

# 20 | COASTAL 20 | LECTURE SERIES

## World-class speakers discussing timely topics at the Blake Library in Stuart, FL

### **JAN 7 | Sea Level Rise – Fact and Fiction**

Find out how small changes in sea level might impact waterfront communities during this eye-opening and easy to understand crash course on sea level rise and coastal flooding.

*John Englander, Internationally Recognized Oceanographer, Author, and Sea Level Rise Expert*

### **JAN 14 | Hope for Healthier Waters in the Sunshine State: Update 2019**

Get caught up on the current health of our local waterways, and see how larger efforts to restore Florida's estuaries and the Everglades are progressing.

*Mark Perry, Executive Director, Florida Oceanographic Society*

### **JAN 21 | Images Documenting the History of Hutchinson Island**

Step back in time to see what Hutchinson Island looked like before condominiums replaced oak hammocks, as viewed through incredible historical photos and gifted storytelling.

*Sandy Thurlow, Noted Author and Historian*

### **FEB 4 | The Oceans' Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter**

Dive in and laugh while you learn about some of the oceans' weirdest, wackiest, most wonderful – and most important – creatures and their fascinating lifestyles.

*Dr. Ellen Prager, Internationally Recognized Marine Scientist and Author*

### **FEB 11 | Light in the Sea: Extremes of Vision in Marine Giants**

See how vision in certain charismatic marine animals differs from human vision, and how insights into marine vision may help us understand visual disorders in humans.

*Dr. Michael Grace, Professor Emeritus, Florida Institute of Technology*

### **FEB 25 | FWC Tequesta Field Laboratory–Local Research, Monitoring & More**

Learn about the research being conducted by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in our region, with a focus on some of our favorite gamefish species.

*Erick Ault, Research Administrator, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*

### **MAR 3 | Deepwater Horizon – Ten Years Later**

Discover the lasting impacts of the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill on the unique and important deep sea creatures that call the Gulf of Mexico home.

*Dr. Jon Moore, Professor, Florida Atlantic University*

### **MAR 10 | The Boys are Back in Town: Seasonal Aggregations of Blacktip Sharks in SE FL**

See how scientists are studying the thousands of blacktip sharks that migrate to our region each winter, and how climate change might affect these important predators.

*Dr. Stephen Kajjura, Professor, Florida Atlantic University*