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THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



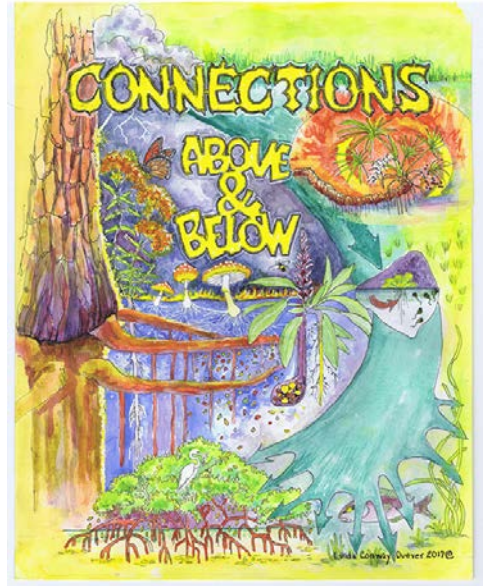
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2017–2018 FNPS SLATE OF OFFICERS

Nominating committee members Anne Cox, Martha Steuart and Kim Zarillo recommend the following slate of officers to be voted on by the FNPS membership at the annual membership meeting, which will take place Saturday, May 20 at 8a.m. in the Longhorn Center of the Westgate River Ranch (as part of the annual conference).

- **President-elect: Susan Carr** (Paynes Prairie Chapter). Dr. Susan Carr is a native of Gainesville, Florida, where her interest in the natural world began as a child exploring the wild lands of Alachua County. After receiving a BS in botany from the University of Florida (UF), Susan worked as an ecologist before returning to graduate school to earn a master's degree in plant biology from Louisiana State University. After returning to Florida, Susan obtained a PhD in wildlife ecology and conservation from UF. Her PhD research centered on the ecology and diversity of fire-maintained pinelands in Florida, and it was from this work that she developed an appreciation for Florida's wild lands and an avid interest in land conservation.
- **Vice President of Administration: OPEN**
- **Secretary: Jackie Rolly** (Tarflower Chapter). Jacqueline (Jackie) Rolly is a resident of Seminole County and has been a member of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS), Tarflower Chapter since 1997. She retired from government service in 2006 and served as FNPS vice president of admin from late 2009 to 2014. Jackie also served as secretary for the Tarflower Chapter from May 2007 to May 2015. Her work over the past eight years in ecosystem restoration at the Oakland Nature Preserve continues to provide knowledge on native plant communities and the wildlife that depends on them. Jackie is a certified Florida Master Naturalist from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) and is lead instructor in Orange County. She was recently awarded the Florida Wilderness Society Citizen Conservation Award and was recognized by Sierra Club of Central Florida for environmental leadership in 2013.
- **Treasurer: Peter Rogers** (Conradina Chapter) (No bio provided.)
- **Director at Large 1: Wendy Poag** (Lake Beautyberry Chapter). Wendy Poag was born in Central Florida and grew up adventuring the state from coast to coast and the forests in between. Her parents taught her to appreciate the diversity in the plant and animal world and to notice the smallest of details. Her backyard has been the Ocala National Forest for the last 35 years, so scrub, sandhill and flatwoods are her neighbors. In her younger years, she worked for UF/IFAS in plant disease research. She has been propagating Florida's native plants for over 20 years and is a certified horticulture professional. Of particular interest for Wendy is introducing kids of all ages to the wonders of life that are all around us. The education process never ends and she passes on the things she learns whenever she has the opportunity through interpretative outings and programs.

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FNPS 37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE -- REGISTER TODAY!
Discounted online registration closes on May 10. All registration will be closed between May 11-16, 2017. Onsite registration will open May 17 at 4:30 p.m. and will increase by \$35 per day.

FNPS' 37th annual conference will be held in the heart of Florida, and central to the largest river restoration project in the world! The Kissimmee River restoration is designed to restore the complex relationships between land, wildlife, water and climate that were torn apart when the river was channelized in 1962. Before channelization, the river was a haven for native plants and wildlife, but afterwards, many species of birds, fish and plants were lost, creating havoc on our economy and our environment. The restoration project to restore the river to its natural path is nearly half complete, and already much of the original flora and fauna have returned and the water quality is improving.

This year's conference addresses those connections that are so important to the Kissimmee River Basin and beyond. Amazing field trips will take us through the vast array of ecosystems that connect in central Florida to form a long natural corridor.

