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Conradina Chapter Meeting Monday, October 9, 2023

5:30 - 6:00 pm socialization, Meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

Meeting in Satellite Beach at 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, 32937

Please note the different location!

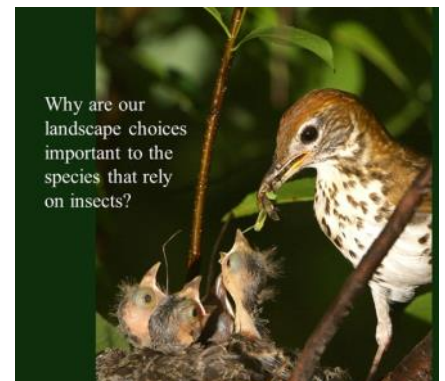
Learn how to get started with a native landscape to benefit local wildlife and the Indian River Lagoon

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.

We're expecting a big crowd so Eventbrite registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/florida-native-plants-help-our-wildlife-2229649>

This event is free to the public so please help us get the word out!

A huge thanks to the City of Satellite Beach for donating use of their Civic Center to accommodate an extra large crowd and help increase education on the importance of native plants!



Can't make the meeting in Satellite Beach?

Good news! Join in on our Youtube page.

<https://www.youtube.com/@conradinachapterfnps5627/streams>

Next Chapter Meeting

Monday October 9, 2023



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Carol's Corner: Autumn is here!

By Carol Hebert

Well not fully here but that is what the calendar tells us. However, if you look along the roadside, you can see some changes.

The changes are slight down here in the south but we can look for some subtle changes. Red Maples (*Acer rubrum*) are just starting to turn color with darker leaves but not red or yellow like up north. There is a grass called Broomsedge or Bushy Bluestem (*Andropogon glomeratus*) along the roadside that is just about to explode with white bushy seeds in 2-3 foot tall stems. It has that common name of Broomsedge because native Americans would cut bunches of the plant by their stems and use it as a broom.

I have the color of fall in my backyard and it is yellow! Common name is Yellowtop (*Flaveria linearis*). It is a pretty wildflower that is full of yellow flowers.



I like the way my Yellowtop is blending in with my Dotted Horsemint (*Monarda punctata*) and Coontie (*Zamia integrifolia*) in my backyard as I develop my own native plant landscaping.

That reminds me. I hope you have bought your ticket on Eventbrite to attend our 14th annual "Landscaping with Native Plants" tour! It takes place on Saturday October 14th 2023.

I can't wait to get more ideas. See you there!

Plant native!

Carol Hebert

Upcoming Events & Meetings

| Date | Event |
|---|---|
| Thursday Oct. 5 at 6pm Sharp | Plans for a Native Garden between the Palm Bay Police Station and City Hall will be presented at the Palm Bay City Hall, City Council Chambers, Palm Bay, 32909. Doors close at 6pm so please be on time. |
| Sunday Oct. 8 from 2 to 4pm | Informational Session: “Learn how to get started with a native landscape” at 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 Register for this Informational Session on Eventbright. |
| Monday Oct. 9 from 6 to 8pm | Chapter Meeting and Informational Session: “Learn how to get started with a native landscape” at 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, FL 32937 Register for this Informational Session on Eventbright. |
| Saturday Oct 14, 2023 | The 2023 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour from 9am to 4pm. Get your tickets on Eventbright. |
| Saturday Nov 4, 2023, 6pm to 10pm | Meet us in the Park after Dark at the Turkey Creek Sanctuary, 1518 Port Malabar Blvd NE, Palm Bay 32905 |
| Monday, Nov 13, 2023 at our new location | Chapter Meeting at our new location. Speaker will be Attorney Barbara Stage, Homeowner rights lawyer. Topic will be The Legal Aspects of Florida Friendly Landscaping |
| Monday, Dec 11, 2023 at our new location | Holiday Wreath Making with Natives and Natural Materials |
| Monday, January 8, 2024 | Chapter Meeting. Our Speaker will be Zach Marchetti, Community Engagement and Outreach Officer, Brevard Zoo. His topic will be The Aquarium Project. |

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 |
|  | Newsletter Sponsor | | |
| | 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 |
|  | Newsletter Sponsor | | |
| | Tim / Anna | 321-626-7386 | Native plants and landscape design |
| Rockledge Gardens | General Information | 321-636-7662 | Expanding native plant selection |
| Rosemallow Farms | Tim & Ivoriann Wooley | 321-236-1741 | Native and Florida-friendly plants for sale to the public |
| Wild Wet N Wackey | 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.

