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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Sunday, June 9, 2019

11:00 A.M. Board Meeting (Members Welcome)

12:00 Potluck Lunch

Location: Erna Nixon Park, 1200

Evans Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904

Annual Potluck Luncheon!

Be kind to the environment by bringing your own dishes, drinking cups, eating utensils, and napkins as well as a dish to share. Conradina will provide the drinks.

This is our time to relax, celebrate our accomplishments, and get to know one another.

Enjoy a tour of the park following lunch.

Interested in becoming a Conradina Board Member?

Come join the board meeting to see what's happening. We will have extra agenda's to hand out so you will get an idea of what the volunteer officers and board members are involved with. We would always enjoy new members and new input. Come to Erna Nixon Park on June 9th at 11am. We will have our board meeting prior to the Pot Luck lunch. Any questions please email carol.hebert@gmail.com. Get involved and promote native plants! Thank you!

Please join us!



Next Chapter Meeting

June 9, 2019

*Enjoy the summer as the newsletter takes
a break until September.*



Carol's Corner: Pretty Purple Flowers!

By Carol Hebert

Verbena (*Glandularia tampensis*) is a beautiful purple wildflower! I have used it in my landscape with Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*). Purple and yellow flowers always look wonderful together. Both plants enjoy full to partial sun. Verbena blooms for several months and are a bold standout of color. Verbena also has a common name of Tampa Mock Vervain but this plant is in the Verbena family. It's species name *tampensis* relates to the Tampa Bay area where it was first collected in August of 1895. Dune Lantana (*Lantana depressa*), Wild Sage (*L. involucrata*), (*Glandularia tampensis*) and Creeping Charlie or Frog Fruit (*Phyla nodiflora*) are all in the Verbena family. Also as an interesting side note Black-eyed Susan is named Rudbeckia in honor of a botany professor Olaus Rudbeck (1660-1740) whose most famous student was Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778). I thank Roger Hammer for his wonderful factual information.

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 trouble finding the native plants and wildflowers you want? Well here are a few links to help you locate what you are looking for.

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

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Sunday June 9, 2019	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.

Join Keep Brevard Beautiful on June 22nd, 2019 from 8am-12pm for their annual plant sale! All proceeds go to the Lagoon Friendly Lawn program which encourages residents to reduce runoff from their property to our precious Indian River Lagoon. If you are interested in donating plants or volunteering for the event, please email Kaylyn Palmer at kaylynpalmerkbb@gmail.com. We hope to see you there, thank you for your support!

KBB
keepbrevardbeautiful
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Plant Sale

Saturday, June 22nd, 2019
8am-12pm

At the KBB office, 1620 Adamson Rd, Cocoa FL 32926

All funds raised benefit KBB's Lagoon Friendly Lawn program

Please contact Kaylyn Palmer if you are interested
in volunteering or donating plants

321-631-0501
kaylynpalmerkbb@gmail.com

State Conference



Our conference, now in its 39th year, is our focal statewide educational program. Last weekend in Crystal River we had our largest conference ever!

We recorded some of the sessions and we are making the audio available to the public on our [website](#).

Videos of some of the talks and field trips will be made available in a few months.

Put the third weekend of May 2020 on your calendar: our **40th Annual Conference** will be in Jacksonville, hosted by the [Ixia Chapter](#).

Past Events

How Can One Person Make a Difference?

Karen Hill works in the HR Dept at FIT and organizes monthly information sessions for the FIT employees and asked Conradina to come speak. Jane Higgins presented the Dr. Tallamy 'Bringing Nature Home' presentation to about 15 FIT employees during a lunchtime session and Karen/FIT had plants for door prizes! There are now 15 more people excited about native plants thanks to Karen!



In this seminar you will learn about:

- *What you can do to help wildlife.*
- *How Dr. Doug Tallamy, author of "Bringing Nature Home" makes the case with science for native plants in your yard.*
- *How the choices you make in your landscaping are important to help wildlife in your neighborhood and beyond.*

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Chapter News — WE WON!



Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society won "Outstanding Chapter of the Year" award!

We received it at the FNPS State conference on May 18th at Crystal Springs. What an honor!

Photo (left-right): Carol Hebert, Susan Carr President of the FNPS, Juliet Rynear Executive Director of FNPS, Jane Higgins

Another great honor was Jane Higgins receiving a Silver Palmetto award!

Jane has contributed so much to the Conradina Chapter by being our Secretary and currently our Treasurer. She wrote several grants to promote native plant landscaping such as the West Melbourne Post Office and the Franklin DeGroot Library. Her home has been on the Conradina "Native Plant Garden" tours several time and also on the Keep Brevard Beautiful garden tours. Thank you so much Jane, for your dedication and love of native plants!



To top it all off we have Suzanne Valencia who took the time and effort to nominate Jane and our Chapter to the FNPS State awards.

Suzanne has been a huge supporter and leader of Conradina. She had served 2 terms as President, other officer positions, board member "forever", her home has been on Conradina's "Native Plant Garden" tour several times and KBB garden tour also. She has also been involved with Sierra Club for about two decades. She has led a huge number of Service Field Trips in the United States and notably some at Pelican Island National Park and Sebastian Inlet State Park. Suzanne was honored with a national award from Sierra Club and there is a trail named after her at the Sierra Club National Park in California.

<https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/florida-chapter/newsletters/13winter.pdf>

Thank you Suzanne!

Conradina Rocks!



Photo: Suzanne Valencia flanked by Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune, left, and David Scott, president of the Board of Directors, at the awards ceremony in San Francisco.