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Events

The 2010 Palm Sunday Walk was by all accounts a resounding success. The cool spring day was the perfect setting for the more than 3000 participants who started the walk at Horseshoe Bay. Next were the sand dunes and beaches of South Shore Park, then Warwick Long Bay where a large school of parrot fish were hugging the coast as the walkers went by. The walk continued inland to Astwood Park and the Southlands property where we had access to the house and quarry gardens. It was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the importance of the property and the need for it to remain as open space, and the walkers certainly admired the tunnels and quarries. Their smiles persisted as they strolled over the hill down to Ord Road and continued along the shaded Railway Trail and then down to the base of Turtle Hill. The smiles faded with the steep climb to the Fairmont Southampton, but those that survived the climb continued along the crest of the hill to the Trust's newest reserve, Lighthouse Hill Nature Reserve. The spice forest in the Reserve was cool and many took the time to stop and have a good look around. The walkers filed down the South Shore side of Fairmont Drive happy, tired and accomplished. It was a great example of people coming together in Bermuda and enjoying our precious open space.

Our thanks to the Bank of Bermuda Foundation for their sponsorship and to the volunteers who made the walk possible.



EARTH DAY Party for the Planet!



While the Trust believes that every day is a day to honour the earth we encourage our members to join us and the other members of the Bermuda Association of Eco-Clubs (BASEC) at Victoria Park on...

Thursday, 22nd April between 4 and 8 PM. Come out and enjoy children's activities, food stalls, musical entertainment and informative environmental booths.

Be sure to visit the Trust booth where David Outerbridge, our conservation expert, and Carolyn Conway from our education department will be on hand. And keep an eye out for our very own Earth Mother. This is a great way to learn about what is happening in our environment and is sure to be a fun family outing.

Remembering Joyce Hall

The Trust mourned the passing in March of friend and supporter Joyce D. Hall, MBE, JP.

Joyce was a community activist and historian and was a passionate defender of historic buildings and open space. She served on the Trust Council for many years, was a key member of the Historic Buildings Committee and represented the Trust on the Parks Commission. She was awarded Honorary Life Membership in recognition of her dedication and service to the Trust. A woman of striking intelligence with meticulous planning skills and attention to detail, she will long be acknowledged by the Trust for her substantial contributions to the preservation of everything Bermudian.

New Staff



We are delighted to welcome our newest staff members: Deanne Hart, our new Development Administrator and Conservation Officer David Outerbridge.

Deanne is a self-described 'artsy-type' wife and mother of four who looks forward to using her marketing background and experience to promote and develop the Trust. In addition to her skills, she brings a deep appreciation of Bermuda as a place of natural beauty and historical interest.

David has worked in Bermuda for the past five years as a tree-surgeon and landscaper. His educational background is in traditional uses of plants, sustainable development and he is an avid horticulturist. David's primary responsibilities are the management of the National Trust's nature reserves, historic cemeteries and arable land. The position is also responsible for our annual Palm Sunday Walk – this year's walk was his first venture.

