



Sea Rocket



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

APRIL 2011

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, APRIL 27, 2011 ~ 7:00PM PROPAGATING & PLANTING FLORIDA PAW-PAWS WITH TERRI PIETROBURGO

Florida's native paw-paw plants are a real challenge to grow! Just ask Terri Pietroburgo. She started looking for paw-paws to buy in 2004 when she was building a butterfly garden with her daughter. Unable to find a good source of plants and after a lot of research, she decided to grow them herself from seed. Terri takes great care in growing her paw-paws and spends a lot of time explaining how important paw-paws are as the only larval food source for zebra swallowtail butterflies.

Terri's program will expose the secrets of paw-paw survival and answer such questions as: What kind of soil do paw-paws prefer? How much water is enough? Does the plant need fertilizer? How important is that long tap root?

Transplanting paw-paws from one area to another is rarely successful, and Terri will reveal techniques she's used to achieve success. Digging out paw-paws and transplanting them requires great determination and stamina. The photo at right indicates how much work is involved in excavating those magnificent roots!

Terri will be bringing paw-paws to sell so if you're interested in adding this fabulous Florida native to your landscape, please bring a 5 gallon bucket or some similar vessel in which to transport your paw-paws. They are planted in very long, narrow pots to accommodate the root system and can't stand upright on their own.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about one of Florida's most fascinating plants. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary located at 444 Columbia Blvd. in Titusville, and as always Sea Rocket's programs are free and open to the public. Please call 321-264-4922 for more information.



(c) Terri Pietroburgo 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

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| Every Thursday | Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30am, Contact Suzanne Meyer at 321-264-4922 for information |
| Every Monday | Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Plant Survey, 10:00am, Parrish Park, Scottsmoor, call 321-264-5185 for information |
| Tuesday, April 5 | Volunteer Workday at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Gardens, 9am, Call 321-264-5185 for more information |
| Wednesday, April 6 | Florida Trail Association Hike, Ulumay Preserve, 9:00am, Call Jim at 321-453-1586 for information |
| Wednesday, April 6 | "Cleaning Our Lagoon Using Florida Native Plants" with Joanie Regan, 6:30pm, Cocoa Beach Library, call 321-868-1104 for information |
| Saturday, April 9 | FNPS Conradina Chapter Garden Tour, 10am-4pm, call Maple Street Natives at 321-729-6857, or Naturewise at 321-536-1410 for information |
| Monday, April 11 | FNPS Conradina Chapter Meeting, 6:00pm, Melbourne Fee Ave. Library, Contact Vince at vince@vincelamb.com for more information |
| Wednesday, April 13 | Florida Trail Association Hike, Micco Scrub Sanctuary, 9:00am, Call Jim at 321-453-1586 for information |
| Saturday, April 16 | Earth Day Festival, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary (See flyer on page 6) 10am-3pm, Call Joanie at 321-264-5185 for more information |
| Saturday, April 16 | FNPS Sea Rocket Plant Sale, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 10am-3pm (See flyer on page 6), Call Suzanne at 321-264-4922 for more information |
| Friday, April 15, & Saturday, April 16 | Titusville Men's Garden Club Spring Plant Sale, Searstown Mall in Titusville, Friday 12noon-6pm, Saturday 8am-2pm, call Tony at 321-269-1931 |
| Saturday, April 16 | Keep Brevard Beautiful Trash Bash, 8am-12noon, (See flyer on page 6) Contact Barb at 321-631-0501, ext. 203 for information |
| Tuesday, April 19 | Lunch with Nature, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, "Butterfly Gardens" With Sally Scalera, 12noon-1pm, call 321-264-5185 for information |
| Wednesday, April 20 | Florida Trail Association Hike, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 9:00am, Call Jim at 321-453-1586 for information |
| Thursday, April 21 | Friends of the Enchanted Forest Meeting, The Enchanted Forest, 6:30pm "Land Management Update", call 321-264-5185 for information |
| Wednesday, April 27 | Florida Trail Association Hike, South Beaches, 9:00am, Call Jim at 321-453-1586 for information |
| Wednesday, April 27 | FNPS Sea Rocket Meeting, "Propagating & Planting Native Paw-paws" with Terri Pietroburgo, 7:00pm, The Enchanted Forest, call 321-264-4922 |
| Thursday, April 28 | Oyster Mats, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 12noon-2pm, Call Joanie at 321-264-5185 for information |
| Saturday April 30 | Keep Brevard Beautiful St. Johns River Clean-Up, 8am-12noon, Contact Barb at 321-631-0501, ext. 203 for information |

Contact Shari at jclark109@cfl.rr.com if you'd like to have an event listed in this calendar

~ COMING IN MAY ~

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

BONSAI & FLORIDA'S NATIVE TREES

with BILLY RHODES of the BONSAI SOCIETY OF BREVARD



Maple Street Natives



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MYSTERY PLANT



Can you ID this Florida native plant?

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

**Winners will receive a nursery-grown
Florida native plant for their yard!**
(Must be present at the April meeting to claim prize!)

