Project Title: *Nine Natives: Wildflower Wayside Shrine*

Project Partners:
Archbold Biological Station
Bok Tower Gardens

Project Overview:

The *Nine Natives: Wildflower Wayside Shrine* project is a series of nine shrine boxes and a public art project honoring endangered and endemic plants of the Lake Wales Ridge region of central Florida. Six shrine boxes are located on the *Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail*, relatively pristine scrub habitat on the South Florida Community College (SFCC) campus. Three shrine boxes are located at Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, Florida.

The goals of the project included creating the shrine boxes, nature trail, related museum exhibit, website, interpretive and curriculum materials, public programs, and workshops.

The project activities outlined in the grant proposal have been completed. The trail and shrine box installation is open to the public and remains open indefinitely. The concurrent museum exhibition, “Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge,” was created and displayed at SFCC MOFAC from March - July 2011. The exhibition was displayed at Archbold Biological Station, December 2011 - January 2012 and it is currently on view at Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, Florida. A selection of the exhibition remains on view at the South Florida Community College Museum of Florida Art and Culture (SFCC MOFAC).

The project website, www.waysideshrinetrail.com, was completed. The website hosts information about the Lake Wales Ridge, the plants of the shrine boxes, the *Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge* exhibition, student projects, curriculum materials, and interactive journal/blog.
**Project Goals:**

The project goals outlined in the grant included: 1) approximate attendance of 8,000 people, 2) increase understanding of the scrub habitat, 3) increase exhibition boundaries, 4) offer supplemental instructional activities, and 5) provide educational opportunities that nurture multiple intelligences and appeal to a broader audience base.

**Project Activities Overview:**

1) Create a series of nine shrine boxes
2) Walking trail on the SFCC campus
3) Trail tours and visitors
4) Shrine boxes at Archbold Biological Station
5) Museum exhibition, *Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge*
6) Website
7) Community programs and workshops
8) Curriculum Materials
9) Project promotion

**Additional Projects Completed**

1) Trail signage
2) Additional interpretive materials
3) Student projects
4) Internships
5) Videos
6) Trail expansion plans
Wildflower Wayside Shrine Boxes

Nine shrine boxes were created dedicated to endangered and endemic plants of the Lake Wales Ridge. The endemic species include big flag pawpaw, prickly pear, sky-blue lupine, and yucca. The endangered species include Highlands scrub St. Johnswort, pygmy fringe tree, scrub balm, scrub blazing star, and wedge-leaved button snakeroot. The inside of the shrine boxes depict the plant and various stages of growth throughout the year.

The shrine box booklets include additional information about the plant and blank pages for visitors to share their observations.

The covers are reproductions of actual woodblock carvings by Mollie Doctrow. Visitors can take rubbings from the covers as a memento of their trail visit. The shrine boxes are made from cypress. The inside art has been reproduced on weather resistant material and encased in plexiglass. It is estimated that the inside artwork will have a five-year life span. Prints can be replaced as needed. The shrine boxes are sturdy boxes built to last indefinitely.

Comments from the shrine box journals are posted periodically on the website journal/blog. http://mofac.org/wayside/blog/shrine-box-journals/

An art student from Avon Park High School makes a rubbing from the shrine box cover.
Walking Trail on the SFCC Campus

The Wayside Shrine Trail is across the street from the main college campus. SFCC maintenance and landscaping

trimmed and relocated some plants to create the path. It is a 20-30 minute easy walking path through nearly pristine native scrub habitat. It is accessible from the library parking lot and open during regular campus hours. Six shrine boxes are located on the trail. Trail maps are located in a shrine box located outside of SFCC MOFAC. Two benches were installed on the trail as well as signs at the trail entrance and exit.

Trail Tours

Guided tours on the trail were conducted for college classes, community residents, museum volunteers, area teachers, and schools. A trail script was created for student and community tour guides. The trail was incorporated into the curriculum for the following classes: drawing, 2-D design, 3-D design, computer graphics, English, biology and ecology. Students, staff, and the community participated in self-guided walks.

