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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: Always Learning – Getting the Most From Your Field Trips

September's program will be given by Paul Eisenbrown, a long time member of the Florida Native Plant Society and a past field trip leader. Paul has produced many of the pre-meeting slide shows throughout the year. On Tuesday, he will discuss how to optimize the field trip experience. We often forget or don't take the time to do the little things that help us to understand more about our environment and increase our plant knowledge. The most important thing is to get out and reinforce what you already know and pick up some new knowledge along the way.



Paul Eisenbrown leading a tour at Colt Creek State Park

PLANT RESCUE Jackie Rolly

Another plant rescue is scheduled for the Osceola Sandhill site. Meet on Saturday, 15 September 2007, at 0800 AM at the Publix at the Town Center on SR 193 and E. Orange Lake Blvd. The Publix is located approximately 4.5 miles west of the intersection of SR 192 and I-4. Bring shovels, trowels, pots and plenty of water for the plants. Be sure and wear a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and bring plenty of drinking water for yourselves. We will meet at the Publix and caravan to the site. Parking is limited, recommend carpooling where possible. We will consider salvaging the endangered buckwheat at this rescue, it should have finished blooming. The buckwheat will be provided to Bok Tower Conservation for their restoration. There is still plenty of day flower, twin flower, and other plants on the site. Please contact either Jackie Rolly at email: j.y.rolly@att.net, or cell: 407 -620-6963, or Marge Holt at marjorieholt@earthlink.net, for further information and let us know if you plan on attending.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP

For our September field trip, we have something a little different. On September 8, we are going to the FTU Herbarium. It is located in the Central Florida Research Park just south of the main UCF campus. We will meet at the UCF Arboretum at 8:30 a.m. and carpool over to the herbarium. Dr. Elizabeth Harris and Courtney Knickerbocker will give us a tour, talk to us about the plant collection and give us some tips for collecting specimens that would be useful to them. You may want to bring something on which to take notes about the herbarium. After our visit to the herbarium, we will take our lunches to the Arboretum for a picnic; and, then plan on a little hike through the shady Arboretum. You should dress for the field and bring the usual sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, and water for the hike. Please call Catherine Read for additional information. For a map a UCF, go to <http://campusmap.ucf.edu/flash/index.php>

October Field Trip!!!! We are going to the panhandle of Florida!!!! This will be the weekend of the 12 through the 14th of October. We will plan to leave on Friday afternoon and drive to the Tallahassee or Marianna area (details to be sorted out later with whoever is going) to spend the night. We will tour some fabulous natural areas around Apalachicola National Forest that include vast pitcher plant bogs as well as steepheads and ravines that support hardwoods that are more typical of the southern Appalachians. On Sunday, there will be more natural areas to visit or the Marianna Caverns State Park. Former Tarflower member, Cindi Stewart, has graciously coordinated with other Tarflower friends from the panhandle. You never know who might turn up to provide or assist with our accommodations and our site-seeing. It should be a great trip. We need to know as early as possible who will be going, in order to begin to arrange accommodations and transportation. A sign-up sheet for this trip will be passed around beginning at the August meeting. Tarflower's last trip to the panhandle was in the spring; so, we are looking forward to wonderful fall displays of wildflowers and grasses on this adventure! Start planning now to join us.

FIELD TRIP REPORT – Black Hammock (Seminole County)
Rich Ehle



On the Trail.
 Photo by Pete Dunkelberg

On Saturday, the 11th of August, seventeen members and friends joined us on a field trip to Black Hammock Wilderness Area, one of several areas purchased by Seminole County for preservation purposes. Jim Duby, the administrator of the Seminole Natural Lands Program, joined us and gave a brief history of the prior ownership of the parcel and how the tire parcel became available to Seminole County.

When entering the pathway, we encountered a



Rivina humilis, Rougeplant
 Photo by Pete Dunkelberg

small scrub area where we found the Vanilla Plant (*Carphephorus odoratissimus*) in flower, as well as a good population of Wild Olive (*Osmanthus americanus*). Also found were Tarflower (*Bejaria racemosa*), Sand Holly (*Ilex ambigua*), and Rusty Lyonia (*Lyonia ferruginea*). The elevation started to

drop quickly and, in this ecotone, Loblolly Bay (*Gordonia lasianthus*) was in bloom.

Phyllis Gray tried to record as many species of plants as she could on a small piece of paper, but I think she quickly ran out of space. We then entered the new



Leafless swallowwort
 Photo by Pete Dunkelberg

boardwalk which extended for quite a long distance and traversed a hammock that could be very wet seasonally. Along this boardwalk, some of the more notable plants seen were the Angularfruit Milkvine (*Matelea gonocarpos*), a member of the Milkweed family. Interestingly enough, all members of the Genus Malelea are protected plants within the state of Florida, with *Matelea gonocarpos* being listed as Threatened. Other notable plants found were the Rouge Plant (*Rivina humilis*), a Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*), and the Basswood (*Tillia Americana*), with its curious fruit that looks like it is emerging from a leaf which is actually a bract.

