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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2016

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

Florida Sandhills
Speaker: Walter Taylor

Sandhills once covered 20 percent of Florida. This number is now reduced to about 3 percent. Come learn about the special plants that are found in sandhill ecosystems.

Walter K. Taylor, Ph.D., now serves as a Professor Emeritus at the University of Central Florida after a distinguished career as a biology professor. Many of his former students live in Brevard County. Walter has written three books on Florida wildflowers, a book on Florida grasses, and a biography of André Michaux, the French botanist. Walter has been active in the Florida Native Plant Society and the Florida Wildflower Foundation for many years.



Next Chapter Meeting
November 14, 2016
Sea-Beans and Beachcombing
Ed Perry
Sebastian Inlet State Park

2016 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

Saturday, October 15, 2016
10 AM - 4 PM
Conradina Chapter - South Brevard
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Save the date! October 15

For more information, see page [4](#).
Tickets available at the October 10 Conradina Chapter Meeting.
Free workshop, *Landscape and Design With Florida Native Plants*, at Maple Street Natives prior to the tour.
Seating is limited.

Indian River Lagoon Day

Saturday, November 12 • 10 a.m.—2 p.m.
Front Street Park, Melbourne

Conradina Chapter will have a booth at this event to promote native plants. Activities for children will include bounce houses, face painting, a sea turtle obstacle course designed by Brevard County Parks staff, and other games and crafts.

Also planned throughout the day's activities are a "Meet the Experts" tent and a series of brief, informative presentations focused on the lagoon and the many projects and programs that are under way to improve its health. Those planned presentations include:

- Discussions about the recent algal blooms that have impacted the lagoon's sea grasses
- Overview of the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary

Program and the projects that it funds

- A talk about storm water and the ways it harms the lagoon ecosystem
- An explanation of the Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) for the lagoon from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Update on the lionfish invasion of the lagoon
- Several other talks from local agencies and organizations about their programs and available volunteer opportunities that help improve the lagoon's water quality and habitats

Carol's Corner: Fall Is Here?

By Carol Hebert

According to the calendar, Autumn has begun. Somehow the temperatures around mid to upper 80s with rain 30 to 70 percent the last few weeks sure does not feel like Fall. I'm sure we are all looking forward to blue skies with temperatures in the 60-70s and low humidity. We all want to stop paying FPL bills that are over \$100.

Oh, and by the way, Category 4 hurricane Matthew will be passing by this Thursday or Friday. Oh, goodie.

Native plants don't seem to mind the weather conditions. This picture was taken in my front yard, and I always love the combination of purple and yellow. Magenta berries show off on the Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) and the yellow flowers are Privet Cassia (*Cassia ligustrina*). Along roadsides I see Goldenrods (*Solidago sp.*), Spanish Needle (*Bidans alba*) and the blooms of Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) and Broomsedge (*Andropogon glomeratus*). According to the plants, Fall is here.

Please support the Indian River Lagoon by using native plants. Plant natives!



Photos by
Carol Hebert

Upcoming Events & Meetings

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| October 10 5:30/6 p.m. | Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>Florida Sandhills</i> presented by Walter Taylor. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting. |
| October 15 | Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour sponsored by Conradina Chapter. See 4 for information. |
| October 19 Noon—1 p.m. | Lunch With Nature: <i>Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Coyotes.</i> Presented by Tom Shupe, FWC District Wildlife Biologist. Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville, (321) 264-5185. http://www.brevardcounty.us/EELProgram/Sanctuaries/EnchantedForestSanctuary/Calendar |
| October 27-30 | Fall Wildflower Camping Trip. Suncoast Chapter Florida Native Plant Society. See below for information. |
| November 12 10 a.m.—2 p.m. | Indian River Lagoon Day. Front Street Park, Melbourne. See page 3 for information. |
| November 14 5:30/6 p.m. | Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>Sea-Beans and Beachcombing</i> presented by Ed Perry from Sebastian Inlet State Park. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting. |
| November 16 Noon—1 p.m. | Lunch With Nature: <i>Saving Florida's Right Whales.</i> Presented by Julie Albert, Marine Resource Council. Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville, (321) 264-5185. http://www.brevardcounty.us/EELProgram/Sanctuaries/EnchantedForestSanctuary/Calendar |
| December 12 5:30/6 p.m. | Conradina Chapter FNPS Annual Holiday Wreath Making. All wreaths and materials provided. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. wreath making. |
| January 9, 2017 5:30/6 p.m. | Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Ray Mojica from the Barrier Island Center. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting. |

Invitation From Suncoast Chapter Fall Wildflower Camping October 27—30, 2016

The Suncoast chapter (Tampa/Hillsborough) will be traveling to Jonathan Dickinson State Park for our fall camping trip this year.

We have reserved three cabins (complete with kitchens) and some of our members are tent/RV camping. We would like to invite you to join us—either for a day hike or for the entire weekend.

At present, we have room available in the cabins but this will fill quickly. If you are interested in tent camping or have an RV, you will want to make separate reservations at reserveamerica.com.

Our plans are to hike the trails in the park searching for wildflowers, enjoy some social time in the evenings—maybe a bon fire, and share a few meals. If you would like to join us, contact Devon Higginbotham at archiveproperties@gmail.com.



2016 Landscaping With Florida Natives Tour

Saturday, October 15, 2016

10 A.M. to 4 P.M. (visit at your leisure)

\$7.00 per person

Visit six yards—4 residential, 1 commercial, 1 church—with predominantly native Florida landscaping. Talk to the home/business owners and Conradina FNPS volunteers about selecting and caring for native plants. Ask about watering, fertilizer, and pesticide usage.

The yards on this tour are considered to contain at least 75 percent Florida native plants. In many cases, the home/business owners made a gradual change from non-natives to Florida natives. Every yard has plenty of stories—like the frequent visits by birds and butterflies.

Two yards (one residential and one commercial) are located in Indialantic, two yards (one residential and one church) are located in Suntree, one yard is in Palm Bay, and one yard is in Grant-Valkaria. You are welcome to start your tour at any of the yards.

If you purchase tickets online, a list of the yard addresses will be provided to you by email well before the event.

Tickets available at:

- **Maple Street Natives**
7619 Henry Avenue
West Melbourne, FL 32904
321-729-6857
- **Online**
<https://yardtour.eventbrite.com>

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FREE WORKSHOP Landscape and Design With Florida Native Plants

Maple Street Natives will hold a free workshop from 9-10 A.M. on October 15 before the tour. Seating is limited.

A conversation about incorporating Florida native plants in your landscape. Design and installation instructions for a formal or semi-formal design. A landscape designed for a healthy future for your family, pollinators and other wildlife, and our waterways.

Register at

<http://landscapedesignwithfloridanativeplants.eventbrite.com>

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**CONRADINA
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Chapter News

• **Chapter Board**

Conradina Chapter wishes to thank outgoing board members Karen Melcher and Kathryn Merry for their years of service.

• **National Estuaries Day, September 24**

Thank you to Jim Baldwin, Brett Dolan, Karen Moser, and Suzanne Valencia for set up, break down, and staffing the Conradina Chapter booth. It was awesome that you all promoted and sold native plants provided by Maple Street Natives and sold a variety of native plant books and Conradina's Landscaping Tour booklets.

For more information: loveourlagoon.com

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