Quantitative Information - Trail Tours and Visitors

College students (Art, Design, English, Biology, Ecology) 238
High school students (Art, English, Science, Summer Bridge) 430
Area teachers (Art, Science, English) 11
Community groups (Audubon, Ridge Rangers, Rotary, Museum Volunteers) 87
Community and other visitors - documented 105
undocumented*

Visitors to Archbold Biological Station Shrine boxes (Nov. 2011 - Jan. 2012) ** 496
Highlands County Middle School Student program about the Lake Wales Ridge and the Wayside Shrine Trail 1200

Approximate number of trail visitors and students impacted by the trail project 2471

*The trail has been widely publicized throughout the community and area. Approximately 1,000 trail brochures were distributed to the community, area businesses and groups. It is difficult to estimate how many people visited the trail on their own.

** The shrine boxes were installed at Archbold Biological Station in January 2012 due to construction. The shrine boxes were on display at Archbold in December 2011 for the Dedication of the new Education Center.
Wildflower Wayside Shrine Boxes at Archbold Biological Station

Three shrine boxes are installed near the Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center at Archbold Biological Station. Archbold Biological Station protects a 5,193-acre globally significant Florida scrub preserve located on the southern end of the Lake Wales Ridge, an ancient sandy ecosystem of south-central Florida. The Station is dedicated to long-term ecological research, part of the global effort to understand, interpret and preserve the world’s natural heritage.

Archbold Biological Station provides environmental education programs to help people of all ages discover and understand the unique and endangered Florida scrub. Several programs for children in Grades K-12 are offered each year.

The three shrine boxes located at Archbold Biological Station are dedicated to the scrub balm, scrub blazing star, and wedge-leaved button snakeroot. These are endangered species that grow in limited areas.

Scientists at Archbold Biological Station partnered with Doctrow and MOFAC in the creation of the boxes to provide scientific assistance in identifying the species located along the trail at SFCC. We hope this partnership can help bring new visitors to each location. Perhaps those people who visit SFCC MOFAC for art will now visit Archbold Biological Station, and those who visit the station for science and nature will now visit MOFAC and the SFCC Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail.
Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge
Art Exhibition at SFCC Museum of Florida Art and Culture

The exhibition, organized by Mollie Doctrow, presents the work of several artists. Each artist documents the fragile beauty of the Lake Wales Ridge ecosystem through woodcuts, photographs, illustrations, and sculptures. The exhibition included the following Florida artists and photographers, Reed Bowman, Mark Deyrup, Mollie Doctrow, John Moran, David Price, and Carlton Ward Jr. The exhibition included a series of interpretive panels about the history, plants, and animals of the Lake Wales Ridge. A catalog for the exhibition was printed and distributed to visitors. The catalog included interpretive essays by Ken Rollins, retired executive director of the Gulf Coast Museum, and Carol Mahler, author and humanities scholar.

Exhibition Schedule

The complete exhibition was on view at SFCC MOFAC March 2–July 29, 2011. A selection from the exhibition remains on view in the SFCC MOFAC gallery.

The exhibition was displayed at the Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center at Archbold Biological Station, November 22, 2011 – January 29, 2012.

The exhibition traveled to Bok Tower Gardens for display February 3 - March 30, 2012.

Quantitative Information - Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge Exhibition

Visitors to SFCC MOFAC – March 2 – December 15, 2011 3150* approx.
Visitors to the exhibition at Archbold Biological Station 496 approx.

* This includes evening openings, school tours from area high schools, SFCC class visits,** special programs, and visitors during regular weekly hours. Information about the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail was also available in the museum.

**These school and SFCC class visits do not include the students who walked the trail or participated in a trail-related program.
A project website was created to document the trail and related activities. The site includes information about the Lake Wales Ridge, the Wayside Shrine Trail plants, curriculum resources, visitor information, a trail introduction video, and a journal/blog. The journal documents student projects, online exhibits, school tours, articles, and trail updates.

The Home Page includes a map of the SFCC Wayside Shrine Trail and the shrine box locations. Clicking on the shrine box graphic displays the GPS coordinates of the shrine boxes at SFCC and Archbold Biological Station.

The Wayside Shrine Trail website is linked to the SFCC MOFAC site. The SFCC MOFAC site also includes information about the Wayside Shrine Trail. The site is also listed on the SFCC MOFAC Facebook page.

