



An Email Newsletter!



October

Pawpaw Chapter of FNPS

We Aren't the Only Ones!



Dunn's Creek State Park

Pawpaw members are proud of our little *Deeringothmus rugelli* because it is found only in Volusia County. But, there are plenty of other critters and plants endemic to Florida. It is the job of biologists, such as our October speaker Jason DePue, to maintain and restore parks to their proper plant communities. This is done in a variety of ways. One important element in the restoration of our plant communities is through fires. Historically, fires occurred with regularity. They are an important way of maintaining balance. Fires also replace needed supplements to the soils. Mr. DePue showed some of his efforts at Dunn's Creek State Park in Putnam County. Recently an organized group of volunteers got together to count the rare, endangered rosemary *Etonia cygniflora*

Can You Guess Where These Lovely Natives Live?



Check these out by New Smyrna Beach's old fort pump station. Photos courtesy of Sonya Guidry of NSB.

Fall Landscape Tour in Ormond Beach Text and Photos by Sonya Guidry (unless otherwise indicated)

Perfect fall weather made for a perfect day for everyone who attended, hosted or volunteered at the recent Pawpaw Chapter Landscape Tour!



Kudos to each of you homeowners who spent extra time and efforts in your yards these past weeks, sprucing it up to show off your native beauties.

Kim's cottage-style garden mesmerized all who visited. Some commented on how peaceful and relaxing it was. "quiet oasis." She may not mow but Kim will be the first to say not work-free. Her landscape is an WORK OF ART..one that she can every day!



Others called it a grass anymore, "going native" is ever changing truly enjoy all day-

Tom's barrier island offered tour visitors a glimpse of his "work in progress"



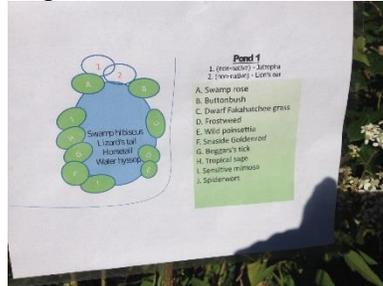
They liked the rough sketch of possibilities: his unique paths delineating islands of plants, brush piles for wildlife, the future pond site, and so many of his inventive little touches among a surprising diversity of native plants. Many left his yard, taking notes. So now armed with his Rodale design ideas and Nelson's book, Florida's Best Native Landscape Plants, we expect to see great things in five years!

Photos by Carla McDougal



Paul and Virginia were blessed by inheritance with a small treasured slice of ocean-front property. Though some visitors were just tempted to sit there on the deck and take in the seascape vista, others took note on how the seagrass was a sustainable addition to the ocean front landscape both for the plant community and humans. Thoughtful addition of seaoats, and numerous wind and sea-salt friendly plants showed diligent efforts to work with the forces of nature. Paul and Virginia's approach to seashore landscaping shows how wise it is to permit nature to manage that fragile buffer by itself.

Everyone visiting Elizabeth's shady refuge saw how a home landscape can welcome active little ones as well as wildlife. What a clever idea to hang lists of plant groupings throughout the yard, to give visitors a chance to actually see the plant names or photos



for easy note-taking.



Visitors found Carolyn's landscape a delightful private window on an existing hammock. One where even a mother deer felt safe enough to bring her fawn. The firebush around her front door was in full bloom keeping the butterflies busy. Those who cared even walked the woodland path leading to an unexpected waterway along a wetlands area. This landscape is always full of surprises! Photos courtesy of Carolyn West



Speaking of Landscapes..

We have so many homes out there to represent FNPS with a Landscape Award. Please enter! Contact us with any questions. We'd love to help. Below is a link with all the information;

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/rcekskvje1dqaxm/FNPS%20Landscape%20Awards%20Application%202015.pdf?dl=0>

Signs available at meetings for \$26.



Also from FNPS:

Dear FNPS Chapters,

The Florida Native Plant Society Annual Conference will be held in Tallahassee, Florida, May 28-31, 2015. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers and a poster session on Friday May 29 and Saturday May 30.

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presentations are planned to be 20 minutes in total length (15 min. presentation, 5 min. questions).

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted as a MS Word file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov by February 1, 2015. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate whether you will be presenting a paper or poster

Please share this with your chapter members through chapter meetings, newsletters, and social media.

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Tomoka Fest at Tomoka State Park

On the same weekend as the Pawpaw Landscape Tour, Pawpaw member Amy Spies was manning our table telling visitors all about native plants. Many folks stopped by after the tour to buy native plants from Renee Stambach of Native Plants Consulting in St. Augustine. We were sure to let visitors know all about FNPS and the Pawpaw chapter. The Fest was a lot of fun with plenty to see and do. We look forward to attending again next year!



