



# the Tarpaper

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## ***JULY PROGRAM: Growing Herbs the Natural Way with Tracy Anderson***

Traci Anderson is a Florida native living in the Central Florida area. Traci and her husband Keith own the Seminole Springs Antique Rose and Herb Farm in Eustis where they have been growing herbs and antique roses for nearly two decades. She has been a regular guest on The Garden Rebel radio show as well as having lectured for numerous organizations and the University of Florida over the years. She strives to share her knowledge and educate gardeners in the way of naturally growing roses and herbs.

Currently the Andersons are working towards certifying their herb operation as organic. All of the herbs that they grow are done so using organic methods recognized by the USDA. They also utilize many of those methods in growing their Antique Roses. Antique roses have graced gardens for centuries without being sprayed and can continue to do so for many more centuries. Their facility is scheduled for inspection in early June.

## ***JULY FIELD TRIP: Wekiva Springs***

*Mike Dinardo*

For our Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> field trip we will be returning to one of our favorite places, Wekiva Springs State Park. Zachary Prusak, who spoke about controlled burning at the June meeting, and Gregory Walker, past Tarflower president who currently works at the park, have experience in the burn regime of the park and will lead this trip. It will be a great opportunity to see and discuss some of the fire maintained natural communities about which Zach spoke! We will meet at the first parking lot on the left immediately after the pay station at 8:30 a.m. Be sure to bring sunscreen, mosquito repellent, plenty of liquids, and a lunch (coolers are fine as the parking lots is centrally located). Trails, plants, and controlled burn areas will be explored in the morning. In the afternoon we can swim and enjoy the spring.

Special Field Trip Notes: A field trip sign-up sheet will be passed around at the July 3rd meeting; be sure to sign up or let Mike Dinardo know by phone or email

if you will be attending. Also, when you sign in at each meeting there will now be an opportunity for you to put yourself on a field trip email list (you only have to sign up once). If you are on the list, then Mike will send you a reminder and any updated information a few days before each field trip.

## ***AMAZON JUNGLE SAFARI***

***October 19 – 28, 2007***

Join fellow members of the Florida Native Plant Society on a natural history tour. This rainforest adventure is a great opportunity to have fun and learn about the world's largest rainforest and river system. We will have our own specially trained guides to describe flora and fauna for us. We will be staying in 4 Explorama Lodges and hiking in the jungle as well as traversing the river system in "collectivos", long, passenger boats. Along the way we will see monkeys, sloths, toucans, macaws, horned screamers, piranhas, caiman, leaf cutter ants, pink dolphins, etc. We will have the opportunity to view the top of the rainforest on the Canopy Walkway which is 115 feet in the air and a third of a mile long. We will view ethno botanical plants along the medicine trail and within the ReNuPerRu Ethno botanical Garden adjacent to one of the lodges we will stay in. Starting and ending in Miami, the price for this adventurous nature itinerary is \$2795 per person to double occupancy. The tour is escorted by experienced FNPS tour leaders Jo Anne and Fred Trebatoski. A Peruvian naturalist will meet you at the airport in Iquitos and stay with you throughout the trip. For more information please log onto [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) and click on the brochure (pink) in the trip descriptor on the home page. Hope to meet you on this trip. You can reach the Trebatoski's at plantnative @earthlink.net or call 800-466-9660 for more info.

## ***Fungi Paul Eisenbrown***

On a recent hike in the Arbuckle Tract of the Lake Wales Ridge State Forest we encountered an unusual looking fungus. It is a *Ptychogaster cubensis*, which is the anamorph stage of the *Inonotus rickii*. It occurs often where limbs have broken off trees and is a



*Ptychogaster cubensis*  
Photo by Paul Eisenbrown

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pathogen, feeding on the interior of the tree. Fungi often have two different names, unlike plants, because the asexual (anamorph) stage, seen in the picture, is discovered at different times than the sexual (teleomorph) stage. For more information on this particular fungus go to: <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/pi/enpp/pathology/pathcirc/pp357.pdf> or <http://www.insectimages.org/search/action.cfm?q=Inonotus&Start=1&results=15>

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***What's Blooming in Wekiwa***

Take a journey to different areas within the park to explore, identify, and discuss what's in bloom. Led by a volunteer, this program is fun for all

ages, regardless of your knowledge of plants! Participants should be capable of walking two miles unassisted. Please be sure to wear appropriate footwear and clothing. Sunblock, insect repellent, and refreshments are also suggested. Pets are prohibited.

Pre-registration is required and participation is limited to 15 people. To register please call Jessica at (407) 884-2006.

WHEN: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 9am to 11am

COST: Included in park \$5 fee

WHERE: Wekiwa Spring State Park, 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, FL 32712

**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 July 3** 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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