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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, May 9, 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

'How to Become a Plant Doctor' by Dr. Kimberly Moore

Kimberly Moore is a professor of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida, IFAS, Fort Lauderdale Research and Education center. Her research focus is on nutritional management strategies for ornamental crops to reduce fertilizer run-off and improve fertilization management. Dr. Moore's research focus is on the use of alternative growing substrates like compost as well as the use of reclaimed wastewater. She also investigates the effects of salt water on plant growth and methods to improve



water management in the landscape and greenhouse. In addition to research, she teaches Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry as well as Nutritional Management. Dr. Moore received her PhD and MS in horticulture from Iowa State University and her BS in Environmental Science and Botany with a minor in chemistry from Eastern Illinois University.

Please join us!

Next Chapter Meeting

May 9, 2022



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Carol's Corner: Florida's State Wildflower Beautifying Roadside!

By Carol Hebert

This is a picture along the side of Emerson Drive NW in Palm Bay. I drove by it and it was so brilliantly filled in color for almost two weeks. What I am seeing is our state wildflower *Coreopsis sp.* The species is not designated because there are twelve species that grow in Florida. The genus *Coreopsis* means "tick-like" in reference to the size of their seeds that resemble the size of a tick. The flowers I saw along the road are *Coreopsis leavenworthii*. The name *leavenworthii* honors the American botanist Melines Conklin Leavenworth who lived from 1796-1862. Usually (but not always) a species name that ends in i or ii means that the person named was the first to find the plant. *Coreopsis* attracts small butterflies especially the hairstreaks.

Be sure to plant your *Coreopsis* in moist areas of your yard. *Coreopsis* is an annual so it does tend to reseed itself. In addition to the yellow color there are some white native wildflowers also. They are called Southern Fleabane (*Erigeron quercifolius*).

Plant native!



Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
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. Dr. Kimberly Moore, Phd of Environmental Horticulture and Associate Center Director for the UF/IFAS at the Ft Lauderdale Research & Education Center "How To Become A Plant Doctor" Melbourne Library
May 20-22, 2022	41st FNPS Conference. Virtual Register: https://www.fnps.org/conference/2022
May 21, 2022	Erna Nixon Park weed day 8 am - 11 am
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/>

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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.

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or <https://services.flhsmv.gov/VirtualOffice/> to buy a voucher now for your new Florida Native License Plate!



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



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!




41st Annual FNPS Conference



This year we are holding an all-virtual conference which will be held on a full-featured online platform to allow for you to bookmark and attend your favorite sessions, contact and network with other attendees, speakers, and vendors/exhibitors, join workshops, and "sit down" with your favorite plant nerds at a virtual table.

Registration for the full weekend of conference activities:

- [\\$50 for attendees](#)
- FREE for full-time students who are members of FNPS

A few highlights:

- Adventures of a Transplanted Gardener: Improving efforts to create gardens that truly benefit pollinators
- Cutting-edge research
- Enhancing Landscapes with Native Plants to Attract Wildlife
- Why and how restoration matters
- Lots of networking and advocacy opportunities with our Whova virtual platform!

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

Please help us remove invasive plants at Erna Nixon Park!

Removing invasive plants helps wildlife and promotes the native plants that wildlife needs. Erna Nixon Park is a local treasure we want to preserve and it takes the work of all of us!

Please join us for a work day at Erna Nixon Park to help remove invasive species on Saturday, May 21st, from 8 am - 11 am. Gather at the benches at the pavilion. Please wear closed toed shoes, bring water and work gloves. No experience needed!

Those who wish to can work tending the butterfly garden. We are accepting native host plants for Florida butterflies and caterpillars.

Thanks for your support!

Celia Byrnes, Friends of the Erna Nixon Park

Jane Higgins, Conradina FNPS.

Sign-up for LagoonLoyal

Need another reason to help the Indian River Lagoon and purchase native plants? Sign up for this website set up by the Brevard County Natural Resource Dept to collect and track points for actions that help the lagoon and redeem for local discounts! <https://lagoonloyal.com/>

Let's do it!!!

Conradina By Laws

Hello members of the Conradina Chapter FNPS:

The officers and board members have made some changes to the Conradina By Laws.

We are required to give the Conradina Chapter members a full month to review the changes that are proposed. There will be a vote at the June meeting. The June meeting will be on Sunday June 12, 2022 at Erna Nixon Park. Erna Nixon Park is located at 1200 Evans Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904 Please review the [attached document](#). If you have any questions please send them to Carol Hebert, President carol.hebert@gmail.com.

Thank you

