Sea Rocket

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

July 2014

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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Sea Rocket Annual Pot-luck Cookout

Sunday, July 20, 2014

Fox Lake Park, Titusville, 2pm to 6pm

Sea Rocket will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Buns, & Beverages

YOU provide a covered dish to share, your plate, silver-ware, & cup

Planned Activities include:

Guided hike on newly opened trails

"Hay Ride" in Fox Lake Sanctuary

Plant ID Contest

Kayak or Canoe—Bring your own!

RSVP to Shari: jclark109@cfl.rr.com

Naples Botanical Gardens
Photo by Diane Stees

July Places To Go, Things To Do!

(Note: All future planning can change presently. If in doubt, verify the date and times are accurate.)

Every Saturday: **GUIDED NATURE HIKES - 10:00am -** For information call 321-264-5185.

Every Wednesday: **FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter Nursery Workday—9am-12noon,** Call Shari at 321-454-6849 for more information.

July all Month: **"Tour de Turtles" Barrier Island Center (BIC) See Page 8 for all activities.** BIC is located at 8385 S. Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach 321-723-3556 or at www.barrierislandcenter.com See Page 12 for all the details.

July All Month: **Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Programs,** see Page 8 for details!

July All Month: **Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Programs,** see page 9 for details!

July 6 and 7: **Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB**) is busy with several after the Fourth Beach Clean-ups. See page 13 for complete details and KBB web site

July 12: **Creepy Crawly Day at Enchanted Forest from 10AM to 2 PM.** Prepare your mind, steel your nerves as the Enchanted Forest opens its vault of Creepy Crawly things. See the flyer on Page 6 for all the details.

July 19: **Sea Rocket Butterfly Garden work day at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary**. At 9:00AM till noon. This is a time to dead-head, collect seed, pull weeds and generally clean up the butterfly gardens. Bring a hat, water, gloves, energy, and likely long sleeves to ward off the thorny vines that need removal. If you want work, we have the need.

July 20: **Sea Rocket Annual Pot Luck Picnic at Fox Lake Park in Titusville**. Sea Rocket will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and beverages. Bring a covered dish—enough for yourself and me! See page 1 for details and don't forget to RSVP to Shari: jclark109@cfl.rr.com

HOLD THE DATE: **Thursday, August 28, 2015: WATER & LAND CONSERVATION AMENMENT FORUM.** See page 4 for details.

Please send calendar items to David Humphrey at *brevcracker@gmail.com*
For a comprehensive view of Sea Rocket activities go to *www.FNPS.org*; events, "searocket".

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Sea Rocket welcomes our new members!

Sea Rocket Chapter is thrilled to welcome these new members:

Greg Hendricks, who has also accepted the position of Sea Rocket Chapter Representative from Dr Schmalzer. Greg writes: "...I will consult with Paul moving forward on this position and will rely greatly on his expertise and guidance. It will be my honor to serve as the Chapter Representative and I look forward to this opportunity to interact with the Council of Chapters and the Sea Rocket Chapter."

Thanks for your service, Greg!

We also welcome **Karen Magrath** and **Xylpha Schwehm**.

Help FWC locate rare upland birds

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requests the public's help in locating three species of rare birds during their breeding seasons.

The southeastern American kestrel, the Burrowing owl and the Painted bunting are rare and declining species that are often overlooked by traditional monitoring programs such as the North American Breeding Bird Survey.

People are encouraged to use the FWC's new Rare Bird Registry to quickly map locations where they observe these species, with the option to upload photos and additional comments. It's quick and easy to use. Data submitted will be used by FWC scientists to identify important breeding areas for these species as well as estimate the size of their populations.

"The Rare Bird Registry is an excellent opportunity for the public to participate in research," said Karl Miller, a biologist at the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "Sightings will provide the FWC with valuable data to help us study and conserve some of Florida's most unique and interesting species. This new website provides a great way to get involved."

To assist the FWC in locating these rare birds, visit www.MyFWC.com/Get-Involved and select "Citizen Science" then "Sightings" for the Rare Bird Registry link.

