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The Suncoast Grapevine

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Happy New Year!!



Our next meeting will be January 16, 2002.

Election of the 2002 Board of Directors

The membership of the Suncoast Native Plant Society elected the following Board of Directors for 2002 at the November 21, 2001 meeting:

Ken Albritton	Ameé Bailey	George Kish	Fred Spriggs
Betty Wargo	Harriett Wright	Richard Wunderlin	

Congratulations to the new Board!! The new Board of Directors met during the last week in November and elected the following officers for 2002:

Chair:	George Kish
Vice-chairs:	Richard Wunderlin and Harriett Wright
Secretary:	Ameé Bailey
Treasurer:	Fred Spriggs

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The Year in Review

By George Kish

This year was a busy one for our chapter. Listed below is a summary of the programs, events, and field trips, and plant profiles for 2001.

Programs

Jan	Edible native plants by Katy Roberts
Feb	Mulch – free for the taking by Fred Mulholland
Mar	Native plant landscaping by Betsy Davis
Apr	Restoration and conservation of orchids in Florida by John Beckner
May	ELAPP: Balm-Boyette Scrub by Ralph Heath
Jun	Gardening for Florida's butterflies by Pam Traas
Jul	Backyard herpetology by Kristin Wood
Aug	Brooker Creek Preserve by Craig Huegel
Sep	Endangered asters of Florida by Dick Wunderlin
Oct	Grazing on the Florida landscape by Debbie Butts and Joe Sumner
Nov	Wild orchids of Florida by Paul Martin Brown and Stan Folsom

Events and Field Trips

Mar	Native Plant Sales at Home Depot in Carrollwood and at Kerby's Nursery and Landscaping in Seffner Guided Walk at Bell Creek Nature Preserve Guided Walk at Lettuce Lake Park Guided Walk at Violet Cury Nature Preserve
Apr	Guided Tour of Blackwater Creek Preserve USF Botanical Garden Spring Plant Festival Native Plant Sales at Home Depot in Carrollwood and at Kerby's Nursery and Landscaping in Seffner Plant Buying Trip to Environmental Equities
May	Field trip to Balm-Boyette Scrub Conservation Day at Lowry Park Zoo
Oct	USF Botanical Garden Fall Plant Festival Mulholland's wine and cheese party Field trip to Balm Scrub and Balm-Boyette Scrub
Dec	Field trip to Cypress Creek Preserve

Message from the Chair

I want to extend a huge thank you to all of the hard-working members of our chapter who made 2001 a successful year. From the programs and plant sales to the field trips and guided walks (see the list on this page), Suncoast chapter members dedicated hours, energy, and enthusiasm to educating the public about the benefits of native plants. The 2001 Board of Directors took an active role in supporting outreach and community projects by expanding the grant program.

I am looking forward to working with the new Board and the members of our chapter to continue our commitment to outreach, community projects, and education in 2002.

At the November Board meeting, we decided to assemble a committee to develop plans for plant identification workshops for our chapter. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Dick Wunderlin or Betty Wargo.

I'd like to hear from members about what you like or how you would improve our programs, field trips, events, newsletter, etc. I also invite you to contribute articles or information about events for the newsletter. Please contact me or the other Board members about your ideas, interests, etc. Have a safe and happy new year!

George Kish

Plant Profiles

Jan	Winged elm (<i>Ulmus alata</i>)
Feb	Carolina yellow jessamine (<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>)
Mar	Walter's viburnum (<i>Viburnum obovatum</i>)
Apr	Yaupon holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i>)
May	Rough skullcap (<i>Scutellaria integrifolia</i>)
Jun	Yellow passionvine (<i>Passiflora lutea</i>)
Jul	Gopher apple (<i>Licania michauxii</i>)
Aug	Parsley haw (<i>Crataegus marshallii</i>)
Sep	Silkgrass (<i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i>)
Oct	Lopsided indiagrass (<i>Sorghastrum secundum</i>)
Nov	Wild coco (<i>Eulophia alta</i>)

Suncoast Calendar

January 2 Upland Restoration Program at Reedy Creek by Nancy Bissett. Pinellas Chapter, FNPS. Call 727-544-7341 for information.

