



# Sea Rocket



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

**FEBRUARY 2012**

*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, February 22, 2012 ~ 6:30pm Sea Rocket Annual Membership Meeting

FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter is holding the annual meeting on Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. Social time will begin at 6:30pm and the meeting will convene at 7:00.

All Sea Rocket members are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Members will elect new officers and discuss chapter business as mandated in the Sea Rocket by-laws. Any member who does not have a copy of the by-laws may request one by emailing Shari Blissett-Clark at [jclark109@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jclark109@cfl.rr.com).

Sea Rocket is an active chapter thanks to our dedicated members; if you don't believe it, take a look at our accomplishments for 2011 ~

**THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!**

Monthly meetings:	9	Public Field Hikes:	5
Native Plant Sales:	4	Plant Sale Revenue:	\$3,500
Plants Sold:	875	Plants donated to gardens:	300

### 2011 Outreach Activities:

Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival	Enchanted Forest Earth Day
Mims Community Program	Sykes Creek Eco Fair
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Scrub Jay Festival	
The Great Outdoors Fun Fair	South Lake Elementary School
Harbor Pointe Condominium Association	Diana Shores HOA
Quest Elementary School	Titusville Garden Club
Enchanted Forest Guide Training	Forest Festival
Sam's House Workshop	Holly-Day Festival

**Volunteer Hours spent in Outreach: 450**

Floristic surveys, Plant Salvage efforts:

**Volunteer hours: 1220**

Native Plant Nursery Workdays/Workshops

**Volunteer hours: 552**

FNPS Representation on Municipal/County Boards:

**Volunteer hours: 136**

**Grand Total Volunteer Hours: 2,358**

## UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

Every Thursday	Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 9:30am, Contact Suzanne Meyer at 321-264-4922 for information
Every Monday	North Buck Lake Scrub Sanctuary Plant Survey, 10:00am; call 321-264-5185 for information
Every Saturday	GUIDED NATURE HIKES 10:00am, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary
Saturday, February 18	FOX LAKE SANCTUARY WORKDAY, 9:00am-1:00pm. Come help the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program by maintaining trails at this new sanctuary.
Saturday, February 18	Malabar Scrub Sanctuary Field Trip, 9:00am to noon
Sunday, February 19	2nd Annual President's Day Geocaching Tour, Sam's House, 6195 North Tropical Trail, Merritt Island; 321.449.4720; 11 am-2 pm ~ learn more by visiting <a href="http://www.historycaching.us">www.historycaching.us</a>
Tuesday, February 21	LUNCH with NATURE - 12:00 – 1:00pm; Kari Ruder from Naturewise will speak on Native Edibles in Your Yard. You may bring a picnic lunch to enjoy during the talk.
Wednesday, February 22	Florida Trail Association Hike, Shiloh Marsh Trail; meet at Lowe's in Titusville at 8:30am.
Wednesday, February 22	FNPS Sea Rocket Meeting, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 6:30pm. Call 321-264-4922 for information.
Saturday, February 25	Sam's House, Nature Walk, 11 am - noon
Saturday, February 25	Indian Mound Station Sanctuary Workday, 9:00am-1:00pm. Call 321-264-5185
Wednesday, March 1	Florida Trail Association Hike, Harmony Trail; meet at Sam's in Melbourne.
Thursday, March 2	The Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards Program deadline for submissions

Contact Linda Jean at [lindakrupp@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lindakrupp@cfl.rr.com) if you'd like to have an event listed in this calendar





## MYSTERY PLANT



*Can you ID this Florida native plant?*

Send your identification to Linda at  
[LindaKrupp@cfl.rr.com](mailto:LindaKrupp@cfl.rr.com)

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

*(Must be present at the February  
meeting to claim prize!)*

## Malabar Scrub Sanctuary Field Trip

Saturday February 18, 2012  
0900-1200

This is a joint acquisition of the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and the State of Florida. Vegetation is scrub, flatwoods, and marshes. Prescribed burning and scrub restoration have been conducted since its acquisition, which began in 1993.

Directions: I-95 south to Malabar Road (SR 514). This is the second Palm Bay exit. Go east about 3 miles on Malabar Road. Sanctuary is on north side of road, just past the Malabar Fire Station. Turn left into sanctuary entrance; go north to gate. Parking is in gravel lot to left.

The field trip will last about 3 hours. Malabar has established and well-marked trails. Bring water, hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Hike will be mainly in scrub and flatwoods.



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Education Committee  
Membership Committee  
Nursery Committee

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

## Membership Meeting Minutes ~ January 25, 2012

Submitted by Theresa Clark

President Suzanne Meyers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked those who provided refreshments for the evening.

