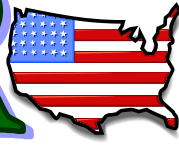




Sea Rocket



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

SEPTEMBER 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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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

PLANT RESCUE - DIGGING FOR TOMORROW

MARJORIE HOLT & JACKIE ROLLY, TARFLOWER CHAPTER

Plant rescues are a great way to learn about native plant species and help maintain genetic diversity among plant populations. During a plant rescue, plants are taken from sites where development is imminent and where all applicable permits have been obtained. The Florida Native Plant Society has the ability to coordinate and assist in obtaining all necessary permits to allow native plant rescue prior to development activities, and local FNPS Chapters can then mount rescue efforts which usually consist of site visits, plant identification, and removal of species for transplantation into similar habitats.

"Plant Rescue—Digging For Tomorrow" offers an overview of the plant salvage process, including how to obtain legal access to the site and how to get help with permits. Although the Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation of native plants *in situ* and does not condone taking plants from wild populations, it does recognize the value of salvaging plants that would otherwise be destroyed by development activities.

Jackie and Marjorie will also discuss important reasons to commit to plant salvage efforts and share some of their experiences while engaged in this endeavor.

Please join the Sea Rocket Chapter in welcoming Marjorie and Jackie on Wednesday, September 22nd. The meeting will be held at The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary and will begin at 7:00pm. Contact Suzanne Meyer for more information: 321-264-4922



Carphophorus paniculatus

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UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

Every Tuesday	Deadheaders Garden Volunteers, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 9:00am, call 321-264-5185 for information
Every Tuesday	Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Plant Survey, 10:00am, Call 321-264-5185 for information
Every Thursday	Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30am, Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922
Wednesday, 09/01	<i>Enhancing Landscapes with Native Plants</i> , 10:00am, Titusville Garden Club, Suzanne Meyer & Shari Blissett Clark, Call 321-454-6849 for information
Thursday, 09/02	Oyster Mat Materials Prep, Erna Nixon Park, 9am—11am RSVP to C.J. at cgreene@tnc.org
Saturday, 09/04	Music in the Forest, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 5pm-8pm Call 321-264-5185 for more information
Tuesday, 09/07	Brevard County Board of County Commissioners Meeting, Wildflower Resolution, Viera Government Center, 9am
Wednesday, 09/08	Volunteer Workday at Viera Regional Park Volunteer Appreciation Garden, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, contact Vince at vince@vincelamb.com
Wednesday, 09/08	Sea Rocket Board Meeting, Time and Location TBA, call 321-264-4922 for information
Monday, 09/13	Conradina Meeting, Lisa Roberts from the Florida Wildflower Foundation, 6pm, Fee Avenue Library, Melbourne, call 321-258-5168
Thursday, 09/16	Friends of the Enchanted Forest Meeting, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 6:30pm, call 321-264-5185 for information
Friday, 09/17	Oyster Mats, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, noon-2pm Call 321-264-5185 for more information
Saturday, 09/18	Photography Club, Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 9am-11am, call 321-264-5185
Tuesday, 09/21	Volunteer Workday at Viera Regional Park Volunteer Appreciation Garden, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, contact Vince at vince@vincelamb.com
Wednesday, 09/22	Sea Rocket Meeting, "Plant Rescue-Digging for Tomorrow" The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 7pm, call 321-264-4922
Saturday, 09/25	Florida Wildflower Foundation's Wildflower Symposium, see article in this Newsletter on page 3



~ Sea Rockets Upcoming Meetings ~ Mark Your Calendar!



October 27th program will feature Jay Barnhart & his Fungi!
Send photos of fungi to Jay at ruthnjay@cfl.rr.com

November 17th
National Wildlife Federations Backyard Habitat Program

Don't miss these interesting programs!

For more information please contact Debbie Springer at 321-745-2192

Wildflower Symposium

The Florida Wildflower Foundation's 2010 Wildflower Symposium and Plant Sale on September 25 will feature presentations on flowering native shrubs for landscapes, butterfly and pollinator plants, using wildflowers in landscapes, and wildflower advocacy. The event will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs headquarters, 1400 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park.

A native plant and seed sale will give participants the opportunity to take home many of the wildflowers and grasses they learn about. Seed mixes, plants, gardening utensils and ornaments, books and art will be up for bid during a silent auction. Proceeds from the event will benefit native wildflower research, planting and education.

