



Sea Rocket



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

NOVEMBER 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, November 17

CREATING A BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT

Sea Rocket Chapter & Friends of the Enchanted Forest
are pleased to present

National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Habitat Program

Wednesday, November 17, 2010, 7:00pm

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

The Sea Rocket Chapter and the Friends of the Enchanted Forest are combining resources for the November meeting!

Please join us for this casual and fun workshop presented by local speakers who will outline the basics of creating a wildlife-friendly yard and offer specific help in solving



your backyard challenges. Discussions will include how to select appropriate plants for existing growing conditions, wildlife housing needs, and how to implement your habitat plan. This program will offer a cornucopia of ideas and innovative ways to provide a healthy, safe environment for humans and the wildlife that share our space.

As with all of Sea Rocket's programs and events there is no charge for this workshop and it's open to the public, so bring your neighbor, your Grandchild, or anyone that's interested in benefiting native plants and the wildlife that rely on them.

Please note that this meeting will take place one week earlier than usual in order to avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information about this meeting contact Deb Springer at 321-745-2192.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

- Every Tuesday Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Plant Survey, 10:00am,
Call Xavier at 321-264-5185 for information
- Every Thursday Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30am, Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922
- Wednesday, November 3 Florida Trail Association Hike, Buck Lake WMA, 9am,
contact Jim Escoffier at 321-453-1586
- Saturday, November 6 Forest Festival at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 10am ~ 4pm
Call Joanie at 321-264-5185
- Saturday, November 6 FNPS Sea Rocket Plant Sale, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 10am ~ 4pm,
Call Suzanne at 321-264-4922
- Saturday, November 6 Indian River Lagoon Festival, Riverside Park, Cocoa Village, 11am ~ 4pm
Call Elizabeth Melvin at 321-633-2016
- Sunday, November 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends!
- Wednesday, November 10 Florida Trail Association Hike, Pine Island Conservation Area, 9am,
Contact Jim Escoffier at 321-453-1586
- Tuesday, November 16 Lunch with Nature, Make Oyster Mats, 12noon, The Enchanted Forest
Sanctuary, call Joanie at 321-264-5185
- Wednesday, November 17 Florida Trail Association Hike, Tosohatchee State Park, 9am,
Contact Jim Escoffier at 321-453-1586
- Wednesday, November 17 FNPS Sea Rocket ~ Friends of the Enchanted Forest Meeting, "Creating a
Backyard Wildlife Habitat" 7:00pm, the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary,
call Joanie at 321-264-5185
- Saturday, November 20 EEL Program Volunteer Workday at Indian Mound Sanctuary, 9am ~ 12pm
Call Joanie at 321-264-5185
- Wednesday, November 24 Florida Trail Association Hike, Econ River, 9am, contact Jim Escoffier at
321-453-1586
- Thursday, November 25 Thanksgiving Day!

To have an event listed in this calendar, email Shari at jclark109@cfl.rr.com



~ Sea Rockets Christmas Party ~

Cafe Margaux ~ Cocoa Village ~ Wednesday, December 8

Cocktails at 6pm ~ Dinner at 7pm

\$25.00 per person

RSVP to Betty Page at sioned@digital.net, 321-269-0555 by December 1, 2010



Featured Entrees

Dinners include mixed greens salad with cranberry balsamic vinaigrette or bleu cheese dressing.

Served with Chef's potato & vegetable

Tenderloin of Beef Brochette, Onions, Peppers, & Wild Mushrooms, Cabernet Herb Demiglace Sauce

Crisp Peppered Grouper, Sherry Lobster Cream Sauce

Herb Roasted Chicken over Lemon Linguine Pasta, Tri colored Peppers, Greek Basil, Olive Oil & Garlic

Desserts

Chocolate Truffle Cake, Layers of Godiva Mousse

Amaretto Almond Cake, Layers of White Chocolate Mousse





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MYSTERY PLANT



Do you
recognize this
Florida
native plant?