Photos available on FWC's Flickr site: Go to https://flic.kr/s/aHsjYJFjfy.
Suggested Tweet: Help@MyFWC

Learn about the Florida

Water & Land Conservation Amendment

VOTE YES ON 1
November 4, 2014

6:30 PM on August 28, 2014
Gleason Performing Arts Center
Florida Institute of Technology

Featuring former Florida Senator and Governor Bob Graham

Learn how this amendment can protect our rivers, lakes and streams, restore natural treasures and preserve our beaches and shores.

Other presenters include:
Clay Henderson, Past President, Audubon of Florida
Laurilee Thompson, Dixie Crossroads Restaurant

Reserve your seat at no cost by registering at http://amendment1.eventbrite.com

Hosted by:
Preserve Brevard
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Florida Conservation Coalition
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Marine Resources Council IRL
Merritt Island Wildlife Association
Space Coast Audubon Society
Space Coast League of Women Voters
Space Coast Progressive Alliance
Turtle Coast Sierra Club
Wild Ocean Seafood Market

Questions or suggestions, contact Vince Lamb at vince@vincelamb.com

2014.6.20

FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter
Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 25, 2015
Submitted by David Humphrey

The June membership meeting was called to order by President Ron Chicone at 7:10pm. Board members present were introduced and Ron welcomed the visitors.

The minutes from the May membership meeting were approved.

Sea Rocket Treasurer Martha Pessaro presented a brief overview of the Chapter finances.

Ron reminded the Chapter that there are no monthly meetings in July and August, and that the next program is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th. The program will be presented by Lois Harris, Sea Rocket Secretary and landscape designer.

The Sea Rocket Annual Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 20th at Fox Lake Park. Please bring a covered dish to share and RSVP your attendance to Shari: jclark109@cfl.rr.com

Ron thanked Martha Pessaro for providing refreshments for the meeting.

Ron introduced Elaine Williams, President of the Indian River Anthropological Society. Elaine presented "Lost Tribes of Florida" and discussed the native peoples that occupied the Southeast for hundreds of years before Europeans arrived. Elaine's presentation was very interesting, filled with colorful slides of artifacts and depictions of the daily lives of native peoples. Elaine answered questions after the program.

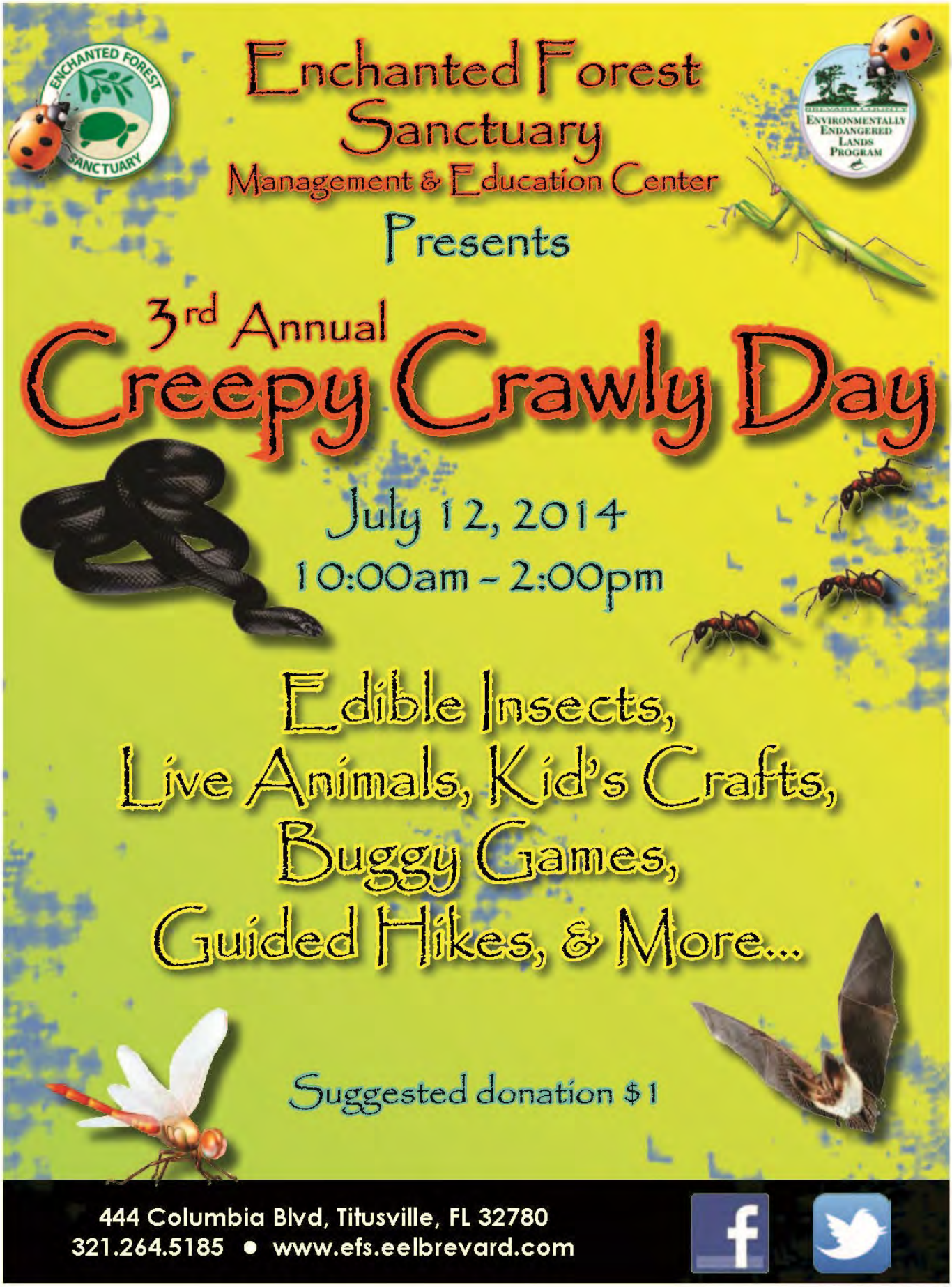
Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