FUN THINGS TO DO!

Pawpaw Chapter Field Trip Sat, Nov 8, Plant ID and Tour at Stetson's Gillespie Museum

We will take a walk around the museum to identify at least 12 varieties of native trees and shrubs. So, keep an eye out for the Fringe Tree, Yaupon Holly, Southern Magnolia, Bald Cypress, Red Bay (if it's not already a dead-bay), Sweet Acacia, Sweet Gum, Longleaf Pine, Red Mulberry Chickasaw Plum, and Live oak.

This also happens to be a day when the Gillespie Museum will be open for tours. (Rocks, Minerals, and Gems....OH MY!) Lunch at Cook's in DeLand after the tours.

To join the carpool and place your reservation for lunch.

Contact: Sonya Guidry Email: guidry.sonya@gmail.com Cell: 386 690-1797

Carpool Meet 9:00 AM at the Publix in Port Orange west of I-95 (Look for Sande Habali)

Plant This, Not That!

November 8, Saturday. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

North Peninsula State Park, Smith Creek Landing
40 Highbridge Road

This free event, sponsored by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, seeks to raise awareness about the types of invasive plants in our area, how to control and avoid them, and wonderful native alternatives to incorporate into your landscaping projects this spring.

The first 35 families will receive an invasive plant field guide from the University of Florida and a native plant sample from Southern Horticulture Nursery in St. Augustine, Florida. The event will host native plant walks, information from the local Native Plant Society and an exotic plant removal team, a presentation on how to plant a successful butterfly garden using native plants, and a talk by a Florida Park Service biologist.

Events begin at 10:00 am with a Saltmarsh Restoration Project tour.

Reservations are not required but notification of participation is requested to take part in hikes or the workshops. To reserve your place, request assistance or for details, please contact Jennifer Giblin at (386) 517-2086 or via email at Jennifer.Giblin@dep.state.fl.us

From Bonnie Cary's Activities

Guided Hike of Heart Island Conservation Area
Heart Island Conservation Area
Lake Winona Rd., off Hwy 17
Tuesday, November 11
9:00-11:00

Deep Creek Preserve Eco-buggy Tour
964 South State Road 415
New Smyrna (Samsula area)
Wednesday, November 12

9:00-11:00

Longleaf Pine Preserve Guided Hike - West Entrance
3637 E. New York Ave.
DeLand
Tuesday, November 18
9:00-11:00

Lake Ashby Paddle to Wiregrass Prairie Preserve
Embark from Lake Ashby Road Boat Ramp
1151 Commercial Ave.
New Smyrna (Samsula Ave.)
Friday, November 21
9:00-11:00

Bike About
East Central Florida Rail Trail Segment 1
Begin at Green Spring Park
994 Enterprise Osteen Rd., Enterprise
Wednesday, November 26
9:00-11:00

Contact elm@volusia.org
386-736-5927 to register.

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November 22, Saturday, Sea Oats Monthly Plant Walk. Julington Creek Preserve in the northwest of St. Johns county. 10am. seoats.fnps@gmail.com, for more information

**Pawpaw Meeting is November 10 at
7:00, Piggotte Center, South Daytona**

Our speaker will be Lisa Roberts, Florida Wildflower Foundation's executive director. She will speak about various programs supported by the Foundation.

For more information about wildflowers check out :

<http://flawildflowers.org/index.php>

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Be a successful collector!

Seeds from your garden or a friend's can be used to cultivate new plants - it's like getting wildflowers for free! And now, when many wildflowers are setting seeds after spectacular fall blooms, is the time to begin collecting. (Remember: Using native wildflower seeds that are locally adapted to your soil and climate will help boost your success rate.)

Here are some collection tips from Micanopy Wildflowers' Claudia Larsen to start you down the right garden path:

- Pick seedheads and pods when they become brown and shiny and seeds easily fall out.
- There's no need to pick all the ripe flower heads; most plants have dozens of them. Leave some to naturally reproduce and feed wildlife.
- Use scissors to snip seed stalks into paper bags, upon which you can write plant names.



- Clean coverings away from seeds to increase germination success.
- Store seeds in the refrigerator in paper bags, airtight containers or plastic sandwich bags with seals until you're ready to sow



SAVE THE DATE!!

December 8 Annual Pawpaw Chapter

Native Plant Auction and Pot-Luck

Members: Bring a Friend or Two!

Doors open at 6:00

Short meeting at 6:30 followed by dinner and auction.

Members will bring a dish and may bring 3 – 5 **native** plants (as long as there is a variety of plants). Emcee Paul Rebmann will let us know the backgrounds of the native plants being offered, so the audience can bid on just the right plant for the right place in their yard.

Come join in the fun!