



Sea Rocket



Florida Native Plant Society ~ Sea Rocket Chapter ~ Serving Central & North Brevard County

NOVEMBER 2009



The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

~Sea Rocket~

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Volunteer Needed!

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November 18, 2009

Photographing Nature in Brevard County

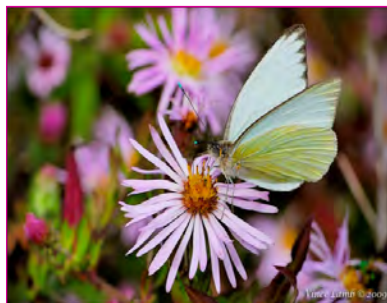
Presented by Vince Lamb

Vince Lamb will host a comprehensive program about photographing nature. While Vince's presentation will focus on native plants and their habitats, he will also include tips on wildlife photography. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to effectively photograph the natural wonders of Brevard County.

Vince is an avid nature photographer, a Florida Master Naturalist and a Certified Interpretive Guide. He currently serves as FNPS-Conradina Chapter's Representative, and as Treasurer, Webmaster and Newsletter editor for the Friends of Ulumay. Vince is also an active member of the Sierra Club—Turtle Coast Group's Executive Committee.

This program is open to the public and will be held at the Brevard County Ag Center on Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 pm.

Please contact Deb Springer at 321-745-2192 for more information.



November Field Trip: Saturday, November 14, 2009, 9:00-12:00

Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary

Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary is a joint project of the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and the State of Florida. Vegetation is primarily oak scrub and scrubby flatwoods with a depression marsh down slope. A prescribed burn was conducted here in the summer of 2008. The endemic *Dicerandra thincicola* occurs here, and it should be in flower.

NOTE:

We will meet at the Indian River Plaza Shopping Center. Park at the west (K-Mart) corner of the shopping center for carpooling.

Driving Directions:

~ US 1 to St. Rt. 50 (Cheney Highway). West on St. Rt. 50 to Indian River Plaza Shopping Center...OR

~ I-95 to Titusville, St. Rt. 50 exit. East on St. Rt. 50 (Cheney Highway) to Indian River Plaza Shopping Center.

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and insect repellent.



UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

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|-------------------------|--|
| Sunday, 11/01 | Daylight Savings Time Ends ~ set clocks back one hour |
| Tuesday, 11/03 | Plant Survey, Indian Mound Station Sanctuary, 9:30am Xavier de Seguin des Hons, 321-264-5185 |
| Wednesday, 11/04 | Florida Trail Association Hike, Lake Proctor Wilderness Trail Jim Escoffier, 321-453-1586 |
| Saturday, 11/07 | Forest Festival 2009 ~ The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Joan Faulls, 321-264-5185 |
| Saturday, 11/07 | Sea Rocket Plant Sale ~ Forest Festival, The Enchanted Forest Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922 |
| Monday, 11/09 | Conradina Public Meeting, Chris O'Hara of the EEL Program, Melbourne Library, 6:00pm, Sharon Dolan, 321-729-6857 |
| Tuesday, 11/10 | Brevard County Commission Meeting, 9:00am, Government Center, Viera, Contact Sally Lewis, 321-633-2010 |
| Wednesday, 11/11 | Sea Rocket Board Meeting, 6:00pm, Location to be announced Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922 |
| Saturday, 11/14 | Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary Hike, 9:00 to 12:00pm Dr. Paul Schmalzer, schmalzp@digital.net |
| Tuesday, 11/17 | Plant Survey, Indian Mound Station Sanctuary, 9:30am Xavier de Seguin des Hons, 321-264-5185 |
| Wednesday, 11/18 | Sea Rocket Public Meeting, "Photographing Nature in Brevard County", Vince Lamb, 7:00pm ~ Deb Springer, 321-745-2192 |
| Thursday, 11/26 | Thanksgiving Day...Happy Thanksgiving, Everyone! |

Send event notices to jclark109@cfl.rr.com

CALL TO ACTION!

Last week Brevard County Commissioners voted 3-2 to appoint Ms. Susan Hann to the EEL Program's Selection & Management Committee (SMC.) Historically, **and by policy**, this is a committee that is comprised of scientists. This changed with the appointment of Ms. Hann, Deputy City Manager of Palm Bay. Three County Commissioners disregarded the Commission's own written policy, printed in the EEL Land Acquisition Manual. Even worse, they violated the public trust by ignoring the mandate set out by Brevard County voters, who have twice voted to fund the EEL Program as a science-based organization.

