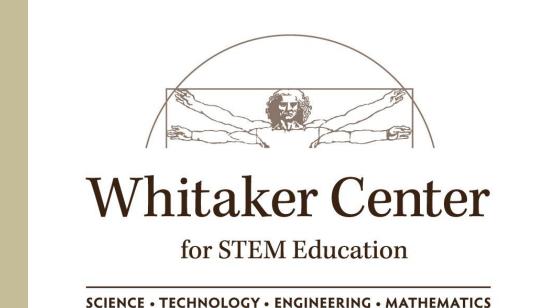


GULF COAST

## Celebrating 50 Years of Rachel Carson's Silent Spring

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"Exploring the Legacy of Rachel Carson" years after the publication of Silent Spring Film and Lecture Series – Sept. 24-27, 2012

Monday, Sept. 24 - Nuclear Testing (Whitaker 129)

**Continuing and Emerging Chemical Threats** 

**Tuesday, Sept. 25 – Chemical Threats (Cohen 213)** 

Wednesday, Sept. 26 – Hormone Mimics (Griffin 215) FILM: Fooling with Nature (56 min. ,PBS Frontline, 1998)

Moderator/Lecture - Talal El-Hefnawy, Ph.D. The Hormone Mimics: From Silent Birds to Human Illness, Yet **Denial Carries On** 



Thursday, Sept. 27 – Environmental Issues Commissioner Ray Judah (5-6 PM) Reflections from 24 Years as a County Commissioner





Students involved in performance art on the campus green

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To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Silent Spring* a diverse group of faculty, staff and students worked to involve additional students and community members in organizing and delivering a series of events during the week of September 24, 2013. Over 150 people participated in the events. Feedback surveys from the seminar indicated that all events were well received by the audiences.

Lee County Commissioner Ray Judah

This event

concluded

with a ringing

of the campus

bell 50 times

This event caused some

controversy regarding voter

registration at an event that could

be perceived as biased or partisan



## **Exploring the Legacy of Rachel Carson**

50 years after the publication of SILENT SPRING Published September 27, 1962

Thursday, September 27, 2012 Explore the Legacy of Rachel Carson Festival All Events in the Courtyards

All Day

2:15-2:16

10-3

10-5 3:15-5:00

Readings from Silent Spring Silent Trail Walk starts @ Courtyard A Minute of Silence for Silent Spring Voter Registration by PowerVote Student Environmental Groups

Ask the Experts (Experts answer your questions) Mosquito Control Florida Dept. Env. Protection Florida Planning and Design All Native Garden Center

Lee Cty. Pollution Prevention



Students placed quotes Silent Spring around campus all week





Community members came to campus for presentations and other events during the week.



Dr. Talal El Hefnawy – one of the faculty and community experts discussing "Hormone Mimics"



"Exploring the Legacy of Rachel Carson"

50 years after the publication of Silent Spring (Sept. 27, 1962)

Lectures and Ask the Experts – Sept. 29, 2012 1:00-6:00 PM

**Schedule of Events** 

"Continuing and Emerging Chemical Threats", Whitaker Hall 101 Dr. Darren Rumbold, Professor of Marine Science, FGCU

"The Hormone Mimics: From Silent Birds to Human Illness. Yet Denial Carries

Dr. Talal El-Hefnawy, Assistant Professor of Biology, FGCU Meet the Experts

3:15-3:45 Mike Bauer

City of Naples, Naples Resource Manager Adam Cummings Florida Planning and Design Group Former Charlotte County Commissioner

Martha Grattan Rhonda J. Holzclav MS, CHMM, RBP

Dale L. Nottinghar **Lee County Pollution Prevention Program SW Florida Management District Richard Pfeuffer** 

All Native Garden Center, Nursery & Landscaping

**FGCU Environmental Health and Safety** 

Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection Lee County Solid Waste Division

An informal session where individuals can ask questions of the local experts Refreshments provided by Whitaker Center and Center for Environmental

Ask the Experts – Break out Session, Whitaker Hall 103

FILM: The Silent Spring of Rachel Carson, CBS Reports (1963), Whitaker Hall 101



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Students created a list of chemical compounds present in the registered man-made chemical products in Florida and placed the list on the green September 27

