



**October
2018**

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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, October 8, 2018

5:30 P.M. Refreshments & 6:00 P.M. Meeting

**Melbourne Village AHF Hall - DIFFERENT LOCATION!!!
535 Hammock Road, Melbourne Village**

'Changes at Turkey Creek Sanctuary' by Tracey Wright, Turkey Creek Sanctuary Ranger

Tracey Wright, Park Ranger/Naturalist at Turkey Creek Sanctuary for the City of Palm Bay.

Tracey has worked there for 2 years and 3 months. She holds a B.S. in education from Troy State University in Troy, Alabama. At Florida Tech she earned a M.S. in Conservation Technology and a M.S. in Environmental Education. Tracey is also certified as a Wildfire Fighter I, Lead Instructor for Fl. Master Naturalist Program and licensed as a Pesticide Applicator for Natural Areas (State of Florida). She is a member of Ecological Society and Florida Native Plant Society.

Tracey will be giving us an update on the improvements and programs at Turkey Creek Sanctuary.

Please join us!

Next Chapter Meeting

October 8, 2018

Conradina Native Plant Tour Is Coming Up!

Mark your calendars! Conradina Chapter of FNPS will be hosting its 9th annual "Landscaping With Native Plants Tour." The tour will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 10am to 4pm. The cost is \$8 per person and tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-landscaping-with-florida-natives-tour-for-south-brevard-tickets-49818950823?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Be sure to come observe and explore some wonderful native plant landscapes at a variety of locations. This year we are especially excited to have a city park and a post office planted with grants from Keep Brevard Beautiful! There are also three homes beachside and two homes in Lockmar (NE) Palm Bay. The tour is a fabulous look at what homeowners and public spaces have done by using native plants in different situations.

The best part is how it always suggests new ideas and new appreciation for native plants.

See you at the "Landscaping With Native Plants Tour" fun event!

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Carol Hebert at carol.hebert@gmail.com if you can help out for half a day, a whole day, or a few hours. Thanks!



Carol's Corner: Golden Leather Fern

By Carol Hebert

Went on a birding field trip with the Orange Co. Audubon Society last Saturday at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (MINWR). Calendars say Fall season has arrived but it sure didn't feel like it. There weren't huge variety of birds but in the hammock trail past the MINWR visitor center but we did see a few warblers that have already migrated down. As always the best part of the bird trips is the plant! They don't migrate or "fly away". The wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*) is always a treat in the hammock. The other Wild Coffee is *P. sulzneri*, the one with duller colored leaves. Their fruit was a nice contrast of



Leather Fern
(*Acrostichum danaeifolium*).
Photo by Carol Hebert

red berries, Another plant that had red fruit was Dahoon Holly (*Ilex cassine*) with beautiful dark green leaves with toothed edges. Goldenrods (*Solidago spp.*) are about to explode into color with green stalks about two feet tall. Several kinds of Salt Bush or Groundsel trees were budding. I prefer *Baccharis halimifolia* because it has white little feathery flowers. The others are *B. glomeruliflora* and *B. angustifolia*. The big treat was seeing the Leather Fern (*Acrostichum danaeifolium*). Some were up to six feet tall! They all enjoy wet areas and we saw several near boardwalks. They live in brackish and fresh water wetlands. This is Florida's largest native fern. It also tolerates more sun than most ferns but they do need to keep their roots wet or moist. As all ferns they reproduce with spores which are typically one-celled, reproductive units. The pictures show it with the dark brown on the underside of the ferns leaf. It is a beautiful accent to your landscape if you have a water feature or retention pond. Plant native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Monday October 8, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Changes at Turkey Creek Sanctuary'</i> Tracey Wright, Turkey Creek Sanctuary Ranger. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Saturday October 13, 2018	Landscaping with Native Plants Tour: 9th Annual "Landscaping With Native Plants" tour. Six wonderful homes and public spaces ready to be toured showing off native plants in their landscape! 10am-4pm We will need volunteers!
Monday November 12, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'A Step By Step Guide to a Florida Native Yard'</i> by Florida Botanist Ginny Stilbolt. AHF Hall in Melbourne Village, 535 Hammock Rd., Melbourne, FL 32904. Note change in location as the library is closed for Veterans Day. 5:30 P.M. refresh-
Sunday November 18, 2018	4th Annual Space Coast Veg Fest & Environmental Education Event. Sunday November 18th, 2018 - 11 am to 5 pm - Riverfront Park, Cocoa Village, FL.
Monday December 10, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Create A Wreath With Native Plant Cuttings" Martha Steuart and helpers provide a wonderful amount of native plant cuttings for decorating a wreath to take home and display in your home for the holidays. Wreaths made from native grape vines are provided or bring your own. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
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Monday January 14, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Restoring Nature's Relationships by Dr. Doug Tallamy'</i> Jane Higgins. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Saturday February 2, 2019	Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future by the Pelican Island Audubon Society. Indian River County Fairgrounds, 7955 58th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967. 8 am - 5 pm, Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.
Monday February 11, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Butterfly Gardening'</i> Tim Harrison and Anna Iacona from Butterfly Gardens. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday March 11, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Terry O'Toole, Sebastian Inlet State Park. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday April 8, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Fakahatchee Strand Preserve'</i> by Mike Owen. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday May 13, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Speaker TBD at Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Sunday June 9, 2019	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park

