



GLEE's 2nd Annual Green Living Awards

Individuals Category

For Cumulative Efforts leading up to January 1st 2009

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City/Island

Application Summary

One of my missions in life is to use my skills and talents in a way that makes the world a better place. So I am grateful to the editors and publisher of the Keynoter/Keys Sunday and the fine folks at GLEE for helping me further that mission. Since moving to the Keys 18 months ago, I have written approximately 50 articles for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday and the Miami Herald about local environmental issues, GLEE and green living.

Detailed Accomplishments

Be as detailed as possible when summarizing your green achievements. Dates enacted, money saved, waste diverted, emissions saved and other such facts factor heavily in final awards.

<u>Renewable Energy</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of appropriate solar, wind and bio generated sources of renewable energy.
I promoted renewable energy by writing newspaper articles about it this year for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday. We used solar lighting outside our home/office.	
<u>Clean Transportation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of smart, clean and economically efficient uses of biodiesel, fuel cells, and hybrid vehicles. Or no vehicles at all!
I promoted the use of biodiesel by writing newspaper articles about it for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday. I work out of my home and conduct all of my business by telephone, fax or e-mail, thereby eliminating the need to drive my car to interviews or meetings. Our family has one car, which we use sparingly.	

<u>Clean Boating</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of eco-friendly actions whilst on the water, including cleaning products, propulsion, water conservation, fisheries conservation, catch and release techniques, and use of Florida Clean Marinas, Boatyards, and Retailers .
I wrote articles for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday and the Miami Herald about this topic. My family uses eco-friendly boat cleaning products. We pick up trash in the water whenever we see it.	
<u>Energy Conservation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of energy-efficient appliances, energy audits, and retrofits for financial savings and pollution reduction.
I wrote newspaper articles for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday about ways to conserve energy and reduce waste. We use energy efficient appliances, and as they burn out, we are replacing out-dated light bulbs in our home/office.	
<u>Green Building</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of green techniques and technologies during retrofits on existing buildings and efficient designs for new buildings.
I wrote newspaper articles for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday that covered green building techniques.	
<u>Green Financing</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of tax credits, rebates, and other incentive programs that help finance, sustainability projects. Also includes Socially Responsible Investing.
N/A	
<u>Healthy Living</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of green procurement, green consumerism and healthy choices through buying organic foods and other non-toxic, healthy and sustainable products.
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday. Our family continues to increase the amount of local, organic food and sustainable products we consume.	

<u>Land Conservation</u>	Demonstrated adherence and/or promotion of conservation of natural habitats by using Keys-Friendly landscaping practices and use of <u>GreenThumb Certified Nurseries</u> .
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday.	
<u>R4 #1: Reduce</u>	Demonstrated reduction of waste through bulk buying, refillable products, double-sided printing, avoiding over-packaged products, closing the loop by purchasing products made of recycled, post consumer content; implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate waste reduction.
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday. In our home/office, we purchase refillable products and products made of recycled content whenever possible.	
<u>R4 #2: Reuse</u>	Demonstrated reuse of products, buy second hand, donate unneeded items, and avoid disposables, and share magazines /other publications before recycling them.
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday. We donated unneeded items and avoided purchasing disposable products for our home and office.	
<u>R4 #3: Rot (Compost)</u>	Demonstrated waste diversion through composting of food scraps and yard trimmings
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday.	
<u>R4 #4: Recycle</u>	Demonstrated recycling of items accepted by local waste hauler and/or other items which may be recycled elsewhere (e.g., electronics, CFL light bulbs, cell phones, printer cartridges); implementation of policies which encourage and/or mandate recycling practices
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday. Plus, we have a "mandatory recycling" rule at our home/office.	

<u>Water Conservation</u>	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of water use reduction through efficient irrigation, xeriscaping, cisterns, rain barrels, water audits and/or use of reclaimed water.
I wrote newspaper articles about this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday.	
Water Quality	Demonstrated use and/or promotion of wastewater treatment, storm water retention, phosphorus free products, slow release fertilizers, animal waste reduction, etc.
I wrote newspaper articles on this topic for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday.	
Youth Leadership	Involve local students in projects and research for healthy long-term choices in any of the above for the future of all.
I wrote newspaper articles for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday spotlighting young people who are active in environmental projects. I try to model good environmental stewardship for my teenaged son and his friends.	
GLEE Participation	Actively involved with GLEE via ideas, time and/or membership to help further GLEE's Mission and Goals .
I promote GLEE's efforts by writing newspaper articles about its activities and events for the Keynoter/Keys Sunday.	
Other Factors	Have you done something else not included in the scope of this application? Let us know!

Green Pledge

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

