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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, February 8, 2021 6:00 PM

To attend online meetings log on to

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQPCjDvXqQLEgzCYqc0EZ5A?view_as=subscriber

'Native plants' by Jennifer Mitchell Ph.D. SJRWM

Everyone can join us for free at Conradina FNPS general meeting on Monday February 8, 2021. We start at 6 pm so tune in to the meeting on Conradina Chapter FNPS [youtube](#).

Plant Native!

St. Johns River Water Management District



Speaker profile

Jennifer Mitchell is a Public Communications Coordinator with the St. Johns River Water Management District. She is passionate about Florida's incredible water resources and hopes to spark your interest in what you can do to help protect Florida's waterways. After earning her Ph.D. in Forest Ecology from Auburn University, she completed a post-doc at the University of Florida in Soil and Water Science. Because she realizes that greater results will come from more community participation, she now works to spread the message of how individuals can reduce their impact on our waterways.

Next Chapter Meeting

February 8, 2021



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Carol's Corner: Thanks, I'll take a cup of Wild Coffee !

By Carol Hebert

Wait a second! I would like a cup of hot coffee not wild coffee! We have had cool, even cold weather so I was thinking of hot coffee. Wild Coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*) is a very attractive shrub that can handle this cooler weather. It can grow to 2 feet to 6 feet and prefers partial shade. It gets its common name because it produces small red fruit that are similar to the real wild coffee. The coffee we drink is different and its scientific name is (*Coffea arabica*). Interesting that the coffee we drink is native to Ethiopia and now grown in many warm climates around the world. Florida's wild coffee is an extremely unique native plant. The leaves are glossy green and are puckered with impressed veins on the upper surfaces of the leaf. The small, white inflorescence flowers occur at the tips of the branches during the warm months of the year. Then the pretty scarlet to maroon berries form in summer and fall. The berries attract a nice variety of birds like cardinals, blue jays and catbirds. Wild coffee contains no caffeine but some members of the family are hallucinogenic. The roots can be used like ipecac to induce vomiting. Ipecac syrup is a medicine that causes vomiting thus it's the wild coffee's scientific name (*Psychotria nervosa*). Plant a wild coffee to enhance a part of your yard that's shady. And remember never to make a drink from it.

Plant native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

2021	
Monday Feb 8, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Native plants’ by Jennifer Mitchell Ph.D. SJRWM Online meeting.
Monday Mar 8, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. “How To Create A Native Garden” by Marjorie Shropshire, Editor of Palmetto FNPS newsletter 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.



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Chapter News

Happy Valentine's Day! Let's celebrate by pulling weeds!

Please join us on Sunday February 14 at Ballard Park to pull some weeds out and make the garden look pretty. Ballard Park is at 924 Thomas Barbour Dr, Melbourne, FL 32935. It is on the east side of US 1 just south of Sarno Road. We will meet there at 8:30am and go until 11:30am. Please bring work gloves, tools, a hat, and water. We will provide bags to put the weeds in. Thank you for helping the Conradina Chapter keep the Ballard Park garden with native plants looking so good.

