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Newsletter of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: March 2018



MARCH EVENTS

We're all about outreach

Spreading the word about native plants and the Florida Native Plant Society is one of our most important responsibilities as a chapter, and March was a very good month for outreach.

First, at our

monthly meeting, Elizabeth Flynn showed how to

lead by example, by having a yard that is designat-

ed a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

The next weekend, the Wildflower and Garden Festival in DeLand proved to be

one of our most successful events ever, with enthusiastic crowds filling our tent and wiping out the chapter's offerings of seeds, native plants, and landscape brochures. Thanks to Warren for heading up our team at the festival, and to all those who pitched in.



UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL

9 Pawpaw meeting with speaker Zach Prusak of The Nature Conservancy

14 Trip to Gamble Rogers Memorial State Park. Contact Mark Wheeler at (386) 586-6580.

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Mark your calendar

APRIL 7 Spring Fest, Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. Set up at 9 a.m. To help, contact Rose at rose.pysh@gmail.com.

APRIL 8 Pawpaw Board of Directors meeting, 2 p.m., home of Karen Walter, 1107 36th St., Edgewater. RSVP to Doug: shalehill@gmail.com.

APRIL 9 Pawpaw Chapter meeting, 7 p.m. Piggotte Community Center, Big Tree Road, South Daytona, with Zach Prusak of The Nature Conservancy

APRIL 14 Nature trail plant walk and picnic at Gamble Rogers Memorial State Park. Contact Mark Wheeler at (386) 586-6580.

APRIL 16 Workday at Park of Honor on Olive

Street, South Daytona, starting at 9 a.m.

APRIL 24 Lagoonacy at the Marine Discovery Center, New Smyrna Beach, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Sonya: guidry.sonya@gmail.com or (386) 690-1797.

MAY 5 AND MAY 12 Annual Rugel's Roundup (citizen science project). Danny Young: dyoung@ybeconsulting.com

MAY 14 Pawpaw Chapter meeting, 7 p.m. Piggotte Community Center, Big Tree Road, South Daytona, with Carolyn Kieler on "How to Transform a Lawn-scape to a Natural Landscape"

MAY 17-20 FNPS conference, Miami, Mikosukee Resort.



CHAPTER SHIRTS

If you missed the March meeting you also missed the unveiling of the chapter's new polo shirts.

The poly-cotton shirts are \$15 each and available in men's and women's sizes, and you can still sign up for one at the April 9 meeting.



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PLANT OF THE MONTH

As part of our continuing series of looks at "Prickly Plants for Pollinators and Privacy," Doug introduced us to white indigoberry (*Randia aculeata*), which may be variable in habit but is dependably consistent as a garden performer in coastal situations.

MARCH FIELD TRIP

Spring treats along a scrub ridge trail

Speaking of outreach, what better way to make the case for natives than a

walk in nature to encounter them?

A spectacular spring

day, and the chance to explore a plant community that is said to provide home for more endangered and threatened wildlife than any other Florida habitat, drew 15 members to Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge for a plant walk on the Scrub Ridge Trail.

For more photos, see: [facebook.com/PawpawChapter/posts/1622934874458144](https://www.facebook.com/PawpawChapter/posts/1622934874458144)

