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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, October 12, 2020 6:00 PM

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-11th-annual-landscaping-with-florida-natives-tour-tickets-119744475951?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Individuals that register will receive a list of the plants featured on the tour.

To attend online meetings log on to

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Our speaker will be Nicole Perna Assistant Environmental Manager at Brevard County Barrier Island Sanctuary in Melbourne Beach. Conradina FNPS received a Keep Brevard Beautiful grant and helped achieve and enhance the native plants on the sanctuary.

I grew up on a small barrier island in Brigantine, NJ where I spent endless days playing and exploring on its beaches and bays. Influenced by my father, I became active in local environmental efforts at an early age. I attend Stockton College locally studying Marine Biology and researching diamondback terrapins. I interned at the Marine Mammal Stranding Center rehabbing seals, dolphins and sea turtles. I moved to Florida after graduating and began work with Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program (EEL) restoring habitats and providing passive recreation opportunities. I also worked at the Brevard Zoo taking care of some amazing creatures like White Rhinos, Giraffe, Kilspringers, Ostrich etc. For over a decade I have been in my current position as a Land Management Specialist for the EEL program restoring coastal habitats and monitoring threatened and endangered species. I also assist in managing the Barrier Island Center in the heart of the Archie Carr Refuge where we provide environmental educational programs for all ages, with an emphasis on sea turtles of course! During this time I earned my Masters degree in Ecological Restoration from UF, got married and had a beautiful daughter.

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Next Chapter Meeting

Oct 12, 2020



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Carol's Corner: Is Fall really coming?

By Carol Hebert

The calendar said "First Day of Fall" was September 22 and that day the temperature outside was 94°F and felt like 103°F. Temperatures are changing. Usually we see leaves change color on plants and trees for a few weeks in November and early December. By the end of December and into January they are in bloom and turning green like it's spring!

We do have a few plants giving us some fall colors right now. I am featuring Yellowtop (*Flaveria linearis*). My pictures are not the best but I always see a lot of yellow in the Yellowtop plant. It likes moist soil and is found in pine woods and even salt marshes. Very showy with spreading clusters of bright yellow aster-like, usually with only one ray flower to a cluster. (FYI - A ray flower is a 3-tipped (3-lobed), strap-shaped, individual flower in the head of some members of the family *Asteraceae*).



The other fall colored plants at this time of year are different varieties of Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.), Blazing Star (*Liatris* sp.) Blue Water Hyssop (*Bacopa caroliniana*) in the wet ditches by roads, the Fiddlewood (*Citharexylum fruticosum*) and Firebush (*Hamelia patens*).

I also wanted to feature my Yellowtop plants because they were given to me by Adam Stokey whose garden was featured last year in our "Landscaping With Native Plants". (Thanks Adam!)

Go to [Eventbrite](#) and buy tickets to our 11th "Landscaping With Native Plants" virtual tour on Saturday October 17th and you will enjoy four homes landscaped virtually on Conradina Grandiflora [youtube!](#)

Plant native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

2020	
Monday Oct 12, 2020	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Barrier Island Sanctuary in Melbourne Beach’ - by Nicole Perna Assistant Environmental Manager (11th Native Garden Landscape Tour’ - Part 1) Online meeting.
Saturday October 17, 2020	Landscaping with Native Plants Tour: 11th Native Garden Landscape Tour’ - Part 2 Online meeting.
Monday Nov 9, 2020	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Turf replacement’ by Brendan “Skip” Healy. Online meeting.
Monday Dec 14, 2020	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Go Native Landscaping and works at Brevard County Barrier Island Center’ by Nicole Perna. A virtual tour of Nicole’s yard. Online meeting.
2021	
Monday Jan 11, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Landscaping for the IRL’ by Robin Pelensky Online meeting.
Monday Feb 8, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Native plants’ by Jennifer Mitchell Ph.D. SJRWM Online meeting.
Monday Apr 12, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Declare an Invasive and Eradicate’ by Carey Minter, EPPEC Online meeting.
Monday May 10, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Tim and Anna, Native Butterfly Nursery Online meeting.
Sunday Jun 13, 2021	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park

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.

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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	Drew Dolan	321-223-6147	Native plants
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 and plants online

Ask about gift certificates! Happy gardening.




Landscaping with Native Plants" Garden Tour

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**Landscaping with
Florida Natives Tour**

Tickets on Eventbrite or Visit conradina.fnpschapters.org

Our 11th annual "Landscaping with Native Plants" garden tour is featured online on Conradina Grandiflora [youtube](#). On Saturday Oct 17th starting at 9 am online. Conradina will host 4 homes and the Barrier Island Sanctuary with beautiful native plants.

We hope to have some Q&A's to help stimulate everyone to add native plants to their own yards.

Register for the Conradina Native Plant Tour at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-11th-annual-landscaping-with-florida-natives-tour-tickets-119744475951?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

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[Click](#) for the latest details.

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Chapter News

2020 Conradina Chapter Board Members Election

Thanks to all those that voted during the 2020 Conradina Chapter election.

And a big thanks to the following for their continued commitment to being on the Conradina Board of Directors.

Conradina Election Committee has submitted the following recommendations for Executive officers and Board Members.

Executive Officers:

President - Carol Hebert

Vice President - Jo Sarmiento

Secretary - Kathryn Merry / Leonard McCray

Treasurer - Jane Higgins

Chapter Representative - Martha Steuart

Board of Directors: Sharon Dolan, Cammie Donaldson, Karen Moser, David Zeitz, Stewart Weimer, Carl Winebarger, Susanne Valencia

Note: The following directors remain on the Board until 2021: Jim Baldwin, Lynda Geraci, Sara Morrison, Bo Platt





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Are you registered to VOTE? Check here: www.VOTEbrevard.gov or 321-290-8683

VOTE EARLY: 3 Ways

- 1. You can vote by mail:**
 - Request mail ballot by Oct. 7
 - Follow instructions & SIGN the envelope – VERY important!
 - Stamp & Mail by Oct. 23 or take to an Election Office
 - Your ballot MUST be received before Nov. 3, 7PM
- 2. Vote Early at a Voting Site**
 - Bring photo & signature ID
 - When? Monday, Oct. 19 – Saturday Oct. 31
- 3. Election Day Tuesday, November 3**
 - At YOUR polling site (see VOTEbrevard.gov)

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Questions: www.VOTEbrevard.gov or www.VOTE411.org