



SEA ROCKET



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Wednesday, March 27, 2013 ~ 7:00pm

FNPS Sea Rocket & Friends of the Enchanted Forest

Full Moon Hike

The Sea Rocket Chapter is pleased to partner with the Friends of the Enchanted Forest for a Full Moon Hike at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 27, 2013. Hikers are asked to dress appropriately for a night walk; long pants, closed-toe walking shoes, and long-sleeved shirts are recommended. Please bring insect repellent if you require it, a water bottle, and a flashlight; a red cover for flashlights will be provided.

Night creatures abound at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary after the trails close; wildlife we may encounter include owls, night-hawks, bats, flying squirrels, opossums, bobcat, deer, skunk, and a bevy of interesting night-flying insects!

Few hikers have experienced this Sanctuary at night; don't miss this moon-gilded opportunity to explore the Forest's dark side!

Light refreshments will be provided at 6:30pm and will be followed by a brief history of the Enchanted Forest.

The hike will begin at 7:00pm and will take approximately 90 minutes.

Please call the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary for more information at 321-264-5185.

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MARCH EVENTS & THINGS TO DO!



- Every Saturday** **Guided Nature Hike, 10:00am, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, call 321-264-5185**
- Every Wednesday** **FNPS Sea Rocket Nursery Workday, 10:00am, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, call 321-454-6849**
- Wednesday, 03/06** **Florida Trail Association Hike, Shiloh Marsh Trail, Meet at West entrance to Lowe's at I-95 & HWY 50 in Titusville at 8:30 a.m. Call 321-453-1586 for information.**
- Saturday, 03/09** **Taste of the Wild - Prehistoric Native Floridian Foodways, 2:00 pm, Sams House at Pine Island, call 321-449-4720**
- Saturday, 03/09** **Kayak Indian River, 9:00am, Manatee Cove to Sams House and back; Reservations required, call Eric at 321-452-6558**
- Wednesday, 03/13** **Florida Trail Association Hike, Harmony Trail, Meet at Sams Club, W. New Haven, Melbourne at 8:30am, call 321-453-1586**
- Saturday, 03/16** **Florida History Expedition, 2:30pm, Sams House at Pine Island, Sift for Ice Age fossils, learn how to throw a spear, and discover the pioneer life-style; Reservations required: call 321-449-4720.**
- Tuesday, 03/19** **Lunch with Nature: Successful Orchid Growing, 12noon, The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, call 321-264-5185**
- Wednesday, 03/20** **Florida Trail Association Hike, Prairie Lakes, Meet at Sams Club, W. New Haven, Melbourne, 8:30am, call 321-453-1586**
- Saturday, 03/23** **Florida Wildflower & Garden Festival, Downtown Deland, visit www.flawildflowers.org for more information**
- Saturday, 03/23** **From Ice Age Megafauna to Ancient Peoples of Pine Island, 3:00pm, Sams House at Pine Island, presentation & hike, call 321-449-4720**
- Wednesday, 03/27** **FNPS Sea Rocket / Friends of the Enchanted Forest Full Moon Hike, 6:30 pm, Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, Call 321-264-5185**
- Wednesday, 03/27** **Florida Trail Association Hike, Black Hammock Trail, meet at Lone Cabbage Fish Camp (SR 520) at 8:30am, Call 321-453-1586**

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

Field Trip Announcement Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary

Saturday March 16, 2013 0900-1200

Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary is a recent (2008) acquisition by the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program with assistance from The Nature Conservancy. Vegetation is primarily scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, cypress strand, hammocks, and marshes. Prescribed burning has been conducted since acquisition.

Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and insect repellent.

Directions:

Meeting site is Parrish Park (Brevard County) which is about in the center of the eastern section of the Sanctuary.

Take I-95 North to Exit 231 (County Road 5A/Stuckway Road). Go right (East) on CR-5A about 1 mile to US 1. Go right (South) on US 1 about 1.1 mile to Magoon

Road. Go right (West) on Magoon Road to the end (about 0.2 mile). Parking is available at the county park.



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FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes, February 27, 2013
Submitted by Tom McLeod, Secretary-elect

The meeting was called to order by Shari Blissett-Clark at 7:05 P.M. A quorum was present. Shari Blissett-Clark made the following announcements:

Introduced the current Board of Directors:

President – Vacant

Vice President – Bill Klein

Treasurer – Martha Pessaro

Secretary – Theresa Clark who will not continue as secretary for 2013

Suzanne Meyer – Board advisor, (20 years as past Board member)

Linda Jean Krupp – Newsletter editor

Paul Schmalzer - Chapter Representative to FNPS State Board

Linda Jean Krupp was thanked for providing snacks and refreshments.

No one correctly identified the January Mystery Plant. It was *Rorippa teres*, Southern Marsh Yellowcress.

