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# The Osprey Outlook

## Note From the Executive Director

Anyone who was/is a fan of Sesame Street will remember the beginning to each show: "Sesame Street is brought to you by the Number 4 and the letter 'C'". Throughout the show, the sponsoring letter and number would appear- C for Cookies, C for Cat. Well, today's newsletter is brought to you by the letter "C" as well. "C" for collaboration.

Collaboration is just a fancy way of saying that we can accomplish more working together than apart. ACF has worked on several different projects this year that underscored the vital importance of working together towards addressing conservation issues. We all (whether as individuals or as representatives of a particular organization or industry) bring something original and valuable to the table when it comes to solving problems.

Working with Weeks Bay, ADCNR-State Lands on the Wetlands Compliance Workshops, or the folks at Wolf Bay Watershed Watch on the plants for the rain garden at Tanner Williams, or with the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, I am struck by the sense of common purpose that we all share. In the coming year, we are excited to work with our existing partners and add new ones (see exciting news below about our newest partner, RBC Bank). I hope that you will consider Collaborating with ACF on one or more of our projects in the coming year (tree plantings, shoreline characterizations and a wastewater workshop are just a few of the programs on the near horizon). I'd also like to hear your thoughts on how the conservation community as a whole can combine our efforts and multiply our successes.

"Sunny day, sweeping the clouds away, on my way to where the air is sweet..."

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## ACF Receives International Grant Award from Royal Bank of Canada's Blue Water Project



Water quality continues to be a pressing issue in much of the world, and ACF is proud to have a new partner in our work to protect watersheds in South Alabama. We were recently chosen as one of five U.S. recipients of the Royal Bank of Canada Blue Water Project grant!

The RBC Blue Water Project is a wide-ranging,

## Participate in the ACF Membership Survey

ACF is growing in leaps and bounds, and 2009 promises to be our best year yet.

With several exciting projects on the horizon, we want to hear from you about what issues interest you most so we can focus our efforts on achieving real solutions to environmental issues in South Alabama. The survey will only take a few minutes to complete and will help ACF continue to be a leader in conservation in South Alabama.

[Click Here](#) to take the short survey

Thank you for participating!

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multi-year program to help foster a culture of water stewardship, so that people have clean fresh water today and tomorrow.

ACF will work with local partner Mobile Area Water and Sewer Service to begin implementation of the Big Creek Lake Watershed Management Plan, which was completed in early 2008. The 2-year, \$25,000 grant will help fund Best Management Practices Workshops, Septic System Maintenance Seminars and other education efforts in the watershed.

From the RBC Press Release:

Gordon Nixon, CEO of RBC, announced the 2008 grants on behalf of RBC's four U.S.-based businesses. "We believe that these five organizations are well-positioned to make a substantive difference and we're looking forward to working with them to raise awareness about water stewardship here in the southeast and across America," said Mr. Nixon.

[Click here](#) to read the rest of the RBC Press Release.

We are eager to begin work on this exciting project- stay tuned for details and how you can get involved!

**And don't forget to join us for a special presentation by RBC representatives at our membership meeting on November 18th at Oysterella's on the Causeway at 6:30 pm.**

## ACF Membership Meeting on November 18 at Oysterella's

**Bring your friends and join us at 6:30 pm at Oysterella's on the Causeway on Tuesday, November 18 for ACF's quarterly membership meeting.**

Enjoy fun and fellowship at ACF's first quarterly meeting at Oysterella's. Make your voice heard as we decide future projects and discuss South Alabama conservation. There will be plenty of time to eat, drink and enjoy the company of friends. Dinner and drinks will be on your own.

You do not have to be a member to attend. **Hope you can join us!**

## Join Us To Complete Planting at Tanner Williams Elementary



Join us on Halloween (Friday, October 31st ) to complete our Rain Garden Project at Tanner Williams Elementary in western Mobile County. Volunteers should arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 am to help weed the garden area and aid students in planting a variety of native plants such as Texas Star Hibiscus, Pitcher Plants, and Swamp Sunflowers. Volunteers should wear sturdy footwear and be prepared to get dirty. Bring trowels, garden gloves, and shovels if you have them.

We should be finished by 11 am, but you are welcome to leave earlier if necessary. Water will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Office Help for End-of-Year Mailing

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## Give the Gift of Conservation!

**THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, GIVE THE GIFT OF CONSERVATION**



FOR ONLY \$25, YOU CAN SPONSOR A TREE TO BE PLANTED IN SOMEONE'S HONOR AT ONE OF ACF'S TREE PLANTINGS. THE SPONSORSHIP ALSO INCLUDES A ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP WITH ACF FOR THE RECIPIENT. CALL 990-6002 FOR MORE INFO AND TO PURCHASE YOUR GIFT CERTIFICATE.

## It's Time for the Wolf Bay Watershed Watch Plant Sale!



### FALL PLANT, TRASH & TREASURE SALE

The Wolf Bay Watershed Watch is again conducting a Fall plant, Trash & Treasure Sale this weekend at the Mifflin Community Center on Baldwin County Road 20 (Mifflin Road). The plant sale features citrus, exotics, encore azaleas, knockout roses and native perennials and will be open

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 23-25 October from 0800 until 5 PM daily. Please come early as a limited supply at bargain prices will not last long!

The Trash and Treasures sale will feature furniture, small appliances, tools, and "collectibles" and will be open from 0800 until 5 PM on Friday, October 24th, and from 0800 until noon on Saturday, October 25th.



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