

Pawpaw Newsletter

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Deeringothamnus rugelii

photo by Gill Nelson, from the book
Mosses and Hardy Plants of Florida

It has been awhile since the Pawpaw Chapter has had a newsletter. We have a lot of catching up to do!

Members of our chapter have been very active! We have been seen in various parts of the state this spring. And it looks like our summer will be just as busy. After all, Pawpaw members are not known to become DORMANT!

Our spring started off with the Master Gardeners Faire in Deland. That is always one of our favorite events.

April also found us in Flagler County at the Princess Place Preserve at an Earth Day celebration and biodiversity day.

Also in April, we learned about the production of Yaupon tea from Asi Tea LLC in New Smyrna Beach. We not only visited a site where it is harvested, but we were invited

to an outstanding open house to view the actual process of making our famous native tea.

Then it was back up to Flagler County, where many members participated in a hike in Faver Dyke State Park searching for carnivorous plants, especially the pitcher plant





May at Cracker Creek, by Sonya Guidry

What a nice surprise to have nine volunteers show up at Cracker Creek to help man the Pawpaw Chapter table. It was a pleasant day in the shade, despite the sudden downpour!

May means Rugels Round-Up

Pawpaw folks and community members go into specific areas of Volusia County in search of the little pawpaw plant for which our chapter is named

(*Deeringothumnus rugelii*). Danny Young and Sonya Guidry head this event up each year. More information can be found in the Hometown News at

<http://www.myhometownnews.net/index.php?id=117575>

May is Florida Native Plant Conference Time by Sande Habali

I used to think the Florida Native Plant Conference was for those “experienced” plant people. Not true—It is for everyone!! It is a place for everyone to have fun and learn something new. It is a time to just hang out with others as passionate as us about nature. You can tailor the conference to your own interests by choosing which field trips you wish to visit or which talks you wish to hear. The conference meets yearly. This year we met in

Ft. Myers. Many Pawpaw members participated. We all had a fabulous time! For more information, visit <http://www.fnps.org/>

Be part of the fun!!

**2016
FNPS is
in
Daytona
Beach!**

Stay tuned to learn how you can help make OUR conference a success!

The first weekend in June found Pawpaw members visiting UCF Arboretum

Pawpaw members visited the Arboretum, along with other chapters from the area.

Tarflower has graciously offered to share an account of the adventure, which included the famous Dr. Taylor as our guide!

Visit tarflower.fnpschapters.org And click on their July newsletter to read the account.

Annual Plant Sale and Seminar photo from Full Moon Natives



Our Plant Sale and Seminar also took place the first weekend in June. Speakers on various topics relating to gardening as well as vendors allow local residents to learn even more about native plants.

**Pawpaw Meetings
are at the Piggotte
Center in South
Daytona**

Our meetings are open to the public and are free. Please stop in between 6:30—7:00. We start our meetings at 7:00. Join us for refreshments after the meeting around 8:00. We have information of interest to the home gardener available at each meeting. Also available to our members is our famous Rolling Library. Sometimes books can get expensive, so take advantage of these current books and check one out to enjoy at home for a month or two.

We feature an interesting speaker each month. Our July speaker will be Kevin Bagwell from

Full Moon Natives , speaking on native pollinators.

Also, after our speaker, consider signing up for one of our many activities and field trips.

Of course, you are welcome to stay after our refreshment break for our business meeting. We always welcome new members!

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Rodney Dangerfield

Like the late comedian, some plants just “get no respect,” but they should! Some people even consider them weeds.

Smilax was presented at our April meeting by Ellen Nielsen. It is considered invasive by many gardeners and spreads by underground rhizomes. . There are 9 species in Florida. Most are edible, including one containing sarsaparilla, the flavoring for root beer. Learn more:

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr375>



Carolyn Kiel reported on *Bidens alba* in May. It has many common names such as Spanish Needles and Beggars Ticks. Can be annual or biennial and grow almost anywhere. It is found in all Florida counties, except Gulf. It is the 3rd most reliable source of nectar for bees and a butterfly favorite. Leaves and flowers are edible, with medicinal qualities. Dried leaves can be used for tea, wine, spirits and tobacco.



Dot Backes reported on the *Portulaca pilosa* (purslane). Some are not native to Florida.

According to Florida's Edible Wild Plants: A Guide to Collecting and Cooking by Peggy Sias Lantz: *There are several species of purslane growing throughout Florida (and all of North America.)*

Purslanes can be used raw, cooked, or pickled, and all parts of them—leaves, stems, and flowers are edible.

Pinch off the tips, however, and the plant will keep feeding you by growing new tips. Pgs 66-67



Plant of the Month

Plants that Get No Respect

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 19,

9:00 AM, the Pawpaw Chapter will hold its Annual Summer Native Plant Swap at Ormond Beach's Central Park. Please bring no more than 3-4 established, bonified NATIVE plants to swap. The plant swap is open to the public. So those who do not have native plants to share at this time are more than welcomed to participate.

Several of our Pawpaw Chapter members are happy to have our potted plants find new homes.

This year Kim Johnson has organized a location at the north end of Ormond Beach's Central Park which offers convenient parking near a sheltered picnic table, and restrooms. To sign up or get more information contact Kim, email:

kimjohnson1940@yahoo.com; or phone: 386 697-2095.

Directions to Ormond Beach Central Park's Hammock Lane site: From Nova Rd, Turn East on Division, Turn North (left) on Old Kings Rd, then East (right) on Hammock lane. The parking area and picnic shelter will be on your left.

In addition to the plant swap, we will take a plant ID walk around the paved trails, and plan to eat our sack lunch there at Central Park. Bring water, your own picnic lunch, and wear clothes appropriate to the weather.

Your Help is Needed!

What? Home & Garden Show

Where? Daytona Beach Ocean Center

When? Aug. 22,23,24

Who? Everyone's help is needed!!!!

Why? We need to let the general public know how important it is to use natives to save our Earth! Also, we want to sell our tickets for the October Landscape Tour.

The times of the show are Aug. 22, 2:00 –7:00
Aug. 23, 10:00 – 7:00
Aug. 24, 11:00 –5:00.

If you can give an hour or two during any of those times, please let Sande Habali know at Sndhbl49@gmail.com or sign up at the next meeting.

FUN THINGS TO DO!

July 14 (Monday) - meeting at Piggotte Center

Topic: Native Pollinators with speaker, Kevin Bagwell

July 19 (Saturday) Plant Swap in Ormond Beach Open to the Public

August 11 (Monday) - meeting at Piggotte Center Topic: TBA

August 22,23,24, (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) Home and Garden Show - volunteers needed

August 30 (Saturday) Fall Landscape Pre-Tour -open to members only

September 13 (Saturday) paddle

**trip from JB Fish
Camp with Paul
Rebmann**

**October 25 Fall
Landscape Tour**

Tickets go on sale in
August for \$5.00

They are available from
Pawpaw members, at
meetings, or Full Moon.

The tour will begin in
Ormond and consist of 5
homes throughout the
Ormond Beach area.
Participants can learn
landscaping tips from
homeowners who live
near the beach, as well
as those who live on the
mainland.

The times are from 9:00
– 3:00 with the
beachside homes being
available in the morning
hours only and the
mainland in the
afternoon hours only.

Contact the Pawpaw
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