



# ZAMIA

The Naples Chapter Newsletter  
Florida Native Plant Society

January 2017

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## Upcoming Zamia SPECIAL EVENT:

**Wednesday, February 1st, 6:15 P.M.**

*Presentation:* Birds, Bees & Butterflies - Landscaping with Native Plants for our Flying Friends.

*Location:* Port Royal Club, North Terrace, 2900 Gordon Drive, Naples 34102.

*Presenter:* Chad Washburn (Deputy Director, Naples Botanical Garden).

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and drinks will be served. Recommended voluntary donation \$50 per person requested.

Business casual dress required. No blue jeans.

**RSVP by Jan. 27th:** Call Jean Roche at 330-730-1516 or email [naplesnativeplants@gmail.com](mailto:naplesnativeplants@gmail.com).

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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:**

[naples.fnpschapters.org](http://naples.fnpschapters.org)

### Follow us on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Naples-Chapter-of-the-Florida-Native-Plant-Society/165459220146254>

### Local Butterflies Get a Helping Hand

Two Naples Chapter Board Members, Daniel Cox and Andrea Naccarato, visited the butterfly garden at North Collier Regional Park recently and began planting natives to help spruce up the garden and support local butterfly populations. Check out a brief video detailing their visit posted recently on our Facebook page! If you have any interest in helping with this 'hands-on' project, please email Andee Naccarato at [andee225@gmail.com](mailto:andee225@gmail.com). (For more details, see the September issue of the Zamia newsletter. A copy can be found on our website, [http://naples.fnpschapters.org/.](http://naples.fnpschapters.org/))

## A Message from the President

The Board and I wish all members a Happy New Year. We have many exciting programs planned for 2017 and we encourage all to participate.

### Query from Board to Members

The Board would like to hear from you, the Members. The participation at our lectures in 2016 was less than we would wish. Currently we meet 6:30 - 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the Month at the Botanical Gardens. We get the meeting room for free, it is a nice facility and the second Tuesday was what was offered to us.

We would like to know if Members would prefer:

- a) a different meeting time than 7 PM?
- b) a different meeting date instead of the second Tuesday of the month?
- c) a different meeting place instead of the Botanical Gardens?
- d) different types of lectures.

Please contact us at [naplesnativeplants@gmail.com](mailto:naplesnativeplants@gmail.com) to give us your thoughts.

### Picayune Pump Station Tour

We are getting a very good response to the Picayune Pump Station tour scheduled for January 14th at 9:00. Please RSVP if you intend to attend as the total # is capped. We will meet at the PSSF Ranger Station located at 2121 52nd Ave. SE, Naples, FL, 34117. The forest can be accessed via Everglades Boulevard from the north. Plan your trip because the drive to Everglades Boulevard and to the ranger station takes a while from any location in Naples. We will then proceed to the Pumping Station.

February 1st Special Event and Lecture - Please remember to RSVP

*Patsy McDonald + Harold Nussenfeld  
Invite you to the Port Royal Club  
"Birds, Bees & Butterflies - Native Landscaping  
for our Flying Friends"*

*Date & Time: Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.*

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and donate" button.

### Florida Apps to Download on your Phone

There are two free Apps I recommend you download on your Phone. IveGot1 is a great way to report invasive species. I also like the Gopher Tortoise Smartphone App. The App allows you to take a picture of a gopher tortoise and record its location by uploading the photo and its GPS coordinates from your Smartphone to FWC. Both are great ways to be citizen scientist and contribute to the database.

### Book Review

Just finished Urban Forests by Jill Jonnes. It's very interesting on the scientific methodology for identifying the chestnut blight and Dutch Elm disease. Its strong on treating these diseases and breeding resistant trees. Good history of the urban tree movement, especially the move to quantify the contributions of urban trees to human health. Could have used a better editor as to organization and writing. Still worth the read.

Hope to see everyone on January 10th for our monthly meeting.

## NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH



<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/photo.aspx?ID=440>

### Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

Historically, buttonbush was well-known in Native American cultures as nearly a cure-all, especially by the Choctaw. Various decoctions, poultices, and teas from buttonbush were used to treat conditions like malarial fever, dysentery, stomachaches, eye problems, toothaches, and rheumatism. However, by the late 1800's, buttonbush was neglected as a source of medicine and was eventually found to contain toxic glycosides that may destroy blood cells and cause death. Although no longer considered a medicinal plant, buttonbush has other interesting features.

Buttonbush is a woody shrub or small tree with shiny, dark green leaves that grows up to 20 feet tall. Naturally, buttonbush grows in ecosystems with standing water, like swamps or sloughs, so it is intolerant of drought and requires organic soil. The most eye-catching feature of buttonbush is the flower cluster. Small, white flowers occur in dense spheres that are reminiscent of elementary school solar system displays. More commonly, buttonbush flowers are compared with pin cushions, since the pollen-receiving pistils protrude out in all

directions. The flowers are fragrant and provide nectar to attract native bees and butterflies, like the clouded skipper (*Lerema accius*), for pollination. Visit buttonbush while it blooms this spring and summer in the restored pond apple slough at Naples Botanical Garden.

-Andee Naccarato, *Conservation Chair, Naples FNPS*

(originally published in *Fort Myers News-Press*)

### Other Local Events

**Thursday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Moonlight on the Marsh Lecture Series: Naples Botanical Garden, Kapnick Center, 7 p.m.:** "Rethinking Conservation and Development in South American Wetlands: A Challenge Beyond the Borders" by Luisa Fernanda Ricaurte, Ph.D., freelance consultant, Alexander von Humboldt Institute, Bogotá, Colombia.

**Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m., at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary:** "Restoring the Greater Florida Everglades: What Has Gone Right and What Has Gone Wrong" by William Mitsch, Ph.D., 2004 Stockholm Water Prize laureate and Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management at FGCU.

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Festival in the Woods.**

Location: Picayune Strand State Forest Sabal Palm Hiking Trail Trailhead. The Florida Forest Service's Caloosahatchee Forestry Center invites you to join us for the annual Festival in the Woods at Picayune Strand State Forest. Admission is free and lunch is provided at no charge. <http://www.freshfromflorida.com/News-Events/Event-Calendar/Recreation/Festival-in-the-Woods-at-Picayune-Strand-Collier-County>

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**Renewals should be made via notices sent out by FNPS. This is done automatically. This membership blank is for new members only. Mail to FNPS/PO Box 278/ Melbourne FL 32902-0278, or go to [www.fnps.org/](http://www.fnps.org/)**

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Student\_\_\_\_\_ \$15

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Contributing\_\_\_\_\_ \$75  
(\$25 to Endowment)

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Donor\_\_\_\_\_ \$250

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to *Palmetto* only)\_\_\_\_\_ \$15

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