Along an area between the boardwalks (there are two boardwalks), we found the Smallflowered Pawpaw (*Asimina parviflora*) bearing copious amounts of fruit, and a very odd looking plant, a Swallowwort (*Cynanchum* spp., probably *C. scoparium*), which clambers over anything it can climb on. It is virtually leafless and is a member of the Milkweed family.

Leaving the hammock area, we entered a cleared Pine Flatwoods community. Along this trail we saw a Pinweed, perhaps the Nodding Pinweed (*Lechea cernua*). I am still working at that I.D. *Lechea cernua* does occur in Seminole County and is a plant listed as Threatened in Florida. Other plants seen were the fringed Meadowbeauty (*Rhexia petiolata*), the common name probably derived from the abundant trichomes (hairs) that protrude from the leaf margins, the Savannah Milkweed (*Asclepias pedicellata*) where we found the plant both in flower and in fruit. The fruit of



Milkweed Seeds
Photo by Pete Dunkelberg

this and other members of *Asclepias* is known as a follicle which opens on one side and within the follicle the seed has an attachment of comose hairs which carry the seed airborne, and with the help of wind, perhaps to a location where it can sprout. I think the silky hairs of the milkweeds were used in World War II to manufacture material for parachutes? If they were not used in this manner, it still makes a good story.

Walking back to our cars was long and hot!!! Although we covered perhaps only 3 miles on this trip, it was very warm as August days are apt to be. Hope everyone had a good outing and I look forward to our next field trip. Hope you can join us.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Daniela DeBiase

Friday thru- Sunday, October 5th thru 7th – Winter Garden will host it's second annual Music Fest. This free event, produced by the Winter Garden Heritage Foundation, is a three day outdoor celebration of music. The historic downtown will be transformed into a multistage showcase for some of central Florida's finest musicians. The different music genres include: Jazz, Blues, Urban Jazz, Big Band, Swing, Dixie Land, Country, Southern Rock, Blue Grass, Classic Rock, Pop, Folk, Classical, Christian Pop, Gospel, R&B, Zydeco, Ragtime, Japanese Taiko Drums, African, Mariachi, Celtic and Thai. For more details on the music festival link to http://www.wintergardenmusicfest.com/Home_Page.html To view the performing artists and sample some of the music go to

<http://www.myspace.com/wintergardenmusicfest>

Tarflower Chapter will have a booth at this event. By October we're having chamber of commerce

weather, and the soft evening lighting is Soooo relaxing. What a pleasure to volunteer for this event! We'll be doing the usual - selling t-shirts and talking about native plants in their natural communities and in the urban landscape. If you can help out any time Friday between 5 and 10 pm, Saturday from noon to 11pm or Sunday noon to 5pm call Daniela DeBiase at 407 423 3554 (home) or 407 340 8316 (cell).

ENVIRONMENT DAY AT MOSS PARK

Pete Dunkelberg

Environment Day at Moss Park is an annual event hosted by Commissioner Linda Stewart. This year the event took place on August 25. It was a great success. There were at least five times more attendees than previous years. The Tarflower Chapter was there with a display and literature on native plants and landscaping. Thanks to Dani DeBiase our display was very good, and we had just enough literature to hand out. We, (mainly Gene Stoccardo and Paul Eisenbrown) were able to give quite a few people information they really wanted, and we thank Commissioner Stewart for inviting us.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE, Support and Help Christine Holyland, Silent Auction Committee

Dani DeBiase

It is not too early to think about contributing to the Conference 2008 Silent Auction in May next year. Ask yourself, friends, family, your chapter, a favorite store or gift shop, etc. to support our efforts and contribute an item for our Silent Auction. Items should preferably be in some way related to nature, plants, natural history, etc. Gift certificates, books, jewelry, T-shirts, pictures, plants, a vacation at a condo or anything else you can think of will be very much appreciated. Start thinking about this NOW. Please contact Christine Holyland at christineholyland@comcast.net or 941-964-2491 if you have any questions or items to donate. Or call Daniela DeBiase at 407 423 3554 for a local contact. Thank you in anticipation.

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Green Images

(407) 568-1333
1333 Taylor Creed Rd
Christmas, FL

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: 3rd 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

\$25 Individual/Gift
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\$40 Family/Household
\$50 Contributing/ Non-Profit
\$100 Business
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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 September 4** 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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