The March Mystery Plant was
Shyleaf (*Aeschynomene americana*)

Have you visited the
FNPS Blog lately?

Here's the link:

[http://
fnpsblog.blogspot.com/](http://fnpsblog.blogspot.com/)



**Sea Rocket
Needs Your Help!**

Vice President
Education Committee
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Contact any Board member
for information

The FNPS
Merchandizing
Store is Open



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Check out the unique items available every
time you shop online or need a special gift!

**Dry out your
hiking boots ~
~ there is no hike
scheduled in April!**



**REGISTER NOW
for the FNPS
Annual Conference
May 19 ~ 22, 2011**



Enchanted Forest Volunteer Workday

**Help shape up
the gardens at the
Enchanted Forest!**

**Tuesday, April 5,
9am ~ 1pm**

**Call 321-264-5185
for information**



FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY 31ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 19-22, 2011

SHERATON ORLANDO NORTH HOTEL, MAITLAND, FL

**SAVE THE DATE!
REGISTRATION OPENS
JANUARY 1, 2011**

Patios,



Preserves

**and
Public
Spaces...**

Making Connections

**Renowned speakers
RUTHERFORD PLATT
and RICK DARKE**

- Workshops
- Guided field trips
- Research
- Landscape designs
- CEUs
- Exhibitors
- Authors' book signings
- Social events
- Native plant sales
- Youth program

**FLORIDA EXOTIC
PEST PLANT COUNCIL
SYMPOSIUM
MAY 17 - 20, 2011
SAME LOCATION**

Information available online at www.fnps.org/pages/conference/
For questions or to receive conference information by mail,
contact FNPS at 321-271-6702 or send an email to info@fnps.org

Keep Brevard Beautiful St. Johns River Clean-Up Saturday, April 30, 2011

Brevard County Air and Powerboat Assn.

HWY 192 (2100 Sweetwater Dr.) Melbourne

Airboats & Pedestrians

After Hunting Season Clean-up

Please be prepared to dress for the weather.

Closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Cleanup materials will be provided.



**Please contact Barb Venuto at
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Meeting Minutes ~ March 23, 2011

Submitted by Ginny Blaetz

The March meeting was brought to order by President Suzanne Meyer. She asked for a motion to approve the February 2011 meeting minutes as published in the newsletter. Shari Blissett Clark made the motion to approve the minutes and Madeline Klinko seconded; motion passed.

Betty Page gave the Treasurer's report for the period of 2/23/11 to 3/23/11: beginning balance of \$4994.99; receipts totaling \$103.00; expenditures of \$175.35; remaining balance of \$4921.64, of which \$859.54 is earmarked for capital improvements to the nursery. A motion was made by Deb Springer to approve the Treasurer's report; Paul Schmalzer seconded; motion passed.

Announcements were made and then Suzanne Meyer introduced Dr. Craig Huegel.

Dr. Craig Huegel presented "Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife". He explained that if we seek to add wildlife to our landscapes then we should consider the challenges that wildlife brings with them. Dr. Huegel urged researching and understanding the habitat requirements of wildlife. He observed that much of Florida's wildlife is not in need of food, which is seasonally plentiful; what the wildlife really needs is habitat which is rapidly disappearing. Wildlife require shelter, they need access to water, and they need physical obstacles removed from their normal movements. Some wildlife – such as grey squirrels – adapt to many different habitats. Many birds, butterflies, and other wildlife species aren't as easily adaptable.

Dr. Huegel pointed out that homeowners spend lots of money on bird feeders and bird seed without giving consideration to what species eat it, and when. Many attractive birdhouses, birdbaths, and other garden ornaments are not well suited to the needs of wildlife; deep, glazed bowls are too slippery for birds to use. Dr. Huegel highly recommended the use of moving, shallow water in the landscape as the single best thing to attract wildlife. This can be accomplished by adding a pool with a small stream or adding a water wiggler to a birdbath.

Plants which provide food and cover for birds are not limited to trees; small understory trees and shrubs are vital to providing protective shelter for small birds. Ground covers, wildflowers, and leaf litter are all equally important layers. Dr. Huegel outlined some of the more beneficial trees and shrubs, including blue beech, ironwood, hog plum, and the haws. He also explained that using a wide variety of native plants in the home landscape increases the likelihood of food sources throughout the year. For example, to attract hummingbirds plant Firebush for fall feeding and Coral Honeysuckle for spring blooms. Native holly trees also offer berries for fall and winter food.

Dr. Huegel noted that the use of native plants will increase the variety of insects, birds, and mammals that visit your landscape. But taking the extra step and providing the components of a healthy habitat will greatly increase the variety of wildlife in your yard and provide almost limitless opportunities to their presence.

Dr. Huegel answered questions and signed copies of his book. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Photos by Suzanne Meyer



This lovely Fringe-tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) graces Bill & Suzanne Meyer's yard.



EARTH DAY FESTIVAL 2011 FREE!