**Analysis and Summary:** We are pleased with the design and organization of the site. The site functions as an extension of the actual trail providing opportunities to post online exhibitions and trail-related projects and activities.

The site secured an Award of Excellence from the Communications and Marketing Commission, Association of Florida Colleges.

We plan to add Google Analytics to the site so that we can track the numbers of visitors.
Workshops

SFCC MOFAC offered four Wayside Shrine Trail-related workshops.

January 21, 2011 - SFCC Art Student Workshop - SFCC MOFAC Interns

Four SFCC art students participated in the Wayside Shrine Trail as Art Interns. As part of their Internship the students learned about trail plants, the ecology of the Lake Wales Ridge, and trail-related art activities. These students conducted school and class tours, taught workshops for Avon Park High School students, and assisted with other trail projects, such as creating tour maps, Power Point presentations, and photographing events.

February 9, 2011 - Highlands County Teachers Workshop:
Introduction to the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail at SFCC
Secondary Art and Science Teachers

The workshop introduced Highlands County teachers to the self-guided nature trail and museum exhibit about the Lake Wales Ridge (LWR). The trail is especially appropriate for middle and high school art and science students. The workshop highlighted some of the endangered and endemic plants of the LWR. An overview of the museum exhibit and suggestions for class projects were presented. Hands-on activities included making a three-hole booklet, making leaf prints, and suggestions for art, science, and English activities. The workshop was taught by Mollie Doctrow with assistance from SFCC art students.

Analysis and Summary: Two teachers from Highlands County attended the workshop. Although a disappointing turnout, the workshop had an impact in introducing the Wayside Shrine Trail to the Highlands County school system and other teachers. As a result of the workshop, Mr. Bullard, Biology teacher Avon Park High School, shared the project with his school. Approximately 300 art and biology students from Avon Park High walked the trail...
and participated in a series of workshops at SFCC. The students made journal/booklets, shrine box rubbings, leaf prints, and toured the Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge exhibit at SFCC MOFAC. Mrs. Joyce McClelland, Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction, School Board of Highlands County, also attended the workshop. Mrs. McClelland was very enthusiastic about the project, introducing the trail and programs to area teachers.

October 16, 13, 20 - Relief Printmaking Workshop: Flora and Fauna on the Wayside Shrine Trail

A three-session workshop introduced students to the art of relief printmaking. Using the native flora and fauna along the trail as inspiration, each student designed and carved a linoleum block depicting a flower, leaf, tree, or animal found on the Lake Wales Ridge. Students printed a limited edition of their carving and participated in a final critique session.

Analysis and Summary: Twenty students participated in the workshop. Students ranged in age from 17 to 60+ years. It was a dynamic enthusiastic group experience. Students learned the relief printmaking process and more about the plants and animals on the Lake Wales Ridge. The prints were displayed in the college library and are currently displayed on the Wayside Shrine Trail website.

Relief Prints

Eight prints were selected for artist plaques identifying flora and fauna on the trail. The plaques will become a permanent part of the Wayside Shrine Trail.

January 17, 2012 - Nature Writing Workshop
SFCC Lifetime Learners

The instructor introduced nature writing giving a history and definitions, and then discussed various examples of nature writing. In the second part of the workshop, the students walked the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail, and experimented with writing about it. At the end, students read some of what they had written.

Analysis and Summary: Although there were only three participants in the Nature Writing Workshop, the group had fun. The participants seemed very enthusiastic about nature writing and willing to share their opinions, observations, and experiences in discussion, and later, the words they had written. More students would have added dimensions to the discussion and writings.

Note: This program was presented to a Community Education group that meets January - March. No grant funds were used to pay for the programs. Fees were paid through Community Education.
Community Programs

Discover the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Nature Trail

Carol Mahler and Dr. Mark Deyrup presented a “literary nature talk” on the habitat of the SFCC Wildflower Wayside Shrine nature trail. Deyrup, Senior Research Biologist, at Archbold Biological Station, identified the flora and fauna endemic to the Lake Wales Ridge. Mahler, author, teacher and storyteller, read selections from Florida literature that highlight features of the scrub environment.

There were four presentations of this program.

