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

Photos by Bob Peterson



Conradina NEWS

Conradina Chapter Meeting Sunday, June 11 2023 at 12pm

"BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH" to Erna Nixon Park on June 11th 2023

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. Conradina will provide drinks and dessert. Also we will provide cups, ice, plates (for dessert) and napkins. 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.

We will see you at Erna Nixon Park!

Next Chapter Meeting

June 11, 2023



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Carol's Corner: Forever Florida is a beautiful treasure!

By Carol Hebert

What a fun time we had on the field trip to Forever Florida! The weather was a bit hot but thank goodness there was a nice shade structure over the buggy. Margaret Broussard was a wonderful leader and gave us lots of history about the land. We also had another interesting leader, Tim Kozusk who is very knowledgeable about plants and prescribed burning. He had the honor to know Dr. Broussard. He also knew a few fascinating people he was able to study with like Dr. Walter Kingsley Taylor and Rufino Osorio. Tim is a wonderful speaker.



On the morning trip we stopped and saw beautiful bunches of Hooded Pitcher plants (*Sarracenia minor*). What a stand out as we got closer to them. The flowers always drape so far over but are still very pretty. We also stopped to go on a short boardwalk and in the cool shade saw Cypress trees with their knees all around and an otter! The otter



was so cute. We also saw a gator in a pond close by.

We also explored the difference between Slash pine (*Pinus elliottii*) and Long Leaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*). It was an extra treat to see a Stick Bug as it blended in with a Longleaf Pine. The



Stick Bug matched the size of the needles for wonderful camouflage. With the afternoon group we stopped at the same spot to show the Pitcher Plants and discovered Pink Sundew! Sundew (*Drosera capillaris*) is another carnivores plant that like to live near wetlands. Very cute little pink flower.



Both buggy rides were really fun! Thank you Margaret!

Forever Florida Adventures

On Sunday, May 21, Florida Native Plant members and their companions were able to enjoy a Buggy ride through several acres of Forever Florida. There were two tour groups, a morning group and an afternoon group each consisting of about 20 persons.



Margaret Broussard (that's the lady in the front and center of the picture) conducted the tours. As the Buggy proceeded along a dirt (sometimes muddy) path, Margaret made the tour so interesting by recounting details and events about Forever Florida past and present.

It was truly an Adventure.



Forever Florida is a 4,700-acre wildlife conservation area boasting of beautifully untamed wilderness, natural streams, wetlands and dense cypress forests. At least half of Forever Florida is swamp, cypress dome, slough, creek and wet prairie or marsh.

For 20 years, Forever Florida provided eco-tourism opportunities on the nature preserve and a working cattle ranch. Now, Forever Florida is returning to its roots, focusing on providing safe homes for the native species of Florida, both plants and animals.

Do not despair! Forever Florida is still offering field trips. A Buggy Tour can be scheduled for guests of all ages and physical abilities to enjoy the natural wilds of Florida and teach them about conserving this beautiful land for native plants and animals!

Forever Florida is located in the heart of Osceola County near Holopaw at
4755 N Kenansville Road
St. Cloud FL 34773

Field trips for groups of 12 to 20 visitors may be scheduled by emailing
MargaretBroussard@gmail.com
Field trips are free:
donations to Forever Florida are gratefully accepted.

Dennis Mayo created a truly awesome video incorporating photos from the field trip.

Click here to be inspired: <https://youtu.be/5Z0kJAmoIG4>

Thank you Dennis!

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Date	Event
Sunday, June 11, 2023	Conradina Board Meeting (11am) Member Potluck Brunch (Noon) Erna Nixon Park
Saturday, June 17, 2023	FNPS Annual Membership Meeting 10 am to 11:30 am
Sunday, June 25, 2023	Council of Chapters Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023	Dr. Doug Tallamy's presentation 'Restoring Nature's Relationships' at the Satellite Beach Community Center. Get your FREE ticket on Eventbright. Sunday, Sept. 10 from 2pm to 4pm ----- Register here
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023	Dr. Doug Tallamy's presentation 'Restoring Nature's Relationships' from 6pm to 8pm at the Satellite Beach Community Center. Get your FREE ticket on Eventbright. Tuesday Sept. 12 from 6pm - 8pm ----- Register here
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023	Native Plant Landscaping 101 from 2pm to 4pm at the Satellite Beach Community Center. Get your FREE ticket on Eventbright. Sunday, Oct. 8 from 2pm - 4pm ----- Register here
Monday, Oct. 9, 2023	Native Plant Landscaping 101 from 6pm to 8pm at the Satellite Beach Community Center. Get your FREE ticket on Eventbright. Monday Oct. 9 from 6pm - 8pm ----- Register here
Saturday, Oct 14, 2023	The 2023 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour from 9am to 4pm

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.

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	Sharon Dolan		Purchase pots, seeds and Florida Native 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.

Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour and Events



Date of the Landscaping Tour: Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 - 9am to 4pm

Tickets will be available on Eventbrite on Aug. 1

Informational Sessions to Get Ready for the Tour:

This year we're adding FREE education opportunities - All info sessions are at the Satellite Beach Community Center, 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

September Sessions -Why Native Plants Are Important

Why is WHAT you plant in your landscape important? Here's the science to prove how important your landscape choices are. We'll be sharing a copy of Dr. Doug Tallamy's presentation 'Restoring Nature's Relationships' with amazing nature photography which shows the relationship between plants and wildlife.

Sunday, Sept. 10 from 2pm - 4pm ----- Register [here](#)

Tuesday Sept. 12 from 6pm - 8pm ----- Register [here](#)

October Sessions - Learn how to get started with a native landscape to benefit local wildlife and the Indian River Lagoon. We'll be sharing practical how-to tips on getting started with your native landscape whether big or small including where to purchase native plants, avoiding invasive species, and determining your goals for your piece of paradise.

Sunday, Oct. 8 from 2pm - 4pm ----- Register [here](#)

Monday Oct. 9 from 6pm - 8pm ----- Register [here](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities for the 2023 Landscaping Tour

2023 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour



Hosted By Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

October 14, 2023

Sponsorship Opportunities

Please come support us for the 14th 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 Landscaping Tour website for 1 year
 - Top placement of company logo/link on Sponsors page on Landscaping Tour website
 - Company logo on event t-shirts, postcards, flyers, social media, and posters
 - Full-page, color advertisement in the front of the Landscaping Tour Guidebook
 - Display of company marketing materials at Tour registration sites
 - 10 complimentary Landscaping Tour tickets



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

- \$500**
- Captioned photo advertisement with link on Landscaping Tour website for 1 year
 - Company logo on event t-shirts, postcards, flyers, social media, and posters
 - Half-page, full-color advertisement inside Landscaping Tour Guidebook
 - Display of company marketing materials at Tour registration sites
 - 7 complimentary Landscaping Tour tickets



Walter's viburnum *Viburnum* Sponsor – supports 75 species of butterflies and moths

- \$250**
- Captioned photo advertisement with link on Landscaping Tour website for 1 year
 - Company logo on event t-shirts, postcards, flyers, social media, and posters
 - Quarter-page, full-color advertisement inside Landscaping Tour Guidebook
 - Display of company marketing materials at Tour registration sites
 - 4 complimentary Landscaping Tour tickets



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

- \$100**
- Sponsor recognition (company logo/link) on Landscaping Tour website for 1 year
 - Business card, black & white advertisement in Landscaping Tour Guidebook
 - Display of company marketing materials at Tour registration sites
 - 2 complimentary Landscaping 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.

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.

Indialantic: Call the Town Hall at 321-723-2242 prior to the meeting to make ensure there is a quorum and the meeting is still a Go.

Palm Bay: Check out the Palm Bay website for agenda information and to make sure the meeting is still a Go. (palmbayflorida.org)

City	Meeting Time & Place	Website
Indialantic	5:30 pm on 4th Wednesday 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

Your Right to Clean & Healthy Waters

Florida Needs Your Help For Our Right to Clean & Healthy Water



Did you know that we the people are not guaranteed a right to clean and healthy water? Yes, that's right. The very laws that are written to keep our air and waters clean actually do the opposite and allow pollution through the permitting process.

In this sense, for the past 50-60 years society has allotted businesses and governments a pass to pollute. The time has come to change the way the law is written.

Please join the Clean and Healthy Waters movement and be one of the 900,000 to sign a petition in support of putting an amendment on the 2024 ballot here: [Petitions | Florida's Right to Clean Water \(floridarighttocleanwater.org\)](https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org).

The deadline is November 30, 2023, practically a whole year before the actual vote will take place.

If you sign and get 20 of your friends to sign we can reach this extraordinary goal in time. Check out the easy to navigate website, print, sign, and mail in your petition, and sign up to be an ambassador!

https://initiativepetitions.elections.myflorida.com/InitiativeForms/Volunteer/DSDE155A_999_2202_EN.PDF

Time is ticking to save Florida's waters...Please be part of the solution!

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Chapter News

If you are a member of the Florida State Native Plant Society (FNPS), please pay particular attention to the following message from

Melanie Simon, Chair,
Council of Chapters
Florida Native Plant Society
msimon@fnps.org

We have three very important things to announce/promote this month:

- 2023 FNPS Survey
- June 17 Annual Meeting
- Landscape Award

There are links or directions in the minutes to download documents and links to make this easier.

Please make sure your Chapter communications person gets the information and distributes it.

Click on the link below to view or download the minutes

<https://council.fnpschapters.org/data/uploads/minutes/coc-2023-5-28-minutes.pdf>



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