

June 2009 Team of the Month
The Historic Exhibit Team

Team Members:

- Brenda Duffey
- Julio Fanjul
- Ellen MacArthur
- Lorraine Mayers
- Ellen Negley
- Olga Lopez Oriol
- Les Wood
- Manuel Zamorano
- Marcy Zehnder
- Pat Gostel
- Doris DeMaio
- Ric Morgan
- Diana Longhurst

This core team looked at different concepts at various museums and historic sites to determine how best to showcase the history of the South Florida Water Management District. They used their findings to create a blueprint for historic exhibits in the B-1 lobby. Representing different fields of discipline and talents, the team worked diligently on different aspects for planning and research. Engineers, planners, financial analysts, land experts, scientists and graphic designers met regularly and worked collectively to gather and compile large amounts of information and archives.

Over the last six months, the Creative Services Department under the direction of Deena Reppen, worked with the core team to create content and graphics for two major exhibits: A historic water management timeline, and a Kissimmee-Okeechobee-Everglades exhibit. The timeline traces the colorful history of South Florida back to the 1500's. Though our region has seen extraordinary changes over the last 500 years, water has always been at the center of culture, development, politics, war and peace. The 16-panel timeline captures the eras and the water issues of the day.

Pat Gostel is now a District retiree but as an employee, Pat headed the Research Subcommittee that compiled the first listing of the timeline. He is currently an official volunteer to the Museum Team.

We appreciate the monumental efforts of the team members to design, develop and coordinate the installation of these exhibits in time to celebrate the District's 60th anniversary.