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Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, December 12, 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 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.



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

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

Carol's Corner: The *Quercus Amongus!*

By Carol Hebert

That is not the real species name for Oak trees but it seems to make sense. There are over 450 species of oak trees, 19 of which are native to the Sunshine State of Florida. Oak trees are flowering trees or large shrubs in the genus *Quercus*. Many species of oak trees are identified by their characteristic obovate or oblong leaves with deeply lobed margins. However, some species of oaks in Florida have leaves without lobes that look like live or laurel oak leaves. Oak trees in Florida are an important part of the landscape. Douglas Tallamy made a great statement in "Bringing Nature Home" how *Quercus* (oak trees) supported 534 different species of Lepidoptera. (I have to sound scientific - Lepidoptera is an order of insects that includes butterflies and moths.) A few of the native oak species offered in native plant nurseries are Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*) and Laurel Oak (*Quercus laurifolia*). It is also fascinating to be able to identify an oak tree by the acorn.

Picture left is the Laurel Oak acorn - short, light color and compact. The Laurel Oak only grows for about 50 to 70 years.



Picture right is the Live Oak acorn - longer and darker color. The Live Oak is documented to possibly live 1000 years.



On left is a small Laurel oak that seems to be happy in my yard.



And here is a picture of what I look forward to as it develops.



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Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Saturday Dec 3, 2022	Ocean Reef Beach Festival, 10 am to 5 pm at Pelican Park 1525 Florida A1A, Satellite Beach FL 32937
Monday Dec 12, 2022	Conradina Chapter FNPS Annual Wreath Making Event. 6pm at Melbourne library on Fee Ave. NOTE: We will be resuming Refreshments at this meeting.
Monday Jan 9, 2023	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 6pm at Melbourne library on Fee Ave
Saturday Jan 21, 2023	The Vero Beach 4th Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future at The Emerson Center 1590 27th Ave, Vero Beach FL 32960
Monday Feb 13, 2023	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 6pm at Melbourne library on Fee Ave
Saturday Mar 4, 2023	Melbourne Botanical Fest, 8 am to 5 pm on East New Haven Ave, Melbourne FL 32901
Monday Mar 13, 2023	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 6pm at Melbourne library on Fee Ave
Monday Apr 10, 2023	Conradina Chapter FNPS General Meeting. 6pm at Melbourne library on Fee Ave

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 Wildflowers			Purchase seeds and plants online
Go Native Landscaping	Nichole Perma	321-795-3111	Native landscape design, installation, consultation and maintenance
Native Butterfly Flowers, LLC	Tim / Anna	321-626-7386	Native plants and landscape design
Rockledge Gardens	General Information	321-636-7662	Expanding native plant selection
Wild Wet N Wacky	Kiela Frank	321-417-2218	Expanding native plant selection

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.

Ocean Reef Beach Festival



Celebrate the ocean lifestyle on December 3rd at the 10th Annual Ocean Reef Beach Festival, hosted by the Surfrider Foundation Space Coast Chapter.

Pelican Beach Park. 1525 Florida A1A, Satellite Beach FL 32937 from 10am to 5pm

Join us to celebrate the ocean lifestyle in a family atmosphere with fun opportunities for all ages. There will be something for the whole beach community, from educational programs in the clubhouse to a sea turtle maze for the kids. Food vendors will tempt your taste buds while live music entertains. The very best of our local ocean arts community, local surfboard shapers, and other vendors help you take care of all your Christmas shopping. Have fun; leave with more knowledge and a new appreciation of our ocean, reef, and beach!

Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future

LEARN TO ENHANCE YOUR YARD WITH NATIVE PLANTS 4TH TRANSFORMING LANDSCAPES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

JANUARY 21, 2023
AT THE EMERSON CENTER

1590 27TH AVENUE
VERO BEACH, FL 32960



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



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- \$1,500
- \$1,000
- \$500
- \$250

8:00AM	Registration - Tickets \$25 includes box lunch and native plants for sale from native plant nurseries
9:00-9:50	Dr. Craig N. Huegel , Director University of South Florida Botanical Garden, <i>The Nature of Plants, How Plants Work</i>
10:00-10:50	Dr. John W. Fitzpatrick , Professor and Emeritus Director, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY, <i>Local Ups and Downs in Bird Populations: Recent Revelations from Deep Analysis of 'eBird' Citizen-Science Data</i>
10:50-11:20	Break
11:20-12:10PM	Dr. Grant Gilmore , President and Chief Scientist, Estuarine, Coastal and Ocean Science, Inc., <i>Your Lawn Grass versus Seagrass</i>
12:10-1:00	Lunch with Box Lunches included in the \$25 admission ticket for those attending in person.
1:00-1:50	Sean Patton , Stocking Savvy Environmental Consulting, Sarasota, FL, <i>Pond-side Living with Native Plants, Native Fish, for a Native Florida</i>
2:00-2:50	Dr. Larry Reeves , Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory, Vero Beach, <i>The biodiversity crisis and the importance of insects</i>
2:50-3:20	Break
3:20-4:10	Timothee Sallin , Co-CEO of IMG Enterprises, a diversified, family owned Florida agri-business, <i>How Do We Mainstream Sustainable Landscapes in FL?: Working with Master Planned Community Developers, Home Builders, Landscape Architects and Regulators to Shift from Conventional Landscapes to Sustainable Landscapes</i>
4:10-4:30	Dr. Richard Baker - Discussion and Summary

Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. To purchase and for more info, go to [4th Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future Conference | January 21, 2023 - Pelican Island Audubon Society](#)



The Downtown Melbourne Botanical Fest



March 4, 2023 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at
East New Haven Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

The Downtown Melbourne Botanical Fest is a FREE family-friendly event that attracts visitors from the region and features lavish landscape designs, garden sculptures, flowers and plants, trees and shrubs, unique gifts, garden-themed art, great food, and much more!