Members were reminded to register for the FNPS Annual Conference which is being held in Jacksonville, May 16 through 19. The Theme is *La Florida: Celebrating 500 years in the Land of Flowers* and online registration can be found at www.fnps.org. Carpooling is being set up.

New member, David Humphrey, as introduced.

Business

Shari Blissett-Clark asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting (Jan 23, 2013). The motion was made by Susan Egglar, seconded by Linda Jean Krupp and passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Martha Pessaro distributed the proposed 2013 Budget for review. The checking account has \$5635.02 and savings \$1401.85. It was noted that the nursery relocation has been the most recent major expense; Shari Blissett-Clark provided a history of the development of the savings account. A portion of the expenses from the 2012 nursery relocation will be paid from the 2013 budget. An error was noted for PO Box expense; notated at \$44.00 but should be \$48.00. Martha provided a line by line account of the proposed budget and answered questions.

Discussion ensued regarding Sea Rocket's monetary support for the Society's Conservation and Research grants; Bill Klein asked about the availability of past grant recipients, as well as local recipients, as speakers at chapter meetings. Paul Schmalzer explained the list of past recipients is on the FNPS web site, although many may not be available to discuss their findings as they are graduate students when the grants are awarded and often move from the area.

Suggestions as to alternative sources of revenue were discussed, including items such as T-shirts, ID guides, yard tours, etc.

Paul Schmalzer made a motion to adopt the proposed 2013 budget as amended; the motion was seconded by Suzanne Meyer. Motion passed unanimously. (See adopted 2013 budget on page 6)

Committees:

A list of Sea Rocket committees was passed around and members were asked to sign up to serve; additionally, the refreshment sign-up sheet was circulated.

Nursery Report - Suzanne Meyer reported that the plants are doing well. Shari Blissett-Clark said D & E Pumps had been called, and the well pump is now running. D & E provided an estimate to install hard piping to the sprinklers and wire into the electric timer for a not to exceed amount of \$300.

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A discussion of the D&E proposal followed. A motion was made by Bill Klein to contract D&E Pumps to perform the work as outlined in the estimate with a not to exceed figure of \$300; motion was seconded by Martha Pessaro and passed unanimously.

Election of Officers - Shari Blissett-Clark stated that this year, in an effort to fill all positions, it is proposed that the offices of President and Secretary be co-chaired. The chapter by-laws do not address this arrangement and it was up to the members to determine if this type of job-sharing would serve the needs of the Chapter. This arrangement would allow those serving in these positions some flexibility as well as aid in mentoring new member who might want to become more involved in leadership. Martha Pessaro expressed concern over which co-officer would have signing rights for contracts, grants, bank accounts, etc. and it was determined that either of the two serving officers could have signing authority.

The proposed slate of candidates was discussed; members were invited to make nominations from the floor but no other candidates were nominated.

Marlys Breckle moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented and move to a vote; Paul Schmalzer seconded; the slate of candidates was approved unanimously.

Officers for 2013

Co-Presidents: Shari Blissett Clark and Susan F. Egger

Vice President: Bill Klein

Treasurer: Martha Pessaro

Co-Secretaries: Tom McLeod and Ron Chicone

Upcoming Programs and Announcements

Enchanted Forest and Sam's House activities for March were announced (see calendar, page 2)

Paul Schmalzer announced the March 16 Field Trip to Scottsmeer.

Shari Blissett-Clark brought up the concept of inviting author and filmmaker Catherine Zimmerman to speak in the fall. Shari outlined The Meadow Project and invited members to find out more about the book/DVD and author at www.themeadowproject.com Discussion followed related to co-hosting a large seminar/festival with other organizations such as the Florida Wildflower Foundation, UF, BCC, FIT, and other FNPS Chapters. Further discussion will be held at the next Board meeting on Wednesday, March 6th.

Sea Rocket's March meeting is combined with FOEF and will be a Full Moon Hike at EFS on March 27, 2013, 6:30 P.M. Call 321-264-5185 for information.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.



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 February Mystery Plant was
Rorippa teres, Southern Marsh Yellowcress

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

FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter 2013 Budget:

