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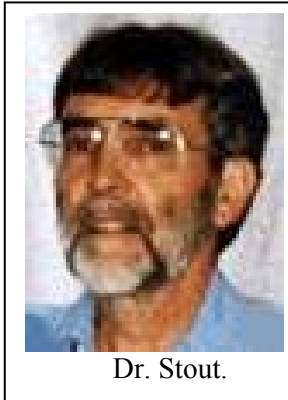
The Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society



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## **APRIL PROGRAM April Program – Lawns, Too Much Advice, and an Inconvenient Truth Dr. Jack Stout**

Jack Stout, who holds a B.S. (Oregon State), M.S. (Virginia Tech), and Ph.D. (Washington State), is an Emeritus Professor in the Department of Biology at the University of Central Florida. He taught ecology and conservation biology for 35 years at UCF. Jack's research program, now in its 36th year, has focused on population and community-level phenomena in ecosystems of peninsular Florida. He and his graduate students have spent much of their time working on plants and animals of sand pine scrub and sandhill communities. His own research concerns long-term studies of the pigmy fringe tree and scrub lupine. He and several graduate students have just completed a multi-year investigation of 4 rare plants on the Avon Park Air Force Range. This effort has completed the first in depth study of the biology of sweet scented pigeon wings (*Clitoria fragrans*) in relation to prescribed fire. Jack continues to collaborate with former graduate students, Alice Bard and Dameron Black IV, on the status and restoration of clasping warea (*Warea amplexifolia*) at Lake Griffin State Recreational Area. Current work concerns house mice at Lake Apopka and the federally threatened southeastern beach mouse.

