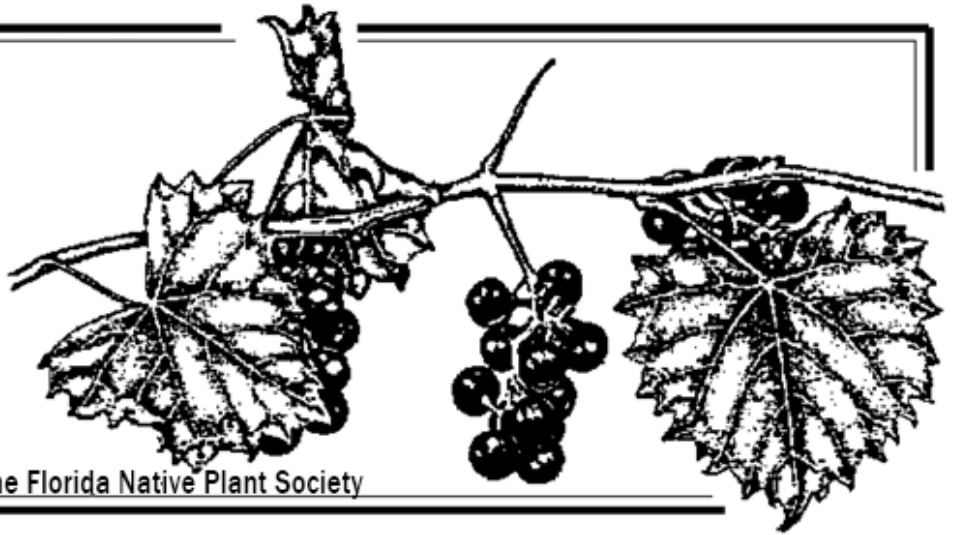


The Suncoast Grapevine

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Member Sharing

May 17, 7:00 pm

This will be an on-line meeting and it will be one of our member-created favorites.

You are invited to submit 5-10 photographs that we will put into a slide show. All you need to do is submit the photographs to Virginia Overstreet by May 10. She will create the slide show. When we meet, we will present the slides, but you will talk and tell us about your slides. Let's make this meeting fun. Give us your favorites. Great photography not required. Let's keep politics and similar issues away and focus on good things! Show us your garden. Show us the rare plants you found on a hike. Show us your favorite field trip. Show us the way you use native plants for crafts or food. Tell us what made your photos special. Photos should be approximately 1000-1200 pixels wide and 800-1200 pixels tall. We can resize to smaller, but we cannot turn a thumbnail into a photo that will show well in a slide show – so be careful if you submit from a cell phone. Send your photos to Virginia Overstreet: vaoverstreet@gmail.com. Make sure to give her your name and contact info along with info on the photos you are submitting.



Photo by Tina Patterson, jingle bell orchid

UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 21, we will be meeting at Little Red Wagon with speaker Susan Early. She is creating a PowerPoint on "Weeds" from a native gardener's perspective.

Wednesday, July 12, Suncoast is hosting the joint meeting and potluck with Tampa Bay Sierra and Tampa Audubon. The speaker will be William Freund from fStop Foundation. Suncoast will need volunteers to help set up and clean up at Tampa Garden Club. Contact Tina.

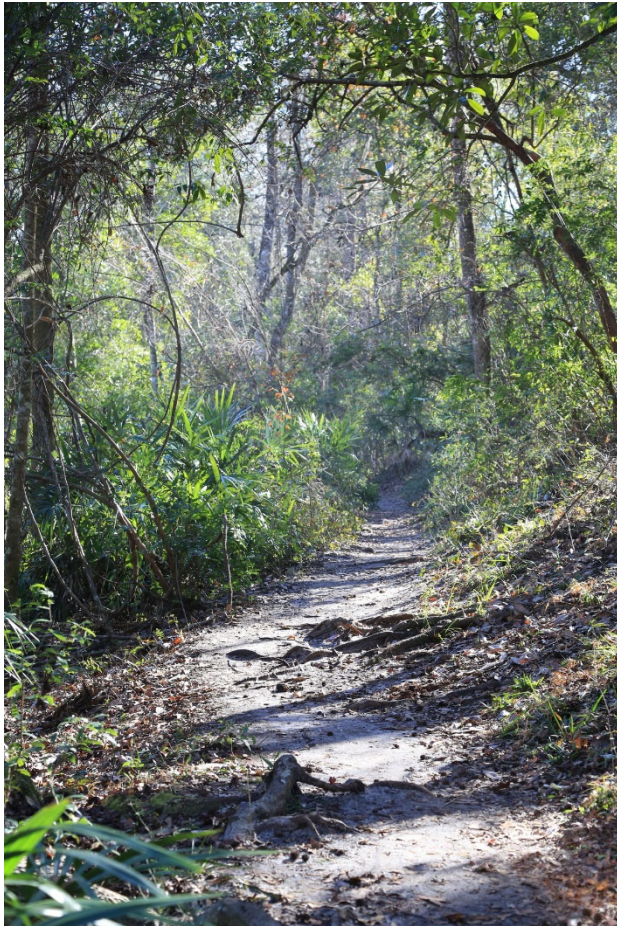
May Field Trip

Saturday, May 20. 9:00 am.

Our May field trip will be to the Double Branch Nature Preserve in Tampa. It is coastal pine flatwoods, coastal marshes, salterns, and mangrove fringes. This preserve is new to us.

