



SEA ROCKET



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

FEBRUARY 2013

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 27, 2013 ~ 7:00pm

FNPS Sea Rocket Annual Business Meeting

The Sea Rocket Chapter will hold its annual business meeting and Chapter elections on Wednesday, February 23, 2013 at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary; light refreshments and socializing will begin at 6:30pm with the meeting commencing at 7:00pm.

Sea Rocket members are encouraged to attend this important annual meeting as we elect officers and discuss projects, events, and programs for the upcoming year. This is your opportunity to participate in shaping the future of the Sea Rocket Chapter.

Over the past year our Board have led us through three successful plant sales, the relocation of the nursery operation, 11 community outreach events, 9 monthly programs, and 2 Chapter parties; this is an amazing accomplishment for a Board with 3 first-time officers and no President!

This year our Chapter is seeking a President and a Secretary; you can find a synopsis of the duties of these positions on the sidebar. Don't think you're experienced enough to be an officer? OK, then how about serving as a committee chair, or helping on a committee? Your Chapter needs your help to remain relevant and fulfill its mission. Contact any member of the Board to find out how you can help!

Volunteering is a rewarding and enriching experience; it's the way we further the FNPS mission in our community, develop new skills, and meet interesting people! Most importantly, volunteering takes the FNPS mission back to the streets of our neighborhoods where we serve as native plant ambassadors.

Make it a point to attend this important meeting so FNPS and Sea Rocket can continue to conserve and restore the wonderful native plants of *La Florida*!

Call 321-454-6849 for more information.

Duties of the President

- A. Preside at all general membership meetings, monthly Board of Directors meetings, and Executive Committee meetings as required.
- B. Appoint chairmen of standing and special committees as may be required.
- C. Be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- D. Sign all documents & contracts
- E. Attend annual State Conference, or if unable, appoint a representative from the Executive Committee.
- F. Provide agendas for Board of Directors meetings and general Membership meetings.

Duties of the Secretary

- A. Record, maintain and report minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and meetings of the general membership. Provide a copy of the general membership meeting minutes to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the newsletter.
- B. Act as custodian of Chapter records other than financial.
- C. Prepare all Chapter correspondence as directed.
- D. Record and maintain an inventory of Chapter property.



FEBRUARY EVENTS & THINGS TO Do!



Every Saturday	Guided Nature Hike, 10:00am, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary; For information call 321-264-5185
Every Wednesday	FNPS Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 10:00am, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, for information call 321-454-6849
Wednesday, 02/06	FNPS Sea Rocket Board Meeting, 5:30pm, IHOP at I-95 & SR50 Call 321-454-6849 for information or to submit agenda items
Wednesday, 02/06	Florida Trail Association Hike, Bulow Creek State Park, Meet at Lowe's in Titusville at 7:30am, call 321-453-1586 for information
Saturday, 02/09	Sams House Pioneer Day, 10:00am to 4:00pm, Sams House at Pine Island, Exhibits, music, programs; call 321-449-4720
Monday, 02/11	FNPS Conradina Chapter Meeting, 6:00pm, Melbourne Fee Ave. Library, visit www.fnps.org
Wednesday, 02/13	Florida Trail Association Hike, Bull Creek Cemetery Trail, Meet at Sams Discount Club at 4255 W. New Haven, Melbourne at 8:30am, call 321-453-1586 for information
Friday, 02/15	Pioneer Plant Walk, 10:00am, Sams House at Pine Island, Take A walk through the History Garden, call 321-449-4720
Saturday, 02/16	Backyard Bird Fest, 7:30am, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Bird counts, hikes, children's activities, call 321-264-5185
Saturday, 02/16	My Florida Festival, 10:00am to 4:00pm, F. Burton Smith Park, Family festival with exhibits and activities from Florida's past, present, and future. Call 321-455-1385
Tuesday, 02/19	Lunch with Nature, 12:00 noon, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, "Bromeliads" with Greg Spak, call 321-264-5185
Wednesday, 02/20	Florida Trail Association Hike, Fox Lake Trail, Meet at West entrance of Lowe's parking lot in Titusville at 8:30am, Call 321-453-1586 for information
Thursday, 02/21	Friends of the Enchanted Forest Meeting, 6:30pm, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Yoga, call 321-264-5185
Friday, 02/22	Pioneer Pathways Hike, 2:00 pm, Sams House at Pine Island, 1/2 mile hike through palm hammock , call 321-449-4720
Saturday, 02/23	Music in the Forest, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, call 321-264-5185 for program details
Wednesday, 02/27	Florida Trail Association Hike, Orlando Wetlands Park, Meet at West entrance to Lowe's parking lot in Titusville at 8:30am, call 321-453-1586 for information.
Wednesday, 02/27	FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter Meeting, 6:30 pm, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Annual Business Meeting & Elections, call 321-264-5185 for information

Please send announcements for future calendars to lindakrupp@cfl.rr.com

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articles and find useful
information about FNPS and
Florida Native Plants?

