



**February
2022**

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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, February 14, 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

'Ghost Orchids in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park' by Mike Owen

Mike Owen has been the Park Biologist at the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park since October 1993. His duties include hydrological monitoring, surveys for endangered or threatened plant species, herbarium collection, wildlife observations and monitoring including road kill data, vertebrate species list, plant species list, non-native plant treatments, participates in prescribed burns, and conducts interpretive programs involving swamp walks, power point programs and guided walks.

1989-1992: Field Tech. with the Florida DNR Fisheries-Independent Monitoring Program at the FL Marine Research Institute, St. Petersburg, Florida

1991 - B.S. degree in Zoology at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

1992: Florida Park Service, Park Ranger at Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero, FL

1993: Florida Park Service, Park Biologist at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park in Copeland, Florida

Please join us!



Next Chapter Meeting

February 10, 2022



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Carol's Corner: Mangroves

By Carol Hebert

Our speaker for our February general meeting is Mike Owen. He is a Park Biologist at the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. Mike will talk about the "Ghost Orchids" that are found in the swamp or wet area west of the Everglades. His talk will fascinate us all. A plant that grows here in Brevard and there in South Florida is the Red Mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*). These are trees that are distributed in estuarine ecosystems throughout the lower areas of Florida like the Everglades. The maps show Brevard as the north part of its range. It has such a unique structure. Its "seeds", actually called propagules, become fully mature plants before dropping off the parent tree. These are dispersed by water until eventually embedding in shallow water. I visited Rotary Park in Suntree located off US 1 and Suntree Blvd. and it is right along the Indian River Lagoon. I took a picture of the Red Mangrove in bloom (on the right) and with propagules starting to form (on the left). Not the greatest picture but the Red Mangrove is a very diverse plant. Little fish and crabs all grow up in their root system which is like a jungle. It is a great protection system because big fish can not work their way through the "mangle" of their roots. A good way to protect our Indian River Lagoon is to take care of the Red Mangroves.

Plant Native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Feb 2 - 6, 2022	Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival CANCELED
Sunday Feb 6, 2022	Surfrider Foundation Space Coast—Sea Oat Planting event. South 1st Street Cocoa Beach, FL 9 am-11:30am
Monday Feb 14, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. Mike Owen from Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve 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
Saturday Feb 19, 2022	Florida—Friendly Landscaping Seminar. Eau Gallie High School - Auditorium 1400 Commodore Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32935 9 am—1 pm Register on Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-friendly-landscapingtm-seminar-tickets-215126468057
Monday Apr 11, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 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
Saturday Apr 30, 2022	Olmsted Day in the Park. Lake Wales FL 9 am—7 pm
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

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



Sea Oat Planting



Sea Oat Planting Time!
Mark your calendar!
You are invited to come out
and help plant sea oats!
Date: February 6 Sunday
Time: 9:00AM-11:30AM
Location: S 1st St
Cocoa Beach, FL

[Find Out More](#)



Florida—Friendly Landscaping Seminar

Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-friendly-landscapingtm-seminar-tickets-215126468057>



FREE EVENT

PRESENTATIONS

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. - Creating Habitat for Winged Wildlife
Brendan 'Skip' Healy, Change of Greenery

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. - 10 Things Being Done to Help the Lagoon that you Probably Haven't Heard About
Kathy Hill, Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program

10:45 - 11:30 a.m. - Grow Your Own Delicious Food! (No Matter Where You Live)
Sally Scalera, UF/IFAS Extension Brevard County

11:30 - 12:30 p.m. - Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ in HOA's and Everywhere!
Claire Lewis University of Florida - Florida Friendly Landscape Program

Bring your dog's leash, get a poop bag holder!

RAFFLE PRIZES
and
Goody bags to the first 400 guests

For more information:
www.eventbrite.com or call 321-633-1702 x52315



Melbourne Botanical Festival

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DOWNTOWN MELBOURNE



BOTANICAL FEST

Save
the
Date

Saturday, March 5, 2022
8 am - 4 pm
1900 S. Harbor City Blvd.



Lake Wales - Olmsted Day in the Park

<https://lakewalesheritage.org/olmsted-200-celebration-april-30-2022>

The City of Lake Wales and Lake Wales Heritage




Come Join Us!



Olmsted Day in the Park

Fun For the Whole Family

Music, Food, Games, Awards, Craft Vendors
A Community Educational Event Celebrating the re-planting of the historic Streetscape Trees of Frederick Law Olmsted Jr.

Saturday, April 30, 2022

9:00 am - 7:00 pm Lake Wailes Park

For Kids:	For Adults:
Fun Run, Kite Festival, Games, Magic Show, Sock Races, Scavenger Hunt, Nature Challenge	Food Trucks, Bands, Rotary Beer Garden Tree ID Contest, Fun Run Enter Family "Feud" Show To Win a Drone!

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Visit [Lakewalesheritage.org](https://lakewalesheritage.org) for a full schedule of events!




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

Conradina Chapter Newsletter

We are looking for one or two people to help create and post the Conradina Chapter newsletter.

If you are looking for a new spot promoting native plants - WE NEED YOU! Training will be provided.

Please contact Carol Hebert at carol.hebert@gmail.com if you are interested.

Thank you

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 sjgeraci@att.net. Thank you and plant native!

