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The Naples Chapter Newsletter
Florida Native Plant Society

October 2017

Upcoming Zamia Events:

Tuesday, October 10, 7 P.M. PRESENTATION: The Lee Williams Road Fire: Impacts and Benefits to Picayune Strand State Forest.

Location: Naples Botanical Garden Kapnick Center, 4820 Bayshore Drive.

Presenter: Dexter Sowell, formerly Florida Forest Service, currently Florida Natural Areas Inventory.

Feel free to bring a snack to share at 6:30pm!

Tuesday November 15th, 7 P.M. PRESENTATION: Introduction to Florida scrub: Linking fire, fauna, and native vegetation.

Location: Naples Botanical Garden Kapnick Center, 4820 Bayshore Drive.

Presenter: Stacy Smith, Archbold Biological Station

Feel free to bring a snack to share at 6:30pm!

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A Message from the President

The last six months have been very busy from a weather/ecological standpoint in Collier County. In early March, the Lee Williams Road wildfire broke out in the Picayune Strand State Forest. On Sunday, September 10th at 3:30 p.m. Hurricane Irma made landfall on Marco Island. As we all know, both these events caused significant disruption in the ecosystems and impacted many lives.

Since our last event in April, Naples Native Plants Board has been busy planning many interesting presentations, volunteer opportunities and field trips. Well before Hurricane Irma formed in the Atlantic, Naples Native Plant Board decided that our theme for the year would be disruption in the ecosystem. Some of our presentations will focus on the role fire plays in the ecosystem. We hope to

include presentations that will also address the impact of hurricanes in the natural system.

Naples Native Plants is cooperating with the City of Naples to design and implement a native garden in the plan for Baker Park. Baker Park is to be built off of Goodlette Frank on city property across from the dog park. The center piece for the park will be an elevated circular mound with native plantings. Our board members, Lewis Barrett and Danny Cox, suggested planting scheme for a trapezoidal area that is at the entrance to the mound which has been incorporated into the plan.

Please refer to the listing of our presentations set forth in this newsletter for details of this coming year. We look forward to seeing you soon.



<http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu/photo.aspx?ID=1227>

Native Plant of the Month Glade lobelia (*Lobelia glandulosa*)

Those beings who thrive in summertime's daily downpours can feel out of sorts when nature's faucet abruptly shuts off in October. By the middle of the dry season, an unexpected rumble of thunder can be music to the ears of a Florida native. The accompanying cloudburst can be as refreshing as a long-overdue shower, especially if you are a wetland plant.

Countless wildflowers and grasses thrive in the expansive wet prairies of wild Southwest Florida. Just one in the crowd is glade lobelia (*Lobelia glandulosa*) with petals the color of twilight. Each flower may be just one-half inch across, but the flowering stalk can stretch 2-3 feet tall with the newest blooms at the top. On New Year's Day, its peak flower seemed to stand on the shoulders of the one below to peer across an open prairie in Big Cypress National Preserve.

As we may duck under shade to avoid the beating sun or under umbrellas to escape driving rain, glade lobelia seems to revel in these elements. This wildflower seeks full exposure to our subtropical sun and sinks its roots into soils choked with standing rainwater. In Southwest Florida's deluge to desert cycle, glade lobelia is most at home during the deluge. If the dry season's lack of rain is too relentless and the prairies become too dry, this native plant will disappear like twilight dissolving into darkness until the wet season's faucet opens again.

-Andee Naccarato

article originally published in *Fort Myers News-Press*

City of Naples Makes Native Plant Proclamation for October

Naples Native Plant members and Board members went to the Naples City Council meeting on October 4th to accept a Native Plant Proclamation made by the City. This is the third year that the City of Naples has encouraged residents of Naples to learn more about the environmental and cultural benefits of Florida native plants.

Please take this opportunity to share the proclamation and tell your family, friends, and neighbors about native plants and the upcoming events this season with Naples Native Plants.



Long time members of Naples Native Plants Ron and Mary Echols and the Mayor of Naples at the Native Plant Proclamation

Below is a list of dates for the presentations for the remainder of the season. Stay tuned for dates for field trips (including to Archbold Biological Station) and volunteer opportunities.

Date:	Speaker:	Tentative Title:
10 Oct	Dexter Sowell (FNAI)	The Lee Williams Road Fire: Impacts and Benefits to Picayune Strand State Forest
15 Nov	Stacy Smith (Archbold Biological Station)	Introduction to Florida scrub: Linking fire, fauna, and native vegetation
12 Dec	TBD	TBD
10 Jan	Maulik Patel (Collier Seminole)	Rx Fire: what is it good for...? Absolutely everything
13 Feb	Reed Noss (UCF)	TBA
13 Mar	George Wilder (NBG)	The Biology of Leaves
10 Apr	Jean McCollum, Win Everham,	Panel Discussion: Fire in an Urbanized SWFL: Issues and Solutions for our Native Systems

Other Upcoming Local Events:

Florida Friendly Landscaping for Homeowners Workshop Thursday Nov. 2nd, 1- 3 p.m.

Learn University of Florida's powerful principles for sustaining healthy landscapes. **FREE**

To register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-friendly-landscapingtm-for-homeowners-workshop-registration-14983544184>

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