Check out the available
downloads at:

<http://www.fnps.org/resources/pubs>



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A Big THANK-YOU

to the Sea Rocket members that
worked at the 16th Annual Space
Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival!

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FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter

Membership Meeting Minutes ~ January 23, 2013

Submitted by Theresa Clark

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m. with Vice-President Bill Klein presiding.

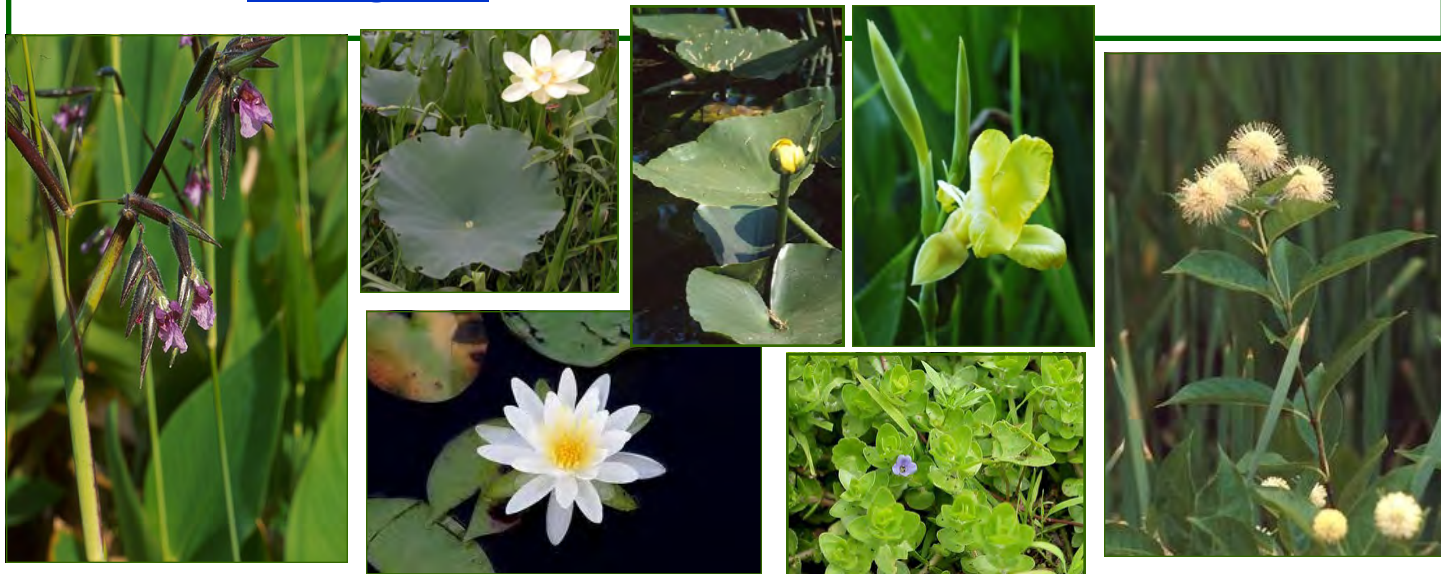
Martha Pessaro moved for approval of the November, 2012, membership meeting minutes, as published in the December newsletter. The motion was seconded by Susan Egglar and passed. Bill reminded members that Sea Rocket Chapter officer elections will take place at the February, 2013, meeting. He encouraged interested members to run.

Martha Pessaro gave the treasurer's report for the end of 2012: \$5,568.91 in checking and \$1401.85 in savings. Martha advised that the Sea Rocket Chapter has received its total membership percentages from the State and explained that the budget for the new year runs from January forward. She provided the January, 2013, totals as follows: \$5,568.91 in checking and \$1402.85 in savings. Martha noted that some of the nursery expense invoices and a recently approved \$300 expense for Sea Rocket Chapter brochures are not included in these figures.

Bill introduced the Speaker for the evening, Holly Abeels. Holly has a B.S. in Marine Biology from Southampton College of Long Island University and a M.S. in Environmental Science from Florida Gulf Coast University and works for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences as the Brevard County Marine Science Extension Agent.