Suzanne announced that there is no slate of officers for the February election and encouraged members to consider running for president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer. She also requested members to volunteer on one or more of the chapter's committees.

Suzanne thanked Linda Krupp for recently taking over the newsletter responsibilities and thanked those who volunteered at the Sea Rocket chapter's exhibit at the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival.

The FNPS Board of Directors had previously voted to contribute \$500 to state research and \$500 to finance conservation. Both allocations required a membership vote. Paul Boehm made the motion to approve the expenditures. The motion was seconded and then approved by all members present.

Suzanne introduced Prem Subrahmanyam, the speaker for the evening on the subject of Florida's native orchids.

### Florida Native Plant Society—2012 Landscape Awards Program

The Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards Program aims to:

- Promote the use of Florida native plants in all types of landscapes, both new and existing.
- Increase public awareness of the benefits and savings provided by native plant landscaping.
- Recognize citizens who have taken action through use of native plant landscaping to improve and restore the environment.
- Reward skilled professionals who execute quality designs and installation.
- Encourage landscape designers, contractors and architects to use Florida native plants in their projects.

#### Application Process and Forms:

All interested designers, project managers or installers, must complete the FNPS Landscape Awards Application Form. Please read the application form completely as projects that do not meet the entry rules will not be judged! Applications and additional information can be found at:

[http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg\\_no\\_pic.php?keyword=Landscape](http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg_no_pic.php?keyword=Landscape)

#### Deadline for Submission:

Friday, **March 2, 2012** via mail or overnight delivery. Please allow 2-3 days for mailing prior to the deadline. Send entries to: **FNPS Landscape Awards 2112 Helen St, Melbourne FL 32901**

#### Judging:

A jury of Florida Native Plant Society members in the fields of landscape design, environmental permitting and restoration, native plant nursery ownership and well-educated homeowners will evaluate entries and choose recipients to receive awards.

The judging criteria will be based upon the project's concept and goals, use of native plants, relationship to surrounding native plant communities, preservation of any existing native plants, an educational component for neighbors and visitors, creative solutions to significant obstacles, and planning for ongoing management of the landscape. Judging will be based upon the digital images, plans and written descriptions submitted with each entry.

#### Awards:

One suitably inscribed plaque will be provided for each winning entry. Awards may not be given in a category if no entry is awarded an appropriate score. FNPS Landscape Awards will be announced and presented at the FNPS State Conference On May 19th, 2012 in Plant City at the Trinkle Center. Award winners will receive complimentary conference registration for the Saturday event, and will be listed on the FNPS website.

The City of Orlando, the Orange Audubon Society, & Orange County Parks and Recreation join together to celebrate the

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**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2012**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**At Ft. Christmas Historical Park**

(1300 North Fort Christmas Road)

Hayrides

Bounce House

Live Wild Animals

Live Entertainment

Guided Wilderness Hikes

Guided Photography Hikes

Guided Bus Tour of Wetlands

Animal Catch & Release Demo

Out-on-a-Limb Kids

Tree Climbing

Guided Birding &

Native Plant ID Hikes

Games

Exhibits

Door Prizes

Face Painting

Rock Climbing Wall

Refreshments

Merchandise Booths

Backyard Tree Give Away

**Other FREE Events!**



**Friday, March 2, 2012 is the DEADLINE for submitting proposals and applications to the following important FNPS programs:**

### **Chapter Grants**

[http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg\\_no\\_pic.php?keyword=ChapterGrants](http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg_no_pic.php?keyword=ChapterGrants)

### **Conservation Grants**

<http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg.php?keyword=ConservationAwards>

### **Endowment Research Grants**

[http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg\\_no\\_pic.php?keyword=Endowment](http://www.fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg_no_pic.php?keyword=Endowment)

### **Landscape Awards**

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Winners in all these programs will be announced at the FNPS Conference in May in Plant City. Landscape Award winners will see their winning projects featured in a conference program. Please let your friends and colleagues know about these opportunities and encourage them to apply by the **FRIDAY MARCH 2** deadline.

Details including application forms and instructions are posted at the web pages listed above. Thank you for your continued membership support.

