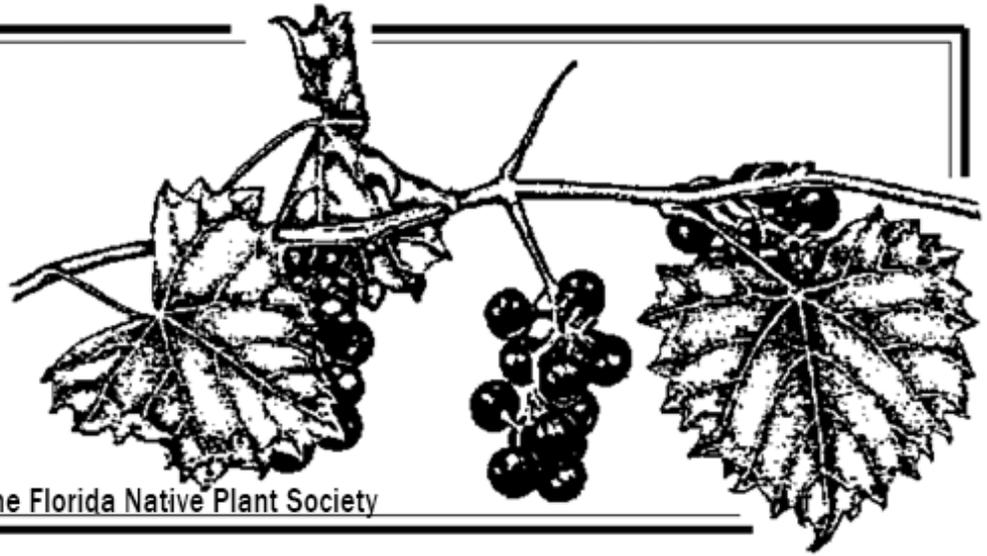


The Suncoast Grapevine

Newsletter of the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society



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This is an online meeting.

We will post the link on our website and send a reminder to members the week before the meeting.

November 17, 7:00 pm



Program: Ginny Stibolt on Carnivorous Plants and Bogs

We very pleased to have Ginny Stibolt make our November presentation. It will be a fun and informative presentation on carnivorous plants where Ginny covers peat in general, bog ecosystems, and the various carnivorous plants: pitcher plants, sundews, Venus fly-traps, bladderworts, butterworts, and corkscrew plants. Also covered is the conundrum for carnivorous plants of ensuring that the pollinators live, while other insects die and much more.

Ginny Stibolt is a botanist and a garden writer. She's written four peer-reviewed Florida gardening books--all published by University Press of Florida. Also she co-wrote the award-winning "Climate-Wise Landscaping: Practical Actions for a Sustainable Future" with Sue Reed. In addition, she manages a "Sustainable Gardening for Florida" Facebook page and writes for her own blog, www.GreenGardeningMatters.com

Board Meeting: December 7, 7:00pm

All members are welcome. You can propose agenda items. Contact Tina Patterson for more information. This will be an online meeting.

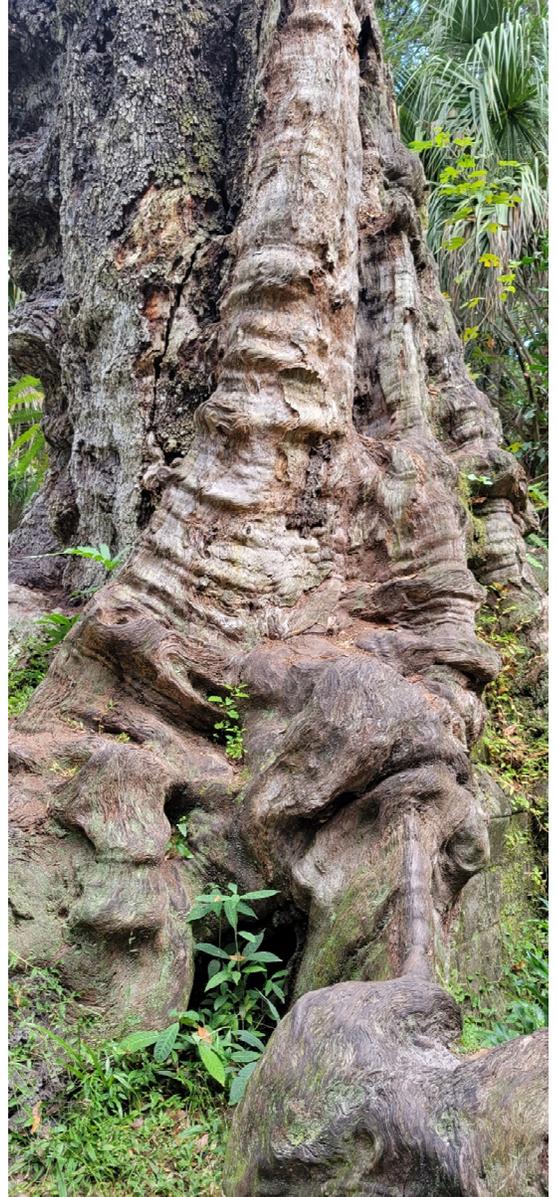
Memories to Keep

Highlands Hammock State Park – in the hammock

We loved it (the scrub, the hammock, the swamp, the CCC museum, the ice cream). We hated it (the noisy campground, the proliferation of nuisance species) .



Photo by Marilee Walbrunn



Last 3 photos are by Shirley Denton

Top to bottom:

- *The group,*
- *Old live oak,*
- *Marlberry,*
- *Concrete and pipe in old tree trunk*

Memories to Keep (continued)

Highlands Hammock State Park (continued – in the ancient scrub)



All photos on this page were taken in the scrub by Jan Allyn

- *Top left to bottom right:*
- *The group, *Balduina angustifolia*,*
- *Scrub,*
- **Hypericum tenuifolia*,*
- **Chrysopsis highlandensis*,*
- *Mushrooms on burnt log*

Memories to Keep (continued)

USF BG Annual Fall Plant Festival

The plant sale was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped and to all who bought plants.