Get Involved with Your Local Sustainability Advisory Board!

You can get involved by either being on a Board or attending the meetings to voice your opinion and get involved with local events.

Some cities call it an Environmental Board and some use the term Sustainability – whatever it's called, there's an opportunity for native plants and landscapes to preserve our native wildlife. Please check out the listing below or send your city information to us at ConradinachapterFNPS@gmail.com to include on the list.

Check out the Palm Bay website for agenda information and to make sure the meeting is still a Go

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City	Meeting Time & Place	Website
Indialantic	5:30 pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month in Council Chamber	Boards & Committees The Town of Indialantic Florida Official WebSite
Melbourne	2 pm on 3rd Friday of the month in City Hall Council Chamber	Beautification & Energy Efficiency Board City of Melbourne, FL (melbourneflorida.org)
Melbourne Beach	Melbourne Beach Environmental Advisory Board - Home Facebook	Sustainability Melbourne Beach FL https://www.melbournebeachfl.org/sustainability
Rockledge	6 pm on 2nd Thursday - February, June, and Oct. in Council Chamber at City Hall	The Rockledge Environmental Enhancement Board Rockledge, FL - Official Website (cityofrockledge.org)
Palm Bay	6 pm on 4th Wednesday of the month in Council Chambers, Palm Bay City Hall	Sustainability Advisory Board City of Palm Bay, FL (palmbayflorida.org)
Satellite Beach	6 pm on 4th Wednesday of the month in Council Chambers	Satellite Beach, FL

Doug Tallamy's Latest Initiative

Check out Doug Tallamy's latest initiative and join in at

[HEMGROWN NATIONAL PARK](#)

22,867 "HNP FIREFLIES" ARE LIGHTING UP THE MAP-ARE YOU ON THE MAP?-PLANT NATIVE!



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MAP

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ONE PERSON AT A TIME

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"In the past, we have asked one thing of our gardens: that they be pretty. Now they have to support life, sequester carbon, feed pollinators and manage water."
 — DOUG TALLAMY



Benefits of FNPS Membership

Join FNPS to protect the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

Support science-based conservation of our floral heritage and of the wildlife species that depend upon it.

Personal Benefits of FNPS membership

Knowing you contributed to the long-term viability of Florida's native plants and native plant communities

The Palmetto, our quarterly magazine, which is filled with information on native plants, gardening, conservation of native habitats, etc.

Sabal Minor, our bi-monthly newsletter that will keep you up to date on FNPS news and activities

Native plant gardening and landscaping information

Membership in the local chapter of your choice

Annual Conference discount

Native plant gardening and landscaping information

Speakers and field trips

Publications (10% discount)

Annual memberships last for one year with an option to renew.

There are multiple price points which you can choose.

Individual: Minimum \$35/year with options up to \$500/year

Multi-member: Minimum \$50/year with options up to \$500/year

Business and non-profit organizations: Minimum \$150/year with options up to \$500/year

Full time students: Minimum \$15/year with options up to \$25. You must be a full-time student in college, high school, to a technical school.



To join the Florida Native Plant Society, please go to their website here:

<https://www.fnps.org/>

We appreciate your support!

Melbourne Garden Club 90th FFGC Member Celebration



Left to right: Lydia Barbour, Melbourne Garden Club President; Yvonne Minus, Melbourne City Council; Marge Hendon, President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs; Rena Foley, Certified Instructor of Sogetsu Ikebana; Stacey Matrazzo, Executive Director Florida Wildflower Foundation; Jane Higgins, Treasurer Conradina Chapter of FNPS.

Congratulations to the Melbourne Club on their 90-year anniversary as members of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs! It was a lovely celebration with guest speakers from the Florida Wildflower Foundation, Conradina, and an Ikebana Demonstration using natural elements.

Many thanks to both Lydia Barbour and Kathryn Merry for their collaboration efforts between garden clubs that are members of the South Brevard Garden Club Association and Conradina.

Several garden clubs were sponsors of the recent Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour and their volunteers were instrumental in making the plant giveaway happen.

We appreciate your efforts for native plants and wildlife!

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Chapter News

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

We have many opportunities and need your help.

Contact Lynda Geraci (sjgeraci@att.net) or Lydia Barbour (lydiabarbour@hotmail.com) to help volunteer.

Thank you to Volunteers the Indian River Lagoon Day on November 5th. They were David Zeitz, Jennifer Slayton, Sara Morrision and Eric Anderson.

Thank you to all the Conradina members that responded to the Conradina Membership Survey and your thoughtful input! We greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your ideas and feedback with us. Out of our current 167 members, we received 20 responses, which is a 12% response and considered to be good.

The Strategic Planning Team has read all the surveys and will use this to shape our future objectives at our Board strategic meeting in January. A summary of those results will be made available in February along with the member survey summary and the strategic plan.

Thanks again for your commitment to native plants and our Conradina chapter!

Carl Winebarger, Board President

Lynda Geraci, Board Vice President

Jane Higgins, Board Treasurer



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