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‘Holidays at Harte’ Includes Open House, Tours, and Literature and Art Sale Benefiting Marine Science Students
National Geographic Explorer Dr. Sylvia Earle to read ‘Hello, Fish!’ to children

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will hold its first “Holidays at Harte” open house on Friday, Dec. 4, from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During the open house, visitors will be able to tour the HRI which through its trilateral relationship with Mexico and Cuba has become the premier research institute for advancing the long-term sustainability and conservation of the Gulf of Mexico. In addition, there will be a holiday sale featuring more than 200 biological original and print illustrations, vintage science books, and a book signing with renowned authors of books on the Gulf Coast. Proceeds from the sales will benefit marine science students.

On Saturday from 10-11 a.m., Dr. Sylvia Earle who will read her children’s book “Hello, Fish!” which features underwater photos of a variety of coral reef dwellers including the clown fish, damselfish and gobies, with educational insights into their habits. Earle, a National Geographic Explorer in Residence and chair of the HRI Advisory Council, was named Time magazine’s first "Hero for the Planet" in 1998.