

Florida Mosquito Control Association

In the Spotlight



Nominated by
Director James Clauson
of Beach Mosquito Control District

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Spotlight Recipient



Cindy Mulla
Outreach & Public Relations
POC

"Cindy Mulla has been at Beach Mosquito Control District since June of 2005. She has worked in the lab, in the field and in the office. In her current position as the Outreach and Public Relations POC for the district, she spends most of her time in schools in the District. She has taught all levels of school; 1st grade through seniors in High School and follows the State of Florida Sunshine Standards. She has left such an impression on her students that high schoolers come up to her at the various public events we hold and remind her that she taught them in grade school. She is affectionately known as the "Mosquito Lady"! She is very deserving of this Statewide recognition."

What do you love about your industry?

The strong and positive communication and energy that radiates throughout the industry which promotes networking and sharing of innovative ideas and skills to complete projects that continuously improve the mosquito control mission. Only by collaborating and working together can Mosquito Control be successful! Remember Mosquito Control is not just a local, statewide, or national issue; it is global. Everyone involved in this industry is striving for the common goal of mosquito control and disease prevention for a healthier future.

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– Cindy Mulla, Beach Mosquito Control District

I appreciate the endless number of career opportunities that mosquito control has to offer.

Lastly, whether you are a veteran or a new member to mosquito control attending a regional workshop, annual state (Florida Mosquito Control Association, FMCA) or national meeting (American Mosquito Control Association, AMCA), you are treated as a family member. Mosquito Control offers the chance to build new professional contacts and to make new friends globally.

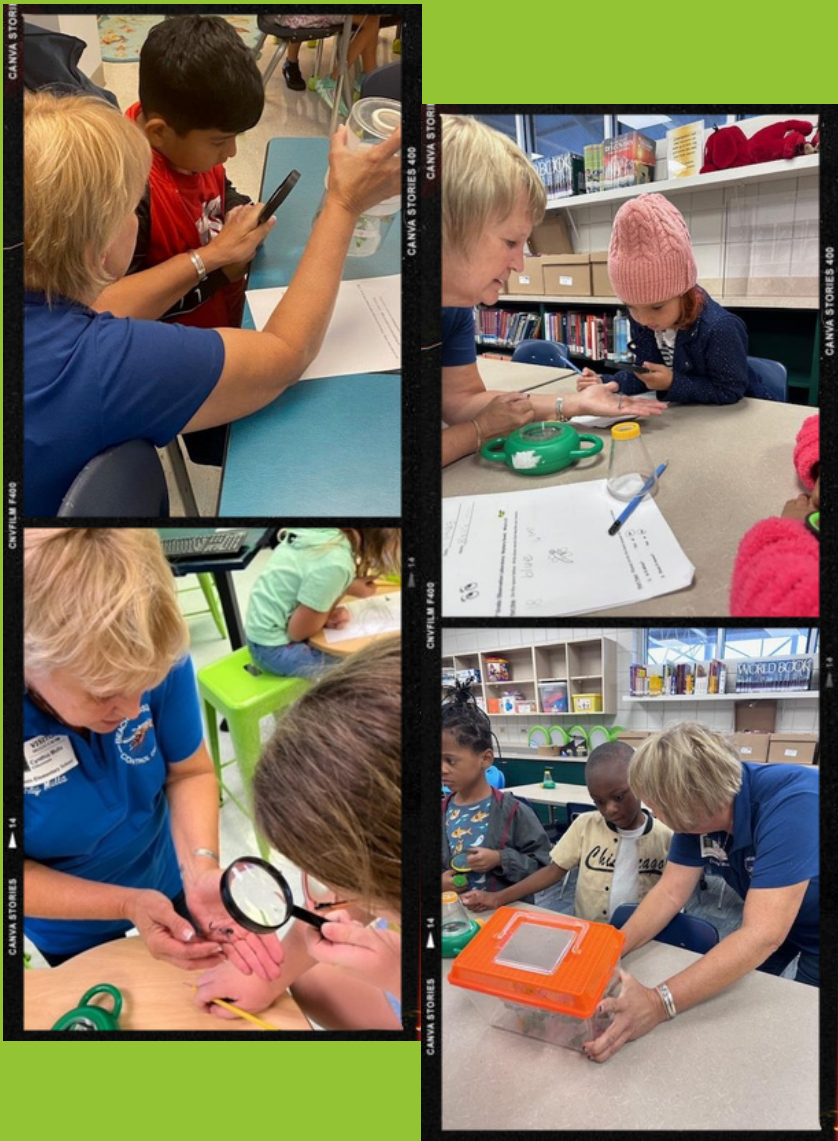
What advice would you give to someone who wants to enter your field?