January 5 Field trip to the 186 acre Upland Restoration Program Site (flatwoods, scrub, and seepage slope) at Reedy Creek by Nancy Bissett. Pinellas Chapter, FNPS. Call 727-544-7341 for information.

January 15, 7 p.m. Florida's Salamanders by Paul Moler. Chinsegut Nature Center, Brooksville. Call 352-754-6722 for information.

January 16, 7 p.m. Endangered Florida Plants by Nancy Coile. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the USF Westside Conference Center.

January 17 2002 Florida Cattlemen's Institute and Allied Trade Show at the Kissimmee Valley Agricultural Center. For information contact the Osceola County Extension Office at 407-846-4181.

January 19, 2 p.m. Butterfly Gardens for Your Backyard, Schoolyard, and Patio by Nicole Gonzalez at Audubon Resource Center at Lettuce Lake Park. Call 813-983-0258 for information.

January 26, 10 a.m. Sharpen Your Tools by Bill Herbert. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

February 5, 7 p.m. Florida Panthers by Chris Beldon. Chinsegut Nature Center, Brooksville. Call 352-754-6722 for information.

February 16, 10 a.m. Prune Your Crape Myrtle by David Whitley. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

February 16, 2 p.m. Xeriscape Basics 101 by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. at Audubon Resource Center at Lettuce Lake Park. Call 813-983-0258 for information.

February 20 7 p.m. Backyard Expeditions: Insects, Flowers, and More by Carlos de la Rosa. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the USF Westside Conference Center.

February 22 Tree and Landscape Short Course. Call Hillsborough County Extension at 813-744-5519.

February 22-23 Tampa Spring Expo 2002 at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Call Tampa Bay Wholesale Growers at 813-655-1914 or visit the web site www.tbwg.org for information.

March 21-24 22nd Annual Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society in Tallahassee at the Ramada Inn North. Conference theme is Native Plants in Native Places: Botanical Treasures Off the Garden Path. Call 561-462-0000 or email conference@fnps.org for information.

Every Saturday at 9 a.m. Brooker Creek Preserve Nature Hike. Reservation required. Call 727-943-4003 for information or reservation.

Every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Buggy Tours at the Disney Wilderness Preserve. September through June. Call Kate Caldwell at 407-935-0002 for information.

Hillsborough County Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Call 813-744-5519 x 145 for information about topics, location, and dates or visit their website: hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/calendar.htm.

Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - December

By Sally Sun

For the month - Average temperature range: low of 51° to high of 72°
(likely to have a couple of days of lows in the 30's)

Average rainfall: 2.15 in.

Flaunting flowers:

Acacia farnesiana, sweet acacia; yellow
Acacia pinetorum, pineland acacia; yellow
Ardisia escallonioides, marlberry; white
Asclepias perennis, aquatic milkweed; white
Aster carolinianus, climbing aster; purple
Aster concolor, silvery aster; purple
Berlandiera subacaulis, green eyes; yellow
Bidens alba, Spanish needle; white
Bidens laevis, burrmarigold; yellow
Calamintha georgiana, Georgia savory; pink
Conradina grandiflora, large-flowered conradina; purple
Coreopsis leavenworthii, tickseed; yellow
Crinum americanum, string or swamp lily; white
Chrysopsis sp., goldenaster; yellow
Eryngium aquaticum, corn snakeroot; blue
Forestiera segregata, Florida privet; yellow green
Gaillardia pulchella, blanket flower; red with yellow tips
Gelsemium sempervirens, Carolina jessamine; yellow
Glandularia maritima, beach vervain; purple
Glandularia tampensis, Tampa vervain; purple
Habenaria floribunda, false reinorchid; whitish-green
Hamelia patens, firebush, red
Helianthus debilis, beach sunflower; yellow
Heliotropium angiospermum, scorpion tail; white
Heliotropium curassavicum, seaside heliotrope; white

