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November 21 Meeting

Wild Orchids of Florida

by Paul Martin Brown and Stan Folsom

Our speaker for November, Paul Martin Brown, is a leading expert on the native orchids of America. Together with his partner, the artist Stan Folsom, he has published *Wild Orchids of the Northeastern United States*. Two other books are forthcoming, *Wild Orchids of North America, an Annotated and Illustrated Checklist*, and, of special interest to our group, *Wild Orchids of Florida*. Unfortunately, the latter will not be published until mid-December. Fortunately, Paul will have order forms for those of us who want the book, and Stan will be selling some of his paintings.

Paul is a research associate at the University of Florida Herbarium at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville. He received his M.S. from the University of Massachusetts, and is the founder of the North American Native Orchid Alliance and editor of the North American Native Orchid Journal. Stan, who will assist in the presentation, is a retired art teacher who received his baccalaureate at the Massachusetts College of Art, and his Master of Fine Arts and Ph.D at the Pennsylvania State College. His primary medium is watercolor, and his work is represented in several permanent collections including the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

At the meeting, several of Stan's paintings will be for sale and orders for autographed and inscribed copies of the Florida book will be taken.

**** NOVEMBER IS THE ELECTION MEETING!! ****

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Upcoming Programs for SNPS Monthly Meetings

2001

- **November 21** – Paul Martin Brown (Orchids)
- **December** – no meeting

2002

- **January 2002** - Nancy Coile (Endangered Plants)
- **February 2002** – Carlos de la Rosa (Backyard Expeditions)

USF Parking Permit Required for Chapter Meetings



Parking permits are required - USF security is enforcing parking rules.

Parking permits are \$2.00 and may be purchased at the main entrance to USF or at permit machines located along the west side of the School of Public Health Building. Permit machines require dollar bills or coins.

Suncoast Calendar

November 7 Florida Natives and Drought Tolerant Plants Including Groundcovers by **Ardell O'Neal**. 7 p.m. Jimmie B. Keel Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave, Carrollwood. Call 813-264-3831 for information.

November 9-11 Annual Conservation Conference at the Ocala 4-H Club. Florida Sierra Club. Call Mary Slater-Linn at 407-426-6869 for information.

November 10 2 p.m. Go Native with Brightman Logan of Central Florida Native Nursery. Audubon Resource Center at the Lettuce Lake Park. Call 813-983-0258 for information.

November 10-11 Members Only Plant Distribution and Sale. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

November 13 Rare Plant Task Force Meeting and Workshop at the Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid,. Call 863-465-2571 for information.

November 17 10 a.m. Cold Protection for Your Tender Plants. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

November 21 7 p.m. Paul Martin Brown (Orchids), Suncoast chapter meeting. Annual election of 2002 Board of Directors.

December 1 Field trip to Cypress Creek Preserve. Contact Steve Dickman at 813-936-7268 for information.

December 1 10 a.m. Holiday Wreath Making. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

December 5 7 p.m. Pinellas chapter, FNPS meeting with St. Petersburg Audubon Society. Environmental exhibits and silent eco-auction. Pinellas Co. Cooperative Extension Service, 12175 125th Street N, Largo. Call 727-544-7341 for information.

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

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.

Fall Plant Sale Thank You

By Sally Sun

The fall USF Botanical Garden Plant Sale took place October 13 and 14. Twenty members volunteered their time to help make this a successful event. SNPS member Rick Brown's RiverView Flower Farm delivered over 1700 plants Wednesday, October 10. On Friday, October 12, Vikki Sinclair and Sally Sun picked up plants at Florida Natives Nursery, owned by Lori Milam. We arrived at the USF Botanical Garden around 9 a.m., where the rest of the set-up crew (Doris and Bob Bareiss, Becky Sanguedolce, and Harriett Wright) were assembled. We set up the tables and plants in about two hours. In the afternoon Vikki and Sally went to Environmental Equities in Hudson to pick up more plants. In all, we had over 90 varieties of trees, shrubs, ground covers, wildflowers, ferns and vines - a very nice selection, indeed!

