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# Conradina NEWS

## Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, February 10, 2020

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

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**‘Marine Mammals’ by Susan Phillips, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI), A non-profit scientific research organization.**

- Development Manager for Marine Science at Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, Melbourne Beach, FL
- Graduate of Seton Hall University with Bachelor of Science degree in Business



Susan's primary focus since graduating college has been in community sustainability, human and animal welfare and conservation efforts. Beginning her career at Habitat for Humanity in New Jersey, Susan worked to install over 40 gardens in the homes of under-served communities, taught the importance of fresh food and plant education, sat on the Food Policy board in Paterson, N.J., and offered volunteer opportunities for Rutgers Master Gardeners to complete their service hours. Working as Assistant Director of a community school, she installed a larger produce garden that would go on to feed over 100 families. Susan currently works as the Development Manager at HSWRI, facilitating program growth, fundraising, event planning and marketing. Susan also coordinates and assists with native planting projects such as living shorelines in collaboration with FL Department of Environmental Protection, and manages corporate volunteer relationships focused on maintaining onsite native plant projects.

[Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute](#)

Next Chapter Meeting

February 10, 2019

# Carol's Corner: What is that yellow dust on my car's windshield?

By Carol Hebert

It is pollen! The pines are beginning to blossom. This picture shows the male part of the Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) that spread the pollen. The female part of the pine trees that produces seeds are the pine cones. Slash pine is named after the "slashes" – called the swampy grounds overgrown



with trees and bushes – that constitute its habitat. Pine trees occupy an interesting part of history in Florida. In the early 1900's most of Florida was full of pine trees in the flatwoods and forests habitats. Longleaf pine (*P. palustris*) was the main pine tree in the southeast part of the United States. Slash pine was an important economic timber for naval stores to build ships and harvesting resin and turpentine. Just about all of the Naval stores products were derived from pine resin, which are used to manufacture soap, paint, varnish, shoe polish, lubricants, linoleum, and roofing materials. Slash pine leaves are needle-like, very slender, in clusters of two or three, and are 18–24 cm (7.1–9.4 in) long. Slash pines grow at a quicker rate than Longleaf pines that is why timber for current use is mostly Slash pines. Longleaf Pine ecosystems had historically covered 80% of the southeast United States and currently has been reduced down to 2-3% and is considered an "Endangered Habitat". Pine trees are attractive trees to add to your landscape. They grow tall so be sure to plant them in a spot they will not be hindered by something like a power line.

**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
<a href="#">Maple Street Natives / NatScape LLC Native Landscapes</a>	<a href="#">Sharon / Brent Dolan</a> <a href="#">Drew Dolan</a>	321-729-6857 321-223-6147	Native plants Landscape design, installation, consultation and Tree Service
<a href="#">Go Native Landscaping</a>	<a href="#">Nichole Perma</a>	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
<a href="#">Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC</a>	<a href="#">Tim / Anna</a>	321-626-7386	Native plants and landscape design
Change of Greenery	<a href="#">Brendan Healy</a>	321-536-0655	Lagoon friendly landscape designs and installations
<a href="#">Florida Native Wildflowers</a>			Purchase seeds on-line

Ask about gift certificates! Happy gardening.

