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# Keep Martin Beautiful honors 9

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**PALMCITY**— Keep Martin Beautiful honored winners of its annual Environmental Stewardship Awards on Wednesday night during a ceremony at Piper's Landing Yacht & Country Club.

More than 220 guests attended, with 51 individual and group nominees for the awards.

KMB is a nonprofit volunteer-based community action organization with a mission to preserve and enhance the quality of life in the community through litter prevention and beatification, as well as community improvement, waste reduction and environmental stewardship education.

KMB also coordinates the

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Adopt-A-Road program and serves as the local coordinator for the annual International Coastal Cleanup and the Great American Cleanup.

"This is a chance to recognize and reward individuals, businesses, youth groups and nonprofits for all their efforts throughout the year," said Rhonda Irons, KMB president. "Tonight is a fabulous event. It really shows quite a cross-section of our community here."

Mitch Hutchcraft of AgTec, a KMB sponsor, said, "From our perspective, this kind of work is key to all of our quality of lives. As an agriculture company, land stewardship is truly critical to what our families rely on."

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Mark Perry, executive director of Florida Oceanographic, received an award last year, but this year decided to become a sponsor. "We also chair the coastal cleanup, and it's great to see so many of our younger people involved. We need to recognize them more," Perry said.

Mary Kindel, Stuart's recycling and conservation coordinator and a KMB board member, said, "KMB has been great in helping us recycle more, and enabled us to be more involved in the extended community."

Kelley Dunn of WPTV News-Channel 5 was the master of ceremonies, shuttling over between her duties with the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. news broadcasts.

Winners received environmentally low-impact awards made with San Pellegrino soda bottles, melted flat by Hobe Sound artist Stacey Dorr, and adorned with a plaque.

For more information visit: [keepmartinbeautiful.org](http://keepmartinbeautiful.org) or click "like" at [facebook.com/keepmartinbeautiful](https://www.facebook.com/keepmartinbeautiful).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

**Professional/Business:** Sunset Bay Marina & Anchorage: Green Marina

**Government Agency:** Martin County Coastal Division: Oyster Reef Restoration Project

**School/Youth Program:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County: Tobacco Litter Removal

**Nonprofit/Civic Groups:** Habitat for Humanity of Martin County: Martin County Green Homes

**Unsung Hero:** Thelma M. Washington: GAC Extreme Martin Makeover

**Waste Management "Think Green" Sustainability:** Palm City Elementary/Wildcat 2

**Raleigh "Riley" Jackson:** Mary Kindel

**AT&T Innovation:** Stuart School of Music

**KMB President's Award:** Treasured Lands Foundation/Barley Barber Swamp