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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2020 CANCELED

May 11th 2020 Conradina Chapter of FNPS General Meeting has been cancelled.

Due to the Covid-19 virus the Melbourne Library will be closed on Monday May 11, 2020. Recently was informed Melbourne Library will possibly re-open on May 18, 2020. Please check the Brevard County website for an update. <https://www.brevardfl.gov/>

Our scheduled speaker Carey Minter is with Exotic Pest Plant Council and was going to speak about "Non-native plants to remove from your native plant garden". We look forward to her presentation and have re-scheduled her for next year.

Be sure to continue working on your native plant garden or take a walk in a nature park.

Plant Native!

Did you know that we also have a Facebook page?

Next Chapter Meeting

June 14, 2020



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Carol's Corner: Big White Flowers!

By Carol Hebert

Now we are talking big! I am referencing the flowers of the Magnolia tree but also the tree itself. This is the *Magnolia grandiflora*. Magnolia has beautiful large leaves about 10 inches long, that are glossy and dark green on top and often fuzzy and rusty-brown below. It also produces a cone that is about 4 inches long and as it ripens it splits open showing red seeds. It has been know to be a "signature" tree of the Deep South. The tree grows up to 60 feet tall so if thinking of planting one in your yard be conscious of it's height. The old fruit and leaves drop often and they do take time to decay so be aware of that also. My opinion is it is worth a little time to have have such a beautiful tree. Our plant for our FNPS Chapter is *Conradina grandiflora* and it has inch long leaves and inch long flowers which is large for the plants in mint family.

Another Magnolia tree seen often is *Magnolia virginiana* or Sweetbay Magnolia. They have smaller flowers, a 2 inch seed cone and grows to about 30 feet tall. Sweetbay Magnolia also likes to grow in soil that is moist/wet such as along the edge of a wetland or swamp. Another difference it the underside of its leaves are more silvery.

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

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

2020	
Monday May 11, 2020	CANCELED Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘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.
May 14-17, 2020	POSTPONED 40th Annual FNPS Conference New Date: May 13-16, 2021 at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville Florida.
Sunday June 14, 2020	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) 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

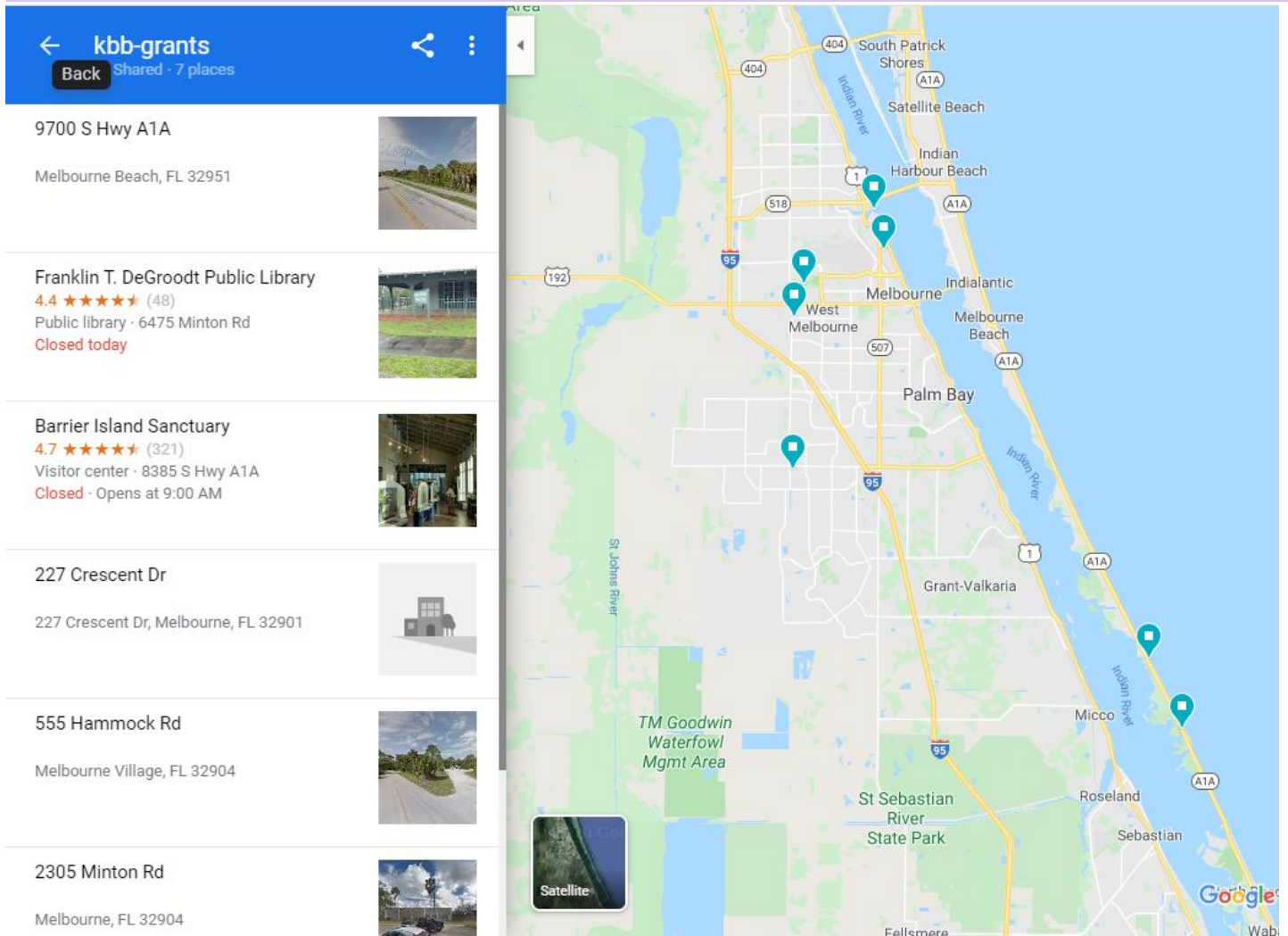
- to bring native plants to share and
- to bring empty pots to pass along