Reserve your lodging, RV and camping spots soon! Limited numbers of each are available. **For complete conference and lodging details, visit www.fnps.org/conference/2017.**

Schedule update: The Conference Committee received some bad news from Dr. Suzanne Simard. Her father is very ill with lymphoma and his doctors are not sure how much longer he will be with us. Dr. Simard has made the very personal decision to stay with her father in his final days and to cancel all of her out-of-country speaking engagements.

Rest assured that the Conference Committee is working to find a collaborator of Dr. Simard's so that this very important research will still be presented at the annual conference.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Simard and her family during this very difficult time.

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Conradina Chapter members came out to Turkey Creek Sanctuary on February 19 to help clear downed trees and branches from hurricane Matthew, removing even more than before. There is still a lot more to be cleared, however. This is important because the park's proximity to development means prescribed fire is not an option. Removal of "fuel" will help prevent an accidental fire.

On February 18, the chapter hosted a Florida Friendly Landscaping Event. They sold plants, books, and the new brochures. Member Bill Deluccia, whose native plant landscape is featured below, gave a great presentation promoting no fertilizer and planting native habitat.



Longleaf Pine Chapter reports that the Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs' annual Secret Garden Tour will be held May 20 and 21, and will feature a residential city lot planted almost exclusively with Florida natives and "Florida Friendly" plants, including a butterfly garden. More info about tickets will be available on the PFGC website.

Sea Rocket Chapter has a busy schedule coming up. On May 6, May 20 and June 24, they invite volunteers to the Enchanted Forest Saturday in the Garden to learn about native plants and work in the nursery. On May 13, they'll hold a plant ID workshop and scavenger hunt at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary. May 24 is the chapter's general meeting; fifth generation Floridian and co-owner of the Dixie Crossroads restaurant, Laurilee Thompson, will speak on the Indian River Lagoon. On June 10, they will host a native plant sale at the Enchanted Forest.

Suncoast Chapter held their Spring Plant Sale on April 8-9. If the crowd is any indication, it will be another successful fundraiser. When the gates opened, people flooded in to buy native flowers, shrubs and trees. They also did another SNPS T-Shirt Booster and sold nearly 50 t-shirts, raising over \$300 for the chapter. More shirts were sold at the plant sale.

The West Coast landscape brochure continues to be a big hit, and there has been no problem selling them for \$1 at events and chapter meetings. They estimate at least 50 were sold at the two-day plant sale.

In April, they have two Earth Day events: One is a native plant walk at Lettuce Lake Regional Park as part of the Hillsborough 100 Challenge for 100 organizations to hold 100 environmental events in the week between Earth Day and Arbor Day. The other will take place in Plant City's Botanical Treasure Gardens and will be an opportunity for SNPS to showcase a native plant garden they have adopted.

SNPS members are also very busy helping with the conference. The chapter is a sponsor and Donna Bollenbach and Shirley Denton are members of the conference committee. Donna has been on the committee since it started planning the conference last year. Shirley came on as the field trip coordinator. SNPS member Steve Dickman is leading two field trips. The chapter will also host a game of "Plant Pictionary" at the Thursday night social. SNPS looks forward to being well represented. At least three SNPS members will be attending the conference for the first time.



**Send your "Chapter Happenings" to fnps.sabalminor@gmail.com.
The deadline for the July-August 2017 issue is June 15, 2017**

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT NEWS *by Juliet Rynear*

The annual members meeting will be held at the annual conference from 8 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. in Longhorn Center at the Westgate River Ranch. During the meeting, we will announce the plant ID contest winners, FNPS Palmetto awards, Land Management Review recognition, grant awards (science, conservation, landscape), and hold the annual election of officers (see slate of nominations and biographies beginning on page 1).

2016-17 BOD AND EXCOM MEETINGS

- MAY 17-21 Annual conference, Westgate River Ranch Resort & Rodeo, River Ranch, FL
- JUN 22 Board of Directors meeting, GoToMeeting
- JUL 20 Board of Directors meeting, GoToMeeting

Check the Society calendar at fnps.org/society/calendar for details, updates, directions and meeting instructions. All dates subject to change.

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She has a pesticide applicators license for aquatics and natural areas, prescribed fire training and a Natural Areas Training certificate through WF and The Nature Conservancy. She is also on the Steering Committee for the Big Scrub Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Working for Lake County Parks and Trails as their naturalist/land steward/recreation coordinator is never boring for Wendy, and always involves best management practices, water resources, conservation, restoration, native plants, exotic species and wildlife. She has a BS in landscape and nursery horticulture and an MS in forest resources and conservation with a focus on ecological restoration through UF. She currently serves as Lake Beautyberry’s chapter representative and on FNPS’ Education and Outreach and Land Management Partners Committees, as well as the Florida Wildflower Foundation’s research committee. Wendy looks forward to helping the society’s amazing members carry the FNPS mission torch forward.

