



**January
2019**

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Next Chapter Meeting

January 14, 2019

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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, January 14, 2019

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



At our Jan. 14 meeting, Jane Higgins, Conradina Treasurer will share the presentation made by Dr. Douglas Tallamy at the 'Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future' conference on Jan. 19- 20, 2018. Dr. Tallamy has shared his entire presentation to continue his message:

Bringing Nature Home by Dr. Douglas Tallamy

Doug Tallamy is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 88 research publications and has taught Insect Taxonomy, Behavioral Ecology, Humans and Nature, Insect Ecology, and other courses for 36 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* was published by Timber Press in 2007 and was awarded the 2008 Silver Medal by the Garden Writers' Association. The *Living Landscape*, co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014. Among his awards are the Garden Club of America Margaret Douglas Medal for Conservation and the Tom Dodd, Jr. Award of Excellence.



For more information go to: <http://www.bringingnaturehome.net/>

Please join us!

Carol's Corner: The Eastern Red Cedar

Happy New Year! 2019 will be a great year to increase the amount of native plants in your landscape. It will be a permanent gift to nature and wildlife. We can even say a gift to our water supply and less run off in to the lagoon. It's always good to get out and get started. Even though we might get a record high temperature for the last day in 2018 it is a good time to plant. I am enjoying a new home, well "new" to me and it has a clean plate to enhance with native plants! I have already added some firebush (*Hamelia patens*), coonties (*Zamia integrifolia*), silver saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*), Walter's viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*), Indian blanket flowers (*Gaillardia pulchella*) and a few dune sunflowers (*Helianthus debilis*). I will keep you posted.

I have a great memory of a friend that I lost in 2007. We met when volunteering at Meadowlane Elementary with boys the same age. The second elementary school was just built next to the first one mainly due to all the families in the area. There was a small triangle of grass between the schools. I got permission to plant an Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) in my friend Sherry Stetson's memory. I have enjoyed driving by and seeing its beauty and steady growth at the beginning of each year. Take a look next time you are on Wingate Boulevard in West Melbourne at the gallant Ea. Red Cedar between the schools. By the way no irrigation in that little piece of land but it is living there nicely. Best wishes for a wonderful new year.

Plant native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

2019	
Monday January 14, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Restoring Nature's Relationships by Dr. Doug Tallamy'</i> presented by Jane Higgins. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Sunday January 27, 2019	Join us for the WEEDING PARTY at Ballard Park from 9-11am. This a weed removal event. We need to maintain our native plant garden at Ballard Park. Please bring garden tools, knee pads, gloves, buckets, sunscreen, a hat and WATER.
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> presented by Tim Harrison and Anna Iacona owners of Native Butterfly Flowers LLC. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Saturday February 16, 2019	Spring Garden Fest 535 Hammock Road Melbourne Village, FL 9:00 am—2:00 pm
Saturday March 2, 2019	Downtown Melbourne Botanical Festival. We'll need volunteers!
Saturday March 9, 2019	Pelican Island Wildlife Festival. Riverview Park, Sebastian. 10:00 am - 4 pm. We'll need volunteers!
Monday March 11, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Indian River Lagoon State Park'</i> presented by Jason DePue, Fl Parks Service Biologist. 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. <i>'Native Plant Landscaping'</i> by Chris Waltz, Conradina Chapter Board Member. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
May 16-19, 2019	Florida Native Plant Society Annual State Conference
Sunday June 9, 2019	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) Socialize and share food. A boardwalk tour of Erna Nixon Park after brunch.

Help Recycle & Reuse Nursery Pots

Members participating in providing native plants for the plant drawing for our monthly meetings are in need of small pots (1 gal or less). Please bring your extra pots to the meeting, we will collect and distribute. All members are encouraged

- to bring native plants to share and
- to bring empty pots to pass along

Thanks!



Upcoming Events

27th Annual Pelican Island Wildlife Festival

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

RIVERVIEW PARK, SEBASTIAN - 10 AM TO 4 PM

The Pelican Island Wildlife Festival celebrates the anniversary of the establishment of the nation’s first National Wildlife Refuge, on March 14, 1903, by President Theodore Roosevelt! Hosted by the Pelican Island Preservation Society and the City of Sebastian. Please see our [sponsors](#).



Thank you to all our sponsors for your generous donations and support!

The 2018 Pelican Island Wildlife Festival celebrated the 115th anniversary of the Pelican Island NWR. President Roosevelt joined us once again as our Master of Ceremonies, to celebrate with gusto, and teach us about the history of Pelican Island and his efforts to protect its birds. President Roosevelt is brought to life for us by the country’s premier Theodore Roosevelt interpreter, Joe Wiegand, (learn more about Joe at www.teddyrooseveltshow.com).

Teddy Views Pelican Island

Photo: Susan King

ACTIVITIES

Live Wildlife Shows	Food Vendors
Rehabilitated Pelican release (if available)	Educational Presentations
Environmental Exhibitors	Historical Reenactments
Arts & Crafts	Amateur Photography Contest
Native Plants for sale	Raffles & Silent Auctions
Kids' Activities and games	Boat Tours to Pelican Island

For more information go to: <http://www.firstrefuge.org/pelican-island-wildlife-festival/>
 Conradina will have a booth at this event and will need volunteers – you!

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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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Native Plant Nurseries and Service Providers

Hey everybody! Have you planned on, or have you already started planting new native plants in your garden and yard? Have you had trouble finding the native plants and wildflowers you want? Well here are a few links to help you locate what you are looking for.

Maple Street Natives is still a major source for Florida natives and wildflowers. They are now open on Fridays and Saturdays. You can contact Sharon and Brent at 321-729-6857 and by email at info@maplestreetnatives.com. Visit their website at www.maplestreetnatives.com.

Another few sources for native plants and/or wildflowers are:

www.FloridaNativeWildflowers.com where you can purchase plants and seeds online.

The Florida Wildflower Foundation is another great source for learning about natives and wildflower and obtaining them as well. Find them at www.FLawildflowers.org

You can buy wildflower seeds online from the Florida Wildflowers Cooperative at www.FloridaWildFlower.com

There is a list of contacts here to help you design the landscape of your yard with native plants. The following list may be of interest to you:

Nichole Perma of **Go Native Landscaping** does native landscaping and can be contacted at 321-795-3111 or by email at gonativelandscaping@icloud.com. Visit her website at www.gonativelandscaping.com.

Drew Dolan of **Maple Street Natives** fame does Native Landscapes. And can be contacted at 321-223-6147, or by email at NatScapeFL@gmail.com.

You can acquire plants and landscaping both from **Tim and Anna** of **Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC**. Tim and Anna can be contacted at 321-626-7386 and by email at NativeButterflyFlowers@gmail.com. Visit their website at www.NativeButterflyFlowers.com.

Brendan Healy of **Change of Greenery** does Lagoon friendly designs and installations. Contact Brendan at (321)-536-0655 or email at changeofgreeneryfl@gmail.com.

Ask about gift certificates! Happy gardening.

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Chapter News



Thank you to everyone in the photo for coming out Dec. 2 to help replenish mulch at the West Melbourne Post Office KBB grant. This made a big difference before the post office busy season! The plants look great and if you'd like to get on the watering schedule with Carl, Vicky and Jane please contact Jane. Also, we do still need additional pine straw for the west side of the Post Office. If you happen to come across some, please contact Jane at janehiggins2016@gmail.com

Welcome to **Lynda Geraci** as the Membership Chair. When you join the Conradina Chapter of FNPS we like to send a warm hand written welcome note to you and that is what our Membership Chair does.

Thank you Lynda! She is also a Conradina board member.

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