According to the EEL Program's Land Acquisition Manual, which can be viewed at http://www.eelbrevard.com/pubs/eel_lam.pdf all EEL Selection and Management Committee members shall:

1. Have a willingness to serve in a voluntary capacity.
2. Be willing to make a long-term commitment to the EEL Selection and Management Committee.
3. Have a graduate academic degree in biological or environmental sciences or demonstrated professional expertise in a closely related conservation field such as ecosystem management, natural resources conservation, aquatic biology, field ecology, marine biology, botany, geology, hydrology, fire ecology, natural areas management, human use / recreation on natural areas, science education, or natural area sanctuary design.
4. Have demonstrated concern for and have actively participated in environmental conservation.
5. Have familiarity with Brevard County ecosystems.

Please write or call ALL of the County Commissioners to express your concern over the appointment of an unqualified candidate to the EEL Program's SMC.

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Research Participants Needed

Florida native plant enthusiasts sometimes face challenges that are difficult to solve because solutions often require input from several entities.

For example, the control of non-native invasive species is a challenge that encompasses community education, economic impacts, legislation, and ecological concerns.

As part of a UCF research project, a website has been created to assist in the exchange of information necessary to resolve the problems impacting Florida's native plants and their conservation. The goal is to distill the information gathered by this forum into real solutions for real issues.

If you are interested in participating in this research, which will require using the website, contact UCF graduate student Lars Linden at llinden@bus.ucf.edu

PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Suzanne Meyer

Hello to you all! I know the weather isn't saying fall is here yet...but soon it will be cooler, and this means it's a great time to get out and enjoy gardening among our many native plants, or visiting some of the natural native areas. Dr. Paul Schmalzer will be leading a hike in November through one of the EEL properties known as Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary. Our beautiful Titusville mint should be blooming and the fragrance is incredible! Please try to make this hike; see this newsletter's calendar for the details.

Also in this newsletter is Sea Rocket's proposed budget for 2010. You, the membership, will need to decide whether or not to adopt this budget by a vote at the November meeting, so please familiarize yourself with it and contact any member of the Board if you have questions or concerns.

And speaking of the November meeting, it's scheduled for Wednesday the 18th so we can avoid any conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss the Nature Photography program with Vince Lamb.

Finally, Sea Rocket is trying something new this year for our Holiday Dinner! We will be going to the Rockledge Country Club on Wednesday, December 9th and let them do the cooking. No dishes to keep hot or cool, nothing to tote back and forth, and best of all, we'll all be able to relax and enjoy a lovely dinner. Please see the invitation in this newsletter for details, and especially for the RSVP information. We want to make sure everyone attends, so act sooner rather than later!

In closing, the Board and I want to wish each of you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2009

Submitted by Ginny Blaetz

President Suzanne Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and asked for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Deb Springer made a motion to approve the minutes as published and Shari Blissett Clark seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as published.

Suzanne announced that the November newsletter would have several items in it that members should take note of, including the Chapter's proposed budget for 2010, meeting locations for the remainder of 2009, and the Holiday Dinner announcement.

The November meeting, which will be held at the Ag Center, will include a vote on the proposed budget for 2010.

Treasurer's report: The period from September 23 to October 28 – opening balance of \$4639.87, receipts of \$475.30, expenditures of \$317.80, leaving a balance of \$4797.77. Deb Springer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Ginny Blaetz seconded. The report was approved.

Dr. Jay Barnhart presented "What is that fungus among us?" which included photos of assorted fungi submitted by Chapter members.

Jay recommends a book by Dr. Jim Kimbro, *Mushrooms of Florida*, and the website www.mushroomexpert.com for those who would like to learn more about fungi. He also encouraged members to continue to send him pictures of fungi so he can build his presentation. Jay distributed spore print paper and explained how to make spore prints. Contact Jay at ruthnjay@cfl.rr.com for additional sheets or with questions.

In closing, Jay reminded us that although he is no longer eating things in the wild, all mushrooms are edible ~ even if only once!

Forest Festival 2009!

Live Animals
Live Music
Exhibitors
Guided Hikes
Face Painting
Presentations
Native Plant Sale



Saturday, November 7th
10 AM - 4 PM



444 Columbia Blvd.
Titusville, 32780

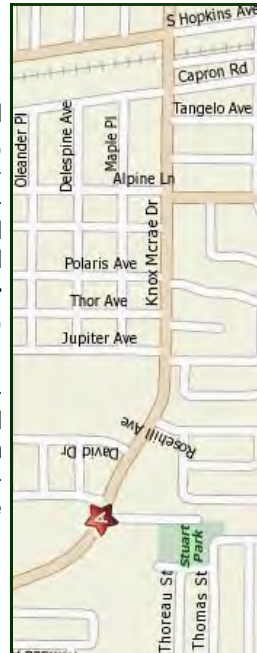
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NURSERY NEWS