March 17, 2011 - SFCC Highlands Campus - Opening Celebration Program, 1 p.m.
October 25, 2011 - Highlands County Audubon Society
November 9, 2011 - SFCC Highlands Campus - Evening program, 6:30 p.m.
January 12, 2012 - SFCC Lifetime Learners Institute

Analysis and Summary: This program was well-received by different audiences. The program contributed to the understanding of the Lake Wales Ridge from a broad perspective. Deyrup talked about the scientific aspects of the ecosystem in “every day” language. Mahler is a true storyteller, bringing to life such animals as turtles, butterflies, birds, and scientific processes as depicted in Florida literature, folk tales, and poetry.

Attendance: Approximately 173 people attended these programs.

Note: The January 2012 program was presented to a Community Education group that meets January - March. No grant funds were used to pay for the programs. Fees were paid through Community Education.
Community Programs

Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail: Art • Science • Conservation

Mollie Doctrow presented a program about the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail to different groups in the community. The program included the inspiration and development of the project, as well the educational opportunities for using the trail.

There were four presentations of this program.

August 24, 2011 - SFCC Highlands Campus - Dedication Program,
January 13, 2012 - Archbold Biological Station Dedication of the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail
January 28, 2012 - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - Ridge Rangers

Analysis and Summary: These programs helped introduce the project to a diverse audience from the community. Attendees included the SFCC Board of Trustees, the President’s Council, business men and women, scientists, educators, and people interested and concerned about the environment.

Archbold Biological Station requested a copy of the Power Point for this program. They plan to incorporate their participation in the project into the Power Point and continue to share and promote the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail.

Attendance: Approximately 173 people attended these programs.

Note: No grant fees were used for the programs held January 2012.
Curriculum Projects Using the Wayside Shrine Trail

Curriculum resources were developed for Middle School through adult and can be downloaded from the website: www.waysideshrinetrail.com. Projects, Power Points, and other educational resources are available for teachers as well as the general public.

The educational resources include:

I. Art

1. College-Adult
   i. Art Lesson--“Flag Design Project”
   ii. Art Lesson--“Stepping Stones”
   iii. An Annotated Bibliography for the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail

2. High School- Middle School
   i. Pre-Field Trip Visit power point
   ii. Practicing Art Criticism with the Artworks of the Lake Wales Ridge Exhibit
   iii. Practicing Art Criticism with the Artworks of the Lake Wales Ridge Exhibit Power Point
   iv. Negative and Positive Space and the Plants of the Wayside Shrine Trail
   v. Negative and Positive Space and the Plants of the Wayside Shrine Trail Power Point

II. Science

1. High School
   i. Wayside Shrine Scrub Lesson Plans- Interdependence and Adaptations
   ii. The Fabulous Florida Scrub Power Point
   iii. Wayside Shrine at SFCC Eco-Journal

III. English

1. High School
   i. Reading and Writing About the Scrub Environment “The Big Burn”
   ii. English Curriculum: Metaphoric Writing
   iii. English Curriculum: Analyzing and Writing Nature Inspired Poetry
   iv. English Curriculum: Writing Using Personification
   v. Interpretation Worksheet
   vi. Wayside Shrine Wonders newsletter

2. Middle School
   i. Reading and Writing about the Scrub Environment Gopher Tortoises
   ii. Three-hole Booklet instructional powerpoint

Note: The project handouts are located under a separate category.
Additional Projects Completed

There were several projects completed in addition to the projects proposed in the grant. Some of these projects evolved through the enthusiasm of the students and others, like the signage and brochures, were developed to enhance the interpretive aspects of the trail.

Trail Signage and Logo

A logo was developed for the project and used on the trail signage and promotional material. The logo helped establish a visual identity for the trail. The main trail sign includes the following copy:

“Dedicated to the conservation and protection of natural habitats on the Lake Wales Ridge for future generations.”

The main trail sign acknowledges the support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Additional Interpretive Materials

Additional interpretive materials created include:

- Informational Brochure and Trail Map
- Plant Guide
- Bird Species List
- Tree and Leaf Identification Handouts
- Exhibition Catalogue

These materials are available at the museum and are also downloadable at the project website. The plant guide helped visitors identify plants on trail walks. It was also used as a resource for teaching class projects at SFCC and Highlands County schools. Approximately 100 plant guides were distributed to the Highlands County Middle School teachers. Plant guides were distributed to the SFCC faculty in the Division of Arts and Sciences and all of the students in the SFCC Career Academy.

