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OCTOBER PROGRAM: Bok Sanctuary Rare Plant Propagation and Protection

Programs by Cindy Campbell

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She will be speaking to us about the *Bok Sanctuary* rare plant propagation and protection programs. This will be a perfect introduction to our October field trip where we will be joining folks from the Beautyberry Chapter to see the endangered *Warea*.



take us to the site. I must know in advance who is coming so please call me at 407-876-5191.

Mapquest directions for the Publix can

be found by using the address: 2600 Maguire Rd. Ocoee, Fl. For those not familiar with the area please allow plenty of time to get there. The Beautyberry group has their own directions for a different meeting place since they will be coming from Lake County. Dress for the outdoors and bring water and lunch.

November 5 Field Trip – Chinsegut Hill Pioneer Days and Campout, Hernando County. Step back into time and see how early Floridians survived without the aid of modern conveniences. There will be lots of displays, food and entertainment. Ladies practice your iron skillet tossing before you go. The guys can practice spitting those watermelon seeds. We also have some campsites reserved close by at Tillis Hill for those that want to stay overnight. We'll do some short field trips for plant ID. Contact Paul Eisenbrown at 407-876-5191 for details. Website for Chinsegut Hill: <http://myfwc.com/chinsegut/> and http://myfwc.com/chinsegut/Kristin%20_NewPioneer2005.pdf



Upcoming Field Trips Paul Eisenbrown

October 8 Field Trip – Warea amplexifolia. We will be visiting a protected site in south Lake County that has the endangered *Warea* as well as other fall blooms. Mike Martin, Forester for the Seminole State Forest, will be our host for this joint outing with the Beautyberry Chapter. The Tarflower group will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Publix parking lot just south of Highway 50 about 1.3 miles on Maquire Road. This is considered part of Ocoee. It is on the east side of Maquire in a shopping center. You will see an On the Run and Hess convenience stores/gas stations. The Publix is behind them. From this point we will carpool to another location where Mike Martin will meet us and

Events and Opportunities - Daniela DeBiase

Saturday, October 15 – ONP workday. Join Tarflower chapter at the Oakland Nature Preserve as we continue working on our plot and pruning the area around the Jack Ammons Trail Shelter. This month some of the fall blooming native plants may need to be liberated from invasive exotics. The weather is somewhat cooler so let's meet at 9 a.m. at the Ammon Trail Shelter on the West Orange Trail. BRING H₂O, BUG SPRAY and a SHOVEL! Call Dani at 407 340 8316.

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Saturday October 22– The Orange County Library System is currently seeking experts on conservation, native wildlife, environmental issues, history, geology, geography and culture of the St. Johns River to support this fall's Central Florida Reads program. The featured book is *River of Lakes: A Journey on Florida's St. Johns River* by Bill Belleville. In addition to book discussions and author talks, they hope to offer a great deal of educational programming for all age groups focusing on the St. Johns River and Central Florida in general. We are invited to have a table at this Information Fair from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. If anyone from our chapter is interested in participating in this event, please contact Terran McCanna at 407-835-7498 (office) or McCanna.Terran@ocls.info; or e-mail me at evybaby@juno.com and I can forward you the original correspondence.

Saturday, October 29 – Oakland Heritage Festival. Enjoy a day at Speer Park in the Town of Oakland. The Festival is a family oriented event with entertainment and activities for everyone. This year we will have a booth at the event where we'll be helping homeowners learn about the benefits of landscaping with native plants and how to adapt them to their particular situation. If you are interested in helping out call Dani at 407 423 3554

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING - Including Some Seminole County Watershed Action Volunteer Events

Saturday, October 15 – Lake Lotus Park exotic vegetation removal 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Want to know the difference between exotic and native plants in our waterways? Come out and help with a vegetation removal and clean-up project. Be sure to wear sturdy shoes, and bring gloves, rakes, etc. to help remove trash and exotic plants. Pre registration is required. Location: Lake Lotus Park, 1153 Lake Lotus Park Rd., Altamonte Springs. Call Twila Guzman, with WAV at 407 665 5724 for more information.