SEA ROCKET THANKS THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THE JUNE PLANT SALE A GREAT SUCCESS!

Dave Humphrey
Myra Brubaker
Martha Pessaro
Suzanne Meyer
Ron Chicone
Shari Blissett-Clark
KarenSue Gaddy
Duane Gaddy

EEL Staff Joanie, Joe, & Sarah

EEL Volunteers Samantha, Amy, and Chris


Enchanted Forest
Sanctuary
Management & Education Center
Presents
3rd Annual
Creepy Crawly Day
July 12, 2014
10:00am ~ 2:00pm
Edible Insects,
Live Animals, Kid's Crafts,
Buggy Games,
Guided Hikes, & More...
Suggested donation $1
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There is No Such Thing as A Hurricane Cut!

University of Florida Extension Service

GUTTING

OVER-LIFTING

TOPPING

If someone uses the term “Hurricane Cut”, it is an indication of an inexperienced, uninformed individual. **Avoid them!**

A well-structured tree is aesthetically pleasing, preserves the crown as it grows larger, and is long-lived. Poor tree architecture can be costly and result in broken branches and damage to homes, cars and people in high wind events. When done incorrectly, pruning can harm the tree's health, stability, appearance and result in premature removal. A properly pruned tree will not be all that noticeable–just like a good haircut.

SAY “NO” TO G.T.O!
NO Gutting • NO Topping • NO Over-Lifting

GUTTING

The stripping or gutting of branches from the interior and leaving a tuft of leaves at the tip of the branches.

Also called *Lions-tailing*. This results in weak, top-heavy branches which are more prone to break and hard to repair when there are no laterals to cut back to when the top gets damaged.

OVER-LIFTING

Removing too many lower branches. Now your tree must bear all the weight at the top. Like a lever or see-saw, each branch becomes a target for a strong wind event. A ton of wood that could snap off and land on the roof of your house or power lines.

TOPPING

Avoid stub-cutting, known as *topping* or *hat-racking* because of the sawed-off appearance of large branches. Trees are not shrubs. Rounding off massive heavy branches at the top results in multiple sprouts forming on the end of each cut–like a witch's broom. These sprouts are poorly attached and will grow into large branches in time. Bring on a strong wind and these will snap off first—more damage to people and property.

All these practices can eventually weaken trees and make them more prone to wind damage! Protect yourself by hiring Certified Arborists and taking their advice. Check credentials and get in writing what that person plans to do.

Editors note: *The articles that Bill Klein has penned to the city and newspaper detailing destructive trimming practices of palms is another form of the non-existent “Hurricane Cutting”. Avoid these destructive practices and save your trees.*

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary
Management and Education Center
Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville, FL 32780
321-264-5185
www.eelbrevard.com

Brevard Co. Parks & Recreation Dept.

JULY 2014

GUIDED NATURE HIKES
SATURDAYS, 10:00am

A 45-minute, interpretive hike offered every Saturday on the trails of the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. Bring hat, water and walking shoes. No reservations needed. Groups of 5 or more, please RSVP.

CREEPY CRAWLY DAY
July 12, Sat., 10:00am - 2:00pm

Spiders and Snakes and Worms! Oh my! Slither, creep and crawl on over to the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary for our third Creepy Crawly Day! Spend the day discovering the world of creepy crawlies through guided walks, hands-on activities and even enjoy a buggy snack! This program is fun for all.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
July 19, Sat., 9:00-11:00am

Program for all levels of photography. View photographs and learn helpful tips. This program is free and reservations are not required.

FOREST FUNDAY
July 20, Sun., between 2:00 and 4:00pm

Nature program for children and their families to enjoy the outdoors. Go on a Sanctuary Search on the trail of your choice and enjoy painting on the porch. This program is free and fun for all.

FRIENDS OF ENCHANTED FOREST
July 26, Sat., 9:00am

The Friends invite you to join us on an early morning walk on the Magnolia Loop. Please bring hat, water and walking shoes. Please plan to join us.

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY - Sea Rocket Chapter

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Find us at: Facebook: Brevard County Enchanted Forest Sanctuary;
Twitter: @BrevardEFS

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
Free July Nature Programs

Titusville Art League Presents "Artwork Applicable to Our Native Environment"
Exhibit at Refuge Visitor Center Auditorium, June and July - Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm.
The Titusville Art League is celebrating 50 years of bringing art to Titusville residents and the surrounding communities. View a collection of artwork depicting our natural environment in oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, and mixed media to help celebrate their 50th anniversary! Call 321-861-5601 for more information.

Free Family Nature Activities

Nature Bingo - Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm

Stop by the refuge visitor center and pick up a clip board, pencil and a copy of the Nature Bingo Sheet during regular visitor center hours. Take a walk on the ¼ visitor center boardwalk loop and complete the activity and get a certificate and post card. Visitor Center operating hours is Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm.

GPS Family Scavenger Hunt - Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm.

Reserve the GPS Family Backpack Kit that includes a GPS and scavenger hunt questions. Use the GPS to find locations at the refuge and answer the scavenger hunt questions. Complete the activity and receive a postcard and certificate. Call 321-861-5601 to reserve the backpack during regular visitor center operating hours. A deposit is required to borrow the GPS unit.

Manatee Watch, Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 23 & 30 from 1 pm to 3 pm.
Join volunteers at the Manatee Observation Deck between 1 pm – 3 pm to learn about manatees & possibly observe wild manatees. This program is weather dependent. The deck is located along SR 3 at Haulover Canal.

Butterfly Survey, Volunteers Needed, Saturday, July 5 at 9 am.
View a photo presentation to learn how to identify butterflies. Then, participate in a butterfly survey with volunteers and refuge staff to collect data for North American Butterfly Count and Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent and wear closed shoes and long pants.

Nature Driving Tour, Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 10 am.
Enjoy a narrated driving tour in the comfortable air conditioned refuge shuttle bus and learn about refuge wildlife, plants and resource management. Tour Black Point Drive and visit the Manatee Observation Deck. Space is limited. Call 321-861-5601 to make reservations.

All about Manatees, Wednesday, July 16 at 1 pm.
Watch a narrated photo presentation and handle manatee bones and skulls to learn more about this endangered animal. Then, caravan to the observation deck to possibly observe wild manatees. Call 321-861-5601 for reservations.

Refuge Wildlife for Kids, Thursday, July 17 at 1 pm
Children ages 6-12, accompanied by an adult, will learn about some of the fascinating refuge wildlife through hands on activities, participating in an outdoor scavenger hunt and meeting a live corn snake. Call 321-861-5601 to make reservations and for information.

Butterfly Walk at 11 am, Saturday, July 19 at 10 am.
Take a guided walk to observe and learn about our local butterflies and learn some identification tips. Call 321-861-5601 for reservations.

Volunteers Needed for Refuge Litter Clean up, Saturday, July 26 at 9 am
Get outside and work with refuge volunteers and help wildlife by participating in a clean-up. Wear long pants, closed sturdy shoes and bring sunscreen, drinking water, work gloves and insect repellent. Please call 321-861-5601 if you plan to attend or need additional information.

Celebrate National Moth Week, Saturday, July 26 at 7:30 pm
Celebrate National Moth Week, July 19 to July 27, by attending a photo presentation on moths to learn about their natural history and the important roles they play in our ecosystem. After, visit staged black lights along the visitor center boardwalk to observe moths. Bring insect repellent and wear closed shoes and long pants. Call 321-861-5601 for reservations. Visit http://nationalmothweek.org for more information on moth week.

Introduction to Soil Solarization

Robert McSorley and Harsimran K. Gill

Soil solarization is a practice used to manage weeds, nematodes, diseases, and insects in soil. The soil surface is covered with clear plastic, which allows sunlight to pass through and heat up the soil to temperatures that are lethal to many of these pests. If effective, solarization can reduce population levels of these pests for 3-4 months, sometimes longer. The benefits, risks, and use of solarization are the subject of a recent article that summarizes results of solarization tests in Florida (Krueger and McSorley, 2009). However, many people may be unaware of solarization or have not tried it. The method may be a convenient way for managing some soil pests in home gardens or small field sites. Steps for Conducting Solarization:

1. Where to Do Solarization

Solarization can be done on any soil type in Florida and has even been successful on rock soils in south Florida. For best results, it should be done in open, unshaded areas. We would not expect very good results if the sun is blocked by trees or buildings during the day.

2. When to Do Solarization

The best times for solarization are during the summer months of June, July, and August because these have the hottest temperatures.

3. Site Preparation

The area to be solarized must first be cleared of existing weeds and debris. Tilling the site is helpful to increase penetration of heat into the top 6 inches of soil. Sticks, old roots, and other debris should be removed so they do not poke holes in the plastic.

4. Soil Moisture and Heat Conduction

Water helps to conduct heat, so best results occur if soil is moist but not waterlogged or muddy. If the soil is very dry and dusty, the solarization will not work as well. On sandy soils in Florida, the best conditions are when the soil received rain or irrigation the day before plastic is applied.

5. Cover Soil with Clear Plastic

Solarization can be done on raised or on flat ground If beds are used, it is better for the beds to run north-south rather than east-west.

A clear plastic sheet or strip is stretched out over the area to be treated. The plastic piece should be a little larger than the area treated because the edges will need to be buried in soil (see next step). The plastic sheeting used must be completely CLEAR. Other types of plastic should not be used. .

the main consideration is that the plastic should be strong enough to last for 6 weeks in the summer sun in Florida without breaking up.

6. Seal Plastic into Soil

The plastic should be stretched tight and the edges sealed completely by burying in soil

Solarize for at Least 6 Weeks

Editors note: See the full article at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in856

WANTED

POTS

THE NURSERY IS RUNNING OUT OF PLASTIC POTS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP IN CORRALLING EXTRAS
LAYING AROUND / 1 GALLON & SMALLER

FULL OR EMPTY

YOU BRING 'EM
WE'LL FILL 'EM

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE UNLESS NOTED *

BARRIER ISLAND CENTER
"Tour de Turtles!"
JULY EVENTS

8385 South Highway A1A, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951 321-723-3556
www.barrierislandcenter.com or check us out on Facebook

Nesting Sea Turtle Season!
Lights Out - May 1st through October 31st

Nesting sea turtles have returned so be sure to turn out all lighting visible from the beach to prevent disorientation of nesting females and hatchling sea turtles. Beach fires and flashlights are not permitted.

***To Make Guided Sea Turtle Walk Reservations Visit www.seaturtlewalks.org**

Summer Arts in the Sanctuary
Watercolors - Wednesday, July 2nd, Ages 8-12

Poetry - Wednesday, July 9th, Ages 8-12

Mime - Wednesday, July 23rd, Ages 5-7

Drawing - Wednesday, July 30th, Ages 8-12

All programs are from 2 - 4 p.m.; please email jennifer.howell@brevardparks.com to enroll.

Saving Seahorses Through Citizen Science
Saturday, July 12th @ 11 a.m.

Friday, July 25th @ 4 p.m.

Research scientist Nancy Ho will explain how you can help with the conservation of these amazing fishes. Show-and-tell with baby seahorses included! Please call to enroll.

Touch-a-terrapin Tank
Saturday, July 5th @ 11 a.m.

Interact with adorable diamond back terrapin and spineless wonders of the sea!

Oyster Mat Making
Wednesday, July 16th @ 10 a.m.

Help the Brevard Zoo restore important sea turtle habitat in the IRL by making oyster mats.

Tour de Turtles!
***Kick Off Celebration and Silent Auction**

Saturday, July 26th @ 6 p.m.

Featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and live music. Advanced tickets are available at www.tourdeturtles.org or at the BIC for $20. At the door $35 while tickets last. Parking is limited.

Live Sea Turtle Release Event

Sunday, July 27th @ 7:30 a.m.

A loggerhead sea turtle outfitted with a satellite transmitter will be released at 8:00 a.m. Please plan to arrive 30 minutes early. Following the release there will be family-friendly activities until 9:30 a.m.

Under the Sea Homeschool Series - "Pass the Salt"
Tuesday, July 15th @ 2 p.m. Grades 3-5

Learn about water distribution and the effects of temperature and salinity. Please email jennifer.howell@brevardparks.com to enroll.

Eco-Film Raccoon Nation
Saturday, July 19th and Sunday, July 20th @ 2 p.m

Learn how these turtle egg predators have adapted to life with humans.

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM

After Fireworks Cleanup
July 6 SUNDAY, 8am-10am
July 7 MONDAY, 8am-10am

Keep Brevard Beautiful needs volunteers to assist in cleaning up the beach and other areas after the July 4th holiday celebrations.

There are ONE check-in site for the 6th:

Cocoa Beach JULY 6th
Fischer Park – ONLY

Meet at east end of the parking lot to clean up after the fireworks on the 5th
GATE will be opened for you to enter.

There are THREE check-in site for the 7th:

Cocoa Beach JULY 7th

Shepard Park - 211 E Cocoa Beach Causeway
Cocoa Beach Pier - 401 Meade Ave.
1st Street North

KBB WILL PROVIDE ALL MATERIALS

For more information contact
Denise (office) 321-631-0501 x 203
or 321-432-3620
www.keepbrevardbeautiful.org

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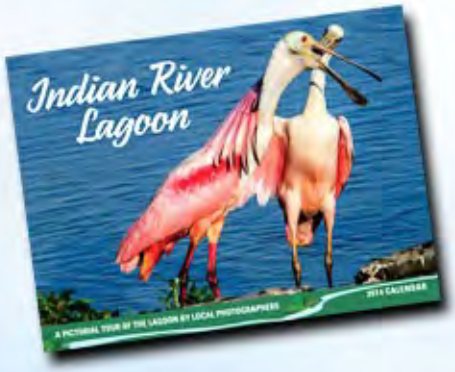
Attention Photographers!

It's time to enter the annual Indian River Lagoon photo contest.



Submit your favorite shots of:

Lagoon wildlife

Sunrise or sunset

Lagoon recreation

Scenic landscapes

Entries must be postmarked by July 31, 2014.

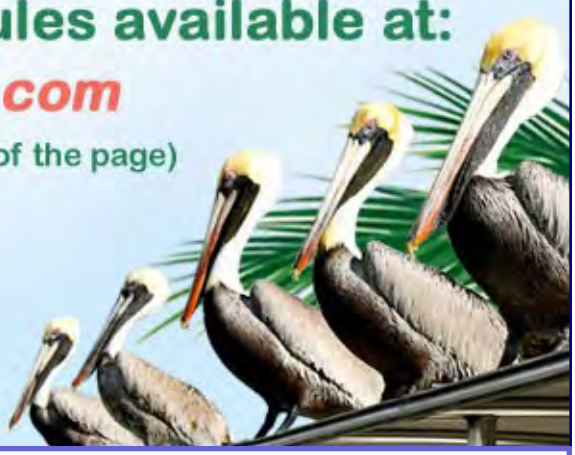
Entry forms and contest rules available at:

itsyourlagoon.com

(Contest link is on the bottom of the page)

For additional information, contact:

Kathy Hill at the Indian River Lagoon
National Estuary Program
Khill@sjrwmd.com or 321-722-5363



FAQ's

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Q. I've never worked with plants much. How can I help?

A. I never worked with plants much until I started. Volunteering at the Sea Rocket Nursery opened up awesome opportunities to learn, hands on style, from people that are bubbling over with information.

Q. I don't have a lot of time to offer, what with a pallet load of responsibilities. Can I help?

A. **<u>YES YOU CAN !</u> Volunteering at plant sales is very exciting work. Volunteering on work days. If you can give an hour that would be wonderful. If you can give 100 hours that would be tremendous. How many hours you can give is entirely up to you - *"Just do it!"***

Q. Are "Hands in the dirt" the only volunteer opportunities available?

A. NO, NO, NO. There are leadership slots, there are co-leadership slots. There are computer positions. If you have the leadership, we have the position for you. Just Ask!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN DONATE MONEY DIRECTLY TO SEA ROCKET CHAPTER? YOU CAN EVEN TELL US WHAT TO SPEND IT ON!

Community Corner

News for and about your Chapter

From the Sea Rocket Board Room

Thank you for your plant donations!

Suzanne for the Bushy Asters
Dr Jay for the Sea Grapes
Shari for the Mimosa, Dune Sunflowers, Milkweed, Dotter Horse Mint, and Privet Senna
Dave for the Horse Tails.

When do you start teaching native plants? We believe it's never too soon. With Kurtis (Dad), Rowen (Baby), Martha (SR Tres.), and Sarah (Mom).

Karen is always ready to pitch in.

THE JUNE PLANT SALE

Shari, (our VP, lovingly called "Bat Girl") - tell us again,: how big was that bat?

This is Suzanne, the nursery director.

Karen and Myra taking a short break.

Dave and Duane ever ready to snap into action.

Firebush

Hamelia patens

huh-MEE-lee-uh PAY-tenz

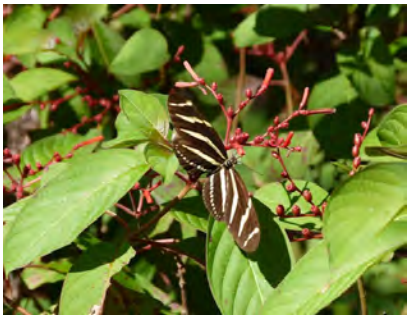
Rubiaceae

By David Humphrey

You won't need a hummingbird feeder if you have a native firebush in your landscaping plan. This fun plant attracts bees, butterflies, birds, and smaller mammals. It blooms in the summer months feeding the pollinators, and in the winter it feeds the birds and other animals with its berries. The best way to identify a native firebush verses a non-native is to feel the leaves. If the leaf feels a bit rough it is a native, if smooth it is a non-native plant. The fire bush is easy to grow as its needs are limited to basically a warm climate. Central Brevard has that climate for 11 months out of 12. A hard freeze could cause damage beyond re-growth. I planted 4 young plants two days before a mild Florida freeze. I had covered them in straw, but lost two anyway. My older plant in the back yard had no problem with the cold.

On the plus side the firebush can handle salt, drought, and various soil conditions, although it's preferred soil is a xeric mixture of mostly sand and some loam. It grows best with some shade, but can tolerate full sun. It will grow from the barrier islands to the dry inland counties. It is a fast grower, growing up to 5 feet per season. It can be trimmed and works well as a hedge or as a specimen plant growing to 8 feet, unsupported. With added support, a trellis, or other structure, can go over 12 feet tall. Propagation is by cuttings or seed, but the seeds need to be fresh.

Zebra long-wing



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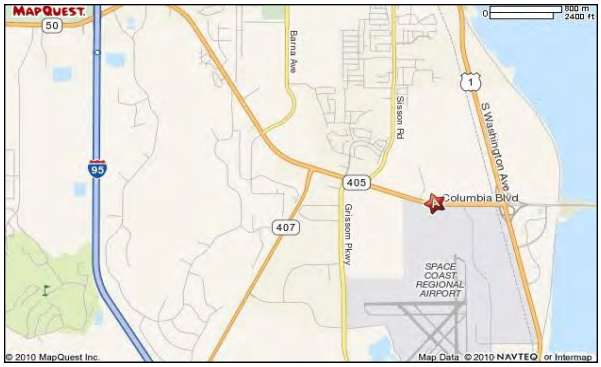
Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

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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