Hypericum hypericoides, St. Andrew's cross; yellow
Itea virginica, Virginia willow; white
Lonicera sempervirens, coral honeysuckle; red
Lycium carolinianum, christmas berry, lavender
Mimosa strigillosa, powderpuff; pink
Muhlenbergia capillaris, pink muhly grass; pink
Passiflora suberosa, corksystem passionflower; green
Phlox nivalis, trailing phlox; pink-purple
Phyla nodiflora, fog-fruit; white
Phytolacca americana, pokeweed; white
Piloblephis rigida, pennyroyal; purple
Pityopsis graminifolia, silkgrass; yellow
Plumbago scandens, wild plumbago; white
Poinsettia heterophylla, painted leaf; white
Polygonum punctatum, dotted smartweed; white
Rivina humilis; rouge plant; white
Rudbeckia hirta, black-eyed susan; yellow
Salvia coccinea, tropical sage; red, pink
Sambucus canadensis, southern elderberry; white
Scutellaria integrifolia, rough scullcap; purple
Sophora tomentosa, necklace pod; yellow
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis, trailing porterweed; purple
Tradescantia ohiensis, spiderwort; blue
Trichostema dichotomum, blue curls; blue
Xyris spp., yellow-eyed grass; yellow

Bearing berries:

Ardisia escallonioides, marlberry; black
Callicarpa americana, beautyberry; magenta
**Hamelia patens*, firebush, black
Ilex cassine, dahoon holly; red
Ilex vomitoria, yaupon holly; red
Myrica cerifera, wax myrtle; green
Passiflora suberosa, corksystem passionflower; black

Phytolacca americana, pokeweed; black
**Psychotria nervosa*, shiny wild coffee; dark red
**Rivina humilis*, rouge plant; red
Sambucus canadensis, southern elderberry; black
Taxodium spp., bald and pond cypress; brown
Zamia pumila, coontie; orange

Wildlife to watch for:

(Bird information supplied by Dave Bowman)

Migratory birds in the area: blackbirds (cowbirds, grackles, red-winged), cedar wax wings, kingfishers, robins, sparrows (chipping, grasserhopper, Savannah, swamp) warblers, etc.

Northern waterfowl: common loons, double-breasted cormorants, pied-billed and horned grebes, lesser scaups, redheads, blue-winged and green-winged teals, northern shovelers, northern pintails, American wigeons, ring-necked ducks, red-breasted mergansers, and ruddy ducks.

On warm days, gulf fritillary, zebra long wing, white peacock, cassius and ceraunus blue butterflies

What's happening in your yard? Please give us your input. Call Sally Sun, 935-1312, with additions to this list.

Suncoast Chapter Program for 2002

By Harriett Wright and Dick Wunderlin

- Jan 16 Endangered Florida Plants by Nancy Coile
- Feb 20 Backyard Expeditions – Insects, Flowers, and More by Carlos de la Rosa
- Mar 20 Open
- Apr 17 Building a Backyard Bog Garden by Chelsie Vandaveer
- May 15 Native Plants of the Everglades by Roger Hammer
- Jun 19 Journeys on Florida's Rivers by Gene Cleversey
- Jul 17 Project GreenHouse – Sustainable Living in Florida by Brian Marc Schatz
- Aug 21 Project Planning Using Natural Landscaping by David Connor
- Sep 18 Open
- Oct 16 Come Into My Parlor – Spiders of Florida by Francia Smith
- Nov 20 Using Plants to Clean Up Hazardous Waste by George Kish

Florida Plants of the Year 2002

The Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association's Woody Division recently announced the 2002 Florida Plants of the Year selections. Three of the selections are native plants of Florida:

Compact Walter's Viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*)

Oak Leaf Hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

Simpson's Stopper, compact form (*Myrcianthes fragrans 'Compacta'*)

Welcome New Suncoast Members

Bruce Healy
Annetto Hicks
Mary MacArthur
Lois and Alan McLane
Thana Quinn-Ellis
Jennifer Wall
Bitha Wodrich

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 Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. and a subscription to their monthly newsletter *The Suncoast Grapevine*. Contact the membership chair, George Kish at (813) 920-0853.

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Meeting Location

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Westside Conference Center, first floor, located on the USF campus at Banyan & Cypress. Entrance is at the north end of the building.

SNPS Address

The main address for communication is:

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Any correspondence sent to this address will be forwarded to the appropriate officer or committee member.

The SNPS web address is:

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