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**Preserving, Conserving, and Restoring the Real Florida Since 1980.**

*Photos by Bob Peterson*



# Conradina NEWS

## Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, January 10, 2022

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

### **'Creating Habitat with Native Wildflowers' by Stacey Matrazzo**

Discover the pleasure that comes from gardening with native wildflowers and plants. From the simple beauty they offer to the vital resources they provide for butterflies, birds, bees and other wildlife, native plants bring life to any landscape. In her talk, Stacey will highlight some of Florida's many native species that are easy to grow and maintain in a residential landscape while also providing essential food and habitat for wildlife. She'll show you how to beautify your landscape with natives and transform it into a living ecosystem with "real Florida" style.



Stacey Matrazzo is the executive director for the Florida Wildflower Foundation. She has been with organization for 13 years, having served as a contractor for eight and program manager for five. She is an environmental educator with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and a master's degree in liberal studies from Rollins College, where she is also an adjunct professor. A native Floridian, Stacey is a certified Florida master naturalist who spends much of her free time kayaking, hiking, birding and photographing Florida's amazing natural environments. She has been conducting native plant and edible plant hikes for 10 years and is the co-author of *Native Plants for Florida Gardens* (with Nancy Bissett; Pineapple Press, 2019).

The Florida Wildflower Foundation protects, connects and expands native wildflower habitats through education, research, planting and conservation programs..

**Please join us!**

**Next Chapter Meeting**

**January 10, 2022**



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## Carol's Corner: Southern Cedar

By Carol Hebert

To start off a New Year in the right way is to plant a native tree! This will help the environment and provide food, shelter for critters and possibly help slow down global warming. When I bought my house three years ago my first plan was to call 811. This is the phone number to call and they will have someone come out to your property and spray paint where your water pipes and electric lines are buried in the ground.

Since then I have added about 40 native plants to my yard since I moved in. Each plant I researched to see how much sun was needed or shade, moist soil or dry but most important was to know how tall and wide the plant will become. This way we will always give a native plant room to grow. I was so blessed to receive a gift certificate to Maple Street Natives nursery from the Conradina board as a welcome to my new house. As I evaluated my yard I bought a large Southern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). I planted it in partial sun and no power lines overhead. It can grow up to about 40 feet tall and about 5-6 feet wide. It is evergreen, giving me a little privacy from neighbors and I love it! It even gave me the gift of having a pair of cardinals build a nest inside and have babies. Have a happy and healthy new year!



Plant Native!



## Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Monday Jan 10, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Stacey Matrazzo/Florida Wildflower Foundation Melbourne Library
Feb 2 - 6, 2022	<b>Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival</b>
Monday Feb 14, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Mike Owen from Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve Melbourne Library
Saturday Mar 5, 2022	<b>Downtown Melbourne Botanical Festival</b>
Monday Mar 14, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Brendan "Skip" Healy, Change of Greenery Melbourne Library
Monday Apr 11, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> Richard Baker, President of Pelican Island Audubon Society Richard will be talking about how important native plants are for the environment and helping the earth. He will also stress the importance for birds using native plants for food and shelter. Melbourne Library
Monday May 9, 2022	<b>Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting.</b> TBD Melbourne Library
Sunday Jun 12, 2022	<b>Conradina Board meeting (11:00) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon)</b> 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

Company / Web link	Name / email	Telephone	Comments
<a href="#">4C's Nursery</a>		321-586-0019	Native plants, landscape design & installation
<a href="#">Change of Greenery</a>	<a href="#">Brendan Healy</a>	321-536-0655	Native and edible plants, landscape design, installation & maintenance
<a href="#">Florida Native Wildflowers</a>			Purchase seeds and plants online
<a href="#">Go Native Landscaping</a>	<a href="#">Nichole Perma</a>	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
<a href="#">Maple Street Natives / NatScape LLC Native Landscapes</a>	<a href="#">Drew Dolan</a>	321-223-6147	Native plants
<a href="#">Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC</a>	<a href="#">Tim / Anna</a>	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](http://www.PlantRealFlorida.org)

Shopping elsewhere? Please always ask for Florida native plants – especially when you see none on the shelf. Popular demand drives

## 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](http://conradina.fnpschapters.org)



## Officers and Directors

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### Conradina Chapter

Florida Native Plant Society

[www.conradina.fnpschapters.org](http://www.conradina.fnpschapters.org)

[YouTube](#) - Conradina Chapter  
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## Chapter News

### Conradina Chapter Newsletter Wreath Making Photo

Another wonderful wreath-making event! Thank you Martha for all your hard work in making this event a super success.



### Conradina Chapter Newsletter and Website

Stewart Weimer has done a wonderful job with our newsletters and website since September 2018. He is ready to "retire" and we are in search of a replacement. Stewart is ready to help and train the new person. If you are looking for a new spot promoting native plants please contact Carol Hebert at [carol.hebert@gmail.com](mailto:carol.hebert@gmail.com). Thank you!

### Website Expertise Needed - Can You Help?

Conradina is ready to dramatically upgrade our website to add pictures of the yards on our annual tour with search capabilities and we need professional help to make this happen. If you possess this amazing skill and are willing to donate your services, please let us know! Or if you know someone willing to take this on as a great way to make an impact on educating people about native plants, please let us know! It could be a friend, relative, spouse, or YOU! For more information, please contact Jane at [janehiggins2016@gmail.com](mailto:janehiggins2016@gmail.com)

### It's Time to Start Planning for the Yard Tour on Oct. 15, 2022!

This is our biggest event to educate the public about native plants and their benefits. How can you help?

1. We're looking for yards with native plants to be on the tour
2. We're also looking for Committee members and volunteers for the many tasks before and during the event

For more information and to get involved, please contact Lynda at [slgeraci@att.net](mailto:slgeraci@att.net). Thank you and plant native!