



**CONRADINA
CHAPTER**

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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Sunday, June 12 2022 at 12pm

"BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH" to Erna Nixon Park on June 12th 2022

Conradina Chapter FNPS will have a general meeting in the form of a "Bring Your Own Lunch" event. It will take place at noon at Erna Nixon Park located at 1200 Evans Rd, West Melbourne, FL 32904. We will have a few announcements and then enjoy lunch together. After lunch there will be a tour of Erna Nixon Park along the boardwalk.

The Conradina Chapter officers and board members invite you to come early and attend the Conradina Board Meeting.

The Board meeting starts at 10:30 am. **If you have interest in how we do things - please attend!**

We have openings for new board members and we welcome everyone who is interested. If interested or have questions about being an officer or a board member, please contact Lynda Geraci at slgeraci@att.net.

See you at Erna Nixon Park!

Next Chapter Meeting

June 12, 2022



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Carol's Corner: Erna Nixon Park is a beautiful treasure!

By Carol Hebert

Erna Nixon Park is a beautiful treasure! It is surprisingly close to 192 and the Melbourne Mall but still is a beautiful nature park with a wonderful boardwalk. Erna Nixon Park (ENP) consists of about 53 acres with three ecosystems. It is mainly dominated by Pine Flatwoods highlighted with the Longleaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*). Longleaf pine forests provide important habitat for a wide range of animals and birds. Longleaf pines have been referred to as the “tree that built the South,” and with good reason. This native of the southeastern U.S. was heavily harvested for decades to build homes, ships, and railroads. It was also used to extract resin to refine turpentine; more recently, it is being used for sawtimber and utility poles, and its needles are sought-after for landscaping mulch. There is a Mesic Hammock that consists of Oak Trees (*Quercus spp.*) and Cabbage Palm Trees (*Sabal palmetto*) in an area of moist soil.



There is also a good amount of mature Simpson Stoppers (*Myrcianthes fragrans*) and I'm hoping we will spot some Butterfly Orchids (*Encyclia tampensis*) in the top area of the Oak trees.

There is a seasonal wetland in the north side of the park. We will see Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*), Coastal willow (*Salix caroliniana*) and Sawgrass (*Cladium jamaicense*).



We will be seeing Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) at the end of its blooming season but Buttonbush flowers are a real treat and smell marvelous.

Please join us enjoying the native plants in Erna Nixon Park!

Plant native!

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Sunday June 12, 2022	Conradina Board meeting (10:30) and Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) at Erna Nixon Park
Sat. October 15, 2022	Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

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

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.

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

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 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.

Erna Nixon Invasive Plant Removal Project

Thanks so much to the 13+ hard working folks that showed up on May 21st to remove invasive *Ardesia elliptica* (also known as shoebutton) brought here from Asia around 1900.



This prolific Category 1 invasive looks similar to our native Marlberry but has pinkish tips and spreads much faster. Our team put a dent in it at Erna Nixon and will schedule a return visit in the fall to take out the remainder.

Satellite Beach Earth Day Event

Conradina Native Plant Society was at the annual Satellite Beach Earth Day Event. That was held on Saturday, April 23rd.

We want to thank all the volunteers that came to support and promote the planting of natives.



Turkey Creek Invasive Plant Removal Day

Thanks to the 10 awesome volunteers that came out at 8 am on Saturday April 30th to help remove snake plants, plant new natives, and attack various other invasive species in this important preservation area for 60 tortoises! Ranger Tracey was a wealth of information and thrilled for the turnout. She will be putting together a plan for other workdays in the future. Stay turned!



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



2022 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour



Hosted By Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

October 15, 2022

Sponsorship Opportunities

Please come support us for the 13th Annual Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour to observe and explore wonderful native plant landscapes at a variety of locations in South Brevard. The tour is a fabulous look at what homeowners and public spaces have done using native plants in different situations. Native plants are important to preserve our wildlife, pollinators and local heritage as well as requiring much less maintenance, water, and fertilizer, which benefits our local environment and the Indian River Lagoon. Sponsorship funds will be used to provide plant markers, volunteer t-shirts, and marketing media.

Sponsor Levels

Oak tree *Quercus* Sponsor – the most powerful Brevard County keystone plant supports 395 species of insects

\$1,000

- Photo advertisement with link on Garden Tour website for 1 year
- Top placement of company logo/link on Sponsors page on Garden Tour website
- Company logo on event t-shirts, postcards, flyers, social media, and posters
- Full-page, full-color advertisement on the inside cover of the Garden Tour Guidebook
- Opportunity to display company marketing materials at Garden Tour registration points
- 10 complimentary Garden Tour tickets



Pine Tree *Pinus* Sponsor – supports 171 species of butterflies and moths

\$500

- Captioned photo advertisement with link on Garden Tour website for 1 year
- Company logo on event t-shirts, postcards, flyers, social media, and posters
- Half-page, full-color advertisement inside Garden Tour Guidebook
- Opportunity to display company marketing materials at Garden Tour registration points
- 5 complimentary Garden Tour tickets



Goldenrod flowers *Solidago* Sponsor - supports 82 species of caterpillars and 12 species of native bees

\$100

- Sponsor recognition (company logo/link) on Garden Tour website for 1 year
- Quarter-page, black & white advertisement in Garden Tour Guidebook
- Opportunity to display company marketing materials at Garden Tour registration points
- 2 complimentary Garden Tour tickets



The Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit. Please check out our website at <https://conradina.fnpschapters.org>

Email janehiggins2016@gmail.com to inquire about becoming a sponsor.

Deadline to become a Sponsor is July 1

Related Plant Tour Information

We Need Native Plants for the Landscaping Tour Plant Giveaway on Oct. 15

Please up those extra native plants sprouting up in your yard so they're well established by October for our plant giveaway! The plant giveaway was a huge success last year and we're looking forward to doing it again this year thanks to your donated plants.

For additional information, please contact Kathryn Merry at kathrynmerry2015@gmail.com

Monarch butterfly on a Jamaican Caper
(*Capparis cynophallophora*).

Picture taken by Leslie Pernas-Giz in her yard



We Need Volunteers for the Landscaping Tour

Signage Distribution

Volunteer Chair for this event

Acquire Sponsors

Pickup catered meals

Website Updates for this event,

Volunteer at the Various sites.

If you can help, please contact Cammie Donaldson at cammiedonaldson@gmail.com

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Chapter News

How can you help Conradina promote native plants? Volunteer!!

We have many opportunities and need your help!

At the Board level - you do not need to be a Board Member to help us.

Membership Chair, Volunteer Chair, Activities Chair, Newsletter Membership Chair, Website Update Chair.

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