The trail brochure and map is located in a shrine box outside the museum. It helps people locate the trail. The shrine box is checked periodically to replace the brochures.
Student Projects Inspired by the Wayside Shrine Trail

Flag Design Project

Eleven students from the SFCC 2D Design class created flags inspired by the flora and fauna on the Wayside Shrine Trail. Students walked the trail, researched their subject, created sketches, and final computer designs that were printed by a banner company. The students became involved in the trail and were excited to see how their artwork professionally promoted the Wayside Shrine Trail. The banners are made out of nylon and will remain outside the museum indefinitely.

Graphic Trail Signs

Computer graphic students designed trail signs and street signs. The street signs are located near the trail entrance and help visitors find the trail.
Stepping Stones Project

Students in the 3D Design class created a stepping stone path inspired by the plants of the Wayside Shrine Trail. Students identified plants on the trail and sketched on the trail to create their designs. Students collaborated to create an overall design of the path. The stepping path reflects the student’s understanding of design principles as applied to public art.

The Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail was not only an inspiration to students of the 3-D Design class who created the stepping stones, but many of my painting and drawing students have captured landscape, both in details of plants and trees, as well as vistas. It’s a great place to go for artistic inspiration.

Cathy Futral, Art Professor
Eco-journals - Career Academy at SFCC

There were approximately 54 students participating in the project from the SFCC Career Academy Science classes.

Students learned about:

1. Interdependence and adaptations of organisms surviving in harsh conditions.
2. Florida’s changing geological history and the development of the scrub habitat.
3. Effects of human activities on environmental resources and the importance of management and conservation of these resources.

Analysis and summary: The students said they really liked going over there and they would do it again if given the choice. They also said they learned a lot.

*I feel my goals were accomplished, but can always be improved upon. When I do the lesson next year, it will be more structured and learning goals more clearly defined. After having run through it this year, I know what kinks need to be worked out.*  Cheryl Moffat, Science teacher
Writing Projects and Newsletter - Career Academy at SFCC

Sixty 10th and 11th grade students visited the Wayside Shrine Trail on October 4, 2011. During this visit, the students made observation notes related to the five senses. The next day, they used these notes to write a description of the trail using sensory details.

The students also wrote a variety of prose and poetry reflecting on their walk. These included: metaphorical writings, nature poetry, imagery, and personification stories. They also chose an endangered plant, animal, or insect that lives in the Florida scrub habitat to create a “fun facts and puzzles” sheet on.

Photos and a selection of these writings were then published in a newsletter and posted on the Career Academy website http://highmail.highlands.k12.fl.us/~ca@highlands.k12.fl.us/Student Work.

Analysis and summary: I believe the project was quite successful, and I plan to replicate it again next year. However, I plan on waiting until later in the year when the weather will be cooler. The students enjoyed having writing assignments that were authentic; they knew that their work would be published in the newsletter and website. A survey of the students demonstrated that the metaphorical writings and the “fun facts and puzzles” were their preferred assignments. Magie Hulbert, English Teacher

Wayside Shrine Trail Videos

Four videos were created to introduce teachers and the community to the Wayside Shrine Trail and some of the student projects. These videos will be posted to the project website.

The videos include:

Introduction to the Wayside Shrine Trail

Waving in the Breeze - Flag Design Project

Artful Path - Stepping Stones Project

Fabulous Florida Scrub - Creating eco-journals

The videos enhance the print interpretive materials and curriculum resources. The videos show the trail and students working on trail-related projects. The videos can be shown to groups and classes. Student testimonials provide real-world feedback about their experiences.
Student Internships

Six SFCC student interns participated on the Wayside Shrine Trail project. These internships provided opportunities for students to gain experience in career-related interests and goals.

Two Honors Students assisted with documenting the trail plants and working on the plant guide. These students earned Service Learning credit for graduation and scholarship assistance.

Two art students received paid internships to photograph events and trail activities and assist with curriculum materials.

Two art students earned academic credit as Museum Interns. These students assisted with trail-related events, school tours, and preparing class materials.

