



2007 Emerald Award Winner For Environmental Excellence

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NatureScape Broward Homeowner

Laurie Schecter and Gary Issacson have a most interesting and delightful yard - right on the beach in Hollywood! Less than one year prior to Hurricane Wilma, they decided to restore their yard to a natural landscape. Reinforcing the notion that native plants are uniquely adapted to grow in South Florida, not one plant was lost to the hurricane. They hired landscaper Greg Philips to install rare and endangered native coastal species, reestablish seaside planting on the dunes, and restore the native tree canopy. Much work has gone into the removal of exotic species and the re-establishment of pollinators and other wildlife habitat. It is truly a remarkable restoration effort and the Emerald Award Team is thrilled to recognize Laurie, Gary, and Greg as Emerald Award Winners.

Their landscaping environmental achievements include:

- All native beachfront landscape.
- Including rare and endangered species.
- Dune plantings re-established.
- Plants chosen to attract native insects and pollinators.



(above) Creative artwork disguises utility areas.
(left) Gravel front path lined with rocks and seashells. Pathway leading to beach.



Dunes planting help prevent beach erosion and protect nesting grounds for sea turtles.



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