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Conradina Chapter Meeting Sunday, June 9, 2024 at Noon

**"BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH"
to Erna Nixon Park on Sunday June 9th 2024**

Conradina Chapter FNPS will have a brief general meeting prior to lunch. This event 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) utensils and napkins.

After lunch we will take a walk on the boardwalk. Carol Hebert will lead the tour on the boardwalk. The tour should be less than an hour and the boardwalk is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile.

Erna Nixon Park is a local treasure and we look forward to sharing information about the history of the park and the many species of native plants that thrive there.

This will be our last general meeting until September 2024.

We look forward to everyone coming!!

Next Chapter Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 2024

View prior meetings on our Youtube page

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



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Carol's Corner: Summer is here!

By Carol Hebert

The temperature goes up but most native plants don't mind. I just got back from a trip to Ohio where I saw a lot of warblers! I added 19 to my bird list! I was the only one looking at the plants, snakes, turtles and frogs also. I got a good picture of a native Lupine in bloom up there in a woody area called Metropark in Toledo. It is called Sundial Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*). It has such cool palm-shaped leaves so different from what our native Lupines have down here. Really beautiful!



I look forward to you all attending the meeting and luncheon at Erna Nixon Park on Sunday June 9th. After lunch we will take a walk on the boardwalk and enjoy the diverse ecosystems in the park.

I'm hoping we will still see some Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) still in bloom in the wetland. Such an interesting round bloom and has an aromatic smell. I am also hoping for us to see blooms on the Butterfly Orchid (*Encyclia tampensis*) which are located high up in the Live Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*) that we could see along the boardwalk.



I am lucky because Weona Cleveland (journalist and author) gave me a wonderful clump of Butterfly Orchid. Last year it had 123 blooms!



We hope we will get lucky at Erna Nixon Park! See you there!

Plant natives!
Carol Hebert



Upcoming Events

| Date | Event |
|--------------------------|--|
| Sunday June 9 at noon | General Meeting at Erna Nixon Park followed by a Bring Your Own lunch social. |
| Sunday June 16 at 8:30am | Workday at the MLK Library |
| Sunday, Sept. 8 at 3pm | Info session on the HOA Journey to Native Landscape Approval More information soon! |
| Monday, Sept. 9 at 6pm | Info session on the HOA Journey to Native Landscape Approval More information soon! |
| Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3pm | Info session on Alternatives to Invasive Plants - more info soon! |
| Monday, Oct. 14 at 6pm | Info session on Alternatives to Invasive Plants - more info soon! |
| Saturday, Oct. 26 | The 15th Annual Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour. All homes are in the Melbourne, Viera and Rockledge areas. |

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 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 at 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.

MLK Library Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Opportunity

**Next work day:
Sunday, June 16th
8:30AM
MLK Library**

Please wear closed toed shoes and work gloves. Bring your own garden hand tools and shovels, bags to put the weeds in, kneeling pads, hats and water

Help maintain the community gardens created by the Conradina chapter. No experience necessary!

Interested? Contact jessicapaskert@gmail.com.



Special Thanks to All our Volunteers

Special thank you to all who participated in our recent work days at the West Melbourne Post Office and DeGroot Library! Your hard work and dedication have greatly improved our community spaces!



15th Annual Landscaping with Florida Natives Tour

Save the Date!

