



IT'S OUR NATURE®
Moving in the Rhythm of Nature®



As we celebrate Mother's Day, may we also honor our Mother Earth – especially as so many of us are nurturing our backyard gardens and installing rain barrels.

Throughout history we see Mother Earth as a common metaphorical expression for the Earth and its biosphere as the giver and sustainer of life.

Mother Nature is a common representation of nature that focuses on the life-giving and nurturing features of nature by embodying it in the form of the mother. Images of women representing Mother Earth, and Mother Nature, are timeless.

May we honor our mother or our mother's memory by spending time in a nearby oasis of earthen ground, embracing trees and melodic birds.

Excerpt from:

“Great Women Exploring Nature ... How Wild Florida Influenced Their Lives”
 by Linda Taylor

Mina and Thomas Edison had three children, Madeleine, Charles and Theodore, in addition to the three children Thomas had by his first wife - Marion, Thomas and William. The family loved boat trips. They traveled up the winding Caloosahatchee River to the mysterious waters of Lake Okeechobee by way of the Everglades.

The love of nature bound the friendship of the Edisons and Fords with John Burroughs, a renowned author and naturalist. A greatly anticipated camping trip into the Everglades included Mina and the children. The camping party employed local guides to take them through the sand pines into the palmettos to set up camp by a lake sixty miles into the Everglades. The experience proved so profound that two of the Edison children wrote eloquently of the camping expedition years later and became advocates - along with their parents - against the millinery trade (bird feathers) slaughter.



Mina was a gardening enthusiast. She advocated that gardens blend community work with home life, which every school, church and home should cultivate. She believed that curiosity of our natural world starts with simple observations in a garden.

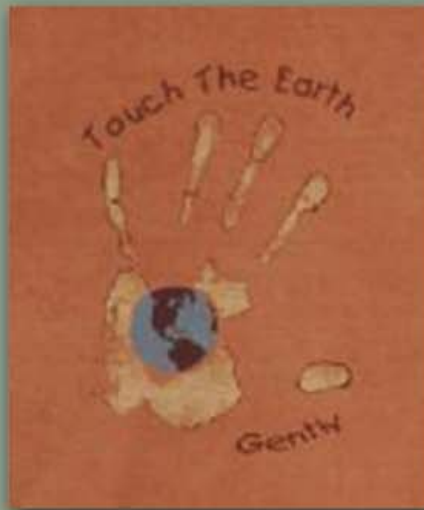
Thank you, Mina, for your vision to know that our planet can be saved one garden at a time. ~ Linda Taylor

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It's Our Nature Schedule of Events

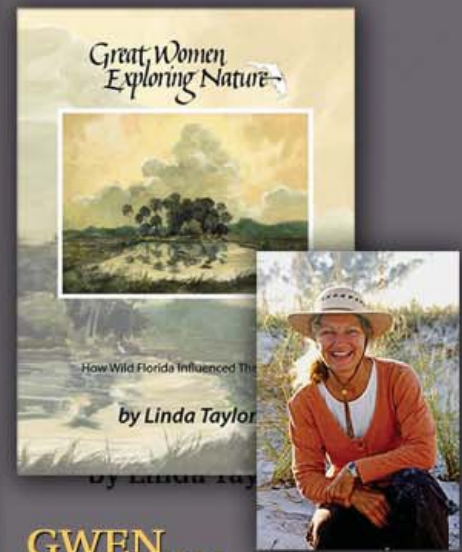
Every Tuesday	Nature's Food Patch	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Every Wednesday	Clearwater Downtown Farmer's Market	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday, May 7	Clean Air Fair - Poe Plaza Tampa	11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Thursday, May 14 & 28	Safety Harbor Farmer's Market	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Every Friday	Dunedin Green Market	8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Every Saturday	Saturday Morning Market - St. Pete	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, May 10, 24, & 31	Sweetwater Organic Farm - Tampa	Noon - 4:00 pm
Sunday, May 17	Kiwanis Art & Craft Show Main Street Safety Harbor	10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Coming in June

Saturday, June 6	Pepper Festival -Pinellas Park
Saturday, June 13	Dunedin Summer Market



Celebrated 13 Years in Business on Earth Day, April 22, 2009



**GWEN . . .
 Great Women Exploring Nature by Linda Taylor**

I hope you found inspiration in the excerpt taken from my book. Mina Edison cultivated and nurtured her children. She found a special place in Florida that inspired her, touched her children and friends.

If you would like to read about the other celebrated women who discovered how wild Florida influenced their lives, GWEN is sold at any event ION's mobile store is attending or on the website at www.itsournature.com

The purchase price is \$12.95 with 10% off purchases of two or more.

Notecards and prints of the inspirational quotes contained in the book like the illustration featured in this newsletter are also available.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each of ION's eco-friendly customers who purchased items during the various Earth Day Sales Events and celebrations.

As a result of the Earth Day sales, 5% was donated to: "Friends of the Island Parks" which is a citizen support group that helps Honeymoon and Caladesi Islands and to the Sierra Club Tampa Bay Chapter.

- Keynotes /Book Signings
- Women and Nature Playshop
- Full Moon Walks with T'ai Chi
- Move and Write Retreat
- Nature Wedding or Anniversary Ceremonies

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