



# the Tarpaper

The Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society



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## OCTOBER PROGRAM:

### *Florida Native Plants*

Dr. Walter K. Taylor, a native of Kentucky, has lived in central Florida for nearly 40 years. After 35 years of continuous service, Professor Taylor retired from the University of Central Florida, where he taught a variety of biology courses including biodiversity, Florida natural history, local flora, and Florida wildflowers. Upon retirement in 2004, Dr. Taylor was named Professor Emeritus of U.C.F. In 1999 Taylor received the University Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, the highest recognition given by U.C.F. for undergraduate instruction. Many of Taylor's students are actively employed with federal, state, and county environmental agencies and in numerous teaching institutions throughout the U.S. Dr. Taylor, along with his wife Karin of nearly 40 years, have traveled widely throughout Florida, having visited all counties seeking their the flora and fauna as well as their past histories. He is a member of several environmental and professional organizations. In 2000, he received the Green Palmetto Award in education from the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) and in May 2006 the Society presented to him the Mentor Award, the highest recognition given by FNPS to an individual member.

Taylor has led numerous field trips on wildflower identification and given a variety of talks on Florida natural history to numerous organizations. He has written two widely used books on Florida wildflowers, The Field Guide to Florida Wildflowers (Taylor Publishing Company, Dallas, 1992) and Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities (University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 1998). In the spring of 2002, his book André Michaux in Florida. An Eighteenth-Century Botanical Journal (University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 2002), coauthored with Dr. Eliane M. Norman, was published. Dr. Taylor has given numerous presentations on André Michaux, in period dress.



Dr. Taylor  
Photo by Pete Dunkelberg

## 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.

## CELEBRATE 60 YEARS TOGETHER WITH DICK AND DOT DEUERLING

On November 17, 2007 Dick and Dot will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Noon until 4:30 PM at the Cypress Grove Park Covered Pavilion located at 290 Holden Avenue. The dress will be casual. The food will be picnic style. Covered dish desserts will be accepted but not required. If you would like to attend please RSVP by November 10, 2007 to Judy and Tom Jamison ([TAJamison@aol.com](mailto:TAJamison@aol.com), 407-421-8299). See "Celebration" Page 3.

## **PLANT RESCUE**

*Jackie Rolly*

Another plant rescue is scheduled for the Osceola Sandhill site. Meet on Saturday, 20 October 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](mailto:j.y.rolly@att.net), or cell: 407 -620-6963, or Marge Holt at [marjorieholt@earthlink.net](mailto:marjorieholt@earthlink.net), for further information and let us know if you plan on attending.

## **EVENTS** *Pete Dunkelberg*

**September 26 - All Hands Meeting for Orange County Parks** Representatives for the Tarflower Chapter will be at this special meeting on September 26 to share ideas with Parks personnel. This will be educational for all of us. All Tarflower members are welcome to attend.

**October 5, 6, 7 – The Winter Garden Music Fest** Volunteers are needed to help with this event. The Tarflower Chapter will have a booth. We need at least 2 volunteers present to hand out literature and inform the public about the importance of Native Plants. This is a great event for fun and meeting people and sometimes dancing in the streets, and hear great music too. For example, Brutha Niel and the Real Deal (Blues / Southern Rock / Jazz ) will be performing on Friday, October 5th 9:00pm. See <http://www.wintergardenmusicfest.com/> for all the exciting details. The Winter Garden Music Fest will take place on Plant Street in historic downtown Winter Garden on Friday, 5 October 5 pm to 11 pm, Saturday 6 October noon to 11 pm, and Sunday 7 October noon to 5 pm. If you would like to help with this event, please notify Pete Dunkelberg, (407) 894-8943 or email [pdunkelberg@earthlink.net](mailto:pdunkelberg@earthlink.net).

**October 27 - Oakland Heritage Festival** In addition to being a fun festival, this event occurs next to the Oakland Nature Preserve, home of many plants rescued by Tarflower members from sites about to be developed. See <http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org/> for details.

## **FALL-FLOWERING IXIA, *Nemastylis floridana***

*Paul Eisenbrown*

Also called Celestial Lily, this member of the Iris family is truly a beautiful flower. Its violet bloom stands out among the other vegetation even though it is only about 1.5 inches across. It can get up to 32" tall or

so. When not in bloom you will be hard-pressed to see the slender plant, as it blends right in with its surroundings. Probably it's most unique characteristic is that it only blooms in the late afternoon typically after 4:00 p.m. until dusk. September and October are the best times to look. You have to make a special effort to enjoy it. Remember to take your hand lens, as the detail of the flower up close is spectacular.

The state of Florida lists it as endangered and federally it is a species of special concern. It needs periodic burns for healthy growth. In the Tosohatchee Wildlife Management area I've noticed an increase in plants this year compared to last year due to areas that were burned. The FNAI (Florida Natural Areas Inventory) manual or it's on-line site can give you details about the counties that have this plant.