Palm Bay Native Garden Council Meeting

Attention Palm Bay Residents!

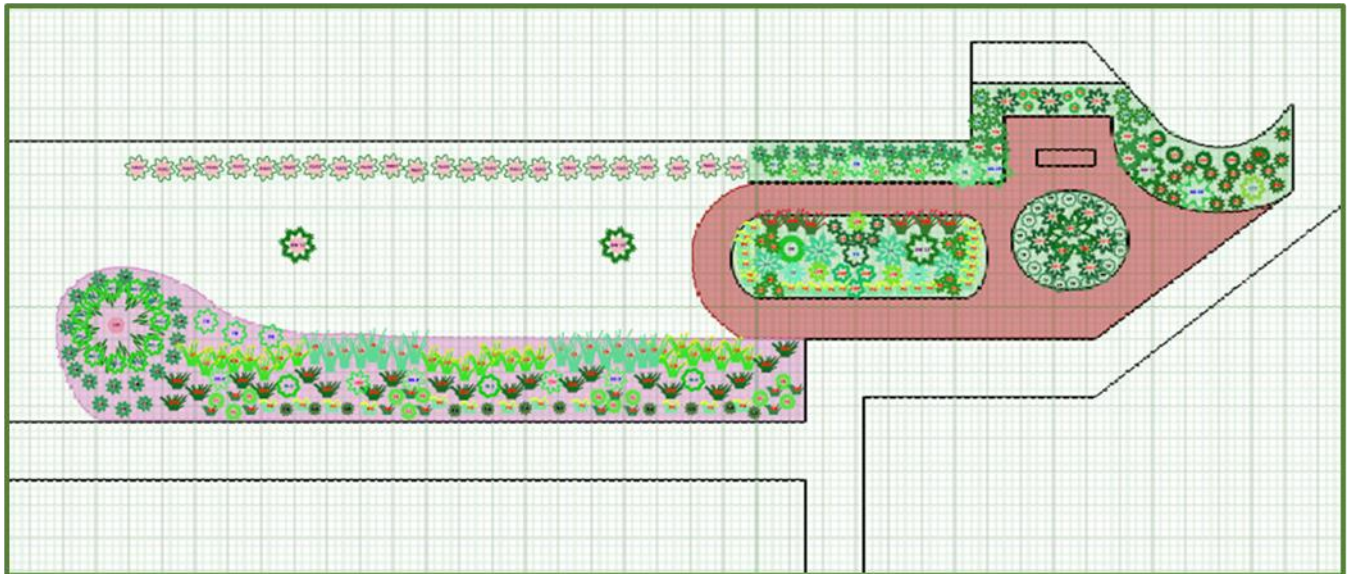
Please plan to attend the Palm Bay City Council Meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5

Where: City Council Chambers at City Hall, 120 Malabar Rd

When: 6 pm - Doors close at 6 pm so get there a few minutes early

The Palm Bay Sustainability Board and Native Butterfly Flowers will be presenting their plans for the native garden to be located between the Police Station and City Hall.

Tim and Anna have come up with a gorgeous design for the property and we look forward to your support and the approval of the City Council.



There will be lots of volunteer opportunities for planting and maintenance hopefully starting in 2024 after the ground has been 'solarized' and all the grass killed.

2023 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour and Events

Tickets are Available!



Date of the Landscaping Tour: Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023 - 9am to 4pm
Tickets available on Eventbrite at the QR code
\$10 before Oct. 9, \$15 Oct. 9 and after, add \$5 for printed brochure

Informational Sessions to Get Ready for the Tour:

This year we're adding FREE education opportunities - **Eventbrite registration is required!**
 All info sessions are in Satellite Beach at 565 Cassia Blvd, Satellite Beach, FL 32937

October Sessions

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Monday Oct. 9 from 6pm - 8pm

We hope to see you there!

Scan here for all
events!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/florida-native-plants-help-our-wildlife-2229649>

Why are Native Plants Important - Answered!

Free Sept Info Sessions at the Satellite Beach Civic Center

Thanks so much for spreading the word and coming out for this awesome educational opportunity. Between the two sessions, we had well over 100 people attend and received some excellent questions and dialogue.