Holly gave a presentation on Water Gardens and Florida Wetland Plants. She emphasized the benefit of using native wetland plants, which help to feed and provide habitat for wildlife while filtering pollutants from waterways, controlling erosion, controlling algal blooms and decreasing yard maintenance. Holly described a number of native wetland plants to be considered when landscaping a wetland area: Bladderwort, Spatterdock, Fragrant Water Lily, Banana Lily, American Lotus, Smartweed or Knotweed, Smooth Water Hyssop, Lemon Bacopa, Lizard's Tail, Alligatorflag or Fire Flag, Pickerelweed, Narrow-leaf Arrowhead, Broad-leaf Arrowhead, Yellow Canna, Jointed Spikerush, Club Rush, Soft Rush, Large-headed Rush, Buttonbush and Marsh Hibiscus.

Holly is available to answer questions about wetland creation and maintenance at (321-633-1702) ext. 235 and at habeels@ufl.edu.



urban & suburban

Meadows



Bringing Meadows to Big and Small Spaces

With 48 million acres of lawn in the U.S., a film aimed at helping people just say NO to thirsty, pesticide ridden, energy consuming lawns.

Have you heard about The Meadow Project?

The Meadow Project is a book and a film titled **Urban & Suburban Meadows, Bringing Meadows to Big and Small Spaces**

The goal of this project is to educate the public about healthy, easy, and affordable land care practices that save wildlife and human life. The book and video provide the way to create living, sustainable landscapes in our backyards, schoolyards, churches and communities. Everyone can participate, one patch of earth at a time.

Why This is So Important: The American love affair with lawns has become dangerous; there are 48 million acres of lawn in the US! Turf is the 4th largest herbaceous planted "crop", following closely behind corn, soybeans and wheat. Native habitat is destroyed with

each new development, each new acre of lawn. Lawns rank #1 for water consumption and more chemicals are applied per acre than on agricultural lands: 80 million pounds of pesticides and 70 million tons of lawn fertilizers. These chemicals are killing soil organisms, beneficial insects, birds, and native plants. Pollutant runoff from lawns and agriculture kill aquatic life in our waterways and has contributed to huge dead zone in many of the world's oceans, including the Gulf of Mexico.

Visit The Meadow Project at
<https://themeadowproject.com/>

"Before manicured lawns, with their chemicals, mowers, and blowers, there were ecological meadows, with their butterflies, birds, and bees. Catherine Zimmerman's *Urban & Suburban Meadows* reintroduces readers to the beauty and biodiversity of the meadow and reminds them of the intricate connections between wildlife and native plant communities that serve as both food source and habitat. Whether restoring a small urban pocket garden or reclaiming an acre of suburban lawn, this beautifully photographed book will compel readers to plant these living landscapes. Zimmerman provides both the inspiration and the thoughtfully developed and comprehensive practical steps necessary for success."

Penny Lewis, Executive Director
Ecological Landscaping Association

Mystery Plant



Do you know this plant?

Send your identification to Linda at
lindakrupp@cfl.rr.com

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

The January Mystery Plant was
Parietaria floridana, Florida Pellitory

* Must be present at the February 2013 meeting to claim prize.

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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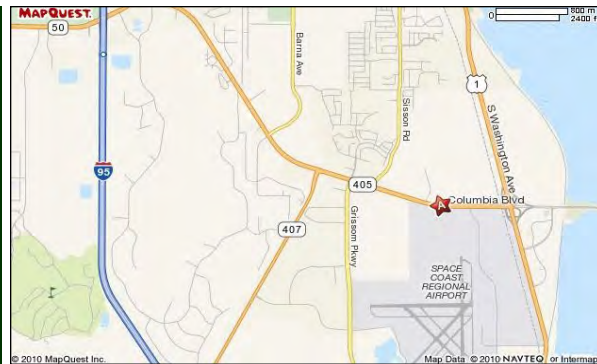


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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 Public Program
in February**

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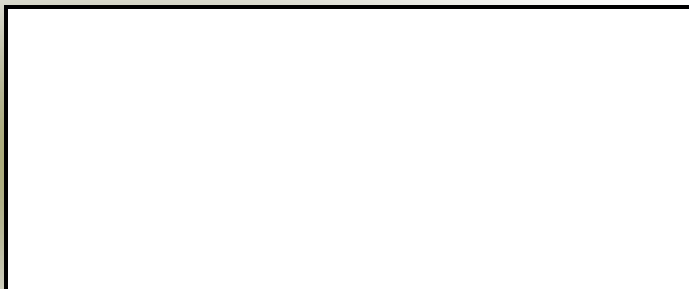
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