Saturday, October 22 – Seminole Ranch Butterfly Survey. Save the date if you're interested. Volunteers should have knowledge of the varieties of butterfly species. More information to follow as it becomes available. Call Twila Guzman with WAV at 407 665 5724 for more information.

Tuesday, October 25 – Splash into Science Night, 6:30-8:30pm at Partin Elementary School, Oviedo. Several volunteers are needed to help with activities and displays at this family fun science night. Please call Twila Guzman of WAV at 407 665 5724 if you are

interested in helping out at what should prove to be a fun event. We will have a presentation demonstrating the advantages of landscaping with native plants. Though we are set for volunteers, they could use help at some of the other booths, or just come by to say Hi!

Saturday and Sunday, November 5th and 6th – The 11th Annual Plant & Garden Fair will be held in Mt. Dora, beginning at 9:00 a.m each day. This event, sponsored by the Mount Dora Library Association, will draw over 15,000 visitors to the Gilbert Park, Simpson's Cove, and Palm Island area. The event will include native plants, and butterfly-attracting perennials.

Tosohatchee September Field Trip

Paul Eisenbrown

This was our second time in Tosohatchee this year, the first being in April when we came out to see the *Chionanthus virginica*. Our goal this time was to see the different blooms at a different time of the year. Fall in Florida brings out some of our more colorful flowers in the pine flatwoods that rival those of the spring season. We were rewarded with excellent weather, an active group of plant seekers and some nice plants. Also, in April we had discovered a leafless orchid (*Harrisella porrecta*) in fruit on a Walter's Viburnum (*Viburnum obovatum*). It was now in bloom with tiny yellow flowers only a few millimeters across. The adventure this time was getting across a ditch of water from all the recent rain and then bushwhacking through the palmettos to get to it. Everyone met the challenge and no one fell in.

A short distance away was a flatwoods blanketed with Vanilla Plants (*Carphephorus odoratissima*). The purple disk florets in terminal corymbs stood out over the rest of the flatwoods backdrop. We had seen these same plants in April in an earlier stage of development at another location. At the time we thought they were condos for the many tree frogs that took up residence in the large sessile clasping leaves. What a change when the flowers are in bloom! We also saw *Oxypolis filiformis*, *Sabatia brevifolia*, *Ruellia caroliniensis*, *Richardia brasiliensis*, Pond Pine, *Ludwigia alternifolia*, and *Xiris caroliniana* within the same area. *Xiris caroliniana* is the white version of the several Yellow-eyed Grass species. It has a longer cone-like spike on a crooked and twisted stem as opposed to the straight stem of the yellow species.

Some other sitings were *Liatris tenuifolia*, *Rhexia nutallii* and *R. petiolata*, *Conoclinium coelestinum*, *Bacopa caroliniana* (Lemon Bacopa), *Carphephorus corymbosus*, *Ipomoea sagittata*, *Cirsium horridulum*, *Phyla nodiflora*, Southern Gaura, Venus Looking Glass, *Hyptis alata*, Crowsfoot Grass, *Tillandsia*
See "Tosohatchee Field Trip" page 4.

The Rodman Reservoir Trip by Sam Hopkins and Carol Palmer

After leaving the Etoniah Creek State Forest we made a long trip through Palatka across the St. Johns River and along the road to the Rodman Reservoir area. At the Kirkpatrick Dam/Rodman Spillway, we went down to the Kirkpatrick Dam Boat Ramp and went aboard a pontoon boat which was under the supervision of a lady, Captain Erica O'Lenick. She was very capable and knowledgeable about the river and its inhabitants. This tour was to take us on a trip of the Ocklawaha River as it existed before.

We put in at the boat ramp and went to the west to begin. This took us by the base of the dam where we got to see a row of Double-crested Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax auritus*).

(S)



As this picture didn't show the Cormorants well (they were just to the left of the people in the boat), we will try show a better shot that Carol took. They look like some of them sat on cement pillars that were placed in the water. (C)



We went across the spillway of the dam to the original old route of the Ocklawaha River (I think) and from that point wandered around until we came to the canal which had been built below the Kirkman Dam when it was put in. From there we came back to the dam and finished our ride back to the starting point.

