

Cookie House Rehabilitation Project Complete

Rehabilitation of the Cookie House was completed by Charlotte County Facilities Construction & Maintenance on May 31st 2013. As you may know the Cookie House was originally built by John F. Bass Jr. who founded the Bass Biological Laboratory & Zoological Research Supply Company in 1931. The company became the first full-time marine station on the Florida mainland and their mission was to promote scientific marine exploration in Southwest Florida. The Cookie House became a Charlotte County Historical Marker with approval by the Historical Advisory Committee on April 11, 2007.

Facilities took on this monumental task of carefully preserving and rehabilitating the Cookie House by using all period-correct materials and also incorporating as much original materials as possible. The material used was period-correct, rough-cut wood which was repurposed from an old 1930 tobacco company building. Ax-cut half-round river recovered logs were used in the gable ends, and metal diamond shaped singles that mimic the original asbestos shingles were used on the roof.

Facilities is proud to say that our in-house carpenters Rich Bokoski and Dennis Meadows completed this incredible restoration task themselves along with the help from our in-house electrician Ed Leonard completing the knob & tube wiring and light fixtures. A log was kept of the daily work that was accomplished throughout the project. Please take a look for yourself - stop by the Cedar Point Environmental Park located at 2300 Placida Road Englewood, FL.