- **Director at Large 2: Carol Sullivan** (Sparkleberry Chapter). Carol Sullivan joined FNPS in 2001 as a member of the Nature Coast Chapter. Since then, she has participated in FNPS’ Land Management Partners, Bylaws and Nominating committees, and Council of Chapters Operating Procedures and Landscape Committees. She is currently a member and chapter representative of the Sparkleberry Chapter.

As a Florida native, Carol feels compelled to conserve, preserve and restore what’s left of this state. A love of Florida, especially the plants, began in a family with generations of Florida farmers, ranchers, fishermen and hunters. She was born in Miami, where weekends of her first 11 years were spent walking the parks, playing on beaches, camping on US 1 in the Keys, or driving the Tamiami Trail to her family’s fish camp at Tarpon Springs. From there, most of her life was spent in the coastal areas of west central Florida

exploring the very different Gulf beaches and natural areas. The past 12 years have been on a sandhill in Suwannee County, again with an innate instinct to explore the very different natural areas, springs and rivers. The broad diversity of this state, much of which no longer exists, is something to be treasured. Carol’s message is: “Keep working for the survival of our native plants and their communities. Florida, the REAL FLORIDA, is a wonderful and exciting place like no other.”

The following committee chairs were approved by the FNPS board of directors:

- **Landscape Committee Chair:**
Ron Blair (Tarflower Chapter) (No bio provided.)
Marc Godts (Tarflower Chapter) (No bio provided.)
Steve Turnipseed (The Villages Chapter) (No bio provided.)
- **Education Committee Chair: Nicole Cribbs** (Suncoast Chapter). Nicole Cribbs is the recently appointed chair of the Education and Outreach Committee. She lives in Plant City with her husband David and two sons. Nicole earned a BS in botany from the University of South Florida and works as an environmental consultant in the Tampa area. She took two years off to teach high school science and then returned to consulting. Different projects throughout the years provided Nicole the opportunity to develop a broad base in ecology and botany. Major work activities include wetland mitigation design, mitigation monitoring, permitting public transportation projects, wildlife surveys, plant surveys, and submerged aquatic vegetation surveys.
- **Membership Committee Chair:** OPEN
- **Finance Sub-committee Chair:** OPEN

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT *by Juliet Rynear*

We received 8 applications for the 2017 Conservation Grant Awards. Please join us in thanking the following generous sponsors for their contributions: Pinellas Chapter, Suncoast Chapter, Dade Chapter in honor of Don and Joyce Gann, Sea Rocket Chapter.

And please help us thank the following committee members for reviewing the applications this year: Dr. Alan Franck, Michael Jenkins, Scott Davis, Dr. Susan Carr, Annie Schmidt and Jim Buckner.

Update: In Central Florida, we are still working with numerous partners on habitat restoration projects near the City of Clermont in Lake County. We have established partnerships with land developers prior to construction for the purpose of collecting seeds and propagating plants for restoration projects, and have coordinated the rescue of plants at sites when development is imminent. We are also working with developers to recommend and encourage preservation of native habitat and use of natives (collected from the site) in their final landscape plans. Partners on this project include: Tarflower Chapter, Passionflower Chapter, Heartland Chapter, Lake Beautyberry Chapter, Green Isle Gardens, St. John’s River Water Management District, Lake Louisa State Park, Lake County Water Authority, Lake County Parks and Trails, and the Florida Forest Service.



SAVE THE DATE

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one receives far more than he
seeks"*

John Muir

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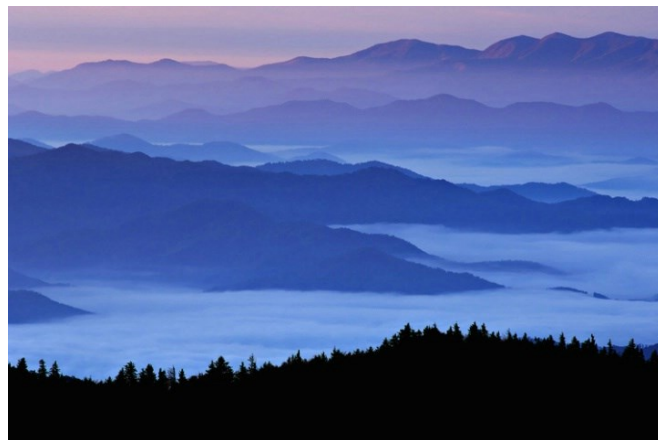
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