Thanks!



Florida Native Plantings at Public Locations

Thank You KBB and Check Them Out!



Location (click link below to search google maps or above map for all sites)

- Lagoon Park [227 Crescent Drive Melbourne, 32901](#)
- West Melbourne Post Office [2305 Minton Road Melbourne, 32904](#)
- Ballard Park [924 Thomas Barbour Drive Melbourne, 32935](#)
- Barrier Island Sanctuary Visitor Center [8385 S Hight A1A Melbourne Beach, 32951](#)
- Sebastian Inlet State Park Entrance Shack [9700 S Hwy A1A Melbourne Beach, 32951](#)
- Melbourne Village City Hall [555 Hammock Road Melbourne Village, 32904](#)
- Franklin DeGroot Library [6475 Minton Rd SE Palm Bay, 32909](#)

Future Sites (not shown on map)

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Library 955 E. University Blvd. Melbourne, 32920
- Melbourne Village Entrance Intersection of Dayton Blvd & South Dr Melbourne Village, 32904

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Chapter News

Pot Luck Lunch!

Conradina FNPS is planning on a Pot Luck Lunch on Sunday June 14th at Erna Nixon Park. Starting at 11am there will be a board meeting that everyone is invited to. At noon we start our lunch so be sure to bring a food dish you can share! Could be food or dessert. Conradina provides drinks, and napkins. PLEASE bring your own plate, silverware and cup.

There will be a tour on the boardwalk after our lunch.

Thank you and Go Native!

Conradina's Native Garden Tour

SAVE THE DATE: Conradina's Native Garden Tour on Saturday, October 17th, 2020!

Thank you to all who volunteered to have their home gardens showcased! While we limited our garden sites to six, our garden tour committee was more than happy with the variety and number of home gardens offered by members of our vibrant chapter – way to go CONRADINA!

Last year our tour sites were all beachside, so this year our tour will feature gardens on the mainland from Viera to Palm Bay. An added bonus: we have homes in HOA communities as well as non-HOA residences. So regardless on the type of community, you can visualize what planting native could look like in your yard and speak with home owners about their experience. In the coming months, we'll be asking for volunteers to assist homeowners during the tour – so keep the weekend of Saturday, October 17th in mind.

Until then – GO NATIVE!

