

Florida Keys Wild Bird News: Center Welcomes New Leadership & Gets a New Name

Wild Bird Center Announces Change to Board...

The Florida Keys Wild Bird Center (FKWBC) has announced changes to its Board of Directors.

John Stuart assumes the position of president, previously held by Robert Gintel. Stuart and Gintel are co-chairs of the board. "I'm not in the Keys for four months each year, and the Bird Center is at a juncture where it needs daily hands-on oversight. Therefore, it made sense for me to resign as president and have John, a full-time Tavernier resident, take over," said Gintel.

"The Florida Keys Wild Bird Center is facing a future with many challenges and opportunities. Our Board is made up of dedicated, talented directors who are committed to the center's success. I am honored and humbled to be selected as the president of the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center," said Stuart.

The Board also has expanded its membership to include Debra Ginsberg, a retired Wall Street executive. Ginsberg has her B.A. in psychology and economics from Vassar College. She also attended the Wharton School of Business of Continuing Professional Education. She began her career with Merrill Lynch, moved on to Thomson McKinnon Securities and eventually became general partner, director and head trader

with Gintel Asset Management and Gintel and Company, a no load mutual fund and broker dealer in Greenwich, CT. She also became the company's compliance official, branch manager and senior registered options principal. Ms. Ginsberg is a member of the Keys Art Council Advisory Board.

"My daughter's financial acumen will be an important asset to the Bird Center," said Gintel. "Her desire to help the FKWBC become a renowned wild bird rehabilitation facility can only help us achieve our objectives and reinforce our family's commitment to continue to support this very worthy cause."

In addition to Ginsberg, Gintel and Mr. Stuart, the FKWBC board includes Jack Curlett, Luise Johnson, Joan Scholz, Terry Timberlake, Tracy Widener and Russ Yagel.

The Wild Bird Center Sanctuary, mile marker 93.6, is open for visitors seven days a week from sunrise to sunset. Keys residents who find injured birds or birds that need rehabilitation can take the birds to the center's hospital at mile marker 94, seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., residents should call the center at 852-4486. A recorded message will provide instructions on what to do with the birds. For more information about the Wild Bird Center, visit fkwbc.org.



Center Renamed After Founder, Laura Quinn...

Florida Keys Wild Bird Center celebrates its Founder Laura Quinn by renaming the Visitors Center the "Laura Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary."

Laura Quinn has been the single driving force of the center, which she began twenty-four years ago. "Seeing that Laura has retired from an active participation in the center and not in the best of health, the board has decided that this is the appropriate time in which to honor Laura and her tremendous contribution, unflagging dedication, and hard work as a true pioneer in rehabilitating and caring for sick and injured birds," said John Stuart, President and Co-Chairman of the Florida Keys Wild Bird Center. "So, in honor of this quintessential "Bird Lady" as she has been lovingly described, we thought it a nice and fitting tribute to rename the Visitors Center the Laura Quinn Wild Bird Sanctuary."

A special ceremony including Laura Quinn, the Board of Directors and friends will be held Saturday, September 18 at 3 p.m. to unveil the new signs that will be displayed at Visitors Center's entrance. All interested parties are invited to attend.

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