

Special Event

Celebrating Florida's Wild Wonders

Event #CF101

Presenters: Leslie K. Poole, Gianna Russo, Bruce Stephenson, Jean Blackburn, Susan Cerulean, Pamela Callender, Joe King, and Jono Miller

Ringling College Museum Campus

Friday: March 11
9 am-5 pm

Gold Member: \$112.50

Gold Member registration opens on Tuesday, Nov. 30

Silver Member & General Admission: \$125

Silver & General Admission registration opens on Tuesday, Dec. 7

The registration fee includes lunch and a closing reception.

Inspired by the book *The Wilder Heart of Florida* (2021), "Celebrating Florida's Wild Wonders" offers a unique opportunity to learn about many of Florida's natural treasures and to deepen the understanding and appreciation of nature in your life. Using the arts as our vantage point via evocative prose, poetry, painting, photography, architecture, and film, this event will engage your heart and mind in celebrating and safeguarding our precious wild wonders.

Presenters include contributing writers, poets, and environmentalists from *The Wilder Heart of Florida*:

Leslie K. Poole, co-editor of *The Wilder Heart of Florida* and assistant professor of environmental studies at Rollins College.

Gianna Russo, assistant professor of English and creative writing at Saint Leo University, author of several poetry collections, and winner of a Florida Book Award.

Bruce Stephenson, professor of environmental studies at Rollins College and author of *John Nolen: Landscape Architect and City Planner*.



Photo courtesy of Jean Blackburn

Save the date: Friday, March 11 "Celebrating Florida's Wild Wonders"

Guests will have an opportunity to hear a variety of speaker presentations featuring numerous artists and environmentalists. The day will also include short films, breakout sessions, book signings, and art exhibits. In addition, local environmental and art groups will offer display tables and exhibits. Seating is limited.

Other presenters include these notable environmental writers, artists, and educators:

Jean Blackburn, contemporary artist, photographer, and naturalist who celebrates nature and the joy it can bring to human life.

Susan Cerulean, multiple award-winning writer, naturalist, earth advocate, and author of three books including the newly published *I Have been Assigned the Single Bird, A Daughter's Memoir*.

Pamela Callender, adjunct professor of eco-art history at Eckerd College, who has created a unique landscape design project called "Lifelines, Connecting Natures Habitat."

Joe King, architect/developer who designed River Forest, the unique 26 home neighborhood on the Braden River, set among a lush native plants landscape.

Jono Miller, educator, activist, and natural historian who works to understand and protect wild places in Southwest Florida.