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

Your landscape *can* make a difference to the climate

While we are confronted with daunting evidence of climate change on an almost daily basis, there is something more we can do than wring our hands in despair.

That is the powerful and inspiring message of Ginny Stibolt and Sue Reed's new book, *Climate-wise Landscaping: Practical Actions for a Sustainable Future*, advice from which Ginny shared with the Pawpaw Chapter at its September meeting.

And if our meeting whetted your appetite for more time with Ginny, she will be leading a two-hour hands-on workshop on transforming your landscape into a Florida native yard as part of the Florida Association of Native Nursery's Native Plant Show in Bradenton on Oct. 18. For more information on that: nativeplantshow.com.



Kindred company at MOAS

It was Natural History Day on Sept. 8 at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. The speakers and vendors at this event were folks with similar missions to the Florida Native Plant Society's of preservation, conservation, and restoration. We were told almost 300 people participated.

We were delighted to see so many children in attendance as well. We had a craft for them to make while we talked with the adults. Children got to make a door handle with a gaillardia to color. (Photo courtesy of Luis Villalon.)

Pawpaw's propagators make plans for growth

Fourteen pawpaw members met at Dr. Don Spence's Bethune-Cookman University classroom to focus on some propagation goals for 2019.

Participants agreed to document their native species propagation efforts for future reference. The steps used in propagation will be noted in scientific forms as outlined by Don and Cathy Lowenstein. Paul Rebmann plans



to post a template electronically for others to follow.

In addition to growing local native milkweeds, 10 members accepted a “Native Plant Propagation Challenge.” They agreed to grow 14 plants to a sellable size for the Pawpaw Chapter’s 2019 spring events. These plants are to be of the kinds that tend to flower in springtime and are not readily available at nurseries, but decisions have not been made yet about exact species.

Don then explained how the new B-CU greenhouse could augment our efforts. Once the sprinkler system is installed, and Don works out a growing plan, folks can stay tuned for future volunteer workdays in the greenhouse, hopefully by December. The next meeting for the group will be January 12, 2019, at B-CU.

In a muggy month, Spruce Creek cools

More than 20 Pawpaw members escaped the September heat with a boat tour of Spruce Creek and, after a lunch in the welcome shade of Cracker Creek, took to the woods to explore the diversity of Gamble Place’s longleaf pine and turkey oak sandhill community, a tucked-away treasure that made bustling Port Orange seem far away.



Upcoming events:

- Oct 8 (Mon): Pawpaw meeting with Wendy Poag, CPR creates PEAR Park, Leesburg. Plant of the month: Buckthorn (*Sideroxylon* spp.) by Sande Habali
- Oct. 12–13 (Fri-Sat). Garden Club of Ponce Inlet’s arts, crafts, and plant sale, Ponce Inlet Community Center, 4770 S. Peninsula Drive
- Oct 13 (Sat) Carpool to Melbourne’s native landscape tour, 10 am to 3 pm, Must purchase tour tickets in advance online.
- Oct 18 (Thurs.), 10:00 Nature Walk by the Museum of Arts and Sciences, Ponce Preserve, 4401 S. Peninsula in the Peninsula entrance parking lot, Ponce Inlet
- Oct. 15 (Mon): Park of Honor workday, Olive Street, South Daytona
- Oct 20 (Sat) field trip to PEAR Park in Lake County for guided tour with lunch at Yalaha Bakery, Contact: Sonya Guidry
- Nov. 12 (Mon): Pawpaw meeting with Jacqui Sulek on planting for birds. Plant of the month: Christmasberry (*Lycium carolinianum*) by Danny Young
- Nov. 16 (Fri.): Bird watch with Audubon at 8:00 a.m. at Ponce Preserve, 4401 S. Peninsula in the Peninsula entrance parking lot, free. Contact Amy Zengotita, (386) 236-2163
- Nov 17 (Sat): Field trip to Titusville to a new site to see rare scrub mint, *Dicerandra thimicola*: Leader David Anderson, assisted by Warren Reynolds (details TBA)

Keep up with chapter events on our Facebook page: facebook.com/pawpawchapter/

Nov 19 (Mon): Park of Honor workday, Olive Street, South Daytona

Dec. 7 (Fri), 3:00 p.m., Talk on invasive species in Florida with Roger Fulton, Ponce Preserve, 4401 S. Peninsula in the Peninsula entrance parking lot, free. Contact Amy Zengotita, (386) 236-2163

Dec 8 (Sat): Field trip Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales to view rare plants

Dec 10 (Mon): The Pawpaw Chapter's holiday celebration and annual auction

Dec 17 (Mon): Park of Honor workday, Olive Street, South Daytona

Thanks from Longstreet

The chapter received the following letter of thanks from the principal of Longstreet Elementary:



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Judith Watson
Principal

September 18, 2018

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the grant in the amount of \$244.95. Our fourth grade teachers and students worked so hard on this project and it looks beautiful. It's so nice to see the plants native to our area blooming so nicely on our campus!

I truly appreciate your support of our school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judith Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Judith Watson
Principal