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**Meeting is Thursday
April 18th 6:30p.m.**

First United Methodist Church
101 W. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee

Ask a friend or a neighbor
to join and help preserve
more natural areas

The Lily Pad

April Program

Our speaker this month will be Ginny Stibolt of the Ixia Chapter giving the presentation “Organic Gardening Methods and Ecosystem Gardening”.

A life-long gardener with an MS degree in Botany from the University of Maryland, she writes about Florida gardening. She started with a series of columns, pod casts, and a supporting website called Adventures of a Transplanted Gardener that appeared in several publications for eight years. You can find those articles at floridata.com. She also wrote the garden columns for Vero Beach Magazine for four years. Now her writing also includes two Florida gardening books published by University Press of Florida: “Sustainable Gardening for Florida” (2009) and “Organic Methods for Vegetable Gardening in Florida” (2013), and is working on a third book, “The Art of Maintaining a Native Landscape.” She is the Florida representative for The Lawn Reform Coalition and writes a monthly column at <http://nativeplantwildlifegarden.com/> Ginny also is one of the Jolly Bloggers for FNPS and is the communications chair for the 2013 Conference.

Visit her own blog at www.GreenGardeningMatters.com.

2013 Conference

Registration Continues

The Florida Native Plant Society annual conference will be held at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, May 16-19, 2013. The theme, "Celebrating La Florida; the Land of Flowers," is to commemorate Ponce deLeon's naming of this region when he landed here 500 years ago.

Online registration ends on May 5th, but if you decide to come at the last minute, onsite registration will be available on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. www.fnps.org/conference



Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd

“We have forgotten how to be good guests, how to walk lightly on the earth as its other creatures do.”

— Barbara Ward, Only One Earth, 1972

Chapter Event Recap

by Jenny Welch

The Peghorn Homestead Picnic and Community Garden Party was just about the best event we have done. We had more response, gave out more information, answered more questions about native plants, birds, insects, invasive species, than we have had at any event in recent memory.

Comments from people attending the event was all positive. Everyone loved the event.

There were multiple hands on activities which included stamping your own dog tag, making your own seed bombs and tape, radish seed necklace's, face painting and hair art, cow patty toss, gunny sack races, butterfly and ladybug releases.

Refreshments were provided and included popcorn, swamp cabbage, sun tea, lemonade, and water. Lunch was excellent and provided by The Fine Swine of Troop 9 and Tiffany's on 10th.

A general store was set up in the historic cannery where penny and quarter candy could be bought along with candles and jam.

Free classes included gardening, birding, permaculture, and native plants Live animals were provided for education by Swamp Girl Adventures and New Beginnings Rabbitry

Live music was provided by Three and One Acoustic Band along with a mockingbird who joined in.

Native plants were sold by the Pine Lily Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society.

FNPS Plant Sale

Our first combined sale with other chapters (Conradina, Cuplet Fern and Tarflower) was a huge success for the chapters. With the huge turnout and purchases on Friday, a lot of customers who came on Saturday were disappointed with the lack of selection. As it was the first effort, we are taking all feedback under advisement so that future events meet the expectations of all in the community.

Total sales Friday and Sat. April 5th & 6th were \$6003.50. We received \$600.00 in sponsor donations. There were expenses of \$2197.52 for site rental, advertising and vendor booth purchases. Each chapter realized a net profit of \$1101.50.

A big hand goes to Sharon Dolan of Conradina who Chaired the Steering Committee as well as the amazing group of volunteers from all four chapters who made it possible.

Save the Date

Saturday April 20, 2013

10:00 am – Noon

or

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

City of Saint Cloud Garden Class

PegHorn Nature Park and Trail

The Urban Agriculture Program presents Making and Using Natural Pest Control and Fertilizers. This class is for people ages 14 and up; pre-registration required. email: ParksAndRecreation@stcloud.org, or call (407) 957-7243

Saturday, April 27, 2013

9:00 am

Earth Day Celebration

Maple Street Natives

7619 Henry Ave., West Melbourne, FL.

Live Music and Refreshments. Beekeeping workshop 9:30 am Sign up please. (321) 729-6857

Are you throwing away your Butterflies?

Are You Pulling this?

Then You Are Throwing Away This!



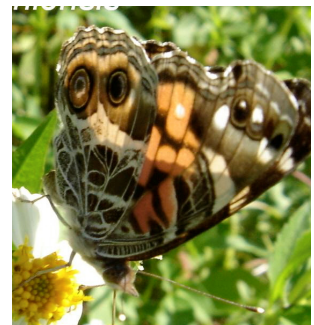
Virginia Pepperweed (*Lepidium virginicum*)



Great Southern White (*Ascia monuste*)



Cudweed (*Gamochaeta* spp.)



American Lady (*Vanessa virginiensis*)



Photo © 2013 Jennv Welch

Species Spotlight

Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)



Photo © 2013 Jenny Welch

An understory Florida native tree with a height of 10-20 ft.

Full sun to part shade, this deciduous tree has aromatic flowers and interesting foliage.

Flowers and leaves appear in late spring and leaves drop in early fall. Said to attract bats. Larval host for severall sphinx moths.

Drought tolerant.

The Florida Native Plant Society 33rd Annual Conference "Celebrating La Florida; the Land of Flowers,"

May 16-19, 2013

University of North Florida in Jacksonville

organized by the **FNPS Ixia Chapter.**

Florida Native Plant Society Membership Application

Membership in the Florida Native Plant Society enables you to receive their wonderful quarterly magazine The Palmetto. Joining the FNPS also entitles you to membership privileges in the Pine Lily Chapter of the FNPS and a subscription to their monthly newsletter *The Lily Pad*.

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