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



DECEMBER MEETING

Auction action energizes evening

The Pawpaw Chapter's annual holiday gathering and plant auction brought more than 40 members and native plant friends to the Piggotte Center on Dec. 11.

Fortified by a smorgasbord of tasty treats and encouraged by Danny and Don, who made a dynamic duo of auctioneers, enthusiastic bidders brought home a wonderful selection of natives both common and rare. New co-treasurer Karen Walters reports that the

evening netted almost \$300 for the chapter.



UPCOMING EVENTS: JANUARY

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Pawpaw meeting: Program on plants and pollinators with our own Paul Rebmann

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Field trip to Enchanted Forest in Titusville. Contact: guidy.sonya@gmail.com.

JANUARY MEETING

A closeup look at plants and pollinators

One of the marvels of nature is the symbiotic relationship—where both parties benefit—between wildflowers and pollinators. When pollinators are mentioned, the first thing that probably comes to mind are bees, or possibly butterflies. What many people may not realize is the large diversity of species that are helping to pollinate our plants,

whether in the wild, in landscapes, or on farms. And the plants, particularly natives that help feed the pollinators that also go on to pollinate the plants that feed us.

The January Pawpaw Chapter meeting program



will showcase some of our native wildflowers and some of the pollinators that visit them. Presented

by chapter member and Florida Master Naturalist Paul Rebmann, *Wildflowers and Pollinators* will feature information,

photos, and even a few videos.

For a small sample of what will be in the program, visit the presenter's blog at <https://paul-rebmann.pixels.com/blogs/wildflowers-and-pollinators.html>.

Join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, at the Pig-gotte Center, 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona.

—Paul Rebmann

DECEMBER FIELD TRIP

A ramble for native plants in New Smyrna Beach

The Chapter started its December tour at Marine Discovery Center's butterfly garden in New Smyrna Beach. Warren Reynolds provided us with a list of native plants we would find in the garden for members to check their ID skills.

From there, we car-pooled to the paved New Smyrna Beach Multi-Use Trail. Warren helped us find many native as well as non-native invasives along the way.

Some of the native plants we saw were goldenrod, cedars and climbing asters. Sadly, we also observed Brazillian pepper, wedelia and air potatoes being eaten by the leaf beetle.

—Sande Habali

Photos by Luis Villalon



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Karen Walter was approved by a vote of members attending the Dec. 11 meeting to replace retired Carol Hawkins, for the position of co-treasurer along with MaryJo Mercier, existing co-treasurer.

The holiday plant auction was very successful, grossing \$427.25 from plant auction and plant brochure donations. After expenses of purchased plants, a total of \$290.75 was added.

Upcoming potential expenses include new name tags, shirts, as recommended by our student marketing team, and the award of grant money.

—Karen Walter

EDUCATION The grant application is on our website and we have adjusted the navigation to make it easier to find. There was an inquiry, but no takers yet.—Lisa Martina

MEMBERSHIP Members of the former Lyonia Chapter are now officially members of the Pawpaw Chapter and we welcome them.—Barbara Kieran

THORNY SUBJECTS

The theme for 2018's plants of the month is "Prickly Plants for Pollinators and Privacy." Sign up at the January meeting to present.

JANUARY FIELD TRIPS

Start out 2018 with a walk in woods

JANUARY 4 *Guided Walk at Heart Island's Longleaf Pine Restoration Area*

Description: This short 10–11 a.m. walk will be guided by a team of plant system ecologists, Dr. Susan Carr (incoming FNPS president), and Stetson University sandhill community specialists, Dr. Cynthia Bennington and Dr. Karen Cole.

The trip is open to everyone, and we are hopeful that our three local state senators and four local state representatives will join us as we explore a successful longleaf pine restoration project on public lands.

Optional : Picnic lunch at Lake Dias County park, which offers picnic tables with a view and facilities.

To carpool: Meet at 8:30 a.m. south of Chickfil-A in Ormond Beach (1464 W. Granada).

Contact person: Sonya Guidry, guidry.sonya@gmail.com or (386) 690-1797.

JANUARY 13 *10 a.m. Guided Walk at Enchanted Forest, Titusville*

Description: Take a walk with Master Naturalist Greg Hendricks through one of Brevard County's most unique forests.

Enchanted Forest ex-

hibits a rare blend of both temperate and subtropical plant species. The trails wind through at least five different plant communities: oak scrub, mesic and hydric hammocks, wet prairie and pine flatwood. We will also take time to explore their education center and its surrounding butterfly gardens. Plan to have lunch Titusville's Cracker Barrel before heading home.

Carpool: Meet at 9 a.m. behind McDonalds (Walmart) SR-44, west of I-95, NSB.

Contact person: Sonya Guidry, guidry.sonya@gmail.com or (386) 690-1797.

FNPS COACH TOUR

Explore rare coastal dune lakes

There are only a few places on our planet with coastal dune lakes and Florida is one.

If you have yet to discover them, you'll have an opportunity to do so from March 9–12, 2018, when FNPS offers a guided motorcoach journey to the panhandle to see them for ourselves.