Symposium admission is free for FWF members and \$5 for non-members. Box lunches are available for \$5. *Lunches must be ordered by Sept. 18 when registering online; they will not be sold during the event.*

Space for the symposium is limited; attendees are encouraged to register online by visiting www.floridawildflowerfoundation.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

Enchanted Forest Needs Guides

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary invites you to become a Guide!

Training is free and focuses on your interests and talents.



Guides are needed for groups of all ages and abilities.

Please call Joe Swingle
~ 321-264-5185 ~



MYSTERY PLANT



**Do you recognize this
Florida native plant?**

Send your identification to Shari at
iclark109@cfl.rr.com

***Winners will receive a nursery-grown
Florida native plant for their yard!***

***Winners must be present at the
September meeting to claim their prize!***

Good Luck!

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M-Sat 8-5

FLORIDA NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS, WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES



Wildflower Resolution

The Florida Wildflower Foundation is encouraging Brevard County to adopt a resolution that will preserve and conserve roadside wildflowers. Six Florida counties, including Lake, Marion and Volusia, have recently passed similar resolutions.

A key requirement for increasing roadside wildflowers involves reduced mowing to give wildflowers a chance to reseed. If additional seeding is desired, native wildflower seeds are available. Grants are offered by several organizations.

Florida Department of Transportation has implemented best practices for roadside wildflowers in areas including the Florida Turnpike and I-10 near Tallahassee. They will share their expertise with Brevard County.

The quincentennial of Ponce de Leon's arrival is coming in 2013. Let's show everyone why our state was named "La Florida."

Commissioner Chuck Nelson has agreed to sponsor the Wildflower Resolution at a County Commission meeting, currently planned for September 7, 2010.

Several organizations, including the Indian River Lagoon Scenic Highway Coalition and the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, have expressed support of the resolution's passage. Environmental organizations and garden clubs are invited to communicate their support.



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Meet-A-Member

Martha Pessaro



SBC: What made you join the Florida Native Plant Society?

MP: I really enjoy Florida's natural areas and wanted to learn more about native plants, so I joined to become enlightened!

SBC: What is your "favorite" plant?

MP: My absolute favorite plant is the scrub Lupine...it's so beautiful! But the live oak is a close second, followed by all the orchids, and then there's the....

SBC: Where do you go when you want to see wildflowers blooming?

MP: The Enchanted Forest, of course! But for wetlands, I go visit the St. John's River.

SBC: Which Sea Rocket meeting did you most enjoy?

MP: I really enjoyed last year's Christmas Party at Rockledge Country Club—we had a blast! I also really enjoyed the Vermiculture Program.

SBC: Will you be attending the Annual Conference in 2011?

MP: I hope so, it's part of my plan!

Thank-You, Martha!

Yikes! No Hikes?

Sea Rocket hikes will
resume in
October!
Watch the
calendar for
dates!



Brevard County Orchid Society's 50th Annual Fall Orchid Fair

Saturday, October 30th & Sunday, October 31st
9:00am to 5:00pm

The Melbourne Auditorium

625 E. Hibiscus Blvd

Melbourne, FL

Admission \$4.00

(visit our website at www.thebcos.org for a \$1 off the price of admission - print as many coupons as you need)

FREE PARKING

Vendors from Central & South America as well as Florida will show Orchids, Orchid Supplies, and Accessories.

FREE Interactive Seminars on Orchids & their culture and care at 11am and 2pm each day!

FREE AOS Orchid Culture Sheets for many orchid types!

Exhibition Room packed with beautiful specimens and prize-winning orchids ~ all in full bloom!

For more information, contact Janis Walters at 321-984-8898 or log onto www.thebcos.org

Florida Friendly Landscaping Grants Available

Once again Keep Brevard Beautiful is happy to announce it's 2010-2011 Florida Friendly Landscaping Grants!

Up to \$2000 will be awarded to qualifying non-profit groups for landscaping projects in public areas.

This is a great opportunity for schools, garden clubs, churches, HOA's, etc.

Grant application packets and other information is available on KBB's website, www.kbb.org

Orientation Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010, from 4 to 6pm at the Brevard County Extension Office, 3695 Lake Drive, Cocoa, FL

RSVP your attendance to Barb Venuto 321-631-0501 x 203 or bvenutokbb@yahoo.com

FNPS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2010

Submitted by Paul A. Schmalzer, Ph.D.