FNPS Administrative Services

### ***Florida Trail Association—HIKES***

FEBRUARY 22, 2012	SHILOH MARSH TRAIL	<b>LOWE'S-TITUSVILLE</b>
MARCH 1, 2012	HARMONY TRAIL	<b>SAM'S - MELBOURNE</b>
MARCH 8, 2012	TOSOHATCHEE NORTH	<b>LONE CABBAGE - COCOA</b>
MARCH 15, 2012	PRAIRIE LAKES	<b>SAM'S - MELBOURNE</b>
MARCH 22, 2012	ECON RIVER TRAIL	<b>LONE CABBAGE- COCOA</b>
MARCH 29, 2012	SEMINOLE RANCH/ORLANDO WETLANDS	<b>LOWE'S TITUSVILLE</b>
APRIL 5, 2012	ULUMAY PRESERVE	<b>SAM'S- COCOA</b>
APRIL 12, 2012	MICCO SCRUB	<b>SAM'S - MELBOURNE</b>
APRIL 19, 2012	ENCHANTED FOREST	<b>LOWE'S- TITUSVILLE</b>
APRIL 26, 2012	SOUTH BEACHES	<b>SAM'S- MELBOURNE</b>

All of the Wednesday hikes are between four and seven miles in length and will meet at one of four places at 8:30 AM. The hike locations are tentative because accessibility can change (bridges out, wildfires, etc.), but we will always meet at the scheduled place at the scheduled time. For updates, call 321-453-1586 or email [jescoffier@aol.com](mailto:jescoffier@aol.com). A copy of this schedule will soon be online at [HTTP://JJEHIKESCED.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://JJEHIKESCED.BLOGSPOT.COM). Directions to the trails from the meeting places are online at [HTTP://JJEHIKE.BLOGSPOT.COM](http://JJEHIKE.BLOGSPOT.COM).

### **MEETING PLACE ADDRESSES**

**LOWE'S TITUSVILLE** - HWY 50 AND I-95    **SAM'S MELBOURNE** - HWY 192 NEAR I-95  
**SAM'S COCOA** - HWY 520 AND I-95    **LONE CABBAGE** - HWY 520 AND ST JOHN'S RIVER

Weekend hikes listed at: (click on 'newsletter')  
<http://www.floridatrail.org/Chapters/Central-Chapters1/Indian-River.html>





# Sam's House at Pine Island Conservation Area

## *February Events*

6195 North Tropical Trail Merritt Island, FL 32953

321.449.4720

[www.facebook.com/samshousepineisland](http://www.facebook.com/samshousepineisland)

[www.eelbrevard.com](http://www.eelbrevard.com)

### **2nd Annual President's Day Geocaching Tour - Sunday, February 19th, 11 am-2 pm**

History comes alive through the hobby of geocaching  
(using a GPS device to locate a hidden object).

Author and Historian Ray Osborne will share information on many  
historical-themed geocaches in our area.

Sam's House currently has three geocaches onsite.

Learn more by visiting [www.historycaching.us](http://www.historycaching.us)

### **House and Cabin Tours - every Thursday, 3-3:30 pm**

Delve into the history of the oldest standing home in Brevard County, the 1875 Sam's Cabin.

Participants will also tour the 1888 Sam's House.

### **Nature Walk - Saturday, February 25th 11 am - noon.**

Explore the majestic palm hammock on our 1/2 mile nature trail and walk out to the lagoon overlook. Recent sightings range from wood-storks to orchids.



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### The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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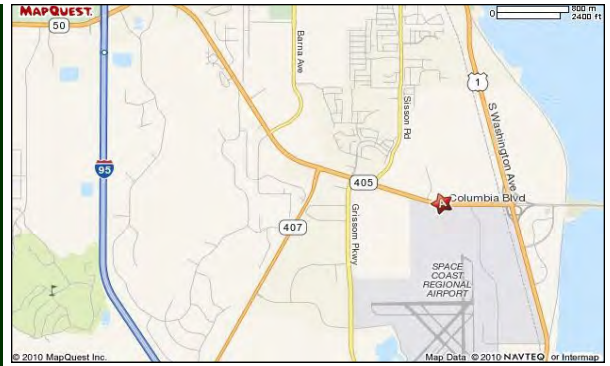


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

**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

For membership information, address change: P. O. Box 278, Melbourne, FL 32902-0278

Phone: 321-271-6702; Fax: 321-951-1941; Email: [Info@fnps.org](mailto:Info@fnps.org)/[www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)

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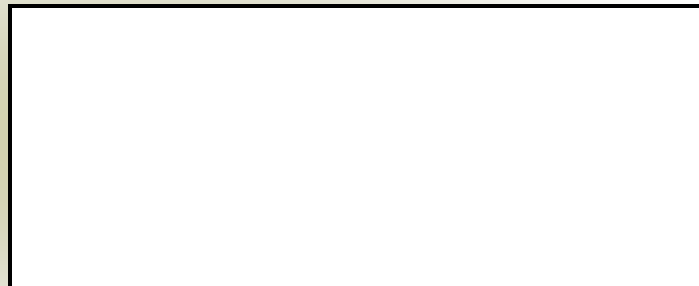
**Wednesday, February 22**  
**FNPS Sea Rocket Meeting,**  
**The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary 6:30pm**  
**Annual business meeting.**  
**Educational programs to resume in March.**  
**Call 321-264-4922 for information.**



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