

Florida DEP dedicates new building to Dr. Archie and Marjorie Carr



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Marjorie and Archie Carr Building

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

To honor two of Florida's most revered conservationists, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently named its new headquarters after Dr. Archie Carr and Marjorie Harris Carr. Marjorie and Archie Carr helped define the environmental movement in Florida, said Virginia Wetherell, Secretary of the DEP.


"Marjorie and Archie Carr's vision continues to be an inspiration to us all at DEP," Wetherell said.

Marjorie Carr obtained a masters degree in zoology and through the organization she founded, the Florida Defenders of the Environment, fought for years to protect the Ocklawaha River and to prevent the Cross-Florida Barge Canal. Marjorie also helped establish the Paynes Prairie State Preserve in

Gainesville, Florida.

Archie, a tropical field ecologist, writer, graduate research professor and evolutionary biologist, became the world's leading authority on sea turtles. Archie was a cofounder of the Caribbean Conservation Corporation, and he wrote eleven renowned books on natural history.

Representing CCC at the dedication ceremony was recent Board member John Aurell, who spoke to the crowd about significant contributions both Archie and Marjorie made to the protection of Florida's natural resources.

"I couldn't think of a more fitting tribute to Archie and Marjorie than to name the headquarters of Florida's environmental agency in their honor," said David Godfrey, CCC Executive Director. 

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In Caribbean cultures, *Velador* translates as "one who stands vigil" — originally referring to turtle and egg harvesters who waited at night for turtles to come ashore. Now CCC claims this title for its newsletter, and in Tortuguero, CCC's researchers and volunteers are replacing poachers as the new veladors.

Velador is published quarterly for members and supporters of the nonprofit Caribbean Conservation Corporation (CCC) and its Sea Turtle Survival League (STSL) program.

CCC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of sea turtles through research, training, advocacy, education and the protection of natural areas.

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