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The Naples Chapter Newsletter
Florida Native Plant Society

November 2016

Upcoming Zamia Events:

Tuesday, December 13, 7 P.M.

TWO PRESENTATIONS: 1) Assessing the Economic Value of Annual Carbon Sequestration in Southwest Florida State Parks 2) Expedition Tree Core: Climate Change and the Phoenix Islands.

Presenters: Savannah Grant & Alex Miranda (Florida Gulf Coast University)

Location: Naples Botanical Gardens Kapnick Center.

Feel free to bring snacks to share at 6:30pm.

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

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A Message from the President

Activities to Date:

In October we had a number of successful and well attended events. The weather was perfect for the field trip to Six Mile Cypress Slough and all attendees learned to experience the beauty of the swamp using all five senses. We had a table with information at the SW Garden Show. Also, Chad Washburn, one of our board members, gave a lecture. More than 2,000 people attended. Thanks to Karyn, Pat & Aimee. The lecture and plant sale at Green

Door Nursery was very well attended. Joel was an enthusiastic and knowledgeable presenter. It was great to have the opportunity to purchase the plants after learning about them. The potluck picnic afterwards was fun and there was way too much food. In our November meeting, we had a fascinating lecture on Green Roof Design in SW Florida.

Things to Come:

Looking forward to just the next three months, there is a lot on the calendar. The board is very excited that two students from FGCU will be presenting scientific studies at our **December 13th** meeting. This is a great opportunity to nurture young scientists. In January, there will be a lecture about endangered woodpeckers in the Picayune Strand State Forest. Next there will be a field trip to the Picayune Strand to visit the pump station.

On **February 1st**, we will hold our signature social and fundraising event at the Beach Club located at 2900 Galleon Drive. Our board member Chad Washburn will give a lecture on Landscaping with Native Plants. The title will be "Birds, Bees & Butterflies, Native Landscaping for our Flying Friends." Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, wine and other refreshments will be served. Business casual attire required. Valet Parking service is available.

Recommended minimum donation \$50 per person. Please RSVP. It would be very helpful if the donations were made in advance - either by check sent to our Jean Roche, 2110 Arielle DR APT 105 Naples, FL 34109, or by going to our Facebook Page, Naples Native Plants, and use the "Donate" button. We are working on an "event" button also.

Our promotional video will be up on our Facebook page and on Youtube. Be sure to "like it" and most importantly, "share it" with your friends.

Our February field trip will be offered as part of the Festival in the Woods on **February 18th**. Please see schedule of events for more details.

Membership & Volunteer opportunities:

The board is pleased that many new members joined in summer and early fall. Our membership increased approximately 20%.

There are many opportunities to volunteer with our chapter. For example, we have often been asked to do presentations at grade schools. We are exploring developing a native plant butterfly garden in cooperation with Collier County and need volunteers to work on that project.

One of our most important tasks is to act as the conservation member of land management committees for state owned lands. This task requires at least a two-day commitment for each site. Before the meeting, the land management plan needs to be reviewed. The first day of the plan review is touring the site and the second day is participating in the team in evaluating the plan. The state FNPS is preparing a slide show on this matter which we will present to our members.

We also need help with administrative work.

Book Review

As President, I want to share a book that I think is fascinating to all people interested in plants and people. The book is *Lab* by Hope Jahren. Dr. Jahren is a distinguished geobiologist who has held professorships at Georgia Tech, Johns Hopkins University and University of Hawaii. Dr. Jahren is a terrific writer who in her book, crosscuts between the “. . . life cycle of trees and flowers and other green things, [with] chapters about her own coming-of-age as a scientist, Ms. Jahren underscores the similarities between humans and plants — tenacity, inventiveness, an ability to adapt — but, more emphatically, the radical otherness of plants: their dependence on sunshine, their inability to move or travel as we

do, the redundancy and flexibility of their tissues (“a root can become a stem if need be, and vice versa”).” NYT Book Review, 3/28/2016. I highly recommend this book.

NATIVE PLANT OF THE MONTH



Sue Dingwell, <http://www.fnps.org/plants/plant/citharexylum-spinosum>

Florida Fiddlewood *(Citharexylum spinosum)*

This elegant shrub could almost start its own string ensemble. Violins, guitars, and fiddles have been constructed from its compact wood. The tongue-tripping genus name, *Citharexylum*, is derived from the Greek name “kithara” for an ancient stringed instrument. Besides these musical allusions, fiddlewood has been likened to jewelry. The shiny, pearl-sized fruits on drooping strands inspired the Spanish common name “collarete,” or short

necklace. Only female plants develop these attractive accessories, which ripen from lime green to bronzed orange. Fiddlewood impresses with this color-changing show until birds flit by and nab the juicy morsels.

Before the fruits set, fiddlewood produces small, white flowers with rounded petals. A plant enthusiast examining the dainty flowers will note their resemblance to lantana (e.g. *Lantana involucrata*), even though they are strung out in racemes instead of gathered in clusters. Such floral similarity intimates that these two plants are in the same family.

Many white-flowered plants have strong nocturnal scents, fiddlewood included. Its gardenia-like perfume wafts through the air to lure in nocturnal pollinators, like moths. Once they are close enough, the insects seeking a midnight snack should spot the white flowers glowing in the moonlight. Visitors to Naples Botanical Garden will encounter Florida fiddlewood in various locations, including the Buehler Enabling Garden filled with plants that appeal to our senses.

-Andee Naccarato, Board Member, FNPS
Naples Chapter



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Showcase the Beauty of Native Plants

Landscape Awards

Each year at the Annual Conference, FNPS gives awards for high quality native plant landscapes in the categories of residential, commercial, institutional, transportation, preservation, restoration, mitigation and wildflower/butterfly garden - landscaped primarily with native plants.

Award Levels:

Excellence (1st) Honor (2nd) Merit (3rd)

AWARDEE BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- *A prestigious customized plaque*
- *Local and statewide media exposure*
- *Feature story in the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) magazine and website*
- *Recognition and complimentary registration to Saturday's programming including Landscape Awards at the FNPS Annual Conference May 19-21, 2017 at Westgate River Ranch Resort, River Ranch, Florida:*

<http://www.fnps.org/conference/2017>

For more details and an application, see: <http://www.fnps.org/participate/awards>

Contact Email: info@fnps.org

Application Deadline: March 3, 2017

New Membership Form

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/

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Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Membership Types

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

Business _____ \$125

Non-Profit _____ \$50

Supporting _____ \$100

Donor _____ \$250

Lifetime _____ \$1000

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