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2nd annual Founder's Day planned for Sunday at Archbold Biological Station

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VENUS -- We all like to take pride in our heritage, whether it is our own family, the family of our friends or our work family. The family of staff and interns at Archbold Biological Station are very proud of the legacy built by the Archbold family, and thankful for their generosity to continue believing in the mission of the Station today.

To honor the family and founders of this world-renown research facility, Archbold will celebrate its second annual Founders Day on Sunday from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Archbold archivist and librarian Fred Lohrer will lead a walking tour through the History Trail, detailing the adventures of founder Richard Archbold and his love for science and nature.

“Richard Archbold was a pioneer in aviation, explorer of the unknown, and host to many of the top scientists from around the world,” Lohrer said. “He was also known in the Lake Placid community as one of the founders of Glades Electric Cooperative, which spread electricity to the region.”

In 2016, Archbold Biological Station will celebrate its 75th year of scientific research, habitat conservation, and public education. Tens of thousands of school children, hundreds of interns, thousands of guests, dedicated staff, and the Archbold family keep the research station thriving forward, continuing the tradition of the founder.

Archbold Biological Station is an independent, not-for-profit research facility and lies within the Northern Everglades, the lands that drain south into Lake Okeechobee. The Station is dedicated to long-term ecological research, conservation, and education. It's all part of the global effort to understand, interpret, and preserve the world's natural heritage.

Archbold Biological Station is eight miles south of Lake Placid. The entrance is 1.8 miles south of State Road 70 on Old State Road 8. For more information visit www.archbold-station.org or call 863-465-2571 during business hours.

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