



Friends of the Environment

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Upcoming Events

Sept 27th

Bird Walk

Oct.2nd

Lionfish Demonstration

Oct 4th

Plant Fair- Cooper's
Town

Oct 11th

Plant Fair- Murphy
Town

October 15th

Sustainable
Development
Workshop

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Underwater Digital
Camera

Computer

FRIENDS WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

Friends would like to welcome Mr. Enzil Cooper who has recently joined the education program as an additional education officer. Mr. Cooper worked for The Ministry of Education for six years and taught at various schools in Abaco including SC Bootle High School and Hope Town Primary. He is a truly enthusiastic individual and an excellent educator who takes pride in his position. Mr. Cooper has a sincere interest in environmental education and will be a wonderful addition to our education program and FRIENDS team!

A BOAT RIDE WITH MINISTER EARL DEVEAUX

Friends of the Environment had the privilege of spending the morning showing off the pristine Snake Cay creeks to the Minister of the Environment Earl Deveaux and several of his colleagues that included: The Honorable Phenton Neymour (Minister of State for the Ministry of the Environment), Ronald Thompson (Permanent Secretary for The Ministry of the Environment), Phillip Weech (Director of the BEST Commission), Michael Major (Director of Physical Planning), Eric Carey (Executive Director of The Bahamas National Trust), Eleanor Phillips (Director of The Nature Conservancy Bahamas Program) and several other interested individuals. FRIENDS had invited Minister Deveaux because we felt that in order to understand the true value of an area one must see it for themselves rather than through a series of reports or maps. This theory proved true as the boat pattered past the lush native vegetation, numerous sea turtles and blue holes swarming with marine life. It was a great day spent with likeminded individuals who have a common respect for Abaco's unique environment! As Minister Deveaux said "The tour, Lunch, Company and Fellowship were good for my soul", and I think all that were present can agree to that!



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ABACO

Friends of the Environment will be hosting a Sustainable Development Workshop on Wednesday October 15th at New Vision Ministries. The workshop is an effort to promote sustainable development practices to all stakeholders in order to maintain a healthy environment for the future generations of Abaco. Some of the speakers will include Minister Earl Deveaux, Tiemo Resorts from Andros, The Island School in Cape Eleuthera and The Ministry of Works. The workshop will consist of various speakers as well interactive sessions. It will give the community a chance to learn about different ways forward and about several sustainable development efforts that are happening throughout The Bahamas. We hope to see you there!

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