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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Sunday, June 13, 2021 11:00 AM

"BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH" at Erna Nixon Park on June 13th 2021

Conradina Chapter FNPS will have a general meeting in the form of a "Bring Your Own Lunch" event. It will take place at noon at Erna Nixon Park located at 1200 Evans Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904. We will have a few announcements and then enjoy lunch together. After lunch there will be a tour of Erna Nixon Park along the boardwalk.

The Conradina Chapter officers and board members invite you to come early and attend the Conradina Board Meeting.

The Board meeting starts at 11:00am. If you have interest in how we do things - please attend!

We will have openings for new board members and we welcome everyone who is interested.



Next Chapter Meeting

June 13, 2021



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Carol's Corner: Erna Nixon Park!

By Carol Hebert

Erna Nixon Park (ENP) is a gem of the Brevard County parks. This park was established in 1976. This is before the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program was established in 1990 to protect natural habitats in Brevard County. ENP is a 53.93-acre community park and is named after the Melbourne



Village naturalist, Erna Nixon, and features a natural Florida hammock and is a nature preserve. It does have a seasonal wetland habitat, the enchanting hammock and a pine flatwoods near the entrance. I was so happy to be a park naturalist at ENP from 1991-2000.

The seasonal wetland features Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), Carolina Willow (*Salix caroliniana*), Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*) and Bidens mitis. In the wetland we will get the opportunity to see Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) in bloom. (see photo). The hammock features 500-700 year old Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*), Simpson stoppers (*Myrcianthes fragrans*) and Wild Coffee (*Pyschotria nervosa*). We may even get the treat to see the Butterfly Orchid (*Encyclia tampensis*) in bloom up in the tops of the Live Oak. Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*) is in bloom along the board walk in the pine flatwoods habitat. Erna Nixon Park is open all year - so please enjoy this treasure.



Plant Native!

Upcoming Events & Meetings

2021	
Sunday Jun 13, 2021	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH Brunch (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park
Saturday Oct 16, 2021	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.

To attend online meetings log on to

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

Conradina Chapter FNPS Welcomes new members!

Larry Biagi

Patricia Biagi

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 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
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.



**October 16,
2021**

Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

**Tickets soon to be on Eventbrite or Visit
conradina.fnpschapters.org**



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**CONRADINA
CHAPTER**

Chapter News

Volunteer Opportunity!

The Conradina Chapter, Board Members Election will be coming in September. If you would like to volunteer to be on the board, please contact [Carol Hebert](#).

The following board members terms are expiring this year: Jim Baldwin, Lynda Geraci, Sara Morrison, Bo Platt

Hopefully they will volunteer to remain as board members for 2 more years!