



Sea Rocket



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

JUNE 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, June 27, 2012, 7:00 pm

“Adapting to Sea Level Rise - Why Isn't Anybody Doing Anything?”

With Dr. Randall W. Parkinson

Please join the Florida Native Plant Society ~Sea Rocket Chapter in welcoming Dr. Parkinson as the June speaker. His program will begin with a discussion of climate change science and the human fingerprint, followed by a review of broadly accepted global sea level rise predictions and the vulnerability of Florida's built and natural communities. The presentation will conclude by describing the obstacles which must be overcome before effective adaptive management plans will get the civic and political support necessary for implementation along US coastlines.

Dr. Randall W. Parkinson received a BS in Environmental Science from Cornell College, MS in Geology from the University of Iowa, and Ph.D. in Marine Geology and Geophysics from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami. He is an Eagle Scout, Fulbright Scholar (visiting professor, University of Costa Rica, San Pedro), NASA Summer Faculty Fellow, Registered Professional Geologist (State of Florida), chairman of the Selection and Management Committee for the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, and Associate Editor of the Journal of Coastal Research. In 2009 he was granted the position of Courtesy Assistant Research Professor at the University of Central Florida.

This meeting is the last one before the summer break; regular monthly meetings will resume in September 2012. All Sea Rocket meetings and programs are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month and are open to the public, free of charge. Meeting location is the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville, Florida, telephone: 321- 264-5185. To learn more about the Florida Native Plant Society, please visit www.fnps.org

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 Friday
in June and July** **Sanctuary Summer Fun**, 11:00am-12:00pm
Discover Brevard County's environmental wonders!
FREE programs led by Naturalists will focus on a variety of
topics. 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.
- Saturday, June 2** **Sea Rocket Native Plant Sale**, 10:00am – 4:00pm
The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary,
- Saturday, June 2** **Music in the Forest**, 5:00 - 8:00pm, The Enchanted Forest,
Bring a picnic dinner or purchase refreshments on site, call
321-264-5185 for information
- Saturday, June 16** **Fox Lake Sanctuary Workday**, 9:00am-1:00pm, Come help
the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program prepare
hiking trails at this new sanctuary. Call 321-264-5185
- Wednesday, June 27** **FNPS Sea Rocket Meeting**, 6:30pm, The Enchanted Forest,
"Adapting to Sea Level Rise" with Dr. Randy Parkinson,
Socializing at 6:30pm followed by program, 321-264-5185
- Saturday, July 14** **FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter Annual Picnic**, 11am to 2pm,
Sam's House at Pine Island Conservation Area,
Call Shari at 321-454-6849
- Saturday, Sept. 22** **Florida Wildflower Symposium**, Hold the date!

REMINDER!

**The Sea Rocket Chapter does not meet in July and August ~
Programs will resume in September 2012!**

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

FNPS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes ~ May 17, 2012

Submitted by Paul A. Schmalzer, Ph.D.

1. The FNPS-sponsored trip to the Bahamas was a success and raised about \$2200 for the Society. FNPS has received some funds owed to it for the two trips to Nicaragua. A payment schedule has been agreed to for the additional funds (\$7200) that FNPS is supposed to receive.
2. The Communications Committee Chair is still open.
3. The 2011 annual report is being developed. It is expected that it will be ready by the end of July.
4. A new contract has been negotiated with Skim City to operate the FNPS Online Store. Individual Chapters will still be able to sell merchandise through the FNPS Online Store if they wish to do so.
5. FNPS has selected a new data management system that would allow the FNPS Executive Director, now located in Gainesville, and the FNPS Administrative Services in Melbourne to access and use the membership and other data. A transition plan is being developed.
6. FNPS has been awarded a grant of \$20,000 from the E. O. Dunn Foundation to conduct strategic planning for the Society.
7. The 2013 Conference will be held at the University of North Florida Conference Center in the Jacksonville area. Barbara Jackson was appointed Chair of the 2013 Conference Committee.
8. The target date for the introduction of the new FNPS Web Site is June 1.
9. Assistant Treasurer Eve Reynolds has resigned. Daphne Lambright continues as Treasurer.
10. No FNPS Conservation Grants were awarded because the applications did not meet award criteria. Donated funds will be retained in the award budget for next year.
11. Seven applications were received for Landscape Awards. Four were awarded.
12. Twenty applications were received for the FNPS Endowment Research Awards. The selection committee recommended three awards at \$1500 each and the Board approved. Awards are going to:

Chris Buddenhagen, Department of Biology, Florida State University. "Genetic resources for identifying beaksedges (*Rhynchospora*) and understanding their diversity in Florida and the Coastal Plain"

Kristen Sauby, Department of Biology, University of Florida. "Determining the consequences of herbivory by the invasive South American cactus moth, *Cactoblastis cactorum* (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae) to native *Opuntia* populations in Florida"

Emily Warschefsky, Department of Biology, Florida International University. "Determining parentage and ploidy of hybrid *Tillandsia*: Achieving a better understanding of Florida's native plant diversity"

FNPS Membership Meeting ~ May 19, 2012

Submitted by Paul A. Schmalzer, Ph.D.

