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The Naples Chapter Newsletter
Florida Native Plant Society

February 2017

Upcoming Zamia Events:

FIELD TRIP: Swamp Walk with National Park Service Ranger

Saturday, March 11th

Location: Meet at 10:00 AM at Big Cypress National Preserve

Email naplesnativeplants@gmail.com for more details.

Tuesday, March 14, 7 PM.

Location: Kapnick Center, Naples Botanical Garden

Presentation: Beyond Pentas: Butterfly Gardening in SWFL

Presenter: Britt Patterson-Weber (Youth Programs Manager, Naples Botanical Garden).

Join us for snacks at 6:30pm!

Stay Tuned for Details for a Behind the Scenes Tour at Naples Botanical Butterfly Garden in March!

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Our mission: *To promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.*

For more info visit our website:

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A Message from the President

Birds, Bees & Butterflies - Native Landscaping for our Flying Friends

Chad Washburn's presentation on February 1st was a great success! It was our best attended event ever, the audience was very

interested and engaged. We had between 85 - 90 people. It was great that we reached so many people who were unfamiliar with our organization. I was pleased to see new members such as Becky Troop, Shannon Holland, Manuela & Alfred Schinagl, Vashta Watson & Leslie Carbon in attendance. Even the serving staff took brochures and commented on how informative the presentation was. Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and his wife attended. He was extremely interested in working with us to develop a native plant garden for butterflies, a project proposed by our conservation director, Andee Naccarato. Importantly, we raised funds so as to be able to complete such a project and continue our missions. Congratulations everyone!

Upcoming Events

Just a reminder, we are sponsoring a table at **The Festival in the Woods** on **February 18th**, at the Sabal Palm Entrance to the Picayune Strand State Forest. Here is more info: <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/News-Events/Event-Calendar/Recreation/Festival-inthe-Woods-at-Picayune-Strand-Collier-County>

We will have a pot luck picnic near our table. Be sure to come and listen to the lectures and take a nature walk.

February 22nd - Larry Richardson will be the featured speaker at the Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge annual meeting on February 22, at the Conservancy of SW Florida. It is from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. There is an admission fee. Mr. Richardson has been a speaker for the Naples Chapter FNPS in the past so perhaps some folks will remember him. The talk on the 22nd is titled, "More than Orchids." It centers around the primary mechanism for the survival of native orchids, which is "mutualism." However, the orchid project, which Mr. Richardson started in 1999 is more than orchids, but every bit a mutualistic endeavor by

many partners and likeminded organizations like FNPS.

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Tuesday, April 11, 7 PM. PRESENTATION: Milkweeds for Monarchs. Presenter: Scott Davis (botanist). Tour of Public and Private Butterfly Gardens - Exact Date in April T/B/D.

Volunteer Opportunities

1. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and implement a native plant butterfly garden. Please contact our conservation chair Andee Naccarato for more information.
2. Volunteers are needed to help in updating our webpage and Facebook page.
3. As I've discussed before, one of our most important functions is acting as the conservation member on the Land Management Committees. The state FNPS organization has completed a power point presentation on this matter. I would like to set up a specific meeting for reviewing this power point. We could schedule either in day or evening, whichever is more convenient. Please contact me.
4. April 10th is Gopher Tortoise Day. We would like to participate in this statewide event. See, Aimee Leteux for more information.

Computer Apps for Environmentalist

Please download the following apps to help report invasive species and protect native plants and animals:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ivegot1-identify-report-invasive/id381326170?mt=8>

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-gopher-tortoise/id805776027?mt=8>

<https://publictemp.myfwc.com/HSC/PantherSignings/Default.aspx>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(given @ January 2017 meeting) 1/15/17

As of year-end 2016 the FNPS – Naples Chapter had in their account \$8,133.67.
As of 1/15/17 the balance is \$8,539.47

On February 1st, 2017 the FNPS – Naples Chapter held a fundraiser entitled “Birds, Bees & Butterflies” at the Port Royal Club. We expect additional deposits and disbursements related to this event.

Mary Kate Rooney FNPS - Treasurer

NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH



Photo: Shirley Denton

Seagrape (*Coccoloba uvifera*)

Many sandy beaches along southwest Florida’s coast are dotted with seagrasses, those tall, tangled trees with red-veined, orbicular leaves. Seagrape’s functional importance is highlighted during the summer, when tropical storms threaten and sea turtles dig nests. Often located just inland from sea oaks, seagrasses contribute to beach stabilization, which protects our coastal communities from hurricanes and provides sea turtles with nesting habitat. Furthermore, tall seagrasses with dense canopies block artificial lights glowing from developments, so sea turtle adults and hatchlings are more likely to orient towards the natural moonlight reflecting off the Gulf.

Besides on Florida beaches, the salt-tolerant seagrape grows naturally in brightly lit areas with well-drained soils in the Bahamas and West Indies. The 6-12-inch wide leaves may be the most distinguishing botanical characteristic of seagrape, but their flowers lead to a delightful treat. Clusters of white flowers are visited by pollinators, from bees that make a tasty seagrape honey to endangered Schaus’ swallowtails (*Heraclides aristodemus ponceanus*) in the Florida Keys. After pollination, the masses of flowers turn into bunches of fruits that look like traditional grapes. Although not true grapes, the ripe fruits

of our native seagrape can be treated as such. These purple fruits may be eaten out of hand, turned into jelly, or fermented for wine. Strings of new, green seagrapes started appearing on trees in June at Naples Botanical Garden.

- Andee Naccarato, Conservation Chair, Naples FNPS

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Photo: Shirley Denton

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

2017 Moonlight on the Marsh Distinguished Lecture Series:

Thursday March 2, 2017

Time: 7 pm

Location: FGCU's Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center, Naples Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive

Speaker: Gary A. Lamberti, Ph.D., Professor and Past Chair, Department of Biological

Sciences, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana

Presentation: "The global freshwater crisis"

Thursday March 16, 2017

Time: 7 pm

Location: FGCU's Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center, Naples Botanical Garden, 4940 Bayshore Drive, Naples

Speaker: Joan B. Rose, Ph.D., Homer Nowlin Chair in Water Research and 2016 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Presentation: "Monitoring for water quality and health"

FGCU Biodiversity Conference March 7-9

Location: Florida Gulf Coast university Cohen Center, 2nd floor

Featuring Plenary Speaker

Reed Noss, who is the Provost's Distinguished Research Professor at the University of Central Florida and President of the Florida Institute for Conservation Science.

Also featuring Session Keynote Speakers Thomas Lovejoy, Thomas Hoctor, and Daniel Simberloff.

Evening Reception, Poster Session, and Plenary Presentation

Only \$25 to register for the Plenary Night ONLY.

If you have any questions about the conference, please email: biodiversityconference@fgcu.edu

New Membership Form

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Membership Types

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(\$25 to Endowment)

Business_____ \$125

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Supporting_____ \$100

Donor_____ \$250

Lifetime_____ \$1000

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to *Palmetto* only)_____ \$15

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