On Saturday, the volunteers arrived by 8 a.m. The last of our deliveries arrived at 7:30 and we scurried to get the plants off the truck and into position. The Botanical Garden members started arriving at 9:30 a.m., and the public at 10 am. On hand to assist were Bob and Doris Bareiss, Cliff Brown, Betsy Davis, Kim Freidland, Jane Halil, Lucy Hoyt, Joann and Tom Matthews, Shelia and Jeff Ryan, Sally Sun, Carmel van Hoek, Betty Wargo, and Harriett Wright.

There were still a lot of plants left on Sunday. On hand to assist were Ameen Bailey, Mel Brown, Lucy Hoyt, and Sally Sun. Mary Miller was there in the morning, and Fred Spriggs came in the afternoon to help disassemble. Because of world events, we didn't know what to expect as far as amount of people attending the sale. The crowds were down substantially and all the vendors had lots of plants left - we had over 700 plants left from Riverview Flower Farm. Rick Brown generously donated them to the Botanical Garden and Lowry Park Zoo.

A big "Thanks!" to everyone who gave up part of their weekend to help make the plant sale successful. As a thank-you, each volunteer was given a wildflower of their choice.

Financially, we had gross sales of about \$4,500 and we netted about \$1,400. The various events throughout the year, and especially the semiannual plant sales, are vital to SNPS. Part of the purpose of SNPS is educating the public about native plants. The earnings from these sales help to pay for grants, special speaker's expenses, the newsletter, and educational projects throughout the area. If you can find a few hours to volunteer next spring, your help would be appreciated. It is a great way to learn about Florida's native plants. It's even fun!! "Y'all come out and join us."

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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Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - November

By Sally Sun

For the month - Average temperature range: low of 57° to high of 78°

Average rainfall: 1.77 in.

Flaunting flowers:

Acacia farnesiana, sweet acacia; yellow
Acacia pinetorum, pineland acacia; yellow
Ageratina jucunda, snakeroot; white
Ardisia escallonioides, marlberry; white
Aristida beyrichiana, wiregrass; green
Asclepias verticillata, whorled milkweed; white
Aster carolinianus, climbing aster; pale purple
Berlandiera subacaulis, green eyes; yellow
Bidens alba, Spanish needles; white
Calamintha coccinea, scarlet savory; red
Calamintha georgiana, Georgia savory; pale lavender
Chrysopsis sp., goldenaster; yellow
Conoclinium coelestinum, blue mistflower; blue
Conradina grandiflora, large-flowered conradina; purple
Coreopsis leavenworthii, tickseed; yellow
Crinum americanum, string lily; white
Eragrostis elliotii, Elliott's lovegrass; silver
Eragrostis spectabilis, purple lovegrass; purple pink
Eryngium aquaticum, snakeroot; blue
Gaillardia pulchella, blanketflower; red with yellow tips
Glandularia maritima, beach vervain; purple
Glandularia tampensis, Tampa vervain; purple
Habenaria floribunda, false reinorchid; white
Hamelia patens, firebush; red
Helianthus debilis, beach sunflower; yellow
Heliotropium angiospermum, scorpion tail; white
Heliotropium polyphyllum, pineland heliotrope; white, yellow
Hypericum hypericoides, St. Andrew's cross; yellow
Ipomoea hederifolia, scarlet morning glory; red
Justicia cooleyi, Cooley's justicia; purplish-red
Kosteletzkya virginica, salt marsh mallow; pink, white
Lobelia glandulosa, glades lobelia; lavender
Lonicera sempervirens, coral honeysuckle; red
Lycium carolinianum, christmasberry; lavender

Bearing berries:

Aesculus pavia, red buckeye; brown seeds
Ardisia escallonioides, marlberry; black
Callicarpa americana, American beautyberry; magenta
Erythrina herbacea, coral bean; red
Euonymus americanus, hearts-a-bustin; red
Hamelia patens, firebush; dark purple
Ilex vomitoria, yaupon holly; red

Wildlife to watch for:

- Most of the birds migrating to South America are gone; birds that migrate to the southern USA start to appear. Look for: bald eagles, bitterns - American, least - bluebirds, hawks - coopers, red-tailed, sharp-shinned - hermit thrushes, robins, sparrows - chipping, grasshopper, Savannah, swamp - sandhill cranes, white pelicans, yellow-rumped warblers.