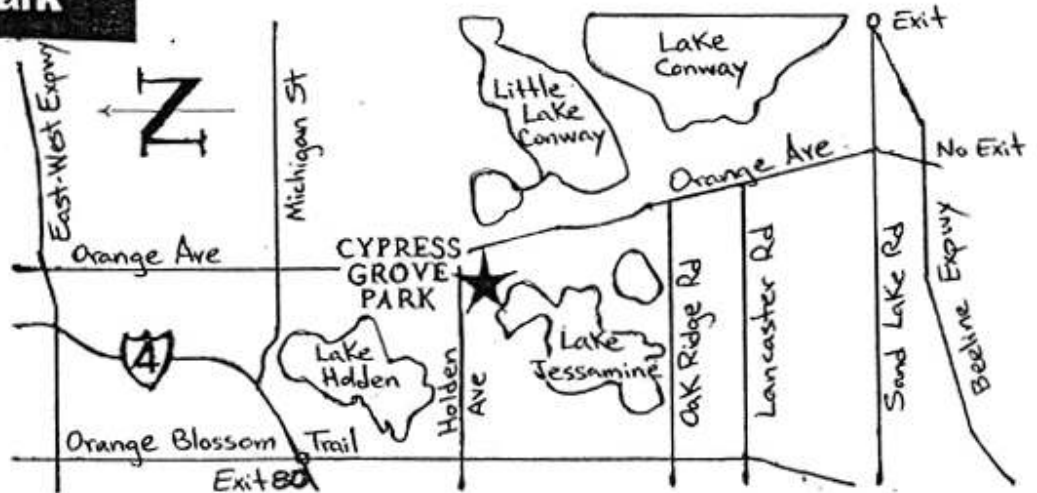
Fall-flowering Ixia  
*Photo by Paul Eisenbrown*



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*Photo by Paul Eisenbrown*

## Cypress Grove Park

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Orlando, FL 32839  
Phone: (407) 858-2295  
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### **CELEBRATE** continued from page 1.

Grove Park Activities include Basketball courts, playground, baseball diamonds, multi-purpose fields, etc. So, come celebrate with Dick and Dot while revisiting the last 60 years.

Directions to Cypress Grove Park:

#### **Traveling East on I-4:**

Take Highway 441 / Orange Blossom Trail (Exit 80) South Exit. The ramp turn merges with Orange Blossom Trail southbound. Travel to Holden Avenue, approximately 1.5 miles. At Holden Ave, turn left (heading east) for approximately 1 mile to the park entrance on the right.

#### **Traveling West on I-4:**

Take the left hand exit for Highway 441 / Orange Blossom Trail (Exit 80) South Exit. The ramp turn merges with Orange Blossom Trail southbound. Travel to Holden Avenue, approximately 1.5 miles. At Holden Ave, turn left (heading east) for approximately 1 mile to the park entrance on the right.

#### **Traveling East or West on E/W Expressway / SR 408 (Toll):**

Take the I-4 Exit and follow the West-Tampa sign which leads to I-4 Westbound. Then from I-4 take Highway 441 / Orange Blossom Trail (Exit 80) South Exit. The ramp turn merges with Orange Blossom Trail southbound. Travel to Holden Avenue, approximately 1.5 miles. At Holden Ave, turn left (heading east) for approximately 1 mile to the park entrance on the right.

#### **Once Inside Cypress Grove Park:**

Take the first left hand turn and you will see the pavilion on your right.

### **FROM DEVASTATION TO REFORESTATION: Withlacoochee State Forest** Sid Taylor

The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum opens a new exhibition titled "From Devastation to Reforestation: Withlacoochee State Forest" on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This exhibit explores the history of the Withlacoochee Forest Resettlement Land Use Project beginning with the devastation that was a result of the cut-and-run logging and turpentine production that occurred in Florida from the 1880s to the 1920s. Erosion control and tree planting in Florida were the outcome of the Civil Conservation Corps which was a part of President Roosevelt's New Deal program to put 3 million young men back to work in conservation jobs during the Great Depression era. The federal government began resettling the destitute farmers of the area, by buying up the land to create a reforestation program which began in 1935. After 72 years, what has become known as the Florida Division of Forestry now consists of over one million acres and is still growing. The forest mission has expanded from not only managing the natural resources for future generations, but continuing to honor a multiple land use ethic. Some of the functions include conservation of natural and cultural resources, wildlife management in conjunction with Florida Wildlife Commission, protection of water resources and outdoor recreational opportunities. Withlacoochee State Forest provides 159, 306 acres of Green Space for space, solitude and self-reliance.

The exhibition is the result of the discovery of over 400 historic images (photographs and negatives) which See "Withlacoochee" page 4.



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are being presented by Sid Taylor, Park Naturalist with the Florida Division of Forestry, Tillis Hill, Citrus Tract.

The exhibit will be on display at the Museum from September 7<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. A scavenger hunt is planned for the kids, with a flora and fauna checklist for fun and discovery. The Old Courthouse Heritage Museum is open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For additional information contact Laurie Diestler at (352) 341-6429. For on line video clips see <http://www.baynews9.com/content/36/2007/9/16/288219.html>

[http://www.baynews9.com/VideoPlayer/?Citrus\\_Forest2\\_916](http://www.baynews9.com/VideoPlayer/?Citrus_Forest2_916)

**GOING GREEN** information taken from the internet address referenced below, submitted by Jan Nichols

Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Orange County Convention Center there will be the first-ever Summit on Climate Change. All interested are welcome to attend. The meeting will discuss energy and climate change issues, especially local businesses, industry, manufacturers, developers, citizens, municipalities, consultants, utilities, program developers, policymakers and advisors. The keynote speaker is

Roger Ballentine

Here's the link for info on the Orange to Green Summit:

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/cms/AWARE/environment/orangetogreen/default.htm>

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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 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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