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JANUARY PROGRAM: Native Plants, Popcorn & a Movie

January 2 we will be showing some of our favorite native plant videos including *Islands in Time* and some episodes from TV's *Backyard Habitats* featuring David Drylie on the Animal Channel.

Landscaping with Natives Lecture

Dr. Martin Quigley, Director of the UCF Arboretum, will be the quest speaker at the Sierra Club meeting, Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at Leu Gardens at 7 p.m. Dr. Quigley will discuss, *Landscaping with Native Plants*. The public is invited to attend this free presentation.

January Field Trip- Bulow Creek State Park

January, we visit Bulow Creek State Park and North Peninsula State Park which are both within a few miles of one another in north Volusia County. North Peninsula State Park which boast 2 miles of unspoiled beach also has a trail that traverses scrub and maritime hammock. Scrub jays and gopher tortoises are common in this area and this time of year may yield a few migrate birds. Bulow Creek State Park, which consists of 3,230 acres of upland forest, hardwood swamp, saltmarsh and tidal creeks in addition to one of Florida's most spectacular live oaks *The Fairchild Oak*. There are several trails to choose from that will be decided closer to the date. The route to these two parks traverses densely canopied two lane roads through hardwood/cabbage palm hydric hammocks before winding through marshes. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. the Publix at I-95 and Old Dixie Highway, in Ormond Beach. From northbound I-95, after passing S. R. 40 and U. S. 1 exits, the next exit is Old Dixie Highway. Head east on Old Dixie Highway and the Publix

shopping center will be immediately on the right. Bring water, hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, and bag lunch. Hopefully we can catch low tide and picnic on the beach.

January Plant Rescue

A plant rescue is scheduled for the Orlando International Airport for **Saturday, 20 January 2007**. Meet at the Park and Ride at SR15 (Narcoosee Road) and the Beachline at 0830 AM. Bring your tools, pots, and plenty of water for the plants, as well as sunscreen, bug repellent, hat, boots, and water/snack for yourself. This is a wet area (normally), and a partial list of plants to be found is: ferns, liatris, pitcher, paint brush, hypericum, habenaria, spartina, wax myrtle, wire grass, white violets (lots). Plants are needed for the Oakland Preserve restoration, Central Florida Zoo and other sites. Please let Jackie Rolly know NLT17 January if you plan on attending. Email: j.y.rolly@att.net or phone 407-359-4963.

Looking Ahead

February 6, 2007 Program – *Assessment of Listed Plants and Animals in Ft. Drum Marsh Conservation Area, Part I, and A behind the scenes look at fun and perils of two years of collecting plant, mammal, bird, reptile and amphibian data, Part II.*

February Field Trip - Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

This 140,000 acres refuge is composed of seven major habitat types including brackish estuaries, marshes, coastal dunes, scrub oaks, pine forests and flatwoods, and hammocks. This refuge is considered an important major wintering area for migratory birds. Over 500 species of wildlife inhabit the refuge. Based upon the timing of this visit, bird watching should be fantastic.

**Many Thanks to
Rick and Pam
Ehle for a
Wonderful
Holiday Party!**

Once again Rick and Pam put on a great holiday party. There was great food and lots of good conversation! Thank you, Rick and Pam, for all your efforts!



Holiday Party at the Ehle's.



Rescuing Plants from Plantation Oaks

Local Native Nurseries

Biosphere Consulting Inc

(407) 656-8277
14908 Tilden Rd
Winter Garden, FL 34787

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11490 Montevista Rd
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Christmas, FL

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\$15 Library or School

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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, January 2** at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments 6:30. See you there! (For directions, call 407-246-2620 option 1)

Executive Committee

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

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