Send your identification to Shari at
jclark109@cfl.rr.com

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

(Must be present at the November meeting to claim prize)

Congratulations to the October Winner
Cristina Canales

for correctly identifying *Agalinis filifolia*



The Florida Native Plant Society
~ Sea Rocket Chapter ~



Native Plant Sale

Saturday, November 6, 2010

FOREST FESTIVAL

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

10:00am ~ 4:00pm

Over 40 Florida Native Plant Species!

Blazingstar
Blanketflower
Black-eyed Susans
Swamp Milkweed
Slash Pine
Longleaf Pine
Sea-grape
Trumpet Vine
Tropical Sage

Scorpion's Tail
Copher Apple
Goldenaster
Sunshine Mimosa
Loblolly Bay
Simpson's Stopper
Carolina Jessamine
Purple Passionvine
Necklacepod

& Much, Much More!

Contact Sea Rocket Chapter for more information:
Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922

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M-Sat 8-5

FLORIDA NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS, WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES

Notes from FNPS Executive Committee Meeting on October 16, 2010

Submitted by Paul Schmalzer, PhD

The program and field trips are set for the 2011 FNPS Conference in the Orlando area. Four chapters are sharing the hosting responsibilities. Registration will open in early January.

The 2012 FNPS Conference will be held at Hillsborough Community College in Plant City, Florida.

There was considerable discussion of the 2011 FNPS Budget, which will be presented for approval at the November 13 Board of Directors meeting. The initial draft budget has been cut to reduce the expected deficit. No increases in FNPS dues are planned and also no increases in conference registration fees.

Planned cuts include: reduction in the number and amount of Research grants, reduction in number and amount of Conservation grants, reduction in funding for the Landscape awards, elimination of funding for the lobbyist who was representing FNPS (and other environmental groups) in Tallahassee during the legislative session, and reductions in other areas of the budget.

Fundraising will be assuming greater importance in FNPS activities. Jackie Rolle will be working with Kariena to develop grant applications for funding FNPS activities and functions.

There was a discussion of possible change to the FNPS governance structure. The current Board of Directors is large and unwieldy. No concrete proposals for changes were presented.

Three new Chapters may be forming: Branford, interior St. Johns County, and University of Florida.

An FNPS member who operates an online merchandizing site has offered to market FNPS materials (e.g., hats, shirts, bags, photographs). Chapters and individual FNPS members may be able to utilize this site also. A draft contract will be developed for the November BOD meeting.

A social networking site, www.Meet-Up.com, may be useful for local chapters to help announce and publicize events.

Chapter donation challenge. The Suncoast Chapter is donating \$800.00 to the FNPS grants program taking into account the budgetary limits that FNPS now faces. Suncoast has issued a challenge to other chapters to provide similar donations. See the Oct./Nov. issue of *Sabal minor*.

The Tarflower Chapter (with possible assistance from other chapters) has pledged a \$1500.00 donation to be used for a Research grant in honor of Sam Hopkins, who recently passed away.

Call for Scientific Papers and Poster Presentations FNPS 2011 Conference

The Florida Native Plant Society Annual Conference will be held at the Sheraton Orlando North, Maitland, Florida, on May 19-22, 2011. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. Posters will be on display on Friday and Saturday and the poster session will be on Saturday afternoon.

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presentations are planned to be 20 minutes in total length (15 minutes for presentation, 5 minutes for questions).

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted as a MS Word file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov by February 1, 2011. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate whether you will be presenting a paper or poster.

Field Trip Announcement Helen and Allan Cruickshank Sanctuary Saturday December 4, 2010 0900-1200

This sanctuary is a joint acquisition of the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and the State of Florida, acquired in 1995 with an addition in 2008. Vegetation is pine flatwoods, oak scrub, and freshwater depression marshes. Prescribed burning, mechanical treatment of fuels, and thinning of pines have been done to restore habitat conditions. There has been a positive response of the Florida Scrub-Jay population to habitat restoration. Several rare plants occur in the sanctuary.

Directions: Central Rockledge just west of US Highway 1, 360 Barnes Boulevard.

From I-95: Take Fiske Blvd Exit 195. At the intersection just north of I-95, go east on Barnes Boulevard 2.4 miles to the Sanctuary entrance and small parking area.

