



The Lily Pad

Upcoming Events HELP WANTED

Jenny is **STILL** looking for additional **VOLUNTEERS** to cover the Kissimmee Arts and Crafts Festival November 18-19. You don't have to commit to both days, or even a full day. Any time you can offer to man the information table, help kids with a craft (to be decided) will be appreciated. We also will need tour

guides so people can see the results of the hard work that Jenny and Company have put into improving the downtown planters.

November Meeting

I. Jack Stout, Ph.D. will present "Tales of the Scrub Lupine". Dr. Stout will talk about The Lake Wales Ridge National Wildlife Refuge which was established in 1993 as the first Refuge designated for the recovery of endangered and threatened plants.

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The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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**Meeting is Thursday
November 17th 6:30 p.m.**

First United Methodist Church
101 W. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee

FNPS Policy on Transplanting Native Plants from the Wild

(adopted by FNPS Board of Directors, Nov. 19, 1988)

By promoting the use of native plants in landscaping, the Florida Native Plant Society has helped create a demand for native plants. This has prompted some individuals and companies to offer for sale native plants dug from the wild. Selling harvested plants avoids the time and expense of growing the plants under nursery conditions, but this harvest of native plants is, in most cases, not sustainable in the long run, and damages land that has potential for preservation.

FNPS does not approve of transplanting native plants from natural areas for landscaping, mitigation, or restoration purposes. Such transplanting is in direct conflict with the society's goal of preservation and conservation of native plants in their natural habitats.

From its beginning, the society has promoted the preservation of existing native plants in their natural habitats, while encouraging the planting of additional native plants grown under nursery conditions from seeds or cuttings. This position should result in a net gain of native plants. Transplanting from the wild merely transfers native plants from natural to manmade habitats, and results in a net loss of native plants because a good percentage of transplanted plants fail to survive the transplanting process.

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New/Renewing Members

Loret Thatcher R

"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days."

— John Burroughs

MG Plant Sale Results

by Jenny Welch

Whew...the master gardener plant sale is over for another few months. I feel it was a very successful sale, event, and fundraiser for Pine Lily.

Thank you to Loret, Susan, Michelle, Sandy and myself for donating native plants to the sale. Thank you to Loret and Sandy for helping out at the sale. Thank you to Sandy and Susan for helping me to tag my plants.

We used the invasive Mexican petunia to our advantage when a master gardener brought it in to sell and I confiscated it. We used it to showcase our native petunia and why people should not plant the invasive Mexican petunia but should plant our native petunia instead. We educated several people who decided to buy a different native plant instead of the invasive Mexican petunia. It also created quite a demand for our native petunia.

We also have a volunteer for the next sale, Bridget. Bridget is a Pine Lily member who spent quite a large sum at the plant sale buying only natives and she had already volunteered to help at the next sale.

Loret did an awesome job of educating people about larval hosts for butterflies. It is not just about the milkweed!!!

Susan was a little worried about her plants selling because they were not in actual planters/pots. They sold extremely well even in pudding cups and even though they were little baby plants! I was told that the goldenrod I brought in would not sell...it grows everywhere after all. 8 of the 10 I brought in sold. 2 of the 4 Goldenrods Loret brought in sold. I think all of Loret's would have sold had they been there earlier.

We had several teachers stop by as a result of our work in the schools.

Plants that we need to have more of for the next sale...

- native petunia, shade plants...coffee, rouge plant, snowberry, any other ideas are welcome,
- milkweed-native if we can find it, butterfly larval plants and butterfly nectar plants- I would like to have a table with just native butterfly plants on it.
- anything that will be flowering at the time of the plant sale.
- Edible native plants or native plants with a story behind them, people love this.

- Definitely need more native petunia.

Now, what you all want to know. Did we make any money? We spent about \$ 200.00 at the nursery buying plants. We made \$ 361.50 So our profit is \$ 180.00 as is the master gardener's profit.

It was a lot of work but I still think it is worth it. The more plants we can grow ourselves the more profit we will have.

Policy

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The society recognizes that there should be an exception to this policy to allow the salvage of native plants from areas where land clearing activities are both imminent and assured. This type of transplanting saves plants that would otherwise be lost. It is expected, however, that salvage activities not take place until all planning approvals for the site have been obtained and all possibilities for preservation have been exhausted. Salvage and plant rescue operations should be undertaken only in compliance with all state and local native plant protection laws.

Members of the society are asked to abide by this policy as a matter of ethics. Specifically, members are asked to inquire about the origins of plant material and not buy plants that have been transplanted from the wild. Landscape architects and designers are asked, when writing plant material specifications, to specify only nursery-grown native plants. Government agencies with jurisdiction over landscaping, mitigation, and restoration projects are asked to require those projects to use only nursery-grown native plants or those from on-site or nearby salvage operations.

While it is unrealistic to think that FNPS can totally stop the practice of transplanting from the wild, it can supply needed leadership on this issue and, with the support of its members, help dry up the market for such plants. It is critical that native plant communities remain as undisturbed and undamaged as possible.