Thanks again to the City of Satellite Beach for donating this facility and we look forward to presenting 'Native Landscaping 101' in this location in Oct.!

Just in case you were not able to attend, the sessions are recorded out on our Youtube channel here and can be watched anytime!

[September 2023 Meeting: Why Native Plants Are Important - YouTube](#)

Conradina Mentor Award

Sharon & Brent Dolan were awarded the Conradina's Mentor Award.

In 1987 they started Brevard County's first native plant nursery.

Over the last 35 years Brent and Sharon have shared their knowledge with the public and have supported the Conradina Chapter of FNPS.

Brevard County is very fortunate to have such variety of native nurseries in Brevard County. This would not have been possible without Brent and Sharon's foresight in promoting, educating and showing the environmental benefits of native plants.



Thank you Sharon and Brent!

Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour 2023

2023 Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour



October 14, 2023 from 9 am – 4 pm

**Conradina Chapter – South Brevard
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**



Sponsors of the Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

Oak tree *Quercus* Sponsors – \$1,000

The most powerful Brevard County keystone plant supporting 395 species of insects

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Pine Tree *Pinus* Sponsors - \$500

Supporting 171 species of butterflies and moths

[4imprint](#)

[Rockledge Gardens](#)



Walter's *Viburnum* Sponsors - \$250

Supporting 75 species of butterflies and moths

[Island Garden Club](#)

[Rosemallow Farms](#)

[Wild Wet N Wacky Florida Native Plants](#)



Goldenrod flowers *Solidago* Sponsors - \$100

Supporting 82 species of caterpillars and 12 species of native bees

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[Indian Harbour Beach Garden Club](#)

[Melbourne and Port Malabar Garden Clubs](#)

[Nature's Art Garden](#)

[Susan Hall Landscape Architecture](#)

[Vision 43 Outdoor Living](#)



Sponsorship levels were created based on the Brevard County keystone plants that support the largest number of insects. A full list of Brevard County keystone plants is available [here](#).

Join Us in The Park after Dark

Park After Dark

at Turkey Creek Sanctuary

1518 Port Malabar Blvd NE

Saturday, November 4
6 to 10 PM

\$5/person in advance, \$7 at the gate

All Ages Welcome (5 and under are free)

Come experience Turkey Creek Sanctuary after dark. There will be musical entertainment along the boardwalk, and in the park. We'll have food trucks, vendors and activities for the kids. So bring your family, your glo-sticks, and enjoy the park after dark!

Advance tickets available starting
Sunday, October 1 at the
Margaret Hames Nature Center.
The center is open 9 AM to 4 PM
7 days a week.



For more information, please call the Nature Center at (321) 676-6690

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 |

New Meeting Location Starting in November 2023

Attention!!! New Meeting Location Starting in November 2023!

As many of you know, we've outgrown our meeting space with all of the interest in native plants and that's a good thing!!

**Starting in November of 2023, we'll be meeting at the
First Church of the Nazarene
2745 S Babcock Street, Melbourne, FL 32901**

We're super excited about this new location and being closer to FIT to draw in students. In exchange for meeting space, we'll be working on the property landscaping – stay tuned for more details this winter!



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://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 signup to be an ambassador!