1. The BOD approved a new Chapter of the FNPS located in the Suwannee/Columbia County area. Thirty-two people were present at the organization meeting of this chapter. The formal name of this chapter will be determined later.
2. The BOD approved a new University of Central Florida Student Chapter. Dr. Reed Noss will be the faculty advisor for this chapter, which is the first student chapter in the FNPS. Thirty students were present at the organizational meeting.
3. The BOD approved new committee chairs appointed by FNPS President Ann Redmond as follows: Communications: Suzanne Dingwell, Conservation: Annie Schmidt with co-chair Ben Mercadonte, Policy: Gene Kelly.
4. The Publications Committee was converted to a sub-committee under Communications.
5. The Land Management Partners sub-committee was converted to a standing committee with Ann Cox as Chair.
6. The Southeastern Native Plant Society Summit held at the May Conference was very successful with representatives from native plant societies of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas attending. A second meeting is planned for July 2011 at the Cullowhee Conference in Western North Carolina.
7. The BOD approved a renewal of the letter of agreement (LOA) with Sue Mullins who serves as a lobbyist for FNPS, as well as other Florida environmental organizations. Terms of the agreement are for \$5000.
8. The BOD approved a renewal of the letter of agreement with the Auditor for FNPS; costs are expected to be \$4500. Rules for audits of 501(3) (c) organizations have become more complicated.
9. Rosalind Rowe is stepping down as editor of *Sabal minor* after September 1. An agreement with a new editor was approved at the same terms as before.
10. The BOD approved submitting a grant application to the Elizabeth Ordway Dunn Foundation that would fund upgrades and improvements to the FNPS Website if awarded. An application was submitted to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Native Plant Conservation Initiative for \$20,000 to help fund the annual conference. This application was not successful, but the reasons for rejection are not yet known.
11. Planning for the 2011 Conference is well underway with the Plenary Speakers and Field Trips already lined up. Work is ongoing to seek sponsors. It is expected that the environment for sponsors will continue to be difficult. The conference location for 2012 is set and the theme will be "Conserving the Heart of Florida".
12. There was considerable discussion of the budget for 2011. The 2010 conference made \$5000, positive but less than hoped. Membership dues and conferences are not covering all of FNPS's expenses. There is reluctance to raise dues or conference registration fees that would reduce membership or attendance. Earthshare is generating some income for FNPS. Little income is being generated from GoodShop/GoodSearch at present. This could increase if more FNPS members use these. FNPS needs to do more in terms of fund raising.

Gene Kelly discussed the situation that the Suwannee River Water Management District had acted to surplus some tracts of land purchased under the Preservation 2000 or Florida Forever programs. Analyses showed that the Water Management District review had been inadequate and failed to consider habitat value. FNPS along with several other environmental groups sent a letter to the Water Management District Board, which was ignored. FNPS and others have contacted the State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Division of State Lands (DSL). DSL is now developing a policy to determine how lands may be surplussed.

*Questions or comments regarding this meeting should be directed to
Sea Rocket's State Representative, Dr. Paul Schmalzer*



What's Out There!

Clockwise from top left: Pine Lily,
Drumheads, Cuphea, Buttonbush with
Tiger Swallowtail, Dotted Horsemint

Photos by Jim Escoffier and Shari Blissett Clark



The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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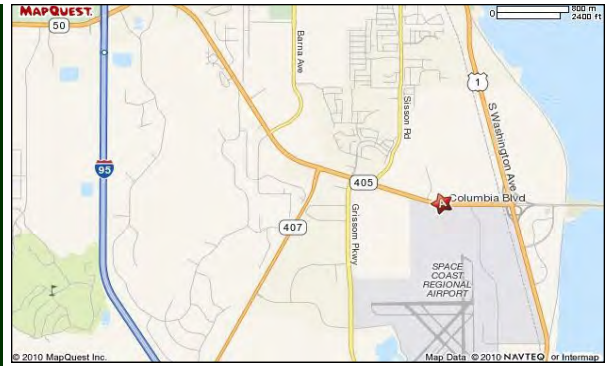


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

From I-95 Northbound: take SR-407 Exit 212 east 2.7 miles to SR-405 intersection. Turn right onto SR-405 and go east 1.9 miles (the Sanctuary entrance is on the left 0.4 miles past Sisson Road)

From I-95 Southbound: take SR-50 Exit 215 east. Turn left onto SR 50 and turn right onto SR-405 (2nd light) Travel 3.6 miles (the Sanctuary entrance is on the left 0.4 miles past Sisson Road)

From U.S. HWY 1: go west 0.5 miles on SR-405 in south Titusville. Sanctuary entrance is on the right.



Florida Native Plant Society

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DON'T MISS THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!

~ PLANT RESCUE ~

DIGGING FOR TOMORROW

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010



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