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# Conradina NEWS

## Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, November 8, 2021

5:30 - 6:00 pm socialization, Meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

**Wearing of masks are recommended!**

Melbourne Library Meeting Room  
540 E Fee Avenue  
Melbourne, FL 32901

### 'Keystone species for every Brevard yard!' by Sally Scalera

Sally Scalera graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture. With degree in hand, she left Iowa to work for a mouse! She started off in Florida working at Walt Disney World at EPCOT Center in landscaping, then to the Land Pavilion at EPCOT and then to the Disney Tree Farm and Nursery. In 1992 Sally started working on her Master's degree at UCF (graduating in 1995) and in January 1993 she joined the UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County where she is the Urban Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener coordinator.

**Please join us!**



**Next Chapter Meeting**

**November 8, 2021**



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## Carol's Corner

By Carol Hebert

What a great garden tour Conradina Chapter had! The best part was the rewarding tour on Sunday for all homeowners and volunteers to be able to view all the gardens. Every spot had its own special look and arrangements of the plants. I was able to help at Cindy's house and wow - it looks great. There were so many great highlighted native plants. There was the spot by the pool that highlighted the Skyblue Clustervine (*Jacquemontia pentanthos*), Scorpion tail (*Heliotropium angiospermum*) and Poinsettia (*Poinsettia cyathophora*). She even had the Conradina grandiflora! What a beautiful mix of colors! Every time I looked across the street near the side of the house I loved the neighbor's yard with muhly grass in bloom (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) as pretty as Cindy's. The grass that stood out to me so much was Elliott's Lovegrass (*Eragrostis elliottii*) near the driveway. The bloom was so full and bright. That is one I will be adding to my personal garden. Thank you for coming to the garden tour and enjoying native plants. Now is your turn to plant native plants in your yard.



Plant Native!

## Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Monday Nov 8, 2021	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Sally Scalera/UF/IFAS Extension Melbourne Library
Saturday Nov 13, 2021	<b>Indian River Lagoon Day</b> (10am – 2 pm) Event to be held at Front St. Park, Melbourne
Saturday Dec 4, 2021	<b>Ocean Reef Beach Festival</b> Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach, FL Melbourne Library
Monday Dec 13, 2021	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> ‘Wreath Making’ Melbourne Library
Monday Jan 10, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Stacey Matrazzo/Florida Wildflower Foundation Melbourne Library
Feb 2022	<b>Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival</b>
Monday Feb 14, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> TBD Melbourne Library
Monday Mar 8, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Brendan "Skip" Healy, Change of Greenery Melbourne Library
Monday Apr 11, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> TBD Melbourne Library
Monday May 9, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> TBD Melbourne Library
Sunday Jun 12, 2022	<b>Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch</b> (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park

See Conradina web page for additional events: <https://conradina.fnpschapters.org/events/>

## Native Plant Nurseries and Service Providers

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. Please call or check

Company / Web link	Name / email	Telephone	Comments
<a href="#">4C's Nursery</a>		321-586-0019	Native plants, landscape design & installation
<a href="#">Change of Greenery</a>	<a href="#">Brendan Healy</a>	321-536-0655	Native and edible plants, landscape design, installation & maintenance
<a href="#">Florida Native Wildflowers</a>			Purchase seeds and plants online
<a href="#">Go Native Landscaping</a>	<a href="#">Nichole Perma</a>	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
<a href="#">Maple Street Natives / NatScape LLC Native Landscapes</a>	<a href="#">Drew Dolan</a>	321-223-6147	Native plants
<a href="#">Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC</a>	<a href="#">Tim / Anna</a>	321-626-7386	Native plants and landscape design

Additional local sources of plants and services may be found at our FANN partner site: [www.PlantRealFlorida.org](http://www.PlantRealFlorida.org)

Shopping elsewhere? Please always ask for Florida native plants – especially when you see none on the shelf. Popular demand drives availability and can change our community for the better.



## Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

I have always been impressed when driving through a neighborhood and see many yards that have evolved into gardens. A yard is a piece of ground adjoining a house but when there is a garden on the property the viewer sees it in a different light. A garden is a well planned space, hopefully containing native plants set aside not only for sheer display but also for enjoyment to find other forms of nature. Landscaping makes a piece of land more attractive by altering the existing design and adding ornamental features and planting native trees, shrubs, flowers, groundcovers and thereby adding habitats.

The homeowners had developed a keen eye in placing their natives in a planned space. They took joy in displaying an attractive design for others to enjoy. I hope you had as much fun viewing these gardens as we did in producing the 12th Annual Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour. We thank the homeowners for offering their gardens for display and we thank the volunteers for offering their time in generously helping out. We received droves of emails from attendees, homeowners and volunteers offering suggestions, what went well and challenges. Let me also emphasize that most of the feedback was overwhelmingly positive acknowledging all the hard work of the homeowners, volunteers and the committee. As we move into the new year we'll add these to our Lessons Learned List. Thank you for your input.

I would like to thank the Garden Tour Committee: Cammie Donaldson, Carl Winebarger, Carol Hebert, Kathryn Merry and Jane Higgins for the effort and time in putting together this successful garden tour and for making this garden tour a success! Together we sold 310 tickets which was the most ever....thanks to all those attendees!

We'll start the planning for the 13th Annual Tour for October, 2022 in January, 2022. We're looking for members who would like to be part of next year's tour as we concentrate in the south Brevard area. We're also looking for volunteers to help. One of the main benefits for the homeowners and volunteers on the tour is that they need not buy a ticket and that they are given a private tour by the homeowner the following day.

Hope everyone had a good time in the gardens.  
THANK YOU!

Lynda Geraci  
Garden Committee Chair



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## Chapter News

### Conradina Chapter FNPS Honored by City of Melbourne!

First Diamond Gems Award presented to the Florida Native Plant Society, Conradina Chapter, for Lagoon Park.



The Florida Wildflower Foundation and Florida's own [Island Grove Wine Co.](#) are teaming up to host a unique virtual fundraiser supporting the Foundation's pollinator pathway projects. The event will feature special guest Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home*. Between sips of wine made from Florida-grown blueberries, hear Doug Tallamy explain why pollinator pathways are so important to bees, butterflies and birds. Learn how the Florida Wildflower Foundation is building roadside and urban habitat statewide and find out what you can do to be part of this important conservation effort.

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