To be enthusiastic about the importance of education event if it is about Mosquitoes and the mission of Mosquito Control

Be creative and have fun with Public Relations & Education. Make your program your own.

While educating the public, share your fun and outgoing personality and enjoy meeting and learning from others, too. (one time, after a presentation, a president at a local bank came up to me and said, he enjoyed learning about so many different vital facts about mosquitoes, and never met someone so enthusiastic about of all things...mosquitoes.)

From the classroom, events, parades, local TV/Radio shows and even on the Weather Channel...Mosquitoes are the reason Beach Mosquito Control District and I were there!



Sharing knowledge of mosquito with future generations.



In the Spotlight

Who inspires you?

My director, **James Clauson**.

He believes in the importance of educational growth of his employees and encourages them to reach goals they never imaged. He has offered me the unique opportunity to branch out my career into different directions I never would have thought or imagined from designing ads to writing and producing TV Mosquito Control infomercials and jingles.

Dr. Roxanne Connelly

I greatly appreciate her past and present dedication to mosquito control, research, facilitator to students and, in general, her positive influence on the lives of others. Also, her vision for and promoting the Young Professionals as a part of the American Mosquito Control Association.

How do you define success?

Individually, it is based on our own personal stepping-stone choices on the path of life. Whether they are positive or negative, each step will assist our continuation to grow and succeed as our goals change throughout the chapters of our career(s) or personal lives. I believe if you remain positive, have faith and hope; even if an unexpected curve ball impacts your life then you can learn from the experience and make it a success.



What are your favorite hobbies?

I love nature and the outdoors!

- Shell collecting. **Best find:** September 2018, I found a fossilized Great White Shark Tooth on Panama City Beach. It's the largest one I ever found, but the first one was when I was ten years old at Amelia Island, FL.

- Escaping for an early morning sunrise or sunset beach walk
- Hiking in the forest
- Paddle boarding
- Kayaking. I went Glow Kayaking with my sister in the Northwest Florida Spring.
- While hiking or traveling, getting to go off the beaten path to explore is the best.



What is one thing - either industry related or not - you have learned in the last month?

How to connect BMCD's new Digi Microscope to our local school district's smart boards in the classrooms! The school district's IT guy was extremely helpful with the programming. This is a new educational tool for Beach Mosquito Control District's education program. It makes an impressive impact for learning about mosquitoes plus it is more interactive and fun for the audience! It is almost better than watching the Super Bowl on a super-sized screen TV!
Larvae vs. Pupae?

What is fun fact that not many people know?

I had the opportunity to live abroad when I was in college. I am bilingual. I enjoy history and learning about diverse cultures. I enjoy learning and sharing knowledge with others.

Last book you read?

The Nightingale by: Kristen Hannah
Based on a true story about a courageous heroine. The sacrifices, bravery, and tenacity to do what other women never dreamed or dared to do during the resistance of occupied France in WW2. This is a great read!

First concert?

STYX: Grand Illusion Tour

What can you not live without?

Family & Friends

Thanks for taking the time to read about this incredible person!

Directors, if you would like to nominate someone for a 2024 Spotlight, please email Daniela Vintimilla at dvintimilla@cmc-associates.com with the following information:

- Full Name
- Title
- District Name
- Email
- Share why you believe they should get the spotlight!