



# Sea Rocket



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

**MAY 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, May 23, 2012, 7:00 pm

## Environmentally Friendly Landscaping Techniques with Kathleen Burson

Kathleen Burson will make a presentation on a holistic approach to environmentally sound methods of landscape design and maintenance. She will discuss design and selection of Florida Native plants to protect and enhance native ecosystems and water quality. Kathleen will cover her landscape maintenance program of soil enhancement, proper pruning, weed removal and the use of organic plant care products that are safe for children, pets, and the environment.

Kathleen is a Florida native and holds a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from California State Polytechnic University. Her continuing education includes ISA arborist training, soil sciences, low impact site and storm water design. She is the owner of Eiche Design - Site Planning and Landscape Architecture and also more recently, Indian River Garden Company which designs and organically maintains Florida Friendly landscapes. *(Continued on page 3)*



## UPCOMING EVENTS & THINGS TO DO

- Every Thursday**      **Sea Rocket Nursery Workday**, 10:00am;  
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, 321-264-5185; groups of 5 or more, please RSVP.
- Every Wednesday**      **Florida Trail Association Hikes**, **321-453-1586**;  
check future hike schedule at <http://jehikesced.blogspot.com/>
- Friday, May 4**      **"The Beach Mouse That Helps Protect Your House"**, Pine Island  
Conservation Area, Sams House, 2:00pm, Call 321-449-4720
- Monday, May 7**      **FNPS Conradina Chapter Meeting**, Fee Avenue Library, Melbourne,  
Visit [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) for more information
- Saturday, May 12**      **Growing Florida Wildflowers in Beachside Communities**  
10:30am - Cape Canaveral Public Library; free.  
Call 321-773-5713 for more information.
- Saturday, May 12**      **Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Workday**, 9:00am  
Call 321-264-5185 for information
- Saturday, May 12**      **Bat Chat**, Pine Island Conservation Area, Sams House, 10:00am,  
Call 321-449-4720 for information
- Tuesday, May 15**      **Lunch with Nature**, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 12:00-1:00pm,  
Call 321-264-5185
- Thursday, May 17 ~  
Sunday, May 20**      **Florida Native Plant Society Annual Conference**,  
Call 321-271-6702 or email [info@fnps.org](mailto:info@fnps.org) for more information
- Saturday, May 19**      **Brevard Botanical Garden "Art in the Lobby" Reception**  
5-8 pm, Brevard County UF/ IFAS Extension Office, call  
Cindy Bauer at 321-431-5674 for more information
- Saturday, May 19**      **Fox Lake Sanctuary Workday**, 9:00am-1:00pm.  
Call 321-264-5185 for more information
- Wednesday, May 23**      **FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter Meeting**, Enchanted Forest, 6:30pm,  
"Florida Friendly Landscaping & Techniques" with Kathleen Burson,  
Call 321-264-5185 for more information
- Saturday, May 26**      **"The Bald Eagle in Florida"**, Pine Island Conservation Area, Sams  
House, 10:00am, Call 321-449-4720 for information
- Saturday, Sept. 22**      **Florida Wildflower Symposium**, Location TBA

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



## Environmentally Friendly Landscaping Techniques *(continued from page 1)*

Kathleen currently serves on the Titusville City Council. She wrote "Recommendations for a Better Upland/Wetland Relationship on the Indian River Lagoon in Titusville."

Plan to attend this informative meeting; socializing begins at 6:30pm with the program following at 7:00. FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter meetings are always free and open to the public.

Meetings are held at the **Enchanted Forest Sanctuary**, 444 Columbia Blvd. in Titusville, 321-264-5185.

April 25, 2012

### Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Theresa Clark

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made for approval of the minutes of the March meeting as published in the April newsletter. The motion was seconded and passed.

Vice President Bill Klein thanked Annette Myers, Shari Blissett-Clark, Jay Barnhart, and Lydia Friedland for providing refreshments for the evening.

Bill revealed the identity of the Mystery Plant depicted in the April newsletter as *Juncus effusus*, commonly known as Soft Rush. No one had identified the plant.

Bill offered a reminder that it is not too late to register online for the FNPS Annual Conference which takes place May 17-20 in Plant City.

Past President Suzanne Meyer announced that receipts from the April 21, Earth Day plant sale at the Enchanted Forest were over \$1,700. She noted that all had a good time and thanked the volunteers who worked the sale.

Bill introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. Rachel Wentz. Her topic was "**Ancient Medicine in Florida.**" Dr. Wentz, the Regional Director of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, East Central Region, has a PhD in anthropology and specializes in the analysis of human remains. From 1982 through 1984, Dr. Wentz participated in the analysis of bodies from an ancient Florida population found buried in a pond on a construction site now known as Windover Farms in Titusville.