Wayside Shrine Trail - Expansion Plans

Plans to extend the trail are underway. The current trail is .25 miles. A trail extension has been mapped out to expand the trail to approximately .5 miles. Maintenance will clear some brush and re-locate some of the plants Spring 2012. Expanding the trail is a result of interest and enthusiasm by the SFCC administration. Currently the trail can be walked in about 20 - 30 minutes. An expanded trail offers a more involving outdoor experience for visitors and students. The trail expansion is adjacent to a wetter habitat; the trees are taller and the soil changes. An expanded trail will offer many new learning opportunities.
Project Summary: Nine Natives: Wildflower Wayside Shrine

While standing in line recently at the SFCC Employee Health Fair, I was chatting with co-workers, when the conversation turned to the “white frilly flowers” on the nature trail. Jerry from the Automotive Program wanted to know if they were still blooming! Sue mentioned that she so enjoyed walking the trail last year that she went back the next day and brought other people from her department.

I had no idea that Jerry and Sue walked the trail or were even interested in the trail. Througout the project I have been continually surprised and amazed by the support, interest, and enthusiasm from the college students, staff, and the community. There was an organic evolvement of the project as more people became involved. Some of the student projects and internships developed as a result of their ideas and enthusiasm. The additional interpretive materials were needed to make the trail walks more interactive and informative.

Seven internships were created to assist with the project. These students assisted with documenting the site, writing a trail script for tours, creating workshop materials, assisting with the plant guide and plant identification handouts, and making trail signs. Some of these students assisted in workshops, leading trail tours, and making class room materials for the high school art and science classes. Students were talking about “scrub blazing stars”, “pygmy fringe trees”, and identifying animal tracks.

Last summer I led a tour for the high school students in the SFCC Summer Bridge program. The tour began with the museum exhibition, “Celebration of the Lake Wales Ridge”. I start the tour with two questions:

“How many of you know that you live on the Lake Wales Ridge?” No hands.

Second question. “How many of you have heard of the Lake Wales Ridge?” One hand.

That morning twelve students walked the trail and learned about the white sugar sand and the small scrub oak trees of the Lake Wales Ridge. They learned that they live in a unique and special place.

“The trail has been a great escape from the office. Sometimes I have visitors who come to talk. If I know they have at least 15 minutes I suggest we walk and talk, and to the trail we go, which is just located two parking lots away and across the college drive. It is such a special place to get away, and conversations are always better in open air.” Cathy Futral, Art Professor
In Conclusion:

Our project goal was to reach approximately 8,000 people with our project. We came close to accomplishing this goal. The many components of the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail, trail tours, programs, workshops, Facebook posts and the website helped us to reach a broad spectrum of the community. While I was disappointed that some of our events were not better attended, the cumulative effect of a long-term project allowed us to slowly let people know about it.

It was a challenge to get the Middle school and High school teachers involved. Some of the challenge was timing of how the project developed. Until the trail, shrine boxes, and website were completed it was difficult to explain the project. When we could take teachers on the trail and show them the shrine boxes and direct them to the website, teachers could see how they could incorporate studying the Lake Wales Ridge into the classroom.

We targeted the Middle schools for an environmental program about Florida and the Lake Wales Ridge. Approximately 1200 students attended this program. Three science teachers walked the trail before the program, took plant guides and catalogues of the museum exhibit back to their schools. In preparing students for this program we provided the schools with Learning Outcomes based on the Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Overall, the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail has been a success. It appeals to a wide audience and has become a community resource. It is listed on the website of Highlands County Visitors and Convention Bureau. It was also included in two issues of Discover Highlands County magazine, published by the News-Sun.

Our partnership with Archbold Biological Station has been an opportunity to develop a collaboration between the arts and sciences. We have talked about future collaborations between the two institutions.

The college administration, staff, and faculty have supported the project. I hear positive feedback from many colleagues.

We have had an opportunity through this project to bring awareness of the fragile environment of the Lake Wales Ridge. With the Wildflower Wayside Shrine Trail we have been able to preserve this portion of the scrub habitat for future generations. We are grateful to the Institute of Museum and Library Services for their funding of this project.

Mollie Doctrow, Curator
SFCC MOFAC
Project Director