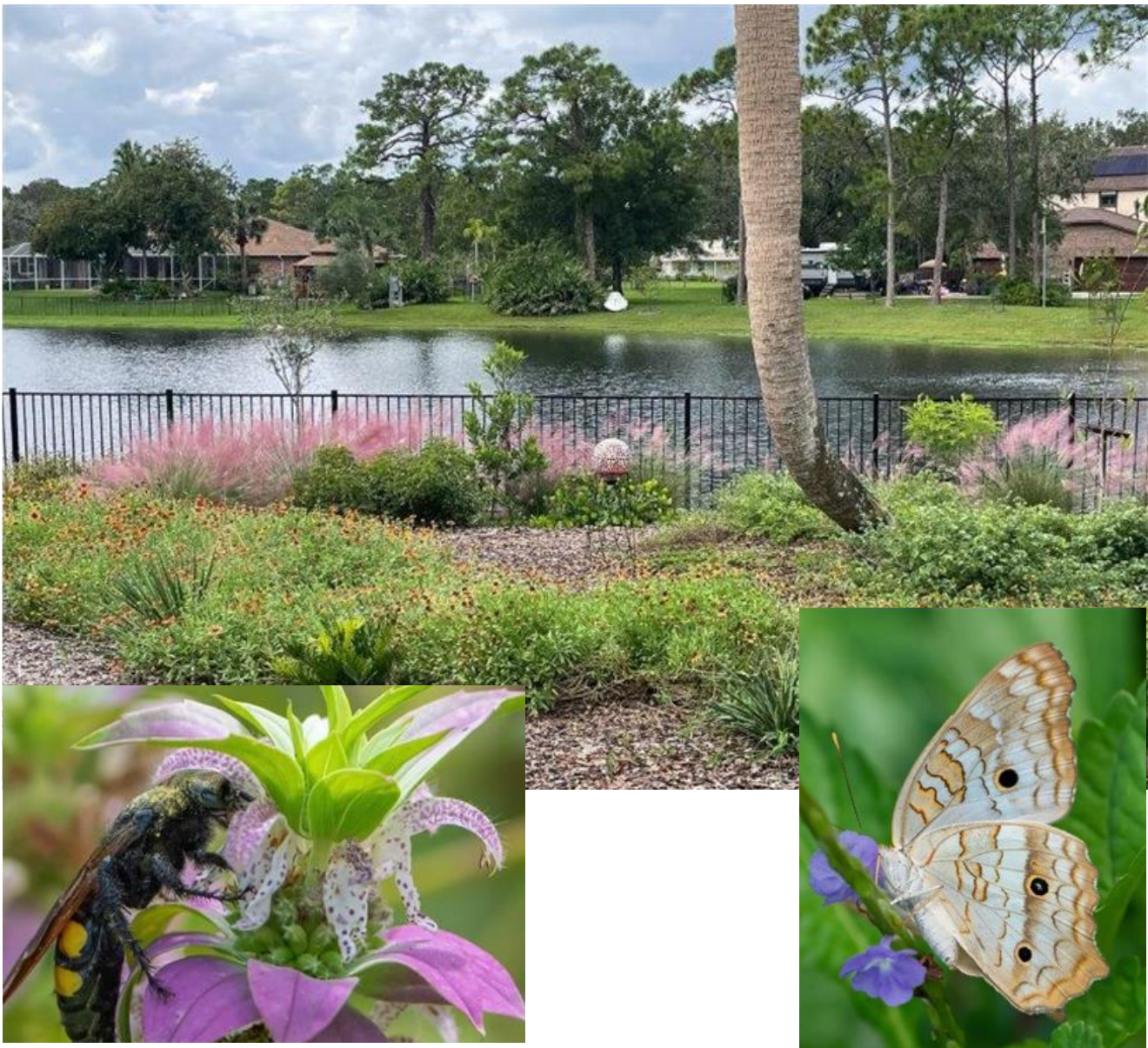
15th Annual Landscaping with Fl Natives Tour

Saturday Oct. 26, 2024

Please plan to join us this Oct. 26 as our emphasis this year is on HOA homes!

- Currently we have six homes scheduled on the tour and five of them are in HOAs.
- All homes are in the Melbourne, Viera, and Rockledge area.
- We're also working on a special presentation in either Sept. or Oct. addressing how to present your native landscape plan to an HOA.

Stay tuned for more info soon! It's going to be another awesome tour!



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 2nd Thursday 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 |

Palm Bay Sustainability Board Needs You!

Want to make a difference in the environment where you live in Palm Bay?

The Palm Bay Sustainability Board currently has **two openings** that we need to fill and it would be great to fill those spots with folks like you knowledgeable about native plants and the environment.

The primary requirements are:

- Must be a resident of the City of Palm Bay for at least one year OR be the owner of a business located within the City of Palm Bay for at least one year
- Able to attend monthly meetings at 6 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month
- Willing to work on issues related to improving the sustainability and environment of Palm Bay

For more information, please check out their website here: [Sustainability Advisory Board | City of Palm Bay, FL \(palmbayflorida.org\)](https://www.palmbayflorida.org/sustainability-advisory-board)

Also feel free to contact the three Conradina members already on the Palm Bay Sustainability Board for any questions you may have:

Susan Connally at Sbconnolly@aol.com

Rebecca Ziegler at rebeccarelgeiz@gmail.com

Jane Higgins at janehiggins2016@gmail.com

If you're interested in this opportunity, please fill out the online application here:

[APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP City Boards or Committees for the City of Palm Bay Florida \(palmbayflorida.org\)](https://www.palmbayflorida.org/application-for-membership-city-boards-or-committees-for-the-city-of-palm-bay-florida).

Thank you!!



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Chapter News

Help Recycle & Reuse Nursery Pots

Members participating in providing native plants for the plant drawing for our monthly meetings are in need of small pots (1 gal or less).

Please bring your extra pots to the meeting.

We will collect and distribute.

All members are encouraged

- to bring native plants to share and
- to bring empty pots to pass along



Thanks!

We need a back-up tech person at our monthly meetings please!

This is an extremely important task to facilitate the awesome presenters coming to our meetings!

We now have documented instructions on how to use the equipment at First Church. If you're a techie and interested in helping us out at the monthly meetings, please contact Jane at janehiggins2016@gmail.com

Our last meeting before summer break will be held June 9th. See you back here in September.