Mimosa strigillosa, powderpuff; pink
Monarda punctata, dotted horsemint; spotted yellow w/lavender
Muhlenbergia capillaris, pink muhly grass; pink
Nymphaea odorata, fragrant water lily; white
Passiflora suberosa, corksystem passionflower; green
Pectis glaucescens, cinchweed; yellow
Peperomia humilis, furry peperomia; green
Peperomia obtusifolia, Florida peperomia; green
Phlox nivalis, trailing phlox; pink-purple
Phyla nodiflora, fog-fruit; white
Phytolacca americana, pokeweed; white
Pityopsis graminifolia, silkgrass; yellow
Pluchea rosea, saltmarsh fleabane; pink
Plumbago scandens, wild plumbago; white
Poinsettia heterophylla, painted leaf; green
Polygonum punctatum, dotted smartweed; white
Rhus copallina, winged sumac; white
Rhynchospora spp., star rush; white
Rivina humilis; rouge plant; white
Rudbeckia hirta, black-eyed Susan; yellow
Ruellia caroliniensis, wild petunia; pale purple
Salvia coccinea, tropical sage; red, pink
Sambucus canadensis, southern elderberry; white
Scutellaria integrifolia, rough scullcap; pale violet
Sophora tomentosa, necklace pod; yellow
Sorghastrum secundum, lopsided Indian grass; golden-brown
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis, trailing porterweed; purple
Thalia geniculata, alligator flag; purplish
Tradescantia ohimensis, spiderwort; blue
Trichostema dichotomum, blue curls; blue
Utricularia subulata, bladderwort; yellow
Verbesina virginica, frostweed; white
Xyris sp., yellow-eyed grass; yellow

Lonicera sempervirens, coral honeysuckle; red
Passiflora suberosa, corksystem passionflower; black
Phytolacca americana, pokeweed; black
Psychotria nervosa, shiny wild coffee; dark red
Rhus copallina, winged sumac; reddish
Rivina humilis, rouge plant; red
Sambucus canadensis, southern elderberry; black

(bird information supplied by Dave Bowman)

- Look for western migrants: scissor-tailed flycatchers and western kingbirds. Toward the end of the month, the ducks begin arriving.
- Cassius and ceraunus blue butterflies flitting
- Gulf fritillary and zebra long wing caterpillars munch passion flower
- White peacock caterpillars munch water hyssop

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

PLANT PROFILE

Common name: Wild coco

Botanical name: *Eulophia alta* (Linnaeus) Fawcett & Rendle
forma *pallida* P.M. Brown, pale-colored form
forma *pelchatii* P.M. Brown, white and green -flowered form

Family: Orchidaceae

Distribution: Georgia south to Florida; Mexico, West Indies, Central America, South America, Africa

Florida distribution: Widespread and often abundant from central Florida southward

Plant: terrestrial, 50-150 cm tall

Leaves: 4-6 yellow-green, plicate, lanceolate, 100 x 10 cm

Flowers: 20-50 in a tall, loosely, many-flowered raceme; sepals and petals similar, lanceolate, highly variable in color from pale, in the forma *pallida*, pinks, maroons and greens to deep rich burgundies or, in the forma *pelchatii*, light green; the lip usually richer in color, or in the forma *pelchatii*, white, with a pair of prominent crests; individual flower size 3.5-4.5 cm

Habitat: open, lightly wooded swamps and wet woodlands, roadside ditches and riverbanks

Flowering period: (July) August-December (January)

Comments: This, the largest and one of the showiest of the terrestrial orchids in Florida, is always found in damp to wet ground and flowers over a long period of time in the fall and early winter. It grows from a corm and would be an excellent candidate for cultivation if it could be commercially propagated. Color is quite variable and deep rich burgundies and gentle pale apple-blossom pinks can be found.



Plant profile is excerpted from Paul Martin Brown's soon-to-be-published book, *Wild Orchids of Florida*, University Press of Florida.

Original botanical drawing is by Stan Folsom

Election of the 2002 Board of Directors

The nominating committee of the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society submits the following 6 candidates for the position of Board of Directors for the year 2002.

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

One additional Board member is needed to complete the required 7-member Board for 2002. Nominations will be accepted from the members present at the November 21 membership meeting. The membership will then vote on the slate of candidates to select the 2002 Board.

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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.

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