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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, May 14, 2018

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

Wildflowers in Landscape and Wildflowers Natural Progress presented by Stacey Matrazzo

Are you landscaping with Florida's native wildflowers? More people are discovering the pleasure that comes from growing native wildflowers – from their simple beauty to enjoying the butterflies, birds and other wildlife they draw. Many of our state's native plants adapt well to home or commercial landscapes and create wildlife corridors and habitat gardens with "real Florida" style. By using wildflowers in your landscape, you'll help to support Florida's pollinators, conserve water through reduced irrigation, protect water and air quality, and supply wildlife habitat. The Florida Wildflower Foundation's Wildflowers, Naturally! landscape recognition program celebrates landscapes throughout the state that have areas dedicated to the native wildflowers, flowering shrubs and trees that sustain wildlife and pollinators. Learn about the program, including its requirements, how to apply, and how applications are reviewed. You'll also be inspired by images of landscapes that have already qualified.



Stacey Matrazzo has worked for the Florida Wildflower Foundation since 2008 and joined them full time as their program manager in 2015. She is an environmental educator with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and a master's in liberal studies, both from Rollins College where she is an adjunct professor. She is also a certified Florida Master Naturalist. Stacey is a native Floridian who spends much of her free time kayaking, hiking, birding and photographing Florida's amazing natural environments.

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Next Chapter Meeting

September 10, 2018

2018 FNPS Conference

Save the date for The Florida Native Plant Society's 38th Annual Conference "Renewal"

May 17-20, 2018 at the Miccosukee Resort in Miami

500 S.W. 177th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33194.

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Resurrection Fern (*Pleopeltis michauxiana*) by and in memory of Dr. Marjorie Brown

You will be delighted by mind-expanding experiences, tempted by sumptuous meals (including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free) and amazed by the networking and social opportunities.

As always, we will offer an abundance of presentations and workshops, including:

- Amazing speakers - check them out on the "**speakers**" tab at left
- 2 days of amazing field trips
- Workshops on landscaping, edibles, rare plants and conservation
- Cutting-edge science
- Current issues
- Conservation, restoration and Citizen Science
- Climate-wise landscaping
- A special program for High School students to present their research
- Advocacy opportunities
- Native plant vendors

Artwork created by local Elementary Schools on the theme "What Restoration Means to Me"

Reserve your rooms now at a special rate using the Florida Native Plant Society Reservation Code:

GNPS518. Call 305-925-2555

*The cutoff date for the FNPS Group Rate at Miccosukee is May 1, 2018.

Deluxe King = \$99 + taxes

Deluxe Double Queen = \$99 + taxes

Deluxe King Suite = \$129 + taxes

Deluxe Double Queen Suite = \$129 + taxes

Carol's Corner: Lizard's Tail

Lizard's Tail

I love the common name for this native wetland plant! The flowers are tiny, white and numerous as they group together in a slender, drooping shape. They are a wetland plant so if used in landscaping it has to be in shallow water with its roots always wet. I went to Mead Gardens in Winter Park with the Orange County Audubon Society and enjoyed the largest amount of Lizard's Tail in bloom that I have ever seen!



The park does have several wet areas and marsh woods so they were a gorgeous undercover. I even made these birdwatchers stop looking up in trees and bend down and smell the wonderful fragrance of the Lizard's Tail flowers. Lizard's Tail grows over the whole east coast from Florida out to Texas and up to Canada.

Lizard's Tail's scientific name is *Saururus cernuus*. *Saururus* is Greek for "lizard's tail" describing the flower spike. The name *cernuus* means "drooping" or "nodding" in reference to its drooping spike of flowers. Other parts of Mead Garden are being changed by taking out the originally planted invasive exotic plants and replacing them with beautiful native plants. Bravo! Plant Native!



West Melbourne and Ballard Park Keep Brevard Beautiful Signs

Both of our KBB grant projects are finished!! And the finishing touch was putting up the signs which were made by Fred, a local disabled vet who is an artist. He did a great job and has a big heart to help non-profits. Fred has also done several signs at the West Melbourne Library if you'd like to see more of his work. Please find his contact info below. Thank you Fred!



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Chapter News

Thank you to the volunteers that helped at the **PAL Earth Day Festival** Friday April 20th from 5-9pm at the DRS Community Center in Satellite Beach. PAL stands for the Police Athletic League to help and encourage children to play sports. It was a wonderful family event with delicious food trucks. Conradina Chapter donated 20 native wildflowers for the children to replant in decorated clay pots. Every child that came by our booth got a coloring book about the Indian River Lagoon. It was also wonderful and encouraging that most people were knowledgeable about native plants and bought almost all plants we had brought with us from Maple Street Natives nursery! It was fun for Carl Winebarger, Catherine Vecchio, Linamar Esposito and myself to share a delicious pizza as we volunteered!

Tortoise Island Block Party in Satellite Beach had a event on Saturday April 14th from 7:30am-2pm. They also had a 5K run/walk for the residents to participate in. Catherine Vecchio is a resident there and a member of the Conradina Chapter FNPS. Catherine is doing a great job educating everyone and also helping arrange this event. Tortoise Island was celebrating Earth Day and had lots of information on the Indian River Lagoon. Each house faces the IRL and it is important to know how each house effects the IRL with run off from their lawns and landscape. Conradina tried to educate each homeowner there with free info and a talk led by Carol Hebert to promote use of native plants. There was a simulation of "breaking ground" for a proposed native garden near the Country Club. Thank you so much to Conradina Chapter volunteers - Martha Steuart, Chris Waltz, Carl Winebarger and Carol Hebert.

Check out our new facebook page!!

<https://m.facebook.com/Conradina-Chapter-of-the-Florida-Native-Plant-Society-145145836178284/>

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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Mon., May 14 5:30/6 p.m.	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>Wildflowers in Landscape and Wildflowers Natural Progress</i> presented by Stacey Matrazzo, Florida Wildflower Foundation. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
May 17-20	2018 FNPS Conference : The Florida Native Plant Society 38th Annual Conference “ Renewal”
Sun., June 10 11 a.m./Noon	Conradina Chapter FNPS Board Meeting (11 a.m.) and member potluck lunch (noon). Erna Nixon Park.
Mon., Sept. 10	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Mon., Oct. 8	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.