

# Our Earth Day Activities

18-25 April, 2010



## *Body Ponds hike post-poned*

Originally to be held on Saturday 17th April, the hike was rescheduled due to torrential rain. The Body Ponds hike will now be held on **Saturday May 15th**, meeting at **7 AM** at the Buckleys Pond situated about 500 metres south of the Wesleyan Holiness Church in Buckleys Village. The road to the pond is just next to the church entrance.

## *Tree Planting in Urlings*

Thursday 22nd April, 2010

The EAG included this activity as part of the celebrations after Ms. Desie Joseph contacted us, requesting that we “green” the space.

The event was well attended by students from Golden Grove, Jennings, and Bolans Primary schools.

Species planted were coco plum and the Christmas palm. Follow-up activities on the part of the Fisheries Division include further planting of sea-

grape, seaside mahoe, and fruit trees.



*Special Thanks to:*

*Carolyn Thomas, Vellie Benta, Brian Cooper, Desie Joseph, Environment Division, Forestry Unit, and Steve Watts for making this event a success!*

Special points of interest:

- Tree planting at Urlings
- EAG table at Pineapple Hotel
- 3-in-1 at the Public Library
- Sea-scapade with Adventure Antigua
- Moments in Nature & bird-watching

## *EAG table at Pineapple Hotel*

Thursday 22nd April, 2010

The event drew school children from Pares Primary and Willikies Primary, and tourists alike. The display featured weird and wonderful items, including a preserved racer

snake, a green sea turtle shell, and the field guide publications.

It was a great opportunity for

exposure of environment work locally.

*Special Thanks to:*

*Karron James. Carol-Faye George*



## 3-in-1 at the Public Library

Friday 23rd April, 2010

Antigua & Barbuda's Public Library celebrated Earth Day with three events:

- Screening of *The Cove*
- Discussion of the Livestock Reform Initiative
- Endangered Species presentation

The *Cove* screening was a success, with about 30 persons. It is a documentary with many implications for the nation. Mykl Clovis spoke about the

documentary just prior to her presentation of the Livestock Reform Initiative, which speaks about the roaming livestock issue. This initiative was recently launched, with a 30-minute documentary and four public service announcements showing on TV. Mrs. Clovis says, "**Both (the *Cove* and the Livestock presentation) were very well received, people felt it was information that really needed to be provided to the public.**"

The Endangered Species presentation at the Youth Services Department was filled to capacity, with about 35 persons. There was not enough space so persons were standing. The was very interactive, asking many questions and getting involved in Ms. James' presentation.

*Special thanks to:*

*Karron James, Mykl Clovis,*



*Karron James giving the Endangered Species presentation*

## Sea-scapade with Adventure Antigua

Saturday 24th April, 2010

After boarding the catamaran at Shell Beach, we sped off for a tour of the North Sound—one of Antigua & Barbuda's biodiversity hotspots.

Highlights included sighting a Green turtle emerging for air, a jumping Spotted Ray, nesting Brown Pelicans and Royal

Terns, and the soaring Red-Billed Tropic Bird.

We raised EC\$1,970, which will go to building EAG's capacity and visibility. This includes commissioning a sign to go on Long Street, and to developing merchandise, among other things.



*Special thanks to:*

*Eli Fuller, Robert (Rabs) Hill*

**It was a fantastic day of snorkeling, swimming, and hiking. And we raised EC\$1,970!**

## Moments in Nature & Bird Watching

Sunday 25th April

This event was the 4th of the Moments in Nature hikes, led by Robby Breadner on the last Sunday of every month. This

event was co-hosted by birding expert Victor Joseph to recognize the Caribbean Endemic Birding Festival.

Enthusiasts met despite the

overcast weather, and identified water birds around Valley Church pond.

*Special thanks to:*

*Robby Breadner, Victor Joseph*

### Next on the Calendar:

Body Ponds hike Saturday May 15th, meeting at 7 AM at Buckley's Pond

"Moments in Nature" coastal hike to Rendevoez Bay, Sunday May 30th, meeting at 7:30 AM at Turtle Bay, Falmouth Harbour

*The EAG is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to raising awareness on environmental issues in Antigua & Barbuda. To learn more about us, visit [www.eagantigua.org](http://www.eagantigua.org), call us at 462-6236, or visit us upstairs in the Museum in St. John's.*

