



**CONRADINA
CHAPTER**

March 2019

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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, March 11, 2019

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

'Indian River Lagoon State Park' presented by Jason DePue, Fl Parks Service Biologist.

Jason is a Biologist with Florida Park Services District 3. He will be introducing the details regarding the Indian River Lagoon Preserve State Park that will be here in Brevard County.

The IRL Preserve State Park is located on a barrier island south of Melbourne Beach. This preserve was purchased primarily to protect the watershed of the Indian River Lagoon. The IRL is among the most biological diverse estuaries in North America. The IRL has been designated an "Outstanding Florida Water" and an "Estuary of National Significance." The site's mangrove wetlands and salt marshes also filter runoff, stabilize sediments, maintain water quality and help protect shoreline from erosion. Jason has found substantial funding and has been overseeing all the great restoration projects happening at the Indian River Lagoon Preserve State Park.

Please join us!

Next Chapter Meeting

March 11, 2019

Carol's Corner: What's that yellow dust on my car windows?

By Carol Hebert

Pollen! Pollen is all over the place. Welcome Spring! The picture is showing Slash Pine (*Pinus elliottii*) "blooms" and that is the male part of the tree. The pollen is wind blown or spread by birds and bees to form the pinecones. The pinecones develop on same tree. Pinecones contain the seeds for new pines and of course that is the female part of the tree. Pines are bisexual having both male and female parts on each tree. Slash Pines and Longleaf Pines (*P. palustris*) have both been used for many things such as furniture, house construction and paper just to name a few. Oak trees (*Quercus sp.*) are also spreading pollen. Oaks have a golden brown look because their male catkins are present. Oak is also a bisexual plant which most plants are, but not all plants. Holly (*Illex sp*) and Wax Myrtle (*Myrica cerifera*) are examples of dioecious plants that need male and female plants to reproduce.



All plants I mentioned are great for landscaping in your yard. Don't worry the yellow dust will slow down soon.

Plant native!

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.			
Company / Web link	Name / email	Telephone	Comments
Maple Street Natives / NatScape LLC Native Landscapes	Sharon / Brent Dolan Drew Dolan	321-729-6857 321-223-6147	Native plants Landscape design, installation, consultation and Tree Service
Go Native Landscaping	Nichole Perma	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC	Tim / Anna	321-626-7386	Native plants and landscape design
Change of Greenery	Brendan Healy	321-536-0655	Lagoon friendly landscape designs and installations
Florida Native Wildflowers			Purchase seeds on-line

Ask about gift certificates! Happy gardening.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

2019	
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. 'Indian River Lagoon State Park' presented by Jason DePue, Fl Parks Service Biologist. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Saturday March 30, 2019	Turkey Creek Day. Location Turkey Creek Sanctuary 1502 Port Malabar Blvd NE Palm Bay, FL 32905 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Address We'll need volunteers!
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.
Friday & Saturday April 12-13, 2019	2019 Florida Wildflower Symposium. 'A State of Change' Straughn UF/IFAS Extension, Gainesville.
Saturday April 13, 2019	Earth Day Expo Unity of Melbourne, 2401 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32935 on Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 10am - 3pm.
Monday May 13, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 'Native Plant Landscaping' 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 39th Annual State Conference. "Transitions" May 16-19, 2019 at the Plantation on Crystal River 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429
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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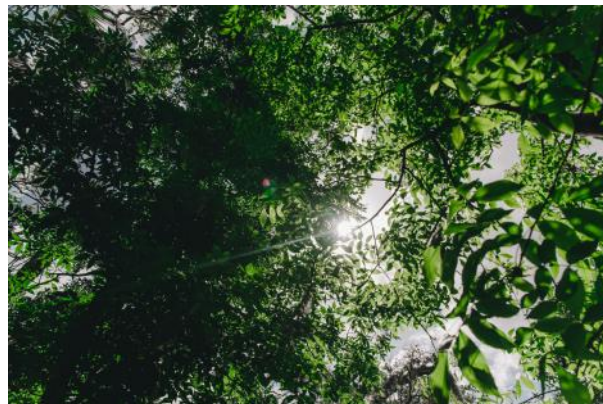
Turkey Creek Day

Dates March 30, 2019

Time From: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Location Turkey Creek Sanctuary, Address 1502 Port Malabar Blvd NE Palm Bay, FL 32905

Join in on the fun this March 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Palm Bay's Spring Craft Show and Turkey Creek Day. Enjoy arts & craft vendors, food & drinks, ranger led tours, kids games & activities, plus kayak tours (\$20 per person, 12 & up). Parking and admission is FREE. For more information please call the nature center at (321) 676-6690



2019 Florida Wildflower Symposium

**A STATE OF
change**

April 12-13, 2019
Straughn UF/IFAS Extension, Gainesville

FLORIDA
WILDFLOWER
FOUNDATION

Registration is now open!

[Click to register online](#)

If you wish to pay by check, [click here](#) to download and print a registration form to submit via mail.

Event location

Straughn UF/IFAS Extension Professional Development Center
2142 Shealy Dr, Gainesville, FL 32608 ([MAP](#))

You're invited to join the Florida wildflower Foundation at the 10th annual Florida Wildflower Symposium. This one-of-a-kind event features field trips, educational presentations from renowned experts, hands-on workshops, a native plant sale, and much more. Check out more information and register at: <https://flawildflowers.org/florida-wildflower-symposium/>

Upcoming Events

Earth Day Expo Unity of Melbourne

When: Saturday, April 13, 2019, 10am – 3pm

Where: Unity of Melbourne

2401 N Harbor City Blvd, Melbourne, FL

What:

- Earth-friendly information (Natural Healthcare, Compassionate Pet Care, Lagoon Health, Green Eating, Recycling, and more!)
- Vegan Cafe and Farmer's Market
- Exhibits (Hydroponic gardening, Hybrid car)
- Demonstrations (sound healing, qi gong, capoeira, and more)
- Eco-inspired Art
- Eco-friendly Kids Activities
- Drum Circle (bring your drum and join in!)

See [web page](#) for additional details.



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Chapter News

Chris Waltz speaking at the Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future by the Pelican Island Audubon Society on February 2nd.

Great Job Chris!