From US-1: Turn west onto Barnes Blvd and travel 0.5 miles. The Sanctuary entrance is on the north side of the road.

Don't forget a hat, water, and insect repellent!



Meeting Minutes ~ October 27, 2010

Submitted by Ginny Blaetz

Sea Rocket President Suzanne Meyer opened the meeting with announcements & stated that there would not be a business meeting. She then asked Debbie Springer, Vice President, to introduce the evening's speaker, Dr. Jay Barnhart.

Dr. Barnhart's presentation, entitled "What Is That Fungus Among Us?" is an updated and more detailed presentation of common macro-fungi, or those that can be seen with the naked eye. He explained that the Florida Native Plant Society should be interested in fungi because of the close, symbiotic relationship between many native plants and fungi.

His program began with a list of Halloween fungi, including Dead-man's fingers, Black lipstick, the Old Man in the Woods, and Fairy Rings. There's even a fungi named Jack-o-lanterns which actually glow in the dark! Dr. Barnhart describes himself as a fungi hobbyist and not an expert, where "X" means unknown and "spert" is a drip under pressure.

Throughout his program, Dr. Barnhart acknowledged the photo contributions made by hikers and photographers. He stated he's always seeking photos of fungi and lichen and encouraged the attendees to send photos to him anytime. This year's major contributor was Florida Trail Association member Connie Cole.

Dr. Barnhart's program also included mushroom anatomy, life cycles, and instructions on how to make spore prints. Some locally available edibles such as honey mushrooms, blewits, oyster mushrooms, and wood ears were discussed.

In closing, Dr. Barnhart recommended www.mushroomexpert.com as a resource for mushroom identification, and also suggested a couple of books which are readily available in the Enchanted Forest's bookstore.

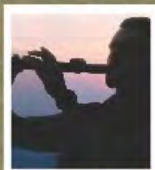
After the program the drawing was held for the Halloween Bucket...and the winner was...Dr. Jay Barnhart!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.



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Festival

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NOVEMBER 12-14 2010
Wickham Park, Melbourne, Florida

Native American, World Cultural Music and Environmental
Arts and Crafts -- Free Admission Family Event



Florida Trail Association Resumes Wednesday Hikes

The Florida Trail Association (FTA) will resume their Wednesday morning hikes beginning with a trip to Buck Lake WMA on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. For information about FTA, log onto <http://www.floridatrail.org/>

For directions to the trail and a map visit Jim Escoffier's blog at <http://jehikesced.blogspot.com/> You can also view the season's hike schedule on this site.

FTA recommends appropriate trail attire, insect repellent, hats, drinking water, and a bag lunch. Hikes range from 4 to 8 miles in length and encompass a wide variety of sites and habitats. Be sure to check Jim's site for trail information, including trail conditions.

This is a great way to get outdoors and explore Central Florida's remarkable hiking trails!

For more information, contact Jim at jescoffier@aol.com



FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter Proposed 2011 Budget
Projected Expenses
Submitted by Betty Page, Treasurer

	Function	Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Budget
EXPENSE	Chapter Rep	travel	\$105.00	4	\$420.00
	President	PO Box	\$44.00	1	\$44.00
		AFNN Dues	\$100.00	1	\$100.00
		Miscellaneous			\$300.00
	Vice President	Speaker Gifts	\$30.00	8	\$240.00
		Paid Speaker	\$50.00	2	\$100.00
		Meeting Room Rental	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
	Treasurer	Stamps	\$0.44	20	\$8.80
		Corporation Filing Fee	\$61.25	1	\$61.25
	Secretary	Stamps	\$0.44	25	\$11.00
	Membership	Miscellaneous			\$25.00
		Mailing Supplies			\$50.00
		Printing			\$100.00
		Name Tags			\$25.00
	Education	Coloring Books			\$50.00
		Printing			\$100.00
		SCBWF Booth Rental			\$100.00
		Capital Exhibit Materials			\$100.00
		Expendable Exhibit Materials			\$100.00
	Nursery	Soil	\$45.00	4	\$180.00
		Delivery Fee	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
		Pot Carriers	\$25.00	2	\$50.00
		Plants			\$350.00
		Seeds/Liners			\$50.00
		Facility Repairs			\$50.00
		Miscellaneous			\$75.00
		Sales Tax	6%	\$3,000.00	\$180.00
		Enchanted Forest	15%	\$3,000.00	\$450.00
		Capital Improvements Fund	15%	\$3,000.00	\$450.00
		License Inspection Fee	\$35.00	1	\$35.00
	Hospitality	Meeting Refreshments			\$90.00
		Picnic			\$80.00
		Christmas Party			\$200.00
	Newsletter	Paper	\$16.00	1	\$16.00
		Stamps	\$0.44	150	\$66.00
		Printing	\$10.00	12	\$120.00
		Miscellaneous			\$50.00
	Hike Leader				
	Board				
TOTAL					\$4,477.05

FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter Proposed 2011 Budget
Projected Revenues
Submitted by Betty Page, Treasurer

	Function	Item	Unit Cost	Quantity	Budget
REVENUE	Chapter Rep	none			\$0.00
	President	none			\$0.00
	Vice President	none			\$0.00
	Treasurer	none			\$0.00
	Secretary	none			\$0.00
	Membership	Dues percentage			\$600.00
	Education	Speakers Fees	\$25.00	3	\$75.00
	Nursery	Plant Sales	\$750.00	4	\$3,000.00
		Capital Improvements Fund			\$450.00
	Hospitality	none			\$0.00
	Newsletter	none			\$0.00
	Hike Leader	none			\$0.00
	Board	none			\$0.00
TOTAL					\$4,125.00
		2011 Projected Budget Loss			-\$352.05

Capital Improvements Fund

The newly created Capital Improvements Fund is well on it's way to providing a dedicated funding source for Sea Rocket's much needed nursery improvements. Long-range plans for the nursery include a greenhouse with an adjacent shade house, storage sheds, additional potting tables, and a small covered trailer for plant transportation.

The Sea Rocket Board approved the creation of this fund and voted to dedicate 15% of plant sale proceeds to it. In addition, occasional events or raffles will be held to raise money for these projects. It is hoped that some of the nursery improvements can begin by late 2011.

And please remember that your time is just as important as your money, so if you can devote a couple hours a week to any of Sea Rocket's projects or committees, please contact any member of the Board. All help is graciously accepted and greatly appreciated!

Plan to attend Sea Rocket's next plant sale at the Enchanted Forest's

FOREST FESTIVAL
on November 6th!

Contact Suzanne Meyer for more information, 321-264-4922

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 Call (321) 264-5185 for more information

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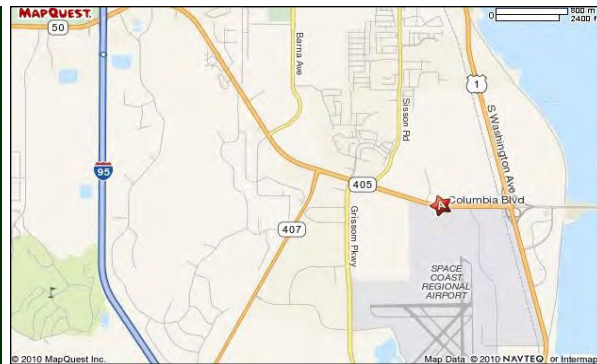


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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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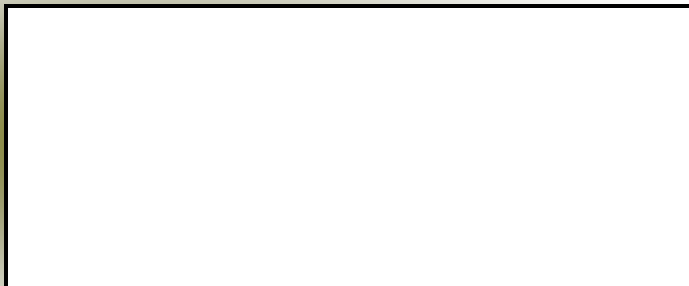
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CREATING A BACKYARD WILDLIFE HABITAT
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010



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