



# THE PAWPAW PRESS

Newsletter of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society: November 2021



## You need plants, and we need you!

The Pawpaw Chapter's year wraps up with our annual native plant auction on Sunday, December 12, beginning at 1 pm at the Marine Discovery Center, 520 Barracuda Blvd., New Smyrna Beach. Please bring chairs and, if you would like, a native plant to contribute to the auction. We do have a substantial inventory, so do not feel any pressure to bring one. Contributed plants should have a label with the botanical and common name. Payment for auction purchases is by cash or check. If you need to use a credit card, a 3 percent service fee is added.

There is one order of business to take care of that day, which is the election of officers for the coming year. The nomination committee has proposed a slate of: president, Susan Anderson; vice president, Samantha West; treasurer: Karen Walter; secretary, Rob Bird. We also welcome nominations from the floor.

We will have on hand the new FNPS Good Neighbor Brochure, and there will be a chance to sign up for committees. It does take a lot of hands to keep the chapter going, as you can tell by this list. Joining one (or more!) of them is a great way to get further involved. We can definitely use your help! Questions? Email [pawpaw@fnps.org](mailto:pawpaw@fnps.org).

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Volunteer hours administrator: to be filled!



## Field trip to Gamble Rogers State Park

Twenty-four chapter members and guests enjoyed the November field trip to Gamble Rogers State Park. Among the highlights was the chance to see the uncommon yellow-spined *Opuntia stricta*. And blooming *Baccharis halimifolia* provided the opportunity for Mark Wheeler to give a lesson in botanical gender. Photos by Susan Anderson, left, and Amy Spies.

## Mark your calendar for programs, field trips

December 12: Annual native plant auction, 1–3 p.m., Marine Discovery Center, New Smyrna Beach

December 20: Park of Honor work day, 9 a.m., Olive Street, South Daytona

January 10, 2022: Meeting, via Zoom, with Scott Ward, plant ecologist at Archbold Biological Station

January 17, 2022: Park of Honor work day, 9 a.m., Olive Street, South Daytona

February 14, 2022: Meeting, via Zoom, with Ray Jarrett on planting and care for urban trees and palms

February 21, 2022: Park of Honor work day, 9 a.m., Olive Street, South Daytona



## The Observatory

*Drosera capillaris*, pink sundew, was among the treasures found by Judi Van Horn at Longleaf Pine Preserve. Renate Calero came across *Baccharis halimifolia*, saltbush, with its pollinator-heaven cloud of blooms in Ormond Beach. Share your delights and discoveries by e-mailing Doug at [shalehill@gmail.com](mailto:shalehill@gmail.com).