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# Conradina NEWS

## Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, May 10, 2021 6:00 PM

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‘What You Plant Matters!’ by Tim and Anna, Native Butterfly Nursery

Everyone can join us for free at Conradina FNPS general meeting on Monday May 10, 2021. We start at 6 pm so tune in to the meeting on Conradina Chapter FNPS [youtube](#).

Tim and Anna are the owners of “Native Butterfly Flowers” Nursery. Established in 2015 they grow and sell Florida Native Plants and design landscapes with a focus on creating habitat for the birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife. Our mission is to provide Florida Native plants and create habitats that are useful and eco-friendly. We strive to bring environmental awareness through outreach and education by changing traditional landscapes into places where life is abundant.

Tim Harrison has a Bachelor's in Conservation Ecology. He has been working as a landscape designer and horticulturists in Georgia and Florida since 2005.

Anna Hutson has a Bachelor's in Forest Management and Conservation and has worked as an Eco-Tour Guide in Florida natural ecosystems and as an Environmental Educator in Alachua and Brevard Counties.



**Next Chapter Meeting**

**May 10, 2021**



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## Carol's Corner: Beautiful big white flowers!

By Carol Hebert

I'm talking about Elderberry! Elderberry (*Sambucus simpsonii*) is a shrub or a small tree that is native to a wide variety of upland and wetland habitats throughout Florida. It will tolerate nearly every type of growing condition, but seems to thrive the best when it gets plenty of sunshine and a bit of extra moisture. Often seen along creeks and retention ponds.

Elderberry will also enjoy an area of your yard that retains more water after a rainfall. Be cautious when using Elderberry in your yard because it has a tendency to spread by root suckers. With that pattern of growing in mind it could be the perfect plant to use in wet areas of your yard and use for a pretty privacy buffer. The flowers smell delicious! Elderberry flowers are a magnet for many pollinating insects and these in turn provide food for insect-eating songbirds. The flowers then turn into edible dark purple fruits which also attracts birds and small mammals. The fruit may also be used for jelly, pies and wine. It does reach heights of 10-15 feet and the leaves have a glossy finish.

Enjoy and plant native!



## Upcoming Events & Meetings

2021	
<a href="#">Monday May 10, 2021</a>	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Tim and Anna, Native Butterfly Nursery Online meeting.
<a href="#">Sunday Jun 13, 2021</a>	<b>Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon)</b> at Erna Nixon Park
<b>Saturday Oct 16, 2021</b>	2021 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

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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### Conradina Chapter FNPS Welcomes new members!

Maria Twitchell

Kyleen S.

Thank you for your membership and supporting Florida Native Plant Society.

Cheers-

Lynda Geraci

Membership Chair

### OPPORTUNITY TO MENTOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Would you like to spend some time helping college and high school students learn about native plants? We need members who know and love our plants and can spend a few hours here and there, one-on-one or in small groups, talking to young people about the plants and helping them learn how to promote these plants to the public. For our 2021 Garden Tour, we're hoping to pair young volunteer assistants with chapter volunteers who will show them the ropes of native plant promotion. At this time, we envision that volunteers will be needed for 4 hours on tour day, Saturday, Oct. 16, and for 1-2 two-hour training sessions in September. Additional information and instructions to be provided. If you're interested, please email Cammie Donaldson at [executive@nativeplanthort.org](mailto:executive@nativeplanthort.org) or call 321-917-1960 (text first or leave a message).

### 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
<a href="#">Maple Street Natives / NatScape LLC Native Landscapes</a>	<a href="#">Drew Dolan</a>	321-223-6147	Native plants
<a href="#">Go Native Landscaping</a>	<a href="#">Nichole Perma</a>	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
<a href="#">Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC</a>	<a href="#">Tim / Anna</a>	321-626-7386	Native plants and landscape design
<a href="#">Change of Greenery</a>	<a href="#">Brendan Healy</a>	321-536-0655	Lagoon friendly landscape designs and installations
<a href="#">Florida Native Wildflowers</a>			Purchase seeds and plants online

Ask about gift certificates! Happy gardening.



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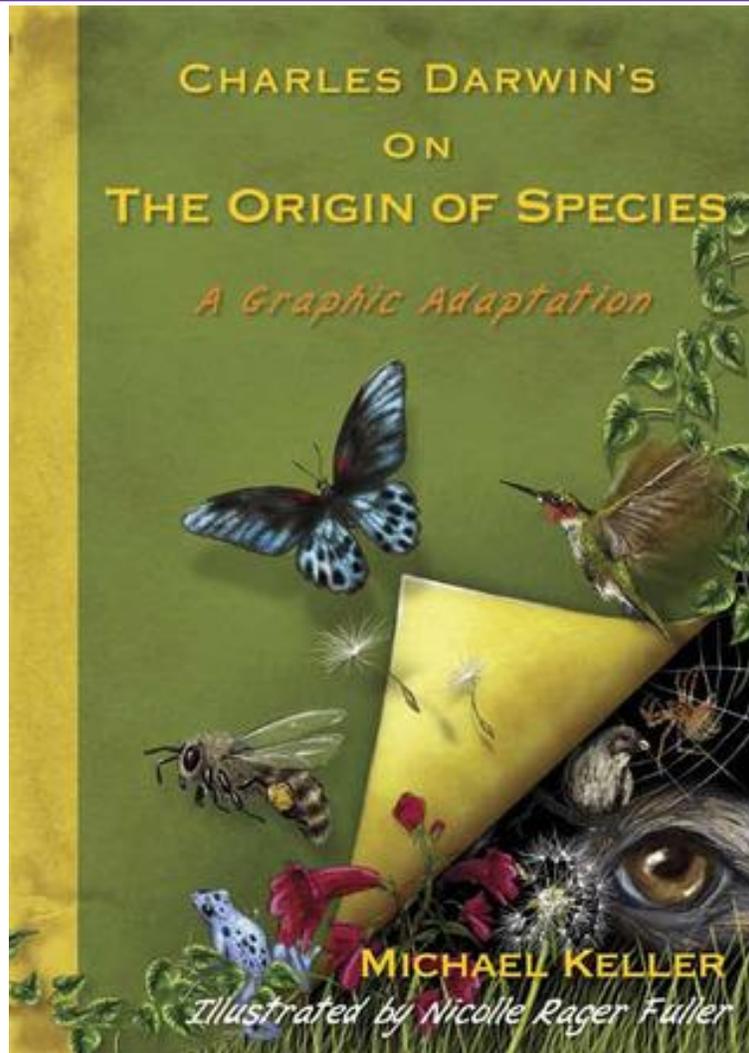


**October 16,  
2021**

# **Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour**

**Tickets soon to be on Eventbrite or Visit  
[conradina.fnpschapters.org](http://conradina.fnpschapters.org)**





Charles Darwin's On The Origin Of Species, A Graphic Adaptation

By Michael Keller

Illustrated by Nicolle Rager Fuller

I work in the Youth Services area of the Melbourne Library. I have certainly noticed that graphic novels have helped increase children in their areas of reading. Most "Easy" and "Fiction" books are now diverse with pictures, colors and font size. Those are the books attracting their attention. There are even biographies, history and classic books like "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" or "Black Beauty", or "LeBron James" in the form of a graphic novel. The old fashion set up is still in the "Classic" area. This area has books like "Anne Of Green Gables" with about 8 pages of words then a black and white drawing.

So when I was walking by the "new" section of Adult Books the Charles Darwin book caught my attention. It is a fascinating book and the illustrations are fabulous and detailed. Now even I am attracted to the graphic novels with the wonderful pictures that help explain the beauty and adaption of the world's plants and animals. Give this book a try. You may also now enjoy a graphic novel.

Reviewed by Carol Hebert

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**CONRADINA  
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**Chapter News**

**Satellite Beach Coastal Garden Fair and Earth Day Celebration**

Conradina Chapter joined in with Satellite Beach celebrating Earth Day! It was well attended and had a lot of activities for adults and children. Even the smell from the food trucks was delicious! We were so happy to have a nice variety of native plants to help educate interested people and it was great how the native plants almost sold out!

Thank you Drew at NatScape for providing the native plants.

Also a BIG thank you to our volunteers : Martha Stewart, Carl Winebarger. Karen Moser, Lynda Geraci, Frank Sullivan and Carol Hebert.

**Happy Earth Day!**

