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John “Brandy” Siebenaler and his wife, Marjorie, founded the Gulfarium, the first marine attraction of its kind on the Florida Panhandle. Since the gates first swung open in 1955, guests flocked to the Gulfarium. Displays of live specimens collected from the nearby Gulf of Mexico waters by Brandy, his associates, and Destin’s fishing families gave visitors a chance to view life below the sea as they had never seen it before. The park’s spectacular dolphin shows gained national recognition, and the high-flying porpoises were trained by none other than Marjorie, who quickly became an acclaimed expert for her innate ability to connect with the animals. Beyond the on-cue performances of sky-high leaps, hoop jumps, and clever antics in the pool, the Gulfarium is part of a greater mission. It plays a critical role in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of stranded marine mammals, sea turtles, and other native wildlife—a need it has continued to serve for more than half a century.

About the Author Authors Russel Chiodo and Krista Stouffer interviewed former Gulfarium staff, searched the storage spaces of the Gulfarium, scoured the Florida State Archives, and selected photographs from Arturo Mennillo’s portfolio to compile Images of America: Gulfarium Marine Adventure Park, chronicling the Gulfarium’s storied

history as a premier attraction on Florida's Emerald Coast.