

# HARBOR BRANCH OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE

## FOUNDATION

### **2017 LOVE YOUR LAGOON Leadership and Achievement Award**

Previous Considerations Discussed by Ad Hoc Committee:

- The award should be given to someone who has demonstrated a body of work and a history of service on water issues with an emphasis on the health and protection of the Indian River Lagoon. The committee specifically recommended making the award criteria to be as broad as possible to be flexible for future awardee considerations.
- The committee believes that it should be awarded to an individual but that we should not preclude the consideration of a group under certain circumstances.
- Avoid politicians due to possible negative public perception of partisanship and/or controversial stance past, present, or future.
- When choosing the awardee, we should be mindful of geographic representation. This should be a goal but not a guideline.
- Honorees will be selected based on their ability to attend the Love Your Lagoon dinner and accept in person. The only caveat would be if someone was named and who planned to attend but was unable to later attend due to unforeseen circumstances or death.
- We now have an actual award (a bronze cast statue) called "The Little Heron" which was commissioned by local artist Cathy Ferrell which will be used for the award going forward.

#### **SUGGESTED INDIVIDUALS**

Dr. R. Grant Gilmore  
Senior Scientist  
Estuarine, Coastal and Ocean Science, Inc. (ECOS)

Robert Virnstein  
Seagrass Ecosystems Analysts  
(Courtesy Affiliated Research Professor at Florida Atlantic University)

Maggy Hurchalla  
Environmental Advocate  
Former Martin County Commissioner

Charles Jacoby  
Supervising Environmental Scientist, Water Resources  
St. Johns Water Management District

Carl & Fienia Hiaasen (son?)

#### **SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONS**

- River Kidz
- Indian River Land Trust
- St. Johns Water Management District & South Florida Water Management District (joint award possibility?)
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation District
- Smithsonian Marine Research Station