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

2020	
February 8, 2020	8:30am-1pm Florida Friendly Landscaping Seminar at Eau Gallie High School with the UF Extension Agency. Contact Sharon Dolan at <a href="mailto:sharon@maplestreetnatives.com">sharon@maplestreetnatives.com</a>
<a href="#">Monday Feb 10, 2020</a>	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> 'Marine Mammals' by Susan Phillips, Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute (HSWRI), A non-profit scientific research organization. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
March 7, 2020	March 7 shifts throughout the day at the Melbourne Botanical Festival. This is huge event for us and we need lots of help please Contact Carol Hebert at <a href="mailto:carol.hebert@gmail.com">carol.hebert@gmail.com</a>
<a href="#">Monday Mar 9, 2020</a>	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> 'TBD' by Bert Alm –Advanced FL. Naturalist, a founder of the Space Coast Reg. Friends Group of FMNP and Space Coast Audubon. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
March 13, 2020	March 13 — 4pm-7pm Palm Bay Library Spring Event at Turkey Creek. Contact Carol Hebert at <a href="mailto:carol.hebert@gmail.com">carol.hebert@gmail.com</a>
<a href="#">Monday Apr 13, 2020</a>	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> 'Native Plants' by Jennifer Mitchell Ph.D., SJRWM. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
April 18, 2020	KBB's 3rd Annual LFL Plant Sale. Keep Brevard Beautiful 3rd annual plant sale at Cocoa Riverfront Part from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.
<a href="#">Monday May 11, 2020</a>	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> 'Non-native plants to remove from your native plant garden' by Carey Minter with the Exotic Pest Plant Council (EPPEC). Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Sunday June 14, 2020	<b>Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon)</b> Socialize and share food. A boardwalk tour of Erna Nixon Park after brunch.
Hyperlinks go to Conradina web calendar. You can share the calendar events with your calendar by clicking on then and selecting Share and the calendar type.	

### 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. Please rinse pots before bringing to the Library. All members are encouraged

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

Thanks!



## Upcoming Events

**Extra fun this year:**

- Environmental & craft vendors
- Food trucks
- Music
- Workshops

**KBB**  
keep beautiful  
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

KEEP BREVARD  
BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS

**3RD ANNUAL  
PLANT SALE**

**April 18th, 2020**

8am-2pm  
Cocoa Riverfront Park  
401 Riveredge Blvd

Special thanks to:

Coca-Cola BEVERAGES FLORIDA  
ENANDO ENTERPRISES, LLC  
COCOA FLORIDA  
The Seaside Succulent

Mark your calendar for KBB's 3rd Annual LFL Plant Sale! This year we will have vendors, music, food, workshops, and of course plants! We are looking forward to another successful and fun year.

--If you have an environmental themed business or are a nonprofit and would like to have a table at the event, please contact me by email.

--Workshop pre-registration will be posted the first week of February so keep an eye on our website and social media pages!

If you haven't already, join our LFL Homeowners private Facebook group!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/207467296559434/?ref=bookmarks>

--Plant donations will be accepted starting the last week of March.

## Upcoming Events



### FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY 40TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 14 - 17, 2020

Annual Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society

*“40 years of Celebrating Native Florida”*

May 14 – 17, 2020 at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville

Join us for Florida’s premier event focusing on the preservation, conservation and restoration of our natural lands, ecosystems, and local communities. The 40<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Florida Native Plant Society is focusing on *“40 Years of Celebrating Native Florida”* and will be held May 14 – 17, 2020 at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville. Please share the news about this important conference with your colleagues and neighbors. Customized opportunities are available for sponsors, exhibitors, and vendors.

There is something for everyone at this conference, including:

- Amazing speakers on a wide range of subjects: major conservation initiatives, restoration projects, public policy, and regional initiatives (Friday and Saturday)
- Over 20 great field trips with knowledgeable guides to exciting, out-of-the-ordinary natural places (Thursday and Sunday)
- Cutting-edge research
- Current issues in restoration and conservation
- Landscaping for homeowners and urban planners
- Sumptuous meals (including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free)
- Networking and advocacy opportunities

<https://www.fnps.org/conference>

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## Chapter News

### Conradina Chapter, FNPS offers UF/IFAS Florida Master Naturalist Program scholarship each year!

The scholarship is good for one of the seven Florida Master Naturalist Program courses and must be used before the end of one year from the award date.

Scholarship Applicant Criteria: The applicant should be a Brevard County resident, a current member of Conradina Chapter, FNPS and have the time and commitment to fully participate in the class.

### Want to apply?

- Write a one to two paragraph narrative as to why you want to participate and how you would potentially use this knowledge in promoting environmental education.
- Send the above narrative and the completed application to Kathryn Merry, Conradina Secretary at [KathrynMerry2015@gmail.com](mailto:KathrynMerry2015@gmail.com).

