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Newsletter of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: November 2017

NOVEMBER MEETING

Darwinian delight

News-Journal columnist Mark Lane shared the wit and wisdom of the Darwinian Gardener—Florida’s “foremost author-

ity on survival-of-the-fittest lawn-and-garden care”—to a full house at the Pawpaw Chapter’s November meeting.



DECEMBER MEETING

Annual auction, election

The December chapter meeting will include a brief business meeting for the election of officers (see box), but the main attraction of the evening will be our annual native plant sale. This year Danny Young and Don

Spence will serve as auctioneers.

Please bring up to three native plants (make sure they are labeled) that you have propagated or purchased. Member offerings will be enhanced with an enticing selection

of plants from Green Isle Gardens that were purchased by the chapter.

To fortify ourselves for bidding there will be pot luck “heavy hors d’oeuvres,” so

please bring finger food, as well as a plate and cup.

Slate of officers presented by the nominating committee:
President, Doug Hunt
Vice President, Janet Cavouti
Secretary, Sande Habali
Co-Treasurers, Karen Walters and Mary Jo Mercier
Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

UPCOMING EVENTS: DECEMBER

11 Pawpaw meeting: Annual holiday gathering and native plant auction

2 Field trip to sites with native plants in New Smyrna. Contact: guidy.sonya@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendar

- DECEMBER 10** Pawpaw Chapter Board of Directors meeting, open to all. Begins at 2 p.m. at the home of Barbara Kieran, 1843 Old Tomoka Road, Ormond Beach. bkieran386@bellsouth.net
- DECEMBER 11** The Pawpaw Chapter's annual social and native plant auc-

tion, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Piggotte Community Center, Big Tree Road, South Daytona (see first page).

DECEMBER 18 Workday at Park of Honor on Olive Street, South Daytona, starting at 9 a.m.

JANUARY 8 Pawpaw Chapter meeting, 7 p.m. Piggotte Community Center, Big Tree Road, South Daytona. Paul Rebmann will present a visual program on native Florida wildflowers and some of the polli-

nators that visit them.

JANUARY 13 Field trip to Enchanted Forest Sanctuary in Titusville led by Greg Hendricks, Advanced Florida Master Naturalist. Contact Sonya for meeting point and carpool details: guidry.sonya@gmail.com.

JANUARY 19-20 "Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future," conference sponsored by Pelican Island Audubon Society with Doug Tallamy as key-

note speaker. Emerson Center, 1590 27th Ave., Vero Beach. To register (\$25 before Jan. 5): signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4daea72ca7fa7-transforming

JANUARY 22 Tod Winston, program director for the Audubon Society's Plants for Birds initiative, will present a program at the monthly meeting of Halifax River Audubon beginning at 7 p.m. at Sica Hall, 1065 Daytona Avenue, Holly Hill.

NOVEMBER FIELD TRIP

Sherlock moments in search for rare scrub mint

It may have been late in the season, and there may have been a few sprinkles, but the Pawpaw Chapter's search for an endemic scrub mint in Titusville on Saturday was still a success.

David Anderson led the Nov. 11 trip, guiding us to many prime spots to view this unusual beauty. In addition to finding *Diceranda thinicola*, we were treated to many other interesting pine scrub plants such as *Pityopsis graminifolia*, *Carphephorus* species, and *Asclepias tomentosa*.

Participants hope to make a repeat field trip next November, and the chapter is trying to schedule a program on this rare endemic.

—Story and photos by Sande Habali

