



**Institute for
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November 2019 Newsletter

Welcome Baby Rei Sevcovas!

We are excited to announce that our very own Field Biologist, Michelle Smith, had her first baby boy on Thursday, November 21st!

Congratulations to Michelle and Andrius!

**WELCOME
BABY SEVCOVAS!**



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THANK YOU to those who supported IRC's 35th Anniversary Events in Miami-Dade and Delray Beach!

Our 35th Celebrations in both Miami-Dade and Delray Beach were amazing events filled with IRC staff, colleagues, associates, and friends new and old.

We would like to thank each and every one of you who came out to our events to show your support of IRC's work and mission. IRC could not have enjoyed 35 years of regional conservation work without collaborating with such committed individuals.

We were able to raise over **\$3,500** and we could not be more grateful!
Thank you to all that donated and/or participated in our raffles.

Cheers to 35 more years!



35th in Miami

A very special thank you to our sponsors: the [City of Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation](#), [Broward Chapter of FNPS](#), [Dade Chapter of FNPS](#), [Pelican Harbor Seabird Station](#), Steve Pearson, Joy Klein, John Lawson, and Patty Phares. We could not have done this without you!

Thank you to those who volunteered or helped make this event happen: Gloria Antia, Richard Brownscombe, Amy Creekmur, Lydia Cuni, Steve Green, Joy Klein, Sandy Koi, Kiki Mutis, Christina Stocking, Carlos Villegas, Steve Woodmansee, and Maya Gann. And a special thanks to Patty Phares for organizing the event!

35th in Delray

A very special thank you to our sponsors: John Campanola, agent of New York Life, [BCoSF Media](#), [Erin Deady Law](#), [Central Park Taekwondo](#), [Martin Nathan LMHC](#), and [Valentina's Pizza and Pasta](#). We could not have done this without you!

Thank you to those who volunteered or helped make this event happen: Allison Turner, Jack Schulman, Donna Shore, Patty Phares, Emiliano Brooks at Studio B2, and Delray Beach Mayor Shelly Petrolia.

Thank you Allison Turner of BCOSF Media for donating your space to us for this wonderful event.

Give Miami Day 2019!



As [#GiveMiamiDay](#) comes to end, everyone at The Institute for Regional Conservation would like to thank all of our donors today!

We greatly appreciate the support from each and every one of you in helping us raise [\\$2,372!](#)

Your contributions enable us to carry out our mission through restoring pine rockland habitat, holding educational events, and providing free online resources.

THANK YOU!!!

This year marks The Institute for Regional Conservation's
35th anniversary!

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IRC Receives Viva Florida Award

IRC is excited to announce that we have recently received a grant from the State of Florida and Florida Wildflower Foundation (FWF) for the Viva Florida Award Agreement in support of our Natives For Your Neighborhood (NFYN) website.

With this funding, IRC will be able to continue expanding this free resource throughout Florida, to develop additional wildlife pages, and link wildlife to plant pages and ZIP codes.

The goals with this grant are:

- To increase information sharing between the FWF website and NFYN, including direct links to FWF resources on wildflowers and pollinators. Upload images of wildflowers and wildlife shared by FWF to NFYN.
- Continue northward expansion of NFYN in Florida, including the development of wildlife and habitat lists in central Florida.
- Expand current pollinator coverage in NFYN.
- Collaborate with FWF on promoting the increase in connectivity through gardening with native plants and wildlife.

Check out the [FWF](#) website and our [NFYN](#) website!



Thank you to our recent donors for supporting IRC's programs.

Thank you to our recent NFYN sponsorship from [All Native Garden](#)

ML61, Craig Grossenbacher, Jennifer Richards, Pam Seitz, Rosa Tumazos, Shannon Vadala, Dean Baloise, Amy Kimball, Rodney Welch, Leah Materna-Laurel, Layne Bolen, Mary Caseber, and Steven Schuemann.

IRC has an E-Trade account, so please contact us about gifts of stock.

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Donations allow us to provide important resources for free to the public, landscape designers, and enthusiasts of native plants and native plant gardening.

To check out our NFYN website, [click here.](#)

Recent IRC Events

IRC at FANN Native Plant Show



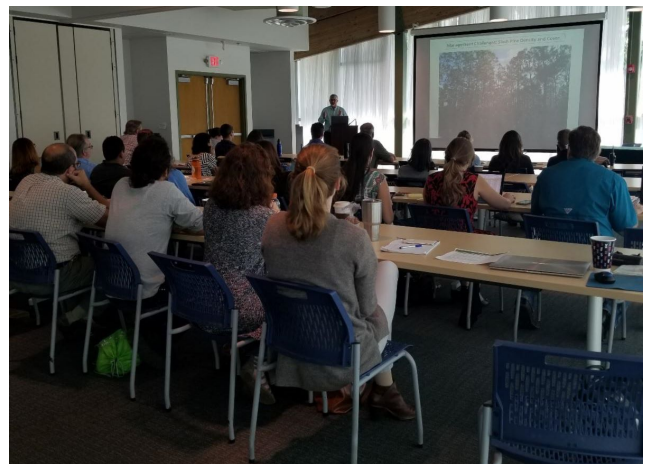
IRC's George Gann attended the [Florida Association of Native Nurseries \(FANN\)](#) Native Plant Show on the grounds of [Mounts Botanical Gardens](#).

He presented at two sessions: One about IRC's NFYN resource and how it can be used to restore the Gold Coast and beyond. "*Transforming Landscapes in an Age of Rapid Change*" was about exploring the urgent need for transformative change in the planning and management of landscapes in Florida and how to choose appropriate native plants for a sustainable landscape.

IRC at Pine Rockland Business Plan Meeting

IRC is proud to participate in the development of a Pine Rockland Business Plan, in collaboration with the [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#), [The Nature Conservancy](#), Miami-Dade County, and many other collaborators.

George Gann gave the keynote presentation on "*The State of the Pine Rocklands*" at a recent stakeholder meeting held at [Zoo Miami](#).



IRC's RGC Event with ML61

On Sunday, October 20th, IRC had the pleasure of working with ML61 in Delray Beach. For part of their legacy project, they raised funds to plant a variety of coastal plants including Saw palmettos, Spanish stoppers



and Bloodleaf. They also picked up trash along the beach and in the dunes.

Thank you ML61 for making the environment a priority and helping us restore coastal biodiversity through our Restoring the Gold Coast program!

[Click here](#) for more photos.

IRC's Restoring the Gold Coast (RGC) Kick-Off Event

IRC's RGC Kick-Off event at Delray Municipal Beach was a success! With about 40 volunteers, we planted over a dozen different native species, removed invasive species, and picked up trash/recycling off of the beach and dunes.

Thank you to our crew leaders Danica Sanborn of [Sandoway Discovery Center](#), Isabella Marzullo, and Ian Wilkinson for leading our volunteers. Thank you, Rob Barron, at Coastal Growers, Inc. and Keith Buttry at Neglected Native Nursery for providing the plants for this event.

A HUGE thank you to the women of [Impact 100 PBC](#) for awarding us this grant to jumpstart our program!

We would also like to thank our friends at [Beach Property Owner's Association](#), commissioner Bill Bathurst, and Sam Metott of [City of Delray Beach Parks and Recreation](#) who came out.

[Click here](#) for more photos.



IRC News & Upcoming Events

- **RGC Field Trip with Atlantic Community High School, December 3rd: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.** As part of the Restoring the Gold Coast Program, IRC will be leading Earth Science students from Atlantic Community High School on a coastal restoration field trip in Delray Beach! Students will learn restoring coastal biodiversity first hand by planing, removing invasive species, and picking up trash along the coastal strand.
- **Butterfly and Bird Day at Castellow Hammock Preserve, December 7th: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.** IRC's Crew Leader, Alex Seasholtz, will be hosting a table at the Butterfly & Bird Day Event hosted by [Miami Blue Chapter, North American Butterfly Association](#)

and Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces. Come check it out! [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Talk at Delray Humana Group, December 11th: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.** IRC's Education & Outreach Coordinator, Cara Abbott, will be talking with the members of Delray Humana Group about our Restoring the Gold Coast Program and how they can help!



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