One hundred and sixty eight bodies were found buried in the peat bog bottom of the pond, an anaerobic environment that beautifully preserved the buried bodies. The bones were carbon dated to 7,000 years ago. Dr. Wentz and her colleagues relied on the analysis of stable isotopes of carbon to determine the types of plants used by the population. Six of the bodies had identifiable cluster of seeds in their bellies, suggesting plant use as medicine. Examples of seed clusters found include 2000 elderberry seeds and 124 wild grape seeds found in a female body that had excessive lordosis of the spine and 100 wild grape seeds in a female body with vertebral compression fractures and a bone lesion in the skull that was presumed to be cancerous. A total of thirty-one plants were identified from the excavation.

Dr. Wentz recounts her work in a book entitled Life and Death at Windover.



# Mystery Plant



**Can you identify this  
Florida native plant?**

Send your identification to  
Linda Jean 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 May meeting to claim prize!)*

**The April Mystery plant was Soft Rush,  
*Juncus effusus*.**

## YOUR GUIDE TO GROWING WILDFLOWERS

The Florida Wildflower Foundation sponsored a six-page article on growing wildflowers in the Florida Association of Native Nurseries (FANN) Annual Retail Catalog. The article covers many of the benefits and strategies for creating a wildflower garden in your home landscape. The beautiful photography depicts the visual rewards of gardening with Florida's native wildflowers. [Download this article](#), and share it with other enthusiasts!

**Source:** <http://flawildflowers.org>

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# Sea Rocket Nursery Report

Submitted by Suzanne Meyer and Theresa Clark

The nursery committee has been particularly busy over the past couple months preparing over 50 species of native plants for the Earth Day sale at the Enchanted Forest, and all that work paid off in a big way on sale day! With the help of 17 Sea Rocket volunteers, the Chapter held its most successful plant sale – *ever!* Proceeds exceeded \$1,700 and the success of this sale is a clear indication that more and more people are using native plants in home landscapes. Sea Rocket members can be proud of the role we play in spreading the FNPS conservation message!

Thanks to those who so generously volunteered their time, vehicles, and manpower to this sale: Suzanne Meyer, Theresa Clark, Shari Blissett Clark, Stephanie Phillips, Myra Brubaker, Jill Whitson, Linda Jean Krupp, Karen Gaddy, Susan Egger, Tom McLeod, Bill Klein, Marlys Breckle, Madeline Klinko, Annette Myers, Armand De Filippo, Mrs. De Filippo, and Louanne Marletta. Sea Rocket is proud to have your support!

Sea Rocket's next plant sale will be the first weekend in June, so mark your calendar!

Now that the hustle of this sale is behind us, the nursery committee is turning its attention to the nursery relocation to the Enchanted Forest. Work will begin shortly on preparing the new nursery site; we'll be looking for volunteers to help lay down landscape fabric, install irrigation, and build potting tables and plant benches. And while this is going on, we'll have another team working at the existing nursery, preparing the plants for their trip to the new nursery. If you have an interest in helping with any of these projects, please contact one of us: Suzanne Meyer, 321-264-4922, or Theresa Clark, 321-537-6925.

We'll be forming a workday schedule that will include some Saturdays, so don't hesitate to let us know which part of this project you'd like to get involved in. There will be something for everyone! We hope that you'll consider volunteering for a plant sale in the near future; we try to make the experience fun and fulfilling, and it's a great way to help your Chapter! Thanks for all you do!



Earth Day Plant Sale, Enchanted Forest, April 2012

### The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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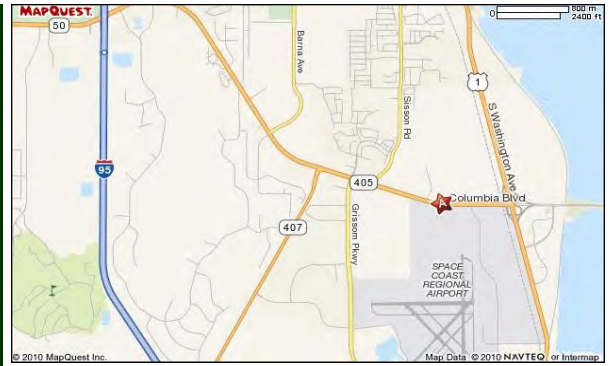


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

**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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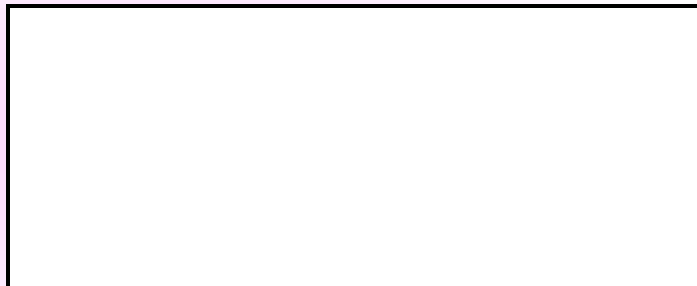
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**Environmentally Friendly**  
**Landscaping Techniques**  
*with Kathleen Burson*  
**Call 321-264-5185 for information**



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