Ladd Jordan  
Sherin Kennedy\*

Ashley Kenny  
Janice M. Key  
Sherrell Lamar  
Mark Lane  
Daryl Anne Lane  
Dawn Lashley  
Sing Lathan\*  
William Lawson  
Mark Lee  
Paul Lewis  
Brad Lockhart  
Scott Loehr  
Bonnie Long  
Tony Luster  
Martin Lynch  
Mahasin Majied  
Amanda Margraves  
Terry Marlowe  
Melissa Martin  
Rusty Mc Daniel  
Dorothy McClain  
Billie Medders  
Diahann Meekins Moore\*  
Robert Miksad  
David Miller  
John Moorhead  
Jennifer Moree  
David Ndaayezwi  
Ned Newcomb  
Ryan Nicks\*\*  
Mary Oakley\*

Marcus Owen  
Nancy Palmer\*  
Nancy Paschal\*\*  
Joy Patel  
Kelly Putnam  
L. Clayton Smith, Jr.  
Tracy Suber  
William Swan  
Belinda Tabler  
Ola Terrell  
John Thomas  
Deidre Tolbert\*  
Marlon Tonge  
John Tracy  
Narvin Unstall  
Sandra Usrey  
Jaime Valdez  
Clarence Washington\*  
Linda Watson  
John Watson  
Nancy West  
C. Jason Wilcox\*  
Sharon Williams  
Lavern Willingham  
Alicia Wills  
Diane Wills  
Michael Workman  
Dennis Yeckel

## Friend

Willie Adams  
Leonard Brannan  
Bob and LaVerne Brooks\*\*  
Jo Eckhardt  
Gray Fountain\*\*  
Charles Gillespie  
Ira Knepp

Gennie Marcus  
Joseph B. Powell  
Julian Price  
Catherine Revell\*\*  
Tim Singletary  
John Stephenson\*\*  
Vic Sullivan

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Bodine Sinyard

## Family Adventure Memberships

Rebecca Abbott  
Corlis Adams  
Frank Ahouse  
Mary Anderson  
Allison Anthony\*  
Alan Ashley  
Stephanie Barber  
Ellen Barnes  
Frances Barnett  
Kathy Batson  
Ken Battaglia  
John Baucom  
Christopher Bennett  
Georgia Binns  
Rachelle Bitterman\*\*  
Elizabeth Bloing  
Jennifer Bonner  
Alicia Bostick\*  
David Bradshaw  
Audrey Brienza\*  
Phyllis Broome\*

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Richard Brown  
George Buchanan  
William Buntin  
Joseph Burger, Jr.  
George Buttner  
Lynn Campbell  
Nicolas Carter\*  
Clay Chapman  
Jake Chitty  
Vicki Churchman  
Robert Clark  
Thomas Collier  
Sarah Collins  
Christopher Cook  
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Drew Cox\*  
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Lindsay Cruel  
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Jim Deal\*  
Patricia Donahoue  
Len Dorminey  
Stacey Driggers  
Sally Dugger  
Barbara Durham  
Claudia Durham  
Rebecca Dusterdieck  
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Chap Enfinger  
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