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Conradina NEWS

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5:30 P.M. Refreshments ☞ 6:00 P.M. Meeting
Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library

Chasing Wildflowers Across Florida Speaker: Vince Lamb

During the past six years, Vince Lamb has traveled extensively in Florida to pursue native wildflowers in their natural habitat. He has been fortunate enough to find and photograph Ghost Orchids and other rare Florida orchids in the Fakahatchee and other preserves in the Western Everglades. Vince has also visited the Pitcher Plants blooming in the Apalachicola National Forest. His presentation will include these special flowers and quite a few more at locations between the Everglades and the Panhandle. He will also cover some photography tips for getting memorable images of these special flowers.



Photos by Vince Lamb

Next Chapter Meeting

April 11, 2016

Appalachian Wildflowers on the Blue Ridge Mountains

Speaker: Bill Haddan

Vince is a nature photographer and a Florida Master Naturalist. A native Floridian, he has lived on South Merritt Island since 1974. He has served as a board member of Conradina Chapter FNPS since 2008 and recently completed a two-year term as the chairman of the Florida Wildflower Foundation. He is a strong advocate for conserving natural resources and preserving Wild Florida for future generations.



Upcoming Events & Meetings

March 9 4-6:30 p.m.	Film Viewing: Gasland. Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the Friendship Fellowship Unitarian Church. See page 3 for more information.
March 14	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>Chasing Wildflowers Across Florida</i> by Vince Lamb. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting. Note change in venue back to our usual location and change in speaker and presentation.
March 19 9 A.M.—2 P.M.	Viera Wetlands Festival. Volunteers needed to staff Conradina Chapter booth.
March 20 9-11 A.M.	Conradina Chapter field trip to Turkey Creek Sanctuary. Meet at the Margaret Hames Nature Center at 9 A.M. We will hike through the different habitats on and off the boardwalk. It is recommended that you bring a hat, sunscreen, and possibly bug spray. 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905
March 26 9 A.M.-12 Noon	Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Field Trip. See page 3 for more information.
March 31— April 2	Central Florida Native Plant Sale. The best native plant selection including native milkweed, pollinator plants, and hummingbird plants. Osceola Heritage Park, Kissimmee, FL. See page 3 for times.
April 10 10 A.M.	Conradina Chapter field trip to Saint Sebastian River Preserve State Park: <i>Following the Turpentine Trail.</i> Led by Tracey Wright, Park Ranger. See page 3 for more information.
April 11	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>Appalachian Wildflowers on the Blue Ridge Mountains</i> by Bill Haddan. Bill has explored the Blue Ridge Mountains in Tennessee for many years. He has fabulous pictures and stories to share with the audience. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
May 9	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>The Fungus Amoungus</i> by Dr. Jay Barnhardt. Jay will tell us about the fascinating details of the mushrooms and other forms of fungus here in Florida. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.

Carol's Corner: Spring Has Arrived!

By Carol Hebert

We enjoyed a wonderful walk through Cruikshank Sanctuary in February with Vince Lamb and saw Shiny Lyonia (*Lyonia lucida*) in bloom. It is a beautiful shrub that likes full sun. Rusty Staggerbush (*Lyonia ferruginea*) was also in bloom. We enjoyed about six to seven Scrub Jays. It was a fun walk through sandy soil and the best season to enjoy the scrub. I personally also enjoyed Adam's Needle (*Yucca filamentosa*) with fiber swirling out from its leaves. Scrub is an enchanting habitat and is wonderful to walk through to see its vast diversity.

See you March 20 from our field trip to Turkey Creek Sanctuary.
Plant native!



Shiny Lyonia (Lyonia lucida)
Photo by Carol Hebert

Field Trips

Turkey Creek Sanctuary

Sunday, March 20 n 9 A.M.—11 A.M.