Known as the Emerald Coast, Walton County has 15 coastal dune lakes interlaced along the coast just feet from the Gulf of Mexico, yet they remain fresh water for most of

the time.

Inspired by the documentary, *Coastal Dune Lakes, Jewels of Florida's Emerald Coast*, by Elam Stoltzfus, this tour traverses iconic Hwy 30A, crossing Fuller, Morris, Campbell, Stallworth, Allen, Oyster, Draper, Big Redfish, Little Redfish, Alligator, Western, Eastern, Deer, Camp Creek and Powell lakes, so you will see for yourself why these ecosystems are so precious.

The tour departs from Plant City at 7 a.m. on

Friday, March 9. Accommodations for this 4-day/3-night tour are in cabins and bungalows at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

Cost of the tour, which benefits FNPS, is \$795 per person for double occupancy or \$895 for single occupancy.

To sign up or for more information, contact Devon Higginbotham at 813-478-1183, e-mail indigotravelcompany@gmail.com or visit www.indigotravelcompany.com.

Looking ahead: 2018 programs, field trips

PROGRAMS

The Pawpaw Chapter meets on the second Monday of each month at the Piggotte Center at 504 Big Tree Road, South Daytona. The meeting starts at 7 p.m., with refreshments and the business meeting afterward. Please contact Program Chair Janet Cavuoti with questions or suggestions about speakers: jcavuoti@bellsouth.net.

Jan 8: Paul Rebmann, Florida's Pollinators (see page 2)

Feb 12: Ray Jarrett, Florida's Invasive Plants

Mar 12: Elizabeth Flynn, Preparing Your Yard for Wildlife Certification

April 9: Zach Prusak, The Nature Conservancy

May 14: Carolyn Kieler, Master Gardener, How to Transform a Lawn-scape to a Natural Landscape

June 11: Susan Carr, pineland ecology

July 9: Whitney Cosner, Bok Tower Gardens, Rare Plant Conservation Project

Aug 13: Doug Hunt, 10 Native Foundation Plants and Why You Should Plant Them

Sep 10: Ginny Stibolt, author, Sustainable Gardening for Climate Change

Oct 8: Wendy Poag, Conservation, Preservation, Restoration creates P.E.A.R. Park

Nov 12: Jacqui Sulek, Florida Audubon, Planting for Birds

Dec 10: Annual Holiday Social and Plant Auction

FIELD TRIPS

Please contact Field Trip Chairs Sonya Guidry or Warren Reynolds for reservations.

Sonya: (386) 690-1797 or guidry.sonya@gmail.com

Warren: (386) 478-6633 or warrenreynolds70@gmail.com

More information about the field trips is available on our website: <http://pawpaw.fnpschapters.org/>

Jan 4 (Thurs): Heart Island Longleaf Pine Tour, 10 a.m.

Jan 13 (Sat): Enchanted Forest Guided Walk, Titusville, with lunch at Cracker Barrel

Feb 17 (Sat): Green Springs Plant ID Walk, DeBary, with lunch at Osteen Diner

Mar 17 (Sat): Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge trail walk and picnic lunch at visitor's center

April 14 (Sat): Smith Creek Paddle Trip at North Peninsula State Park (kayak rentals available), picnic lunch

May 5 and May 12 (Sat) Rugel's Roundup (citizen

science project). Danny Young: dyoung@ybeconsulting.com

May 17-20 (Thurs-Sun) FNPS Conference, Miami, Mikosukee Resort

May 26 (Sat) Carolyn Kieler natural landscape tour and lunch in DeLand

Jun 16 (Sat) Longleaf Pine Field trip: Location TBA

Jul 14 (Sat) Wild Persimmon Trail, DeLeon Springs State Park

Aug 18 (Sat) Annual Native Plant Swap at Bushman Park, Port Orange

Sep 15 (Sat) Spruce Creek paddle trip (Cracker Creek kayak rentals), Port Orange

Oct 13 (Sat) Lake County's P.E.A.R. (Restoration) Park trail walk with lunch at Yalaha's Bakery, Leesburg

Nov 17 (Sat): Exploratory Dicerandra thincicola Walk, Titusville

Dec 1 (Sat): Sugar Mill Botanical Garden, local landscape tour, Port Orange

BARE ROOT BARGAINS

Annual tree sale

The Volusia County Soil and Water District's annual tree sale is a great way to acquire native plants at extremely reasonable prices. Bare-root trees are \$2 each for orders of 10 or more and \$3 each for less than 10. Woody plants are \$5.

For a list of available plants and a pre-order form, visit <https://vswcd.files.wordpress.com/2015/11/tree-sale-pre-order-form-32018.pdf> Pickup of plants is Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Volusia County Fairgrounds.

Katie Tripp volunteers that if any members are unable to pick up their trees on the day of the

sale, she will deliver them in exchange for a tour of your yard! To take Katie up on her offer, e-mail her at tripp3@gmail.com.

AUDUBON INITIATIVE

Best plants for birds

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. on Monday, Jan. 22, at Sica Hall, 1065 Daytona Avenue, Holly Hill.