

## **January Speaker**

The January meeting will be held at the New Smyrna Beach Utilities Commission offices at 200 Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach. Entrance is through the rear door and via elevator to the third floor. Date and time are January 7 at 7:00 PM.

Our feature speaker will be Karyn Hoffman, co-President and Conservation Chair of the West Volusia Audubon and our representative on the Regional Conservation Committee. She will discuss water conservation and show a film entitled "Gimme Green," an amusing and thought-provoking documentary that examines the American obsession with our residential lawn. Ellen Fisher of the Utilities Commission will also discuss how the utility handles our water treatment and irrigation needs.

Karyn is a native Floridian who grew up fishing and snorkeling on the reefs off Key West and Miami. She spent many years camping and hiking in the Everglades, Fisheating Creek, and the Ocala Forest.

She spent three summers as an outdoor activities instructor at the Game Commission Youth Camp in Palm Beach, where she also taught survival skills and canoeing to children of all ages.

Karyn graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology degree with High Honor from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne. She then worked for three years as an agro-forester with the Peace Corps in Benin, West Africa. On her return, she worked as a Counselor with Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives, living with at-risk youth in the Ocala Forest and leading hiking, camping, canoeing and ropes course trips.

Karyn has now been in the financial services industry for thirteen years and is with Morgan Stanley in Deland, where she works with high net worth clients to provide financial solutions.

Because Karyn believes that sustainable development is not just for the third world, she became involved with the West Volusia Audubon Society. She currently serves as Conservation Chair and Co-President.

Everyone is welcome. Remember admission is free and you get cookies afterward.