



Sea Rocket



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

JULY 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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FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

~ SEA ROCKET CHAPTER ~

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

Annual Picnic



**Hike
Live Music
Oyster Mats**



The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

Saturday, July 16 - 12:00 to 2:30 pm

**Bring a covered dish to share, your
plate and silverware, and your appetite!**

The Sea Rocket Chapter will provide ice & beverages

Please RSVP to Shari at jclark109@cfl.rr.com

or call 321-454-6849



**The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary is located at 444 Columbia Boulevard in Titusville
Call 321-264-5185 for driving directions**

Don't Forget!

No Sea Rocket meetings in July or August

UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

Every Thursday	Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30am, Contact Suzanne Meyer at 321-264-4922 for information
Monday, July 4	Independence Day! Use caution when handling fireworks!
Saturday, July 9	EEL Program Volunteer Workday at Fox Lake Sanctuary, 9am to 12, Trail work, Boardwalk construction, call 321-264-5185
Saturday, July 16	Sea Rocket Summer Pot Luck Picnic, The Enchanted Forest, 12 noon—2:30pm, RSVP to Shari at jclark109@cfl.rr.com
Thursday, July 21	Friends of the Enchanted Forest Meeting, The Enchanted Forest, 6:00pm, Butterflies of the Enchanted Forest, call 321-264-5185
Saturday, July 23	EEL Program Volunteer Workday at Fox Lake Sanctuary, 9am to 12, Trail work, Boardwalk construction, call 321-264-5185
Thursday, July 28	Make Oyster Mats, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Noon to 2pm Call 321-264-5185

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

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**Sea Rocket
Needs Your Help!
Volunteer!**

Vice President
Education Committee
Membership Committee
Nursery Committee

**Contact a Board Member &
ask how you can help!**



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Come visit us at our new,
larger location!

4880 Coconut Ave, Cocoa
Saturdays 10-2 in July & August

Visit our website
www.naturewiseplants.com

321-536-1410

You are invited to a webinar on Florida's State Wildlife Action Plan



Learn about changes and how to comment on
Florida's State Wildlife Action Plan

Thursday, July 28, 10-noon ET
or
Tuesday, August 2, 2-4 pm ET

[Register here](#)

Please register for one of the two webinars. Space is limited to 100 participants per date and will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will close on Thursday, July 21st or sooner if capacity is reached.

Your participation is vital to producing an effective
Action Plan that helps to conserve Florida's
fish, wildlife and habitats.



Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
Florida's Wildlife Legacy Initiative
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M-Sat 8-5

FLORIDA NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS, WILDFLOWERS, GRASSES

**THANKS TO THE
SEA ROCKET MEMBERS
WHO HELPED WITH THE
JUNE 4TH PLANT SALE!**

Cheryl Barnes
Paul Boehm
Susan Eggler
Bill Meyer
Betty Page
Barb Petersen

Ginny Blaetz
Shari Clark
Lydia Friedland
Suzanne Meyer
Martha Pessaro
Bob Rang
Susan Rang

COMING SOON!

**The Sea Rocket Newsletter
is getting a make-over!**

**Watch for the
new format
in August**



Membership Meeting Minutes ~ June 22, 2011

Submitted by Ginny Blaetz

President Suzanne Meyer opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with announcements of upcoming events & a report of the recent successful plant sale. She then requested a motion be made to approve the May meeting minutes as published in the June newsletter. Rose Marie Peurrung made a motion to approve the minutes as published & Susan Egger seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The speaker for the evening, Karina Veaudry, Executive Director of the Florida Native Plant Society, (FPNS) was introduced. Her topic was "The Status of Conservation in Florida". Karina pointed out that Florida has many diverse ecosystems which include 82 plant communities, making it one of the most biodiverse locations on earth. There are many sub-classifications within the ecosystems and many minute changes, such as a 2 or 3 inch elevation change, can lead to a different ecosystem.

Many endemic species of plants grow here on small, specific sites. All these ecosystems depend on fire & hydrology to maintain good health and regenerate themselves. The native plants which grow here nourish native birds, animals, and pollinators. Florida has the highest number of endemic vertebrates and invertebrates of anywhere in the world. Florida is also home to 27 first magnitude springs. In this unique environment it is essential that one-third of Florida's land mass be in conservation lands where native plants can continue to grow and support the many bird, pollinator, fish, and animal species who are so reliant on them.

Unfortunately, when most people look at Florida's landscape, all they see is palmetto, pine, and scrub oak, which in their minds are expendable and taking up space in excellent places for houses, shopping malls, and other development. The misuse of fertilizers and herbicides has decimated many of the areas where unique systems of plants lived.

Karina's fast-paced presentation could obviously not begin to cover all the information which she has accumulated. She illustrated many points with the use of graphs and charts, and showed how native plants can be used in commercial and private landscapes.

Attendees generally agreed that Karina was up-beat in her estimation of what can still be accomplished by working with developers and continuing the good start which has been made in preserving land for native plants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

**TITUSVILLE
MENS GARDEN CLUB**
presents

Robert Bowden
Director, Harry P. Leu Gardens

Monday, August 8, 2011 ~ 7pm

**Titusville Garden Club
5275 Sisson Road, Titusville**

**RSVP to Joanie at
freddiefla@yahoo.com**



**2011 Nicaragua
Trip Filled**

**Pre-register NOW
For 2012 trip!**

**The 2011 FNPS Plant Expedition &
Eco-adventure is *FILLED!***

**If you are interested in the 2012 trip
please contact Karina at
executivedirector@fnps.org**

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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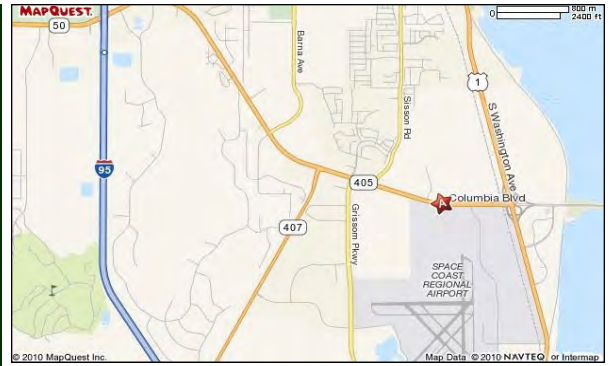


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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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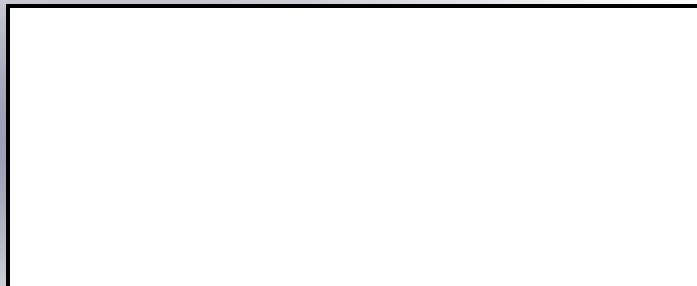
~No meetings in July and August ~
September Speaker: Roger L. Hammer
October Speaker: Jay Barnhart



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