Upcoming

December - No meeting, Happy Holidays!

January - Jaime Zsiros
and Melisa Diolosa
Subject: Upper St. Johns Basin Project

February - Beth Jackson
Subject: Ecological Corridors and Land Management within Orange County (originally scheduled for 2011 Conference)

An Osceola County Native Garden in December

by Susan Parent

December, 2010. There is nothing flowering right now. However, my yard is a carpet of acorns and the sound of falling acorns onto my metal roof as they hit the roof with a loud crash and then hearing them roll down the roof and land to the ground. The squirrels are feasting right now. I do have plants with berries...The Wild Coffee, Weeping Yaupon and Greenbrier or Catbrier, which the birds relish. And the Virginia Creeper is still a beautiful, scarlet orange draping over the tops of the Live Oak Trees.

October followup

by Loret

Peggy Lantz provided a very informative presentation on edible native plants, providing actual parts of plants picked from her garden as a visual aid. We learned that natives can be prepared in a variety of ways utilizing leaves, flowers and/or roots. We got to taste a few items that can be eaten raw, including the heart of maidencane. Peggy also provided a jar of her homemade Beautyberry Jelly and the contents disappeared quickly. Peggy had her books for sale, including "Florida's Incredible Wild Edibles". If you missed it, you can buy it on Amazon and if you purchase it through Goodshop.com with FNPS Melbourne as your benefiting organization, FNPS will receive a percentage of the sale.

Sue Parent brought some delectables for those not into twigs and roots or yummy jams ☺, Five plants were given away as door prizes.

Species Spotlight

FLORIDA PAINTBRUSH (*Carphephorus corymbosus*)



Photo © 2011 Loret

Also known as Coastalplain Chaffhead, it is one of five species of *Carphephorus* found in Florida. This is the single upland species. The other four are all considered wetland species. A member of the Aster family (Asteraceae), it is a deciduous perennial.

Plant in full sun. It prefers well-drained sandy soil.

Drought tolerant but requires moisture at its taproot

Bloom Season: Fall

At maturity, Florida paintbrush stands 2-3 feet tall (sometimes up to 4-5 feet). It starts in spring as a flat rosette of basal leaves. In mid summer it begins to send up the flower shoot. It dies back in winter.

Large flower heads are produced in a loose corymbose inflorescence, stems densely pubescent.

Excellent Butterfly Nectar Source.

source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection & Hawthorne Hill Native Wildflower and Rare Plant Nursery

Save the Date

Friday, November 18

7:00pm - 10:00 pm

Star Gaze: Intro to the Night Sky

Bok Tower Gardens

1151 Tower Blvd. Lake Wales, FL

Journey into outer space as astronomers bring out their big telescopes to unlock the mystery of the night sky. Catch the Leonid meteor shower and learn to identify stars. Info: 863.676.1408 <http://boktowergardens.org/calendar/> \$5.00 per person.

Sat/Sun, November 19-20, 2011

9:00 am- 4:00pm

2011 Kissimmee Mainstreet Fall Arts, Crafts & Antique Festival

Broadway, Downtown Kissimmee

Tours, Kids Activities, Vendors, Live Music.

Pine Lily will have an info/craft table at this event. **Volunteers Needed.**

Volunteers Needed
 Kissimmee Arts/Crafts
 Nov 19-20
 New Beginnings School
 Wednesdays
 Kissimmee Pots
 Maintenance ongoing
 Highlands Elementary
 Wildflower Garden
 help..... tba
 contact Jenny Welch

Historical Gardens Landscaping
 1st and 3rd Sunday each month
 9:30a – 12:30p
 contact Kattya Graham
 407 396 8644 or
 kattya@osceolahistory.org

Weeds to Watch Out for

NAKEDSTEM DEWFLOWER (Murdannia nudiflora)



Photo © Loret

An exotic, annual plant, found in lawns, spreading by prostrate stems that root at the nodes. It grows to about five 5 inches tall, or to 8 inches when in bloom. The leaves are grasslike, somewhat fleshy, alternate, linear

to lanceolate, sessile, about 3 inches long and less than 1/2 inch broad; the base forms a tight sheath around the stem. The flowers appear in September and are open for only a few hours on sunny afternoons. They are about 3/8 inch broad, with three blue or purplish petals, and are borne in terminal, few-flowered, long-stalked inflorescences. The fruit is a three-parted capsule with four to six seeds.

It has recently been demonstrated that the dewflower can cause **serious dermatitis in dogs**, but degree of susceptibility varies from dog to dog.

(Source: FL Dept AG; Plant Industry Div.)

Extension Services

NEW 4-H LEADER TRAINING

Monday, December 5, 2011 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 Registration required. Call 321-697-3000.
 Risk Management / Liability

VEGETABLE GARDENING

Thursday, January 13, 2012; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
 Learn the basics of growing vegetables in Florida, different vegetable seasons, common pests and diseases that may attack your crops.
 Registration required. Call 321-697-3000.

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*.

Check pertinent category:

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Business name or organization _____

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