Keep Brevard Beautiful's "Florida Friendly Landscape Grants"

A matching grants program for nonprofit organizations to promote landscaping projects on public land.

The Florida Friendly Landscape Grant awards local non-profits with funding to undertake beautification projects on public land that showcase creative landscaping with native plants and feature minimal supplementary irrigation and other required maintenance.

Keep Brevard Beautiful administers up to \$10,000 in grant funding annually from the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners to a variety of local projects, with an average award of about \$2,000 per selected project on a reimbursement basis. Grant awardees must contribute at least 50% match via in-kind donations or services.

Last year, Conradina members completed grants at Ballard Park, Melbourne Village, and the West Melbourne Post Office. Please join us in doing more native plantings in Brevard!



If you have any ideas and would like to submit a grant, please plan to attend the October 3, 2018 workshop at the Agriculture Ctr., 3695 Lake Dr., Cocoa 5:30pm-6:30pm

For more information on the grant process, please check out their website at <http://keepbrevardbeautiful.org/our-programs/florida-friendly-landscape-grants>





Save The Date!

**Pelican Island Audubon Society presents the 2nd Annual
Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future**

**Saturday - February 2, 2019
Indian River County Fairgrounds**

Bob Montanaro
www.lunarcabin.com

Schedule
February 2, 2019
Indian River County Fairgrounds
7955 58th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32967

8:00 am **Registration**, \$10 advanced registration, (\$15 at the door,)
 8:00 am **Vince Lamb**, How to take photos of your garden plants and butterflies
 9:00 am **Dr. Craig N. Huegel** *Joy of Native Gardening*
 9:45 am **Chris Waltz**, *What Plants to Plant on the Treasure Coast*
 10:30 am Break to visit demonstrations
 11:15 pm **Michelle Peterson**- *Gardening for Native Bees*
 12:00 pm Break for lunch
 1:00 pm **Dr. Marc Minno**, *Gardening for Butterflies*
 1:45 pm **Kirsten Hines & Dr. James Kushlan**, *Gardening for Birds in South Florida*
 2:30 pm **Michael Kuras**, *Planning a Sustainable Garden and Landscape*
 3:30 pm **Summary & Discussion**: *What can we do to improve our Lagoon and our Plants and Animals*

[Click for more information and schedule.](#)

Tickets: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door [Click to purchase tickets.](#)

Conradina has sponsored this event at the \$250 level. Please join us there!

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www.conradina.fnpschapters.org**Chapter News****Healthy Planet of Brevard Presents:*****4th Annual Space Coast Veg Fest & Environmental Education Event******Sunday November 18th, 2018, - 11 am to 5pm - Riverfront Park,
Cocoa Village, FL.*****<http://spacecoastvegfest.org/>**