1. The slate of officers was approved. New officers are: President, Steve Woodmansee; Vice President for Finance, Jim McCune; Secretary, Martha Steuart; Directors at Large, Rufino Osorio, Jon Moore, and Julie Wert.
2. Green Palmetto Awards were presented to: the Naples Chapter (Chapter Award), Amy Hines (Longleaf Chapter) (Service), Paul and Wynn Lowry (Conradina Chapter) (Service), and Barbara Gray (Lake Beautyberry) (Education).
3. Silver Palmetto Awards were presented to VP for Administration Jackie Rollie and Past President and Public Policy Chair Eugene Kelly.

Editor's Note: The following minutes were inadvertently omitted from the May newsletter.

FNPS Executive Committee Teleconference Meeting Minutes ~ April 14, 2012

Submitted by Paul Schmalzer, Ph. D.

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2. The Communications Chair is still open, but an appointment may be coming soon.
3. A new contract has been negotiated with Skim City to operate the FNPS Online Store. This should resolve issues of time and effort by the FNPS Treasurer and Accountant with the previous arrangement. Individual Chapters will still be able to sell merchandise through the FNPS Online Store if they wish to do so.
4. Work is proceeding with the FNPS Annual Report; however, the report will not be ready by the Conference in May.
5. A decision has been made on the membership database to be used by the Society. The Ex-Comm approved the selection.
6. FNPS has applied for a grant of \$20,000 from the E. O. Dunn Foundation to conduct strategic planning for the Society.
7. Voting for new officers will be conducted at the Conference in May.
8. Registration is open for the FNPS May Conference in Plant City. Indications are that attendance will be similar to the Orlando meeting. The Red Rose Inn still has rooms available. A glitch indicated that it had filled prematurely.
9. The Policy and Legislation Committee reported that it was another difficult session of the Florida Legislature with much effort devoted to stopping bad things from happening. FNPS Coordinated with the Florida Conservation Coalition and other environmental groups in these efforts.
10. The Science Advisory Committee has selected three grants to recommend for funding. Review of applications for the Landscape Awards is under way.
11. Progress is being made on the new FNPS Web Site. The target date for its introduction is June 1.



The Florida Native Plant Society
~ Sea Rocket Chapter ~



Native Plant Sale

Saturday ~ June 2, 2012

10:00am ~ 4:00pm

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Annual Picnic



Live Music
Plant Exchange
Games



Sams House Education Center
Saturday, July 14 - 11:00 to 2:00 pm

Bring a covered dish to share, your
plate and silverware, and your appetite!
The Sea Rocket Chapter will provide
ice & beverages.



Sams House is located at Pine Island Conservation Area ~
6195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL 32953
Call 321-449-4720 for directions

MYSTERY PLANT



Can you ID this Florida native
plant? Send your "Best Guess"
to

LindaKrupp@cfl.rr.com

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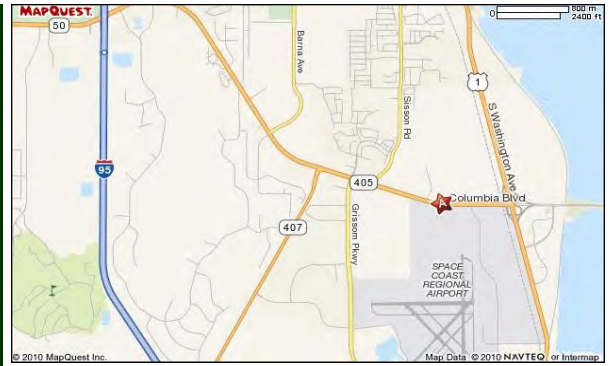


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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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**FREE & OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**

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FNPS Sea Rocket Meeting
The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary ~ 6:30pm
"Adapting to Sea Level Rise -
Why Isn't Anybody Doing Anything?"

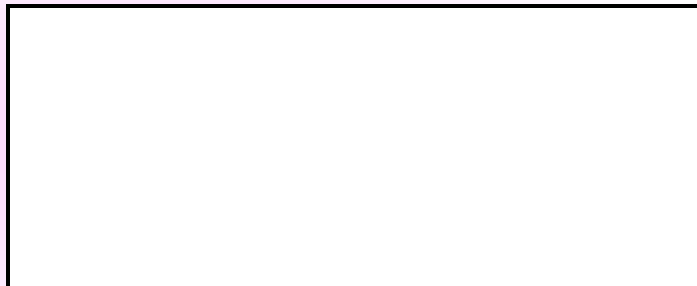
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