Photo by Linda Steele-Green



Photo by Louise Raterman

Lettuce Lake Plant Walks Resume

This was the first plant walk since they were cancelled by the pandemic. Welcome back!



Photos by Joel Jackson



Chapter Elections

The following people are running for the Suncoast Chapter Board of Directors: Virginia Overstreet, Mabel (Tina) Patterson,, Niki Cribbs, Mike Fite, Steve Dickman, Shirley Denton, and Anita Camacho. . The election is at our November 17 meeting, and we will handle them via an electronic show of hands at the meeting on the 17th. The nominating committee consists of Barbara Fite, Merrilee Wallbrunn and Linda Steele-Green.

Volunteer Opportunities in November

If you would like to meet fellow members of the Suncoast Chapter of FNPS and/or share your love for native plants with the public, we have many opportunities this fall. Your efforts will increase awareness on the importance of native plants and will help people find resources to improve their properties with natives.

Medard Lake

Saturday, November 6, time to be determined, Medard Park: set up and run a table for Suncoast at the “Wonders of Wildlife” festival; hand out brochures and talk about native plants and their value to wildlife

Lettuce Lake Work Day

There is a garden workday on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 8 am. November 23 and December 28 are the remaining days this year.

Please contact Tina (Mable) Patterson by email mablepatterson@hotmail.com (or phone (305) 298-6381 , text or call and leave name and message.

Camp Bayou

Will Moriarty announced that Hillsborough County will match the \$500 grant that the Suncoast Chapter awarded to TREE, Inc. for the planting in October.



Photo by Will Moriarty

There will be another planting at Camp Bayou on December 4 at 10:00 am, and Suncoast members are invited to participate. It will be at the same location at the Camp Bayou Nature Preserve and again utilize 1 and 3-gallon xeric community plants.

.Field Trip

Little Manatee River State Park. November 20, 9:00 am. Trip limited to 10 Suncoast members. Please contact Tina (Mable) Patterson by email mablepatterson@hotmail.com (or phone (305) 298-6381, text or call and leave your name and phone (or email address) to get more information and register.

Camping Trip

Collier-Seminole State Park and Fakahatchee Strand – December 10-13

Plan on camping in a semi-tropical setting and going on a compass wade into Fakahatchee Strand. We will arrive Friday evening and depart Monday morning giving ourselves 2 full days in the woods (Saturday and Sunday). If you arrive early on Friday, walking the nature trail is recommended. On Saturday (Fakahatchee), plan on wading in deep water and mud though we will try for most of the trip to be easy walking.

To get current information on registration and site availability, contact Tina (Mable) Patterson by email mablepatterson@hotmail.com (or phone (305) 298-6381, text or call and leave your name and phone (or email address) to get more information. Trip is restricted to FNPS members.

Schedule

November	17	Meeting topic: Suncoast elections, program TBD
	20	Field Trip– Little Manatee State Park
December	4	Holiday Party and Plant Swap
	9-13	Camping Trip – Collier-Seminole & Fakahatchee Strand

Upcoming FNPS Lunch and Learns:

- 11/5/21 Between Two Balms: FNPS's work on *Dicerandra modesta* and *Dicerandra cornutissima* with Valerie Anderson
- 1/14/22 The Caterpillar Connection with Deborah Green

Look in the **news** on the FNPS website for more information including instructions on how to see the program.

License Plate Vouchers

Support native plants by buying a license plate voucher.

To order, go to FNPS License Plate Voucher | Florida Native Plant Society to order: <https://forms.fnps.org/license-plate-voucher>.



Virginia Creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)

By Shirley Denton

Family: Vitaceae (Grape Family)

Type of Plant: Vine. Often high climbing. Climbs by branching tendrils that have adhesive pads at the ends.

Stems and leaves: Alternate, palmately compound with 5 leaflets. This is one of the few plants that will turn brilliant red in the fall in central Florida.

Inflorescence: Flowers are born on cymes or panicles of cymes.

Flowers: Non-showy, very small greenish-white flowers.

Fruit: A round black, fleshy fruit. Attract birds but poisonous to mammals..

Habitat: Dry-mesic woods. **Distribution:** Common woods in central and north Florida, and throughout the eastern United States and up into eastern Canada.

Soil: Sandy to loamy and average-to-well-drained.

Light: Full sun to full shade. Best fall color occurs after a cold snap and when the plant is getting a lot of sun.

Propagation: Naturally spread by birds which scarify the seeds. Can be planted from seed or from cuttings.

Availability: Rarely sold.

Landscape Uses. In the right setting, it can be beautiful. Plant it on a fence or arbor; plant it along a stone or brick wall. Best kept away from house walls as it will climb them, and the adhesive pads on the tendrils will defy removal. The vine is said to be extremely flammable, and that is another reason not to plant it close to a structure.



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Our local native nurseries are our fans, and they need our business. Call for retail days and hours.

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Deadline for December Newsletter: Nov. 25

Send contributions to Shirley Denton at ecotypes@outlook.com.

Contributions should be original, with references where appropriate. Photographs and drawings should belong to the submitter or submitted along with written permission from the owner and be of appropriate resolution for printing (a width of 1000 pixels is generally adequate for this newsletter, but err toward larger so that they pictures can be cropped if needed). All submissions should be in formats standardly used in documents and readable on Windows PCs.

Submissions will be reviewed for accuracy with preference for being relevant to the FNPS mission and local environmental events.



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