



Sea Rocket



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

APRIL 2010

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.

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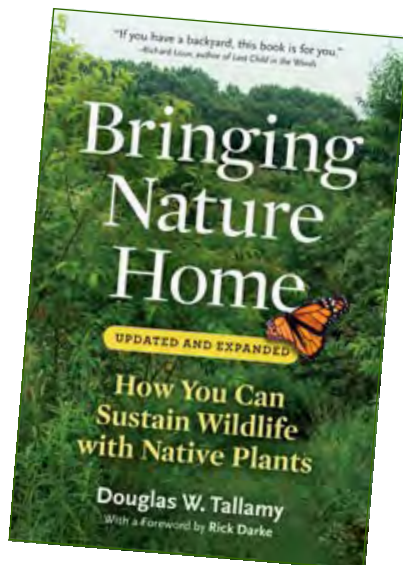
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Sea Rocket ~ Conradina ~ Friends of the Enchanted Forest present
Bringing Nature Home with Douglas W. Tallamy

Thursday, April 1, 2010 ~ 7:00 pm



From the 'Foreword' of Bringing Nature Home:

"*Bringing Nature Home* is a book many of us have been waiting for. So much more than a push for native plants, it articulates the broad interdependency of living relationships and literally redefines gardens as the new Nature. Tallamy tackles the potentially grim subjects of habitat destruction and resultant species loss and turns them into inspiring stories full of hope and opportunity. Drawing on a lifetime of experience as naturalist and

observer, scientist and gardener Doug Tallamy writes with real familiarity about the sensory richness, vibrancy, and sustenance inherent in landscapes that are truly full of life." ~ *Rick Darke*

Please join us for this inspiring program by professor and author Douglas Tallamy. Learn how the use of native plants contributes to the overall health of the planet by increasing the biodiversity in your garden.

This program is being held at Brevard Community College's Cocoa Campus on Clearlake Road. Please see page 6 for directions.

Contact Debbie Springer at
321-745-2192 for information.

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

Every Thursday	Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30am, Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922
Thursday, April 1	Bringing Nature Home with Douglas Tallamy, BCC Cocoa Campus, Building 14, Room 104, 7:00pm, call 321-745-2192 for information
Every Tuesday	Deadheaders Garden Volunteers, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 9:00am, call 321-264-5185 for information
Tuesday, April 6	Plant Survey, Indian Mound Station, 10:00am Xavier de Seguin des Hons, 321-264-5185
Wednesday, April 7	Florida Trails Association Hike, Ulumay Preserve, 9:00am Call 321-453-1586 for information
Friday, April 9, & Saturday, April 10	Titusville Men's Garden Club Spring Plant Sale, Friday: 12 - 6:00pm Saturday: 8:00am - 2:00pm, 125 Broad Street, Call 321-269-7622
Saturday, April 10	South Brevard Spring Native Garden Tour, sponsored by Conradina Chapter, 10:00am to 4:00pm, call Sharon at 321-729-6857
Wednesday, April 14	Florida Trails Association Hike, Micco Scrub Sanctuary, 9:00am Call 321-453-1586 for information
Saturday, April 17	Earth Day Family Festival, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Joanie, 321-264-5185
Saturday, April 17	Sea Rocket Native Plant Sale, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 10:00am - 4:00pm, Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922
Tuesday, April 20	Lunch with Nature, The Enchanted Forest, Florida Friendly Yard with Maureen Phillips, 12noon, call Joanie at 321-264-5185
Tuesday, April 20	Plant Survey, Indian Mound Station, 10:00am Xavier de Seguin des Hons, 321-264-5185
Wednesday, April 21	Florida Trails Association Hike, The Enchanted Forest, 9:00am Call 321-453-1586 for information
Thursday, April 22	Earth Day Celebration at South Lake Elementary School, Pollinator Garden Dedication, Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922
Wednesday, April 28	Florida Trails Association Hike, South Beaches, 9:00am Call 321-453-1586 for information
Wednesday, April 28	Gopher Tortoise Program, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 2:00pm, Call Joanie at 321-264-5185
Friday, April 30	Keep Brevard Beautiful Xeriscape Grant Completion Date!

Coming in May... **Bromeliads & the Weevil**

Sea Rocket's May program will feature local Bromeliad expert James (Jay) Thurrott. Jay will discuss the conservation, preservation, and cultivation methods of these fascinating plants!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ~ Wednesday, May 26, 2010
at The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary



Maple Street Natives



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FLORIDA NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS, WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES

Upcoming Workshops at Maple Street:

Saturday, April 10: South Brevard Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour, Tickets are \$5.00, Refreshments served at Maple Street Natives from 8 to 9am, and followed by an informal discussion of landscaping with native plants by Sharon and Brent Dolan.

Saturday, April 17: Birding in Your Own Backyard ~ 9:00am, Come learn which plants will provide continuous food and shelter for backyard birds.

April 22 ~ 24: Earth Day Celebration, Live music Saturday, April 24 from 1 to 5pm, plant specials all 3 days.

Saturday, April 24: Mead / Wine Making Workshop ~ 10 to 11am, Expert winemaker Rita Curry Porter will demonstrate making Honey wine.

Call Sharon for more information: 321-729-6857

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Florida Native Landscape Plants

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Call Kari at 321-536-1410

<http://www.naturewiseplants.com/specials.html>

Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

Saturday, April 10, 2010
10 A.M. – 4 P.M.



Visit up to eight yards in South Brevard.
Talk with the owners.

Learn more about native plants in landscapes.
The tour booklet serves as your admission ticket.
Five dollars per person.

