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Nature Center invites artists, author for Marine Conservation Day

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Artist and marine conservationist Guy Harvey tops the list of who's who appearing at the Nature Center of Cape May 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 for Marine Conservation Day.

An artist, scientist, diver, angler, conservationist and explorer, Harvey and his artwork – on prints, posters and clothing – will be available to the public in the nature center's Trucksess Welcome Center. Attendees are welcome to bring their own Harvey items for him to sign.

Harvey's passion for the beauty and wonder of the underwater world has driven him to be a leading conservationist and advocate for the preservation of all sea creatures and their environment, and his objectives and the mission of the nature center go hand in hand. Harvey has a doctorate in fisheries management from the University of West Indies and dedicates time and resources to programs that protect the oceans, fish populations and reef systems. The Guy Harvey Research Institute and the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation gather scientific information necessary in this pursuit. The Marine Conservation Day reception includes other prominent artists and conservationists in addition to Harvey.

The glass artwork of Robert and Tammy Derwick of Fineline Glass will be on display Aug. 16-22 on the first floor of the welcome center. Robert Derwick, whose exhibition consists of glass room dividers, mirrors and sculpture, will greet the public and talk about his work (see finelinestudioglass.com).

NJ Audubon President Tom Gilmore will sign copies of his books on fishing, "False Albacore" and "Tuna on the Fly," an excerpt of which was reprinted in *On the Rip* magazine published by South Jersey Tournaments, which hosts the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 Fishing Tournament being held the same week.

Pete Dunne, NJ Audubon vice president of natural history information and director of the Cape May Bird Observatory, will sign copies of his newest book, "Bayshore Summer," the second in a planned series of four, following "Prairie Spring."



The Ecological Research and Development Group's "Young Voices 2010, Horseshoe Crabs in the Arts" exhibition continues in the center's Todd building, featuring youthful renderings of the horseshoe crab from around the world.

Aqua Trails Kayaks will offer guided kayak eco-tours at 1 and 3 p.m.; the cost is \$25 per single kayak or \$40 per double.

The nature center's Harborside Market will offer fresh produce, baked goods, gift items and refreshments.



"Explore the Shore" guided nature walks and seining will take place on Cape May Harbor. Naturalists will be on hand in the marine animal laboratory for "Lab Gab" among tanks filled with ocean life, horseshoe crabs and diamondback terrapins.

The nature center's summer children's camp award-winning science projects from this summer's 4-H fair will also be on display.

For more information about Marine Conservation Day or the nature center call 898-8848 see NJ Audubon's Nature Center of Cape May on Facebook. The nature center is at 1600 Delaware Ave., Cape May.