The volunteers who make up the Sea Rocket Nursery Committee have been working diligently to make the Chapter's plant sales more professional and efficient. Galvanized sign holders were recently purchased to identify plants, and these holders display laminated plant profile cards which outline blooming season, mature plant size, and growing conditions. They were used successfully at the plant sale held on October 17th at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge where Sea Rocket sold \$377.00 in plants, setting a record for that venue! **Many thanks to Nursery Chair Suzanne Meyer, and committee members Bill Meyer, Deb Springer, Betty Page, Ginny Blaetz, and Shari Blissett Clark for all their hard work – you rock!**

The next Sea Rocket plant sale will be held at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary on Saturday, November 7th, during Forest Festival. Plan to come and browse through the pollinator gardens, walk the trails, and participate in many family themed activities which the Enchanted Forest staff has organized. And don't forget to support your Chapter and purchase some native plants for your garden!

Please join us and seize the opportunity to learn about Florida's native plants while volunteering at the Sea Rocket nursery!
Contact Suzanne Meyer at 321-264-4922.



Directions to Sea Rocket Nursery

Help your Chapter & Volunteer!

You'll have fun and learn a lot, too!

For information call
Suzanne Meyer at
321-264-4922

The nursery is located at the Titusville Wastewater Treatment Plant. The entrance is on the south side of Knox McRae, two blocks west of Coquina Elementary school.

The address is
1125 Knox McRae Drive

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Christmas, Florida 32709
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Sea Rocket's Very MERRY HOLIDAY DINNER

Wednesday, December 9th ~ 7:00pm
Rockledge Country Club

1591 S. Fiske Boulevard
Rockledge, FL 32955
www.rockledgecc.com

~ Sea Rocket will provide appetizers ~

Dinner is \$25.00 per person and includes:
Choice of entrée*, salad, vegetable, starch, and dessert

*Chicken Breast with roasted tomatoes, boursin cheese and fresh basil
Sliced Sirloin of Beef with mushroom bordelaise sauce
Grilled Mahi Mahi with a mango cilantro beurre blanc

RSVP by Tuesday, November 24th to Deb Springer ~
Call: 321-745-2192 or email: rspringer29@earthlink.net

Maple Street Natives



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www.maplestreetnatives.com

RETAIL
M-Sat 8-5

FLORIDA NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS, WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES

The Green Marketplace at Adams Road

Anniversary Celebration!
Saturday November 14th - 9am - 1pm
Come help us celebrate our 2nd year!

Old Farm Tractors on Display ~ Cooking Demonstration
Locally Made Wine Tastings ~ Old Fashioned Corn Cobber
Seed Planting ~ help us plant seeds for our winter crops
Bluegrass Music by Savannah Adams
Free nature and farm animal temporary tattoos for kids
Recycle Swap ~ choose from containers, trays, pots, and more ~ Free!

2295 Adamson Road, Cocoa, FL (321) 536-1410
www.naturewiseplants.com



Sea Rocket Provides Native Plant Centerpieces for KBB Breakfast

Deb Springer designed and made 12 centerpieces for Keep Brevard Beautiful's annual volunteer breakfast, using native plants donated by Sea Rocket.

This year's event was held at the Brevard Zoo and door prize winners got to take the centerpieces home!

Thanks, Deb, for doing such a great job on the centerpieces and representing the Sea Rocket Chapter!

