



**October
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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, October 11, 2021

5:30 - 6:00 pm socialization, Meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

Wearing of masks are recommended!

Melbourne Library Meeting Room
540 E Fee Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

'Urban Greenways – The Florida Yard as Part of a Wildlife Migratory Network ' by Marc Spiess

Marc studied philosophy at the University of Stuttgart, Germany, where he also worked as a bookbinder and in administration at the Stuttgart Ballet and Opera. From a very young age he was active with various environmental organizations and their efforts to protect and preserve wild spaces.

Upon moving to Florida, Marc has worked as a native plant landscape designer at Maple Street Natives in Melbourne and is currently employed as a full time nature guide and naturalist at the Environmental Learning Center in Vero Beach.

Please join us!



Next Chapter Meeting

October 11, 2021



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Carol's Corner: Garden Tour

By Carol Hebert

I'm so excited that the Conradina Chapter garden tour is coming up!

Conradina's garden tour takes place on Saturday October 16th. You will see seven fantastic homes landscaped with native plants. Also you can go to the Barrier Island Sanctuary and observe several sites around the parking lot that Conradina

Chapter got Keep Brevard Beautiful grants and planted native plants to enhance those areas. There will be free native plants to choose from at Barrier Island Sanctuary on garden tour day.

Conradina Chapter FNPS has been doing this wonderful garden tour for 12 years. We are always happy to help promote native plants and show how beautiful they are in yards. Our garden tour last year was the first time we did it on video and it is still posted on our [YouTube](#) site. The year before in 2019 there was a tornado warning for all of central Florida with patches of rain all day. That was a crazy year. I volunteered at Adam's house in Indialantic. His Yellowtop wildflowers were in full bloom and looked so pretty! It sure earned that common name Yellowtop (*Flaveria linearis*). He graciously gave me a few 4" containers. I now have them in my backyard and planted them in an area that slopes down to be more moist when we have rain. They are such vibrant yellow as it flowers. Very low maintenance also. I will just trim it back a bit when it is done blooming. It is so wonderful to plant native in your own yard!

Plant Native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Monday Oct 11, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Urban Greenways – The Florida Yard as Part of a Wildlife Migratory Network ’ by Marc Spiess, Naturalist and Nature Guide at Environmental Learning Center in Sebastian Melbourne Library. 5:30 P.M. socialization, 6:00 P.M. meeting.
Saturday Oct 16, 2021	2021 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour — Purchase tickets on Eventbrite
Monday Nov 8, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Sally Scalera/UF/IFAS Extension Melbourne Library
Saturday Dec 4, 2021	Ocean Reef Beach Festival Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach, FL Melbourne Library
Monday Dec 13, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Wreath Making’
Monday Jan 10, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Stacey Matrazzo/Florida Wildflower Foundation
Feb 2022	Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival
Monday Feb 14, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. TBD
Monday Mar 14, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Brendan “Skip” Healy\Change of Greenery
Monday Apr 11, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. TBD
Monday May 9, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. TBD
Sunday Jun 12, 2022	Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park

See Conradina web page for additional events: <https://conradina.fnpschapters.org/events/>

Native Plant Nurseries and Service Providers

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. Please call or check websites for hours, services and plant availability.

Company / Web link	Name / email	Telephone	Comments
4C's Nursery		321-586-0019	Native plants, landscape design & installation
Change of Greenery	Brendan Healy	321-536-0655	Native and edible plants, landscape design, installation & maintenance
Florida Native Wildflowers			Purchase seeds and plants online
Go Native Landscaping	Nichole Perma	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
Maple Street Natives / NatScape LLC Native Landscapes	Drew Dolan	321-223-6147	Native plants
Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC	Tim / Anna	321-626-7386	Native plants and landscape design

Additional local sources of plants and services may be found at our FANN partner site: www.PlantRealFlorida.org

Shopping elsewhere? Please always ask for Florida native plants – especially when you see none on the shelf. Popular demand drives availability and can change our community for the better.

Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour



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October 16,
2021
**Landscaping with
Florida Natives Tour**
Tickets soon to be on Eventbrite or Visit
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Our 12th annual "Landscaping With Fl. Natives" garden tour will be on Saturday October 16th from 9am-3pm.

Feel free to buy your ticket now on [Eventbrite](#).

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help at each home-site. Shifts are 8:30am-12:30pm or 11:30am-3:30pm.

Please contact Carl Wienbarger (cwinebarger@cfl.rr.com) to volunteer for the garden tour.. THANK YOU!

The BEST part of volunteering is that on Sunday October 17th we - homeowners and volunteers - get a free visit to each location!

Thank you and plant native!

Florida Native Plant Give-Away!

Florida Native Plant Give-Away will be held during the "Landscaping With Florida Natives" garden tour on **Saturday, October 16th** 9:30am to 2:30pm.

This will be at the Barrier Island Center ([8385 S. Hwy A1A, Melbourne Beach](http://8385.S.Hwy.A1A.Melbourne.Beach)) and **free to event ticket holders**.

As a member of Conradina Chapter, we need your help in propagating Florida native plants from your yard. Please:

- use pot size either 4-6" or 1 gal sizes
- mark each plant with common name and botanical name
- deliver plants to the Barrier Island Center on Friday, Oct. 15th after 1 pm

For questions or donations, please contact Kathryn Merry at 321.537.8806.
THANK YOU!

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Chapter News

Conradina Chapter FNPS Honored by City of Melbourne!

The city of Melbourne is starting a new program to highlight the use of native plants in landscape. It is the BEEB Gem awards and there is criteria to achieve an Emerald, Sapphire or Diamond Award. We are the first one and we will be awarded the Diamond Award! It will be awarded to Lagoon Park (277 Crescent Drive Melbourne, FL 32901) on:

Thursday October 14, 2021

Lagoon Park

Starts at 1:30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

Florida Native license plate!

Show your pride for Florida's unique and beautiful native plants today by purchasing a Florida Native License Plate! This official state of Florida license plate was designed in a distinctive camouflage pattern using all native species.

Revenue from the sale of the plates will go directly to the Florida Native Plant Society to fund our work, grants and scholarships to protect and restore Florida's native plant communities. We must presell 3,000 plates via a voucher system before the state will start printing our specialty license plate, so buy your voucher now for you or a loved one. They make for one-of-a-kind gifts, and help spread the message and appreciation for Florida Natives!

Visit <https://www.fnps.org/support/license>

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