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## **STORYTELLING WEEK AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS**

### **760 Primary School Students Gathered at the Mission House During Earth Week**

MONDAY, 3 MAY – The National Trust for the Cayman Islands welcomed 760 primary school students during earth week to the Mission House for it's first annual environmental storytelling week which featured stories from Fish Tea: A Collection of Caymanian Tales, environmental presentations, arts and crafts, earth day pledges and activities and traditional fried fish and fritters.

Special guest storytellers and presenters such as Jamesette Anglin, Miss Teen Cayman 2009-2010, Tania Johnson, Public Education and Promotions Officer from the Cayman Islands Department of Environmental Health, Sophie Halford, Sustainable Development Officer from the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, Deborah Powery-Zureigat, Community Librarian for West Bay, Catherine Crabb and Shavonnie Hislop from Water Authority, Blonice Whittiker, Community Librarian for North Side, Virginia Foster, Volunteer Coordinator from the Cayman National Cultural Foundation and Twila-Mae Vargus entertained children ages 5 to 10 from various schools around the island.

"I thoroughly enjoyed assisting with the Earth Week storytelling at the National Trust's Mission House in Bodden Town. They have done a fantastic job of preserving a wonderful part of our Caymanian heritage. The children from all schools (both private and public) were well behaved and attentive to the stories that I shared with them. It was a true delight to participate," said Mrs. Deborah Powery-Zureigat, Community Librarian. "My favourite story from the "Fish Tea: A Collection of Caymanian Tales" book is one entitled "Nighttime Guardians of the Sea". It is set in East End and is about an older lighthouse giving a newer lighthouse some valuable advice that is true for all generations. I believe both teachers and students alike enjoyed listening to the wonderful stories of how unique our Caymanian culture is. I'm really grateful that I was invited."

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Editors note:

Photos attached –

- 1 - Red Bay Primary School students sit wait in the living room of the mission to hear stories.
- 2 - Miss Teen Cayman, Jamesette Anglin reads stories to the children.
- 3 – Children participate in Earth Day arts and crafts.