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Newsletter of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: September 2020

## Our 'weeds': native landscapes and neighbors

Native landscapes are rich in their rewards, but are not without their challenges, one of which may be the neighbors. Two Pawpaw members recently had visits from code enforcement officials over the issue of "weeds."

One member reports that neighbors actually came onto her property to cut the perceived "weeds" and to trim trees along a naturally wild area across from the neighbor's property. The reason? They wanted the area to "look pretty." A code enforcement official arrived at the



member's home shortly after the confrontation. He asked that perceived weeds (in this case *Bidens alba*) that had become spent be removed from the front of the property. This was an easy concession. But there was also good news, as he commented on how much he liked sensitive mimosa (*Mimosa stigilosa*) as a groundcover and was especially impressed with the fact it requires no irrigation.

A New Smyrna Beach member received a visit after an "anonymous complaint." The "weeds" in this case were in fact beach sunflower (*Helianthus debilis* var. *debilis*), blanket flower (*Gaillardia pulchella*) and beach creeper (*Ernodea littoralis*). The code enforcement officer expressed surprise that people actually purchase beach sunflowers and plant them. But he and his supervisor, who joined the site visit, also seemed truly interested in learning about these plants, how they help to stabilize sand, cope with airborne salt, and thrive with no irrigation or chemical intervention.

Homeowners with native landscapes should keep in mind that there is education to be done, and that messy yards will not make converts. A sign from the Florida Wildflower Foundation or the Florida Association of Native Nurseries may help create an awareness that plantings were intentional, not the result of the lack of attention.

## October program: A Florida naturalist's glimpse of Cuba

Paul Rebmann will present a brief look at Cuba from his early 2019 trip to our southern neighbor. This photo tour will look at some of the flora and fauna of the island country and sights from both the countryside and the cities of Matanzas and Havana, including commentary on the people and how they live.

Paul Rebmann is a Florida Master Naturalist and nature photographer from Ormond Beach. Member of both the Florida Native Plant Society, where he currently serves as president of our chapter, and the Halifax River Audubon Society, he also serves on the board of the Friends of Gamble Rogers State Park. Retired from his technical careers, he now spends time while not photographing nature doing home remodeling and woodworking.

## Relocated pine lilies found happy in their new home

A small group of enthusiastic Pawpaw members returned to the Longleaf Pine Preserve west of New Smyrna Beach to check on the pine lilies (*Lilium catesbaei*) that were rescued last year from a busy roadside along State Route 44, an area slated for development.



The relocation of the pine lilies was made possible with the help of several individuals, including Sonya Guidry, who obtained the necessary permits, and Richard Harris of Volusia County. The group relocated the lilies to a remote area of Longleaf Pine Preserve.

Recently, a year after the relocation efforts, the group was gratefully transported along the beautiful, but very wet forest roads in an eco-buggy driven by Trey Hannah of Volusia County's Explore Volusia program. To everyone's delight a vigorously blooming rescued pine lily was spotted along the banks of the swampy pond where it had been replanted last November.

As a bonus, a resident pine lily was discovered nearby, confirming this was a good choice for relocation. The group delighted in a gorgeous fall day that provided much fodder for photography.

—Story and photo by Karen Walter



### Chapter meetings and speakers

Oct. 12: Program on a Florida Naturalist's experience of Cuba (see above) ONLINE via Zoom

Nov. 9: Program on "Plant Native, Grow Nature" with Katie Tripp ONLINE via Zoom

### Pawpaw on Facebook

Keep up with chapter events on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/PawpawChapter>

### Upcoming field trips, events

Oct. 17: Field trip to Hickory Bluff Preserve, 598 Guide Rd., Osteen. Contact Warren Reynolds: [warrenreynolds70@gmail.com](mailto:warrenreynolds70@gmail.com). CDC guidelines in place. No carpools, no planned lunch.

Oct. 19: Park of Honor work day, Olive St., South Daytona, 9 a.m.

Nov. 21: Field trip to Lake Monroe Conservation Area, Reed Ellis Road



## The Observatory

Renate Calero is savoring her success at growing whorled milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*), which is all the more remarkable because it had to compete with *Monarda punctata*, a known garden bully. Doug is wondering what the explanation is for the flower mutation in this black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*).

Share your delights and discoveries with chapter members by e-mailing your photos to Doug at shalehill@gmail.com for inclusion next month.

## It's seed season!

Calling all propagators! The weather is getting cooler and its time to start collecting seeds from the plants in your yard. Remember to always ask permission of nd friends before collecting seeds elsewhere.

We haven't heard whether there will be Master Gardener Plant Faire or DeLand Wildflower Festival next year, but it's always good to be prepared. If not, we can have our own plant sale. Although we missed the previously mentioned events as our two major fundraisers this year, the chapter did fairly well with the driveway plant sales. It's a rewarding experience to watch plants grow from seed or from transplanted seedlings, and member-grown plants raise the most revenue.

Pawpaw Chapter has a fairly large collection of seeds from last year and some from this year. If you are interested in growing seeds for plants to sell, of course you have to keep one or two plants for yourself for all your work. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Karen Walter, 1107 36th St. Edgewater FL 32141. A list of plants is on our website and at right.

Happy propagating!

—Karen Walter

Common name	(Botanical name)
Beard tongue, white	( <i>Penstemon multiflorus</i> )
Black-eyed Susan	( <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> )
Blanket flower	( <i>Gaillardia pulchella</i> )
Buttonbush	( <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> )
Common pokeweed	( <i>Phytolacca americana</i> )
Coneflower, cutleaf	( <i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i> )
Coralbean	( <i>Erythrina herbacea</i> )
Dotted horsemint	( <i>Monarda punctata</i> )
Dune sunflower	( <i>Helianthus debilis</i> var. <i>debilis</i> )
False indigo	( <i>Amphora fruticosa</i> )
Frostweed	( <i>Verbesina virginica</i> )
Goldenrod, Chapman's	( <i>Solidago odora</i> var. <i>chapmanii</i> )
Indian woodoats	( <i>Chasmanthium latifolium</i> )
Ironweed, giant	( <i>Vermonia gigantea</i> )
Ironweed, narrow-leaf	( <i>Vernonia angustifolia</i> )
Liartris mixed	( <i>Liatris</i> spp.)
Milkweed, white swamp	( <i>Asclepius perennis</i> )
Milkweed, pink swamp	( <i>Asclepius incarnata</i> )
Necklace pod	( <i>Sophora tomentosa</i> )
Pineland hibiscus	( <i>Hibiscus aculeatus</i> )
Partridge pea	( <i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i> )
Sage, scarlet	( <i>Salvia coccinea</i> )
Scarlet hibiscus	( <i>Hibiscus coccineus</i> )
Scorpiontail	( <i>Heliotropium angiospermum</i> )
Stokes' aster	( <i>Stokesia laevis</i> )
Tickseed, lanceleaf	( <i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i> )
Vanilla Plant	( <i>Carphephorus odoratissimus</i> )
Varnishleaf	( <i>Dodonaea viscosa</i> )
Wild Petunia	( <i>Ruellia carolinensis</i> )
Zephyr Lily	( <i>Zephyranthes atamasca</i> )