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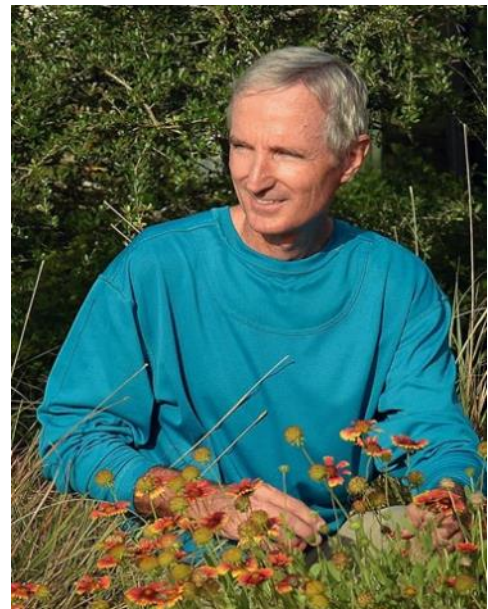
Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, September 10, 2018

5:30 P.M. Refreshments & 6:00 P.M. Meeting

Native Plant Landscapes in Deed Restricted Communities: Creating Beautiful Yards that have Ecological Function

A retired Chemical Engineer, Steve Turnipseed has lived in several states and also for 9 years internationally, in Indonesia and Nigeria. Since retiring, Steve has become a UF/IFAS Certified Master Gardener, a Florida Water Star Accredited Professional and the president of the local chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. Steve frequently speaks on landscaping with native plants and on drip irrigation at conferences, symposia and forums across the state. He also contributes articles to the local paper and on-line media.



Next Chapter Meeting

September 10, 2018

Conradina Native Plant Tour Is Coming Up!

Mark your calendars! Conradina Chapter of FNPS will be hosting its 9th annual “Landscaping With Native Plants Tour.” The tour will take place on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 10am to 4pm. The cost is \$8 per person and tickets can be purchased soon online at Eventbrite or at Maple Street Natives nursery on Fridays and Saturdays.

Be sure to come observe and explore some wonderful native plant landscapes at a variety of locations. This year we are especially excited to have a city park and a post office planted with grants from Keep Brevard Beautiful! There are also three homes beachside and two homes in Lockmar (NE) Palm Bay. The tour is a fabulous look at what homeowners and public spaces have done by using native plants in different situations.

The best part is how it always suggests new ideas and new appreciation for native plants.

See you at the “Landscaping With Native Plants Tour” fun event!

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Carol Hebert at carol.hebert@gmail.com if you can help out for half a day, a whole day, or a few hours. Thanks!



Carol's Corner: Hello Mr. and Mrs. Fiddlewood!

By Carol Hebert

Introducing a beautiful plant the size of small trees that have shiny green foliage. *Citharexylum fruticosum*, common name Fiddlewood are the type of plant that has a male and female. They both bloom wonderfully and the female develops the fruit. The flowers have such a sweet fragrance! The white tubular flowers drape down 2-3 inches. The flowers attract bees and butterflies. The fruit attracts birds and other wildlife. It is often in the small tree category because it can grow up to 15-20 feet tall. It has multi-stems so it can have a width of 3-5 feet easily. Fiddlewood can handle full to part sun. I have even seen them growing on the west side of a beach dune. The leaves are so shiny and attractive it can be a specimen plant or made into a wonderful display of several plants.



Evidently Fiddlewood consists of hard, heavy, strong wood that has been used for the manufacture of violins, guitars and other musical instruments. Play a little tune and plant Fiddlewood in your landscape. Plant native!



Fiddlewood (Citharexylum fruticosum)
Photo by Carol Hebert

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Monday September 10, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Converting Yards to Natives in a HOA'</i> by Steve Turnipseed. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday October 8, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Changes at Turkey Creek Sanctuary'</i> Tracey Wright, Turkey Creek Sanctuary Ranger. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Saturday October 13, 2018	Landscaping with Native Plants Tour: 9th Annual "Landscaping With Native Plants" tour. Six wonderful homes and public spaces ready to be toured showing off native plants in their landscape! 10am-4pm We will need volunteers!
Monday November 12, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'A Step By Step Guide to a Florida Native Yard'</i> by Florida Botanist Ginny Stilbolt. AHF Hall in Melbourne Village, 535 Hammock Rd., Melbourne, Fl 32904. Note change in location as the library is closed for Veterans Day. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday December 10, 2018	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Create A Wreath With Native Plant Cuttings" Martha Steuart and helpers provide a wonderful amount of native plant cuttings for decorating a wreath to take home and display in your home for the holidays. Wreaths made from native grape vines are provided or bring your own. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
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Monday January 14, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Restoring Nature's Relationships by Dr. Doug Tallamy'</i> Jane Higgins. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday February 11, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Butterfly Gardening'</i> Tim Harrison and Anna Iacona from Butterfly Gardens. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday March 11, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Terry O'Toole, Sebastian Inlet State Park. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday April 8, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. <i>'Fakahatchee Strand Preserve'</i> by Mike Owen. Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Monday May 13, 2019	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 'Native Plant Landscaping' by Chris Waltz at Melbourne Fee Avenue Public Library. 5:30 P.M. refreshments, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Sunday June 9, 2019	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park

Keep Brevard Beautiful's Lagoon Friendly Lawns Program



KBB's Lagoon Friendly Lawn program has sky rocketed and is creating a difference in the shape of our Indian River Lagoon! Every little bit helps and you can change just a few of your lawn care habits to help reduce nutrient pollution! The program has 3 different levels to make it easy for people to get started; Bronze, Silver, and Gold. The bronze level focuses on best practices using fertilizers and pesticides, the silver level is about storm-water and runoff retention using rain barrels and other techniques, and finally the gold level focuses on planting native and restoring the wildlife habitat!

The perks of being an LFL member are;

1. It is free!
2. You receive a beautiful handmade sign to display with pride in your yard.
3. We conduct monthly raffles! For example, this month we are giving away a vegetable garden starter kit, a rain barrel, and a chalkboard planter complete with five succulents.
4. Our LFL members are a community, you will meet and mingle with amazing like-minded people who just want to help the IRL!

So come join us today, we make saving the IRL easy, it just takes a few steps to reduce your individual impact on the Lagoon.

Please reach out to Kaylyn Palmer at, 321-631-0501 or at kaylynpalmerkbb@gmail.com, with any questions or concerns. efforts! Silver and Gold Award winners also get a special plaque and will be featured on our website, social media, and even in magazine articles! Donations for signs are appreciated.

We are also hosting Lagoon Friendly Lawn Video Tours all year long! This special tour includes a walk through your yard and a small interview so people can get to know you and your lawn. These videos will be uploaded to our social media sites and our website. Our first video has been posted to our Facebook site, www.facebook.com/KBBBrevard/?ref=br_rs, go check it out!



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Chapter News

Conradina Chapter Board Member is honored as Volunteer of the Month with Marine Resource Council!

Volunteer of the Month: Bo Platt

This month we honor Bo Platt as our Volunteer of the Month! You may have seen him at an event or recognize him from the community, as he is involved with numerous organizations. Bo works tirelessly with environmental groups to help inspire positive changes in the lagoon. He is one of our most steadfast and inspiring Lagoon Literacy presenters and has a special knack for working with kids. Bo, thank you for all that you do for MRC and the Lagoon as a whole. You are a great role model for us all!

Congratulations Bo!