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Func- tion/Category	Item Description	Unit Cost	QTY	2013 Budget	Actuals				
					JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	
President	PO Box	\$48.00	1	\$48.00					
	Miscellaneous	\$170.00	1	\$170.00					
Vice President	Speaker Fees	\$35.00	4	\$140.00					
	Paid Speaker	\$200.00	1	\$200.00					
Treasurer	Corporation Filing Fee	\$61.25	1	\$61.25					
Secretary	Stamps	\$0.47	25	\$11.75					
Membership	Miscellaneous	\$50.00	1	\$50.00					
	Printing	\$10.00	15	\$150.00		\$150.00			
Educa- tion/Outreach	Printing	\$10.00	15	\$150.00		\$150.00			
	SCBWF Table	\$130.00	1	\$130.00					
	Capital Exhibit Materi- als	\$100.00	1	\$100.00					
	Expendable Exhibit Materials	\$50.00	1	\$50.00		\$50.90			
	Conservation and Research Grants	\$500.00	2	\$1,000.00					
Nursery	Soil	\$45.00	6	\$270.00		\$47.70			
	Facility Repairs	\$50.00	1	\$50.00		\$11.28			
	Miscellaneous	\$50.00	1	\$50.00	\$7.75				
	Sales Tax	\$0.06	5000	\$300.00	\$43.14				
	Florida Assoc Native Nurseries	\$100.00	1	\$100.00					
	License Inspection	\$35.00	1	\$35.00					
	Green Images/NW	\$350.00	3	\$1,050.00		\$235.25			
Hospitality	Summer Soiree	\$80.00	1	\$80.00					
	Christmas Party	\$220.00	1	\$220.00					
Newsletter	Paper	\$16.00	1	\$16.00					
	Stamps	\$0.47	100	\$47.00					
	Printing	\$12.00	10	\$120.00					
Expense Total				\$4,599.00	\$50.89	\$645.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Membership	Dues Percentage	\$150.00	4	\$600.00	\$117.00				
Education	Outreach Speaker Fees	\$25.00	3	\$75.00					
Nursery	Plant Sales	\$1,200.00	4	\$4,800.00					
	Capital Merchandise	\$112.50	4	\$450.00		\$38.00			
Donations	Miscellaneous	\$50.00	4	\$200.00					
Revenue Total				\$6,125.00	\$117.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Budget Profit	\$1,526.00	\$66.11	(\$607.13)	\$0.00	\$0.00
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Bank Statements	Checking	\$5,635.02			
	Savings	\$1,401.85			
	total	\$7,036.87			

FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter 2013 Budget:

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MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Actuals Total	Budget mi- nus Actuals O/U
								\$0.00	\$48.00
								\$0.00	\$170.00
								\$0.00	\$140.00
								\$0.00	\$200.00
								\$0.00	\$61.25
								\$0.00	\$11.75
								\$0.00	\$50.00
								\$150.00	\$0.00
								\$150.00	\$0.00
								\$0.00	\$130.00
								\$0.00	\$100.00
								\$50.90	(\$0.90)
								\$0.00	\$1,000.00
								\$47.70	\$222.30
								\$11.28	\$38.72
								\$7.75	\$42.25
								\$43.14	\$256.86
								\$0.00	\$100.00
								\$0.00	\$35.00
								\$235.25	\$814.75
								\$0.00	\$80.00
								\$0.00	\$220.00
								\$0.00	\$16.00
								\$0.00	\$47.00
								\$0.00	\$120.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$696.02	\$3,902.98

								\$117.00	(\$483.00)
								\$0.00	(\$75.00)
								\$0.00	(\$4,800.00)
								\$38.00	(\$412.00)
								\$0.00	(\$200.00)
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155.00	(\$5,970.00)

\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$541.02)
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center

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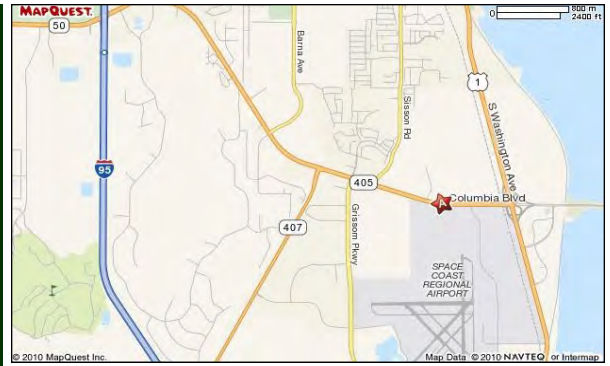


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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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Wednesday, March 27, 2013 ~ 6:30pm

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Full Moon Hike**

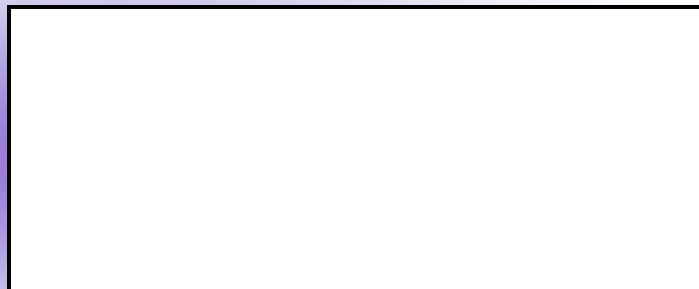
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