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

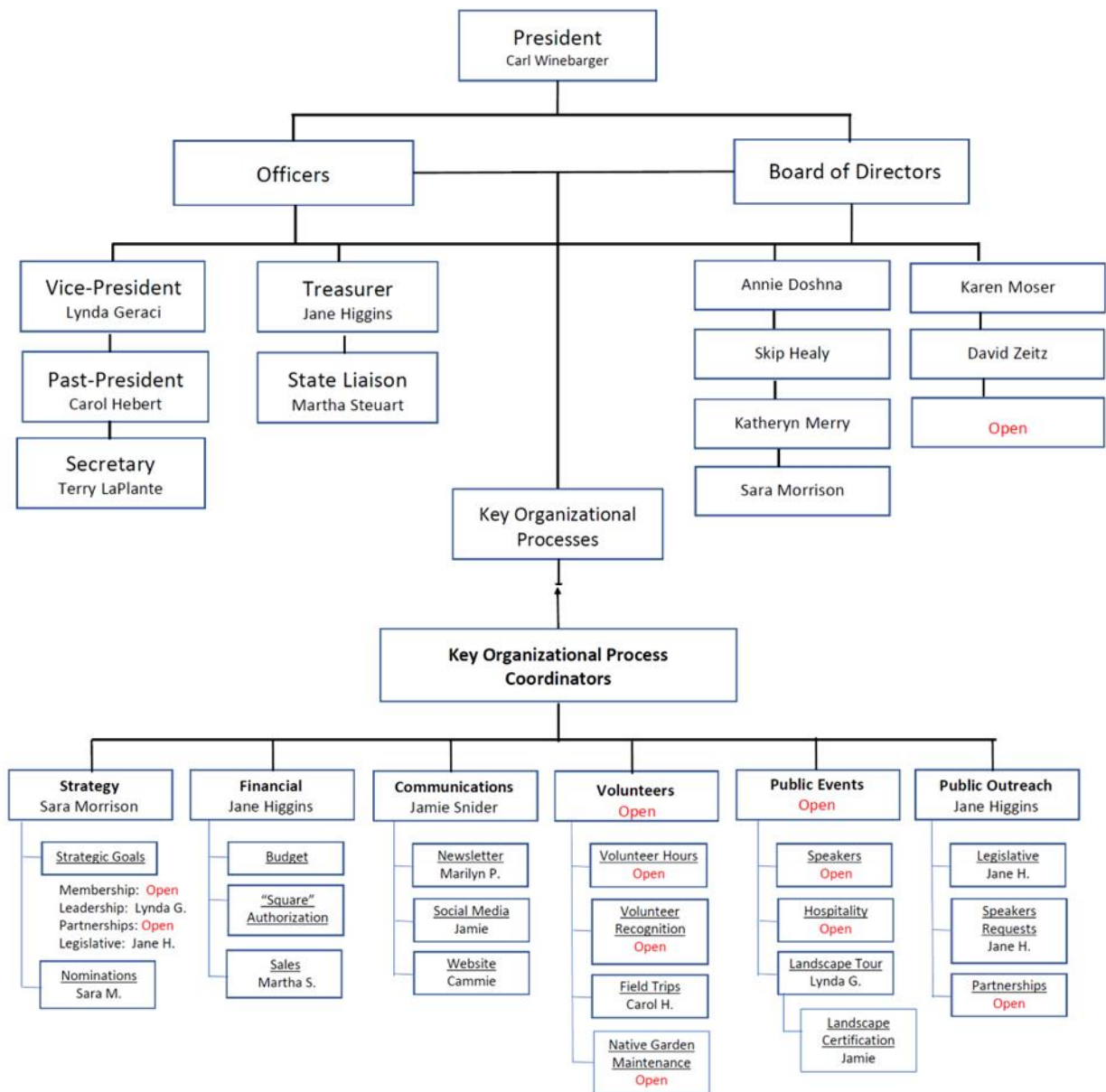
Time is ticking to save Florida's waters...Please be part of the solution!

Conradina Organization Chart and Opportunities

In between everything else going on, the Conradina Board has been working on our strategic objectives as shared in previous newsletters and we're ready to publish a draft organization chart!

The purpose of this chart is to share our current structure and share where we have openings for volunteers to jump in – there's plenty of work to go around! Working on one of the 'Key Organizational Processes' is also a great way to work with our Board members if you'd like to get on our Board someday.

Proposed Conradina Organization Chart (August 2023)



For questions or to get involved, please contact Lynda Geraci slgeraci@att.net

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Chapter News

Conradina Yard Tour — Plant Give-Away

Help is still needed in providing plants for the Yard Tour Plant Give-Away. This is a beachside yard tour. All plant species are needed, especially those that are salt tolerant and sun loving.

At this time, we are only accepting plants that are currently in a pot and not from the yard. However, if anyone has BF irises or native Swamp lilies, they can be dug up now and kept in water. Kathryn will package them in newspaper for the Give-Away.

If you need help with storing or caring for the plants or need pots, please contact Kathryn at KathrynMerry2015@gmail.com or call her at 321.537.8806.

Looking to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA?

The Conradina chapter of the FNPS is a registered 501c3 non-profit and would be happy to accept any contributions you'd like to make to further our local efforts for native plant education and conservation.

THANK YOU to Heather Elko for recently making an RMD contribution to Conradina!

Please contact our Treasurer: Jane Higgins at janehiggins2016@gmail.com for any info you need about us or how to contribute.