FNPS ~ Sea Rocket Proposed Annual Budget ~ 2010

Submitted by Betty Page, Treasurer

| | Function | Item | Unit Cost | Quantity | Total |
|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| EXPENSE | | | | | |
| | Chapter rep | travel | \$105.00 | 4 | \$420.00 |
| | President | PO box | \$40.00 | 1 | \$40.00 |
| | | AFNN dues | \$100.00 | 1 | \$100.00 |
| | | Miscellaneous | \$50.00 | | \$50.00 |
| | Vice-president | Speaker gifts | \$30.00 | 8 | \$240.00 |
| | | Paid speaker | \$50.00 | 2 | \$100.00 |
| | | Computer projector | \$700.00 | 1 | \$700.00 |
| | | Books/publications | \$65.00 | 2 | \$130.00 |
| | | Meeting room rental | \$50.00 | 8 | \$400.00 |
| | Treasurer | Stamps | \$0.42 | 20 | \$8.40 |
| | | Corporation filing fee | \$61.25 | 1 | \$61.25 |
| | Secretary | Stamps | \$0.42 | 25 | \$10.50 |
| | Membership | Miscellaneous | | | \$100.00 |
| | Education | Coloring books | | | \$30.00 |
| | | Printing | | | \$150.00 |
| | | Birding event info table | | | \$100.00 |
| | Nursery | Soil | \$45 | 4 | \$180.00 |
| | | Delivery | \$25 | 2 | \$50.00 |
| | | Pot carriers | | | \$50.00 |
| | | Plants | | | \$300.00 |
| | | Facility repairs | \$250 | 0.08% | \$25.00 |
| | | Misc | | | \$75.00 |
| | | Sales tax | 0.06% | | \$120.00 |
| | | Enchanted Forest | | 15% donation | \$300.00 |
| | | License inspection | \$35.00 | 1 | \$35.00 |
| | Hospitality | Meeting refreshments | | | \$90.00 |
| | | Picnic | | | \$80.00 |
| | | Christmas party | | | \$80.00 |
| | Newsletter | Paper | \$16.00 | 1 | \$16.00 |
| | | Stamps | \$0.44 | 75 | \$33.00 |
| | | Printing | | | \$75.00 |
| | Hike leader | | | | \$0.00 |
| | Board | Chain of Lakes Garden | \$1,000.00 | 1 | \$1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$5,149.15 |
| REVENUE | | | | | |
| | Chapter rep | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | President | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | Vice-president | Grant for projector | | | \$700.00 |
| | Treasurer | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | Secretary | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | Membership | Dues percentage | | | \$500.00 |
| | Education | | | | \$0.00 |
| | Nursery | | \$625.00 | 4 | \$2,500.00 |
| | Library | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | Hospitality | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | Newsletter | none | | | \$0.00 |
| | Hike leader | | | | \$0.00 |
| | Board | KBB Grant/CoL Garden | \$1,000.00 | | \$1,000.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$4,700.00 |
| | | 2010 budgeted loss | | | -\$449.15 |

NOTES:

On the left side of this page is the proposed Sea Rocket Budget for 2010.

Items in **bold type** are fixed expenditures.

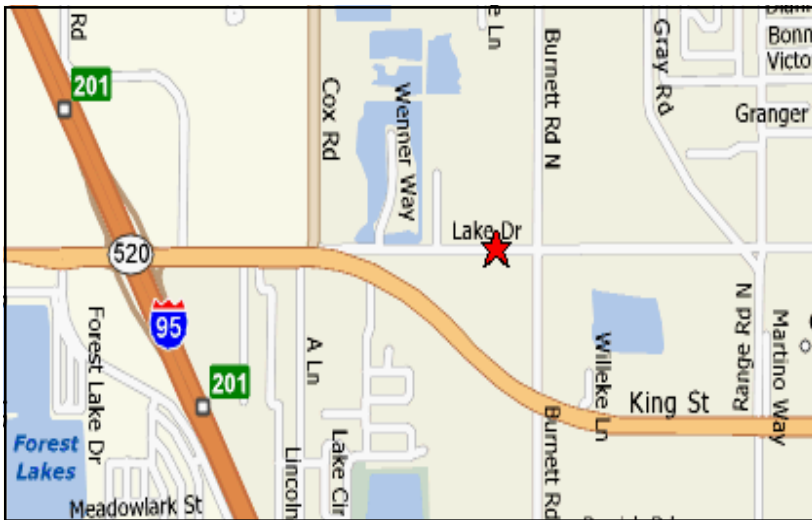
This budget, if adopted by the membership, will take effect 01/01/2010 and expire 12/31/2010.

Please review the proposed budget information carefully—you will be asked to vote on it at the November meeting.

If you have questions or comments, please contact a member of the Sea Rocket Board.

Contact information is provided on the front page of this newsletter.





Brevard County Agricultural Center

3695 Lake Dr, Cocoa, FL

- From I-95, go east on SR 520 to the first traffic light (Burnett Rd.). Go left at the light and drive one block north to Lake Drive. Turn left and the Ag. Center will be ahead on your left.
- From US 1, go west on SR 520 to Burnett Road. Turn right onto Burnett Road and drive one block to the stop sign. Turn right onto Lake Drive and the Ag. Center will be ahead on your left

Please do not call the Agriculture Center

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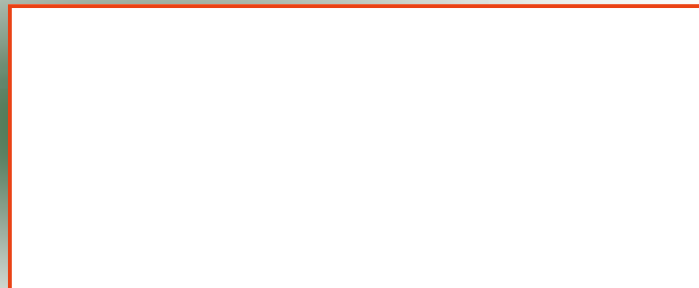
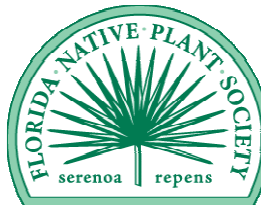
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