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SATURDAY, APRIL 16th
10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

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**Face Painting
Guided Hikes
Native Plant Sale
Live Music
Silent Auction**



Enchanted Forest Sanctuary
444 Columbia Blvd. (SR 405), Titusville FL • For more information, call (321) 264-5185

TRASH BASH 2011

April 16 8am-noon

LITTER, IT'S BENEATH US

SOUTH BREVARD
 Malabar - Malabar City Hall
 Grant - John Jorgensens Landing
 Palm Bay - Community Center
 Liberty Park
 West Oaks Park
 Lynbrook Park
 Fred Lee Park
 Goode Park
 Melbourne - Florida Avenue
 Nieman Ave. Elks Lodge
 Palm Bay High School
 McGrath Field on Stewart Road
 Libscomb Park
 Carver Park
 West Melbourne - City Hall
 Melbourne Beach - Ocean Park
 Barrier Island Center
 Coconut Point
 Indian Harbour Beach - Bicentennial Park
 Satellite Beach - Pelican Beach
 Viera - Regional Park

CENTRAL BREVARD
 Cocoa Beach - Ramp Road
 Alan Shepard Park
 Cape Canaveral - Cherie Down Park
 Rockledge - City Hall
 Riverwalk Nature Center
 Cocoa - Riverfront Park
 Merritt Island - Umanay Wildlife Sanctuary
 Merritt Island Library
 Mitchell Ellington Park
 Port St. John - Nicol Park
 Fay Park, 6315 Depot Road

NORTH BREVARD
 Titusville - City Hall
 Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge - Bairs Cove

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TRASH BASH 2011

All cleanup materials will be provided.
Please dress appropriately

Contact: Keep Brevard Beautiful
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Wednesday, April 6, 2011 ~ 6:30pm
Cocoa Beach Public Library

Cleaning Our Lagoon Using Florida Native Plants

Joanie Regan, Cocoa Beach Stormwater Manager

Over the last century many of Florida's native plants have been eradicated as a result of development. Additional losses are attributed to the popularity and wide-spread use of exotic plant species. This trend has led to extensive man-made drainage systems and large areas of impervious ground-cover which has dramatically increased the volume of stormwater run-off flowing into the Indian River Lagoon.

But increased awareness of the impacts and innovative design techniques for dealing with stormwater run-off has led to the use of "green" infrastructure such as trees, rain gardens, and green roofs to capture and remove pollutants. These new designs add valuable green space and beauty to our communities and work in concert with other public amenities to create more efficient and functional systems.

Please join Joanie Regan on Wednesday, April 6th, for this informative program. For more information call 321-868-1104.

~ Florida Native Plant Society ~
 Sea Rocket Chapter

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 16, 2011

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

10:00am ~ 3:00pm

Over 50 Native Plant Species

- ~ Butterfly Plants ~
- ~ Flowering Shrubs ~
- ~ Native Trees & Grasses ~
- and MUCH MORE!**

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

What's Been Happening?



Betty Page,
Suzanne Meyer,
& Ginny Blaetz
working at
Chain-of-Lakes
Pollinator
Garden
(left)



A work in
progress...
(right)

Dr. Huegel
spoke to a
full house
about
landscaping
for Florida's
wildlife (right)



President
Suzanne
introducing
Dr. Huegel
(below)



Sea Rocket's Education Exhibit at The Great Outdoors Fun Fair (above)

(Aren't these lousy photos? Can you do better? Contact Shari at jclark109@cfl.rr.com)

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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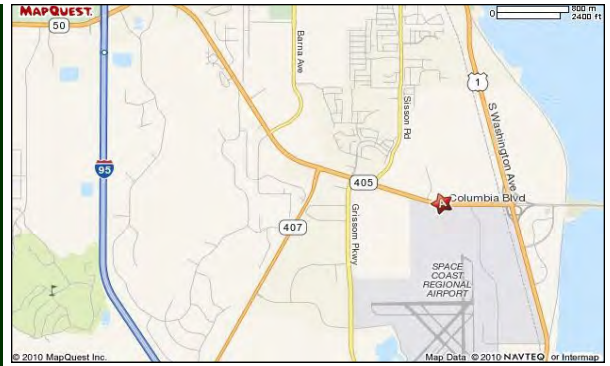


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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.



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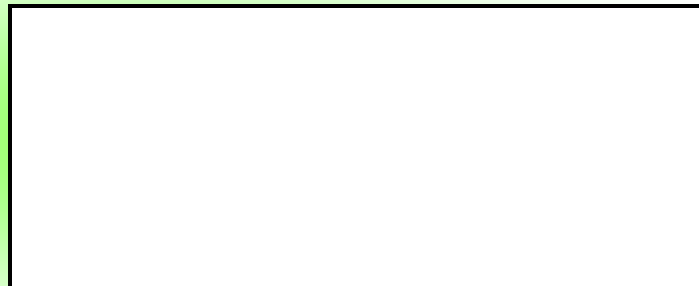
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