More Information? Call Sharon at (321) 729-6857

Conradina Chapter South Brevard
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



March Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Shari Blissett Clark for Ginny Blaetz

Vice President Debbie Springer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and made several announcements. She then called for a motion to approve the February 2010 general meeting minutes. A motion was made for approval and seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Betty Page gave the Treasurer's report:

Receipts	12.80
Expenditures	<u>1179.33</u>
Current Balance	\$ 4079.52

Betty reminded the membership that expenses related to the Keep Brevard Beautiful Xeriscape Grant Garden at Chain of Lakes Recreation Area will be reimbursed. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded. The report was unanimously approved.

Peggy Lantz was the featured speaker and provided a very interesting account of many of Florida's wild edibles, including descriptions of the plants and how they were used by Native Americans and early settlers.

Peggy passed samples of acorn meal pancakes, Smilax, Florida betony, Elderberry jam, and several other edibles which attendees washed down with wild mint tea. All the edibles were met with smiles and nods of appreciation.

Two copies of Peggy Lantz's book, *Florida's Incredible Wild Edibles*, were given away as door prizes to Joanie Faulls and Alex Chamberlain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

MYSTERY PLANT



**DO YOU KNOW THIS FLORIDA NATIVE ?
SEND YOUR BEST GUESS TO:**

jclark109@cfl.rr.com

**The first 3 players* to correctly ID
this plant will win a Florida native
plant for their garden ~ Hurry!**

* Winners must be present at the May meeting to claim their prize.

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Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 17, 2010

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

10:00 ~ 4:00

Over 30 Florida Native Species

~ Butterfly Plants ~

~ Holly, Pine, & Bay Trees ~

~ Native Grasses ~

and MUCH MORE!



**~ For more information ~
Suzanne Meyer 321-264-4922**



A New Monthly Feature MEET~A~MEMBER

Interview by Shari Blissett Clark

Meet Ginny Blaetz, Sea Rocket Secretary:

SBC: What got you interested in native plants?

GB: I noticed the beautiful Muhly grass blooming at the Canaveral Lighthouse where I volunteer. The color was stunning and I just had to find out what it was.

SBC: Do you have a favorite species?

GB: Not really, but I am drawn to scrub plants that thrive in hot, dry conditions. Most of them are very unique.

SBC: How do your neighbors feel about your native yard?

GB: (Smiles) Most of my neighbors think I'm a bit unconventional anyway, so I don't think any of them were surprised when I got rid of the grass! But my yard does get noticed by passersby, and I think everyone's just come to accept it.

SBC: What was your favorite Sea Rocket program?

GB: I really got a lot of useful information from Walt Rosen a few years back. His program on tree pruning really struck a chord with me.

SBC: What kinds of programs would you like to see in the future?

GB: I'd like to see Sea Rocket do more plant identification workshops. There are so many roadside and ditch plants that we overlook...it would be nice to learn about the small, weedy plants we take for granted.

Thank You, Ginny!



THE PREZ SEZ...

I'm personally inviting YOU to step outside and enjoy the Spring weather! Sea Rocket is involved with 3 gardens right now and we'd love to have your help! Call me for workday details!

Suzanne Meyer ~ 321-264-4922

IT'S FUN AND GREAT EXERCISE!





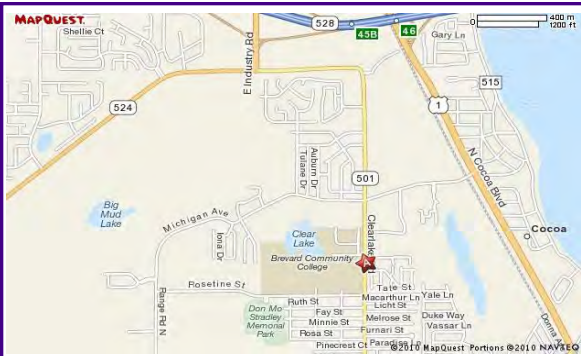
What We've Been Up To!

Brevard Community College ~ Cocoa Campus
1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL 32933 321-632-1111

From US-1: Take SR 528 westbound to Clearlake Road exit. At the traffic light make a left onto Clearlake Road and travel approximately 1.5 miles to Rosetine Road (1 street past BCC's main entrance on the right.) Turn right onto Rosetine, and then turn right into the 2nd driveway; Building 14 will be ahead and slightly to your left (the number is displayed on the side of the building.)

From I-95: Take SR 528 eastbound to Clearlake Road exit. Follow the directions as outlined above.

Campus map: http://www.brevardcc.edu/pdf/maps/map_cocoa_2009-10.pdf



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**DON'T MISS THE APRIL PROGRAM AT
BREVARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE ~ COCOA CAMPUS!**

**BRINGING NATURE HOME:
HOW YOU CAN SUSTAIN WILDLIFE WITH NATIVE PLANTS**
with author DOUGLAS W. TALLAMY

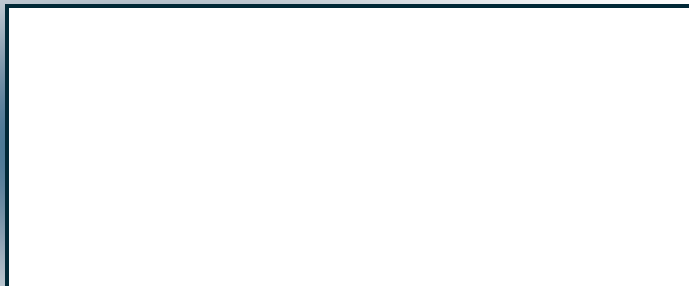
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010 ~ 7:00 pm



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