This was the view that we got from the boat as we went down the Ocklawaha River. It was closed in on both sides and had a beautiful color from the tree's leaves. You can see the reflection of the sky in the water of the river.(S)



This old alligator was not about to be surprised by the boats and the people that came by its resting place. It kept its peace despite all the activity going on around it.

(C)



There were lots of birds along the waterways in the sparsely leaved trees and all were content to be part of the calm and peaceful atmosphere.(C)



Along a lot of the river, we saw the beautiful leaves of the Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) which was all along the sides of the stream bank. The riverbank here was clear of any houses or buildings of any type.(C)



This next picture shows some of the riverfront on the run up the new channel that they have placed below the dam. We saw these birds that were some type of Egrets, flying about on the edge of the water (C).



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This next photo was the open part of the water, exclusive of the river, that has been put in to receive the waste water from the dam. We are looking north at this time and are returning to the dam from our trip around the loop. (S)



This next photo is a picture of one of the trees that we saw in the Palatka area. It was the Chickasaw Plum (*Prunus angustifolia*).

There were many of them and they were beautiful! (S)



Tosohatchee Field Trip continued from page 2. *balbisiiana*, *T. utriculata*, *T. setacea*, *T. fasciculata*, *Clematis baldwinii* and *Amorpha fruticosa*. And of course there were more. On the west side of Taylor Creek Road going and coming from Tosohatchee were several of the Pine Lilies (*Lilium catesbaei*), which to me are some of Florida's most striking blooms.

Often times though there are always those plants in stages prior to blooming that are a challenge to identify. You don't have that telltale flower or other fully developed plant parts. One that drew our attention had a single very hairy stem and hairy scabrous PINE LILY

leaves. The reduced clasping, opposite stem leaves were small. The basal leaves were very large, roundish and obovate in a rosette. We



couldn't figure it out at the time. The imbricate bracts of the soon to be flower said it was an Aster of some kind. Over the weekend several of us exchanged phone calls and e-mails trying to figure it out. Thanks to some digital photos sent to a knowledgeable friend, it was identified as a Rayless Sunflower (*Helianthus radula*). I guess we'll have to go back to see it in bloom.

Another part of the field trip in the early morning was going on simultaneously at another location. Aylene Hayes, who was honored at the last meeting as the first president of our local chapter, came out with her daughter. They were taken by Rick Ehle and Scott Spaulding to see the endangered Hand Ferns. This was a commitment we made as a chapter to her that evening and we kept it. Aylene related many stories of her earlier trips to Tosohatchee.



Afterwards we stopped by Green Images Native Plant Nursery, ate lunch and talked. Some bought plants to take home. It was another good day with good people. Thanks for coming to make it happen.

For those that are interested the chronology of the leafless orchid from the time we first saw it: **1)** 4/9/05 First seen in fruit **2)** 7/13/05 Fruit capsules open **3)** 7/16/05 First flower stalk or pedicels seen **4)** 9/04/05 First flower blooms (four) seen **5)** 9/10/05 Field trip date with seven flowers present.



Pioneer Day was a BIG SUCCESS Jean Vasicek



Last month's meeting honoring the founders of the Central Florida Chapter of the Native Plant Society was a big success. We had a great turn out for the event. Our MC for the night, Rick Ehle, did a great job of hosting the event. I didn't know that Rick and Pam were poets AND plant enthusiasts. Rick and Pam wrote individual poems for each pioneer member...very clever! Do you recognize the people in this photo?

Hog Hunting Mark Ludlow and Mike Martin
There is a new IFAS publication out called *Control and Management of Wild Hogs in Florida*, which I helped edit. The authors are Giuliano and Tanner. The site

address is <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW221>. Document no. is WEC 192. Perhaps some of you may be interested in taking up trapping as a hobby!!!! Pork the other white meat!! Oink, oink.

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SOCIETY NEWS:

Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are held the first Tuesday each month at

HARRY P. LEU GARDENS, (1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando). The next meeting is **Tuesday, October 4** promptly at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments 6:30-ish. See you there!
(For directions, call 407-246-2620 option 1)

Executive Committee

The next board meeting will be TBD. For more information contact Rich Ehle. Members are welcome to attend.

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