There is no parking at the trail head. We will be meeting at a nearby retail area and walking about 0.3 mile to the preserve entrance. The trail itself is about 2 miles.

Contact Tina (305-298-6381 (mablepatterson@hotmail.com)) for specific directions to where we will park. We are getting into the heat and humidity season, so be sure to have sun protection and plenty of water.



Make Your Plans Now.

Mike Ross Gold Head Branch State Park. Fall camping Thurs. night Oct. 19 departing on Sun. Oct. 22. Some cabin and tent sites are available (contact Tina) or reserve your own. It should be the height of fall wildflowers.

Gold Head Branch trail. Photo by Shirley Denton

Board Meeting

May 8, 7:00pm

All members are welcome. You can propose agenda items.

Contact Tina (305-298-6381 (mablepatterson@hotmail.com)) for more information. This will be an online meeting.



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Join FNPS to join our Suncoast Chapter, <https://fnps.org/join>

Take-Homes from April Field Trip to the Cypress Creek Preserve

All photos by Dan Duerr



Library Books

Books are being kept at our storage location and we will only be bringing requested volumes to meetings.

To check out books from the library:

Review the list of books available in the library and available at <https://suncoast.fnpschapters.org/data/uploads/pdfs/suncoast-library.pdf>.

Select a book from the link below and contact mablepatterson@hotmail.com. You must be a current member on file in our data base. The book will be brought to the next in- person meeting or workday and you will need to sign the checkout form. Books must be returned at the next in- person meeting. The 2 reference-only volumes can be viewed at meetings by request.



Thank You

I want to thank all members who helped with our successful plant sale at the USF Botanical Gardens Spring Plant Festival. We sold 983 plants made a profit of \$2781.74. Thanks to all of you for you helped with this successful sale.

Tina Patterson, Niki Cribbs, Sue Cotty, Janet Amendola, Merrilee Wallbrunn, Linda Steele-Green, Joel Jackson, Cat Thompson, Theresa Blanchard, Susan Heyer, Jim Hengelbrok, Jane Halil, Mary Miller, John Miller, Jackie Zahn, Chris Zahn, Kat Jones, Tazia Stagg, Pamela Clark, Neal Halstead, Mike Fite, Barbara Fite, Steve Dickman, Barb Toepke, Patty Moore, Amanda Seeley Patty Moore and Amanda Seeley.

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Seeking a Chapter Rep

Do you know what a Chapter Representative does? Do you like meeting people with similar interests? Would you like to help create educational materials relevant to our area?

Most meetings are virtual (Zoom), but there are occasional opportunities to travel and see new places.

If you are interested, contact Virginia Overstreet.

USF Earth Day Festival

Suncoast participated in the USF Earth Day Festival distributing information about native plants, FNPS, and the Suncoast Chapter. *(Photo by Tina Patterson)*



The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to preserve, conserve, and restore the native plants and native plant communities of Florida

At Lettuce Lake Garden

There were 2 workdays at Lettuce Lake this month. One was our April garden workday. There is also a Caesar weed pulling event (April 26) with McKinstry Engineering volunteers. They cleared several areas around the playground and picnic shelters and then we walked the boardwalk to look at plants, birds and alligators. *(Photos by Joel Jackson)*



Garden Work Crew



Caesar Weed Removal

Supporting Our Schools

Tina Patterson, Susan Early, Susan Heyer, and Virginia Overstreet helped students from DeSoto Elementary School learn about Florida native plants at McKay Bay Nature Park.



Volunteer Opportunity

One of the instructors at Nature's Classroom is running a camp called Young Naturalist and it is 2nd-4th graders. It is June 5-29th Monday to Thursday. Each week the camp gets a new set of campers. The instructor invites you to meet with her campers and share your love of nature with them. She would love your ideas and ideas, She is very flexible, I am open to any ideas/activities you may have!

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Virginia Overstreet at 813-541-3187.

Volunteer Opportunities

Native Plant Garden Maintenance

Our chapter coordinates with the Hillsborough County Parks to maintain native plant gardens at Lettuce Lake, Morris Bridge, Flatwoods, and Trout Creek parks.

To volunteer, contact the lead green thumbs for the gardens as follows:

Lettuce Lake: Workday every 4th Tuesday. Tina (Mable) Patterson, email mablepatterson@hotmail.com or phone (305) 298-6381 , text or call and leave name and message.

Morris Bridge: Mike Fite, email fitemf@gmail.com.

Flatwoods Park: Mary Miller, email limpkin1945@verizon.net

Trout Creek: Mike Fite, email fitemf@gmail.com.

Local Native Nurseries

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

Hillsborough County

Little Red Wagon
4113 Henderson Blvd
Tampa, Florida 33629



Phone: 813-755-9579
Website: <http://www.littleredwagonnativenursery.com>
Email: Info@ButterflyTampa.com

Springer Environmental
5926 US92, Plant city, FL 33566



Retail:
M-F 9:00-4:00,
Sat. by appt.
Phone: 813-659-0370
Website: <http://springerenvironmental.com>
Email: troy@springerenvironmental.com

Manatee County

Sweet Bay Nursery
10824 Erie Rd, Parrish, Florida 34211



Phone: 941-776-0501
Website: <http://sweetbaynursery.com/>
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12340 FL-62
Parrish, Florida 34219



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Pinellas County



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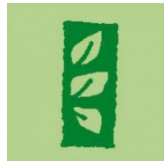
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Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for June Newsletter: May 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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