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## September 2024 Newsletter

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**Join us this Thursday, October 3rd @ 5pm  
for our annual fundraiser!**

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**Restoring the Link Between People and Nature  
A Do Good Delray Event**

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# RESTORING THE LINK

## BETWEEN PEOPLE AND NATURE

**OCTOBER 3RD 2024**  
**FROM 5:00PM TO 8:30PM**

**Join us for a fun family friendly event!**  
**DELRAY BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

3 NE 1ST ST.  
 DELRAY BEACH, FL 33444

MEANDER THE NATIVE GARDENS, ENJOY GREAT FOOD & DRINKS,  
 EXHIBITS, SILENT AUCTION AND KIDS ACTIVITIES

**TICKETS: \$45 KIDS \$5**



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## OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT IS HERE!

**BUY TICKETS TODAY OR THE DAY OF EVENT!**

We're thrilled to announce an upcoming fundraising occasion in collaboration with Do Good Delray, hosted by the Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce. This year, we're joining forces with Central Park Taekwondo - Delray Beach, again and our focus is set on raising funds for our programs, such as our Pine Rockland Initiative and Restoring the Gold Coast.

### Event Details:

**Date:** Thursday, October 3rd

**Time:** 5:00pm - 8:30pm

**Location:** Delray Beach Historical Society

This event is designed for **ALL AGES** to enjoy. Anticipate a delightful array of food, beverages, face painting silent auction, raffles, and much more!

Secure your tickets without delay - just [click here](#). You may purchase tickets the day of the event or at the door if you like.

**Thank you to our current sponsors!**



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OCTOBER 3RD 2024

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<b>GARDEN GUARDIAN - \$250</b>
1 shout out during trivia and plug in IRC newsletter
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For those interested in becoming sponsors, additional details can be found on the flyer above and by [clicking here](#).

Let's work together to achieve our objective of reaching **\$10,000** in support!  
Your participation is invaluable.

**IRC Celebrates 40 Years of Conservation!**



## YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR 40th YEAR CELEBRATION

Celebrate four decades of IRC's efforts on behalf of biodiversity and prevention of local extinctions, with the vision to unite people and nature to restore our world.

Please join us at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden to meet staff and board members for a review of the past and where we're going, enjoy refreshments, conversation, and some fun activities. Entrance to FTBG and the event are free. We urge you to support IRC by offering a donation.

Please find more details about the event and RSVP at [bit.ly/IRC40YEARS](https://bit.ly/IRC40YEARS).

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PLEASE DONATE

Your donations empower us to enhance our free online resources, safeguard rare plants and animals, restore native ecosystems, and champion more effective public policies for conservation.

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## Recent Events

### Nature Walk & BioBlitz!

On Friday, September 13th, IRC in collaboration with [Miami Beach Botanical Garden](#) and supported by the Miami Beach Rising Above grant, guided a nature tour at North Beach Oceanside Park in Miami Beach. It was such a fun walk within the tropical hammock and beach dunes and we discussed the importance of coastal

conservation. Volunteers learned how to identify coastal native plants, the importance in building a biodiverse dune system and how a biodiverse dune can help protect from storm erosion!

We are so thankful for continued support from Riki Bonnema, horticulturalist, from the Miami Beach Botanical Garden.



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## Simultaneous Ecological Restoration Volunteer Events!

On Saturday, September 14th, we had the privilege of hosting two events simultaneously that brought together volunteers committed to making a positive impact on two of our most fragile ecosystems.

Event #1 was held at South Pointe Park in Miami Beach where our Conservation Program Manager, Liz Dutra worked alongside 15 volunteers to install many native plants such as Beach Jacquemontia, Sea-lavender, and Seaside joyweed. Our volunteers also learned about the importance of the healthy dune coastal ecosystems.

Event #2 was held at the Palmetto Bay Park in the Village of Palmetto Bay. Led by IRC's Field Supervisor, Melany Flint and our Field Technician, Jonathan Moreno. Volunteers installed native plants to enhance the biodiversity this pine rocklands and as well as remove pesky invasives.

Thank you to all the volunteers that weekend!



## Day at South Beach Park, Boca Raton.

This past Saturday, September 28th at South Beach Park, IRC and the City of Boca Raton worked together with volunteers to remove invasive Beach naupaka (*Scaevola taccada*). The volunteers also installed a variety of native plants to the beach dune such as Sea lavender, Beach creeper, and Seaside joyweed all while learning the importance of coastal ecosystems. Thank you to all the volunteers who joined us. This was our 8th event at with the City this year! We are looking forward to hosting events in the next coming months.

If you are interested in participating in future volunteer events please check out our [events page!](#)



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## Spotlight on our Field Supervisor "Melany Flint"

We're thrilled to spotlight our Field Supervisor, Melany Flint, who has been with IRC for over two years now. Her outstanding hard work and unwavering dedication to conservation has not gone unnoticed. Her passion for protecting and restoring our native ecosystems, along with her remarkable knowledge and skill with plants, has made a significant impact on our projects and goals. We want to thank Melany for being an integral part of our team and for demonstrating such great aptitude in the field!





**Thank you** to all who have supported IRC's programs with a \$20 or larger donation in the last month: Garrett Kealer, Jose Garcia, & Naisy Sarduy,

Thank you to our **Monthly Sustainers** who donate \$25 or more each month: Barbara McAdam, Maria Rowley, Lindsay Bohner and Valerie Seasholtz.

While we get funding for some great projects, those funds rarely cover all of our costs, so we really do need your support to continue our important work.

Consider supporting our efforts which allow us to provide important conservation services such as improving our free online resources, increasing protection of rare plants and animals, restoring native ecosystems, and advocating for better public policy. Click the button below.

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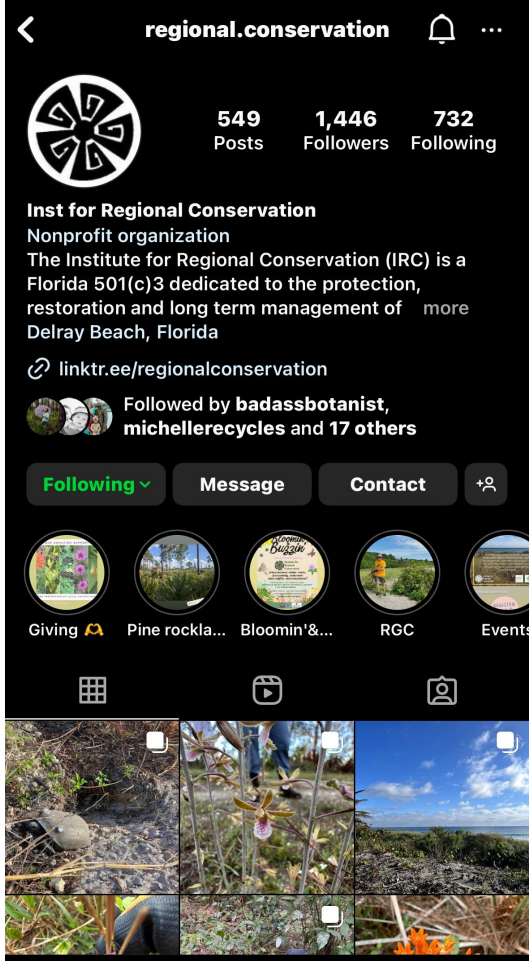


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(*Jacquemontia curtissii*)

## Follow us on Social Media

The best way to stay up to date on all things IRC is to follow us on social media! Every week we spotlight native plants for "Wildflower Wednesday" and give a glimpse into one of our many unique projects from our "From the Field Friday" posts. You can also follow our socials where we share our event photos and lots of relevant information about the environment and beyond.

So, if you haven't already, follow us on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!



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