



CONRADINA CHAPTER

December
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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, December 13, 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

Holiday Wreath Making With Natives and Natural Materials

Join us for an evening of celebrating the holiday season creating decorations made from native plants and other natural treasures. Supplies will be available but you are welcome to bring in some materials to share.

Be creative, look around your yard and see what might work in a wreath. Don't be limited to traditional materials. If it dries sturdy, it can be used.

Please join us!



PROVIDED:

Grapevine wreaths
Pinecones
Pinecone cores ("squirrel drumsticks")
Magnolia pods
Sweetgum balls
Cedar foliage
Simpson's stopper foliage
Coontie fronds
Winged elm twigs
American elm twigs
Palmetto leaves
Bay leaves
Rayless sunflower seed heads
Braken fern (dried)
Frostweed heads
Shells
Ribbon
Florist Wire
Florist tape
Scissors, wire cutter & clippers
Other materials as collected by the meeting

BRING:

Personal items to decorate your wreath
Grasses
Magnolia leaves
Seagrape leaves
Other thick & durable leaves
Flowers, preferably dried
Dried or fresh herbs
Cinnamon sticks
Large seeds or pods
Paper wasp nests (empty!)
Feathers

DON'T BRING:

Glue guns (use at home)
Messy berries
Fragile materials
Exotic pest plant materials

Next Chapter Meeting

December 13, 2021



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Carol's Corner: Holiday Colors!

By Carol Hebert

The Rouge plant offers red and white colors all year long! It blooms and develops red fruit and white flowers every month of the year. Grows as high as 3-4 feet tall. What a treat! The Rouge plant (*Rivina humilis*) likes some shade and it can grow in a variety of areas like coastal hammocks to hardwood forests. It prefers moist soil in some shade but the main thing is that it is so attractive. Rivina commemorates the German botanist, professor and medical doctor August Quirinus Rivinus (1652-1723). The name *humilis* mean "low growing" as compared to its relatives. Rouge plant is related to Pokeweed (*Phytolacca americana*) because they are in the same family *Phytolaccaceae*.

Rouge plant has been used as a source for red dye and in makeup as rouge. When the fruit is crushed it will stain the skin.

Enjoy the colors of the season!

Plant Native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Saturday Dec 4, 2021	Ocean Reef Beach Festival Pelican Beach Park, Satellite Beach, FL 10am -5 pm  <small>WHEN: December 4, 2021 @ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm</small> <small>WHERE: Pelican Beach Park 1525 Florida A1A, Satellite Beach FL 32937</small>  Cal  Add
Monday Dec 13, 2021	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. ‘Wreath Making’ Melbourne Library
Monday Jan 10, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Stacey Matrazzo/Florida Wildflower Foundation Melbourne Library
Feb 2022	Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival
Monday Feb 14, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. TBD Melbourne Library
Saturday Mar 5, 2022	Downtown Melbourne Botanical Festival
Monday Mar 14, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Brendan "Skip" Healy, Change of Greenery Melbourne Library
Monday Apr 11, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. TBD Melbourne Library
Monday May 9, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. TBD Melbourne Library
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.

Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival

February 2 - 6, 2022

Early Bird 10% Discount Off Registration until December 15!

Registration Closes at midnight on January 15, 2022!

The website to register is <https://scbwf.org/>



Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour



Save the date –
Oct. 15, 2022

Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

Tickets will be on Eventbrite or Visit conradina.fnpschapters.org



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Chapter News

Indian River Lagoon Festival!

The Conradina Chapter had a great time promoting native plants at the Indian River Lagoon Festival!

Saturday Nov. 13th was a great day and the event was well attended.

Special thanks to our volunteers Mauricio Ceren, Martha Steuart, Dave Zeitz, Karen Moser, Carl Winebarger and Jacklyn Freitag. Sara Morison and grandson Co-rey are not in the picture.