Led by Carol Hebert. Meet at the Margaret Hames Nature Center at 9 A.M. We will hike through the different habitats on and off the boardwalk. It is recommended that you bring a hat, sunscreen, and possibly bug spray. 1502 Port Malabar Boulevard NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary

Saturday, March 26 ■ 9 A.M.—12 Noon

Led by Dr. Paul Schmalzer, member of Sea Rocket Chapter. Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary was a 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.

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.

Bring hat, sunscreen, water, and insect repellent.

Saint Sebastian River Preserve State Park: Following the Turpentine Trail

Sunday, April 10 ■ 10 A.M.

Led by Tracey Wright, Park Ranger. Those wanting to go on the hay ride should meet at the Visitor Center (just inside the gate off of Babcock Street) at 10 A.M. The trip will last about 2—2 1/2 hours and will take us along the Yellow Trail where we will stop and study a few turpentine trees as well as some Red-cockaded Woodpecker trees and other native plants. Tracey will have a short version of her turpentine presentation set up in the Visitor Center as well for those who are interested in learning more.

Wear sturdy hiking shoes or tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent, sunscreen, binoculars, and a hat.

Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards

The Florida Native Plant Society will once again be honoring the work of Landscape Architects and Designers who utilize and showcase Florida’s Native plants through our annual Landscape Awards program.

The deadline for applications has been extended to March 18, 2016, and the awards will be presented at the FNPS Annual Conference in Daytona Beach, May 20, 2016. Details and application: [FNPS Landscape Awards](#)

**CENTRAL FLORIDA
NATIVE PLANT
SALE MAR.31
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Kissimmee**

*The Best Native Plant
Selection*
Native Milkweed
Pollinator plants
Hummingbird plants



Central Florida Native Plant Sale
Thurs. March 31st 2-7 pm
Friday April 1st 2-7 pm
Sat. April 2nd 8-12 pm
Osceola Heritage Park
Kissimmee, Florida

Film Viewing

GASLAND

Wednesday, March 9 ■ 4—6:30 p.m.

Learn why it is important to defeat SB-318! *Gasland*, a documentary by Josh Fox, entertains while outlining the severity of the problems that fracking creates.

Shocking yet important to watch how natural gas corporations’ insidious treatment of our planet threatens our environment with serious consequences.

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Chapter News

- We are supporting a butterfly garden at Holland Elementary School as part of our association with Brevard Public Schools Business Partner program.
- The February 14 field trip to Cruickshank Sanctuary was a sell-out. Nearly 30 members and not-yet members enjoyed a lovely Valentine's Day morning with Vince Lamb leading. Of course, the Florida Scrub Jay took center stage; but we also took time to look at native plants and gopher tortoise burrows.
- It was great to talk to people who were interested in native plants at the 11th Annual Florida Institute of Technology Botanical Fest. A big thank you to the volunteers for this event: Jim Baldwin, Laura Blackmon, Sharon and Brent Dolan, Marsha Hall, Mary Lou Hart, Carol Hebert, Rob and Lisa Longacre, Trevor Nimmons, Rose Palmer, Lucy Serody, Martha Steuart, and Suzanne Valencia. You all helped spread great information about choosing native plants.

A warm welcome to our newest members!

- Sharon Fergus
- Sue Holbert
- Kristen Kneifl

It is with great sadness that we inform you that Renee Schafer has died. Renee and her husband Mike were long-time members of Conradina Chapter.

Volunteers Needed for Melbourne Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee

The City of Melbourne is seeking volunteers to serve on the [Beautification and Environmental Advisory Committee](#). The committee considers proposals that have an effect on the appearance or environmental impact on the City. It makes appropriate recommendations to City Council; coordinates and emphasizes the need to implement beautification and environmental quality improvement projects in the City; recognizes the efforts of others who contribute to the beautification and environmental protection and enhancement of the City; and promotes the development of greenways, blueways, and non-motorized pedways, and trails in the City with special emphasis on linking such facilities to adjoining facilities.

The committee meets at 8:30 A.M. on the second Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Applicants must be registered voters and residents of the City of Melbourne. To apply, please visit the [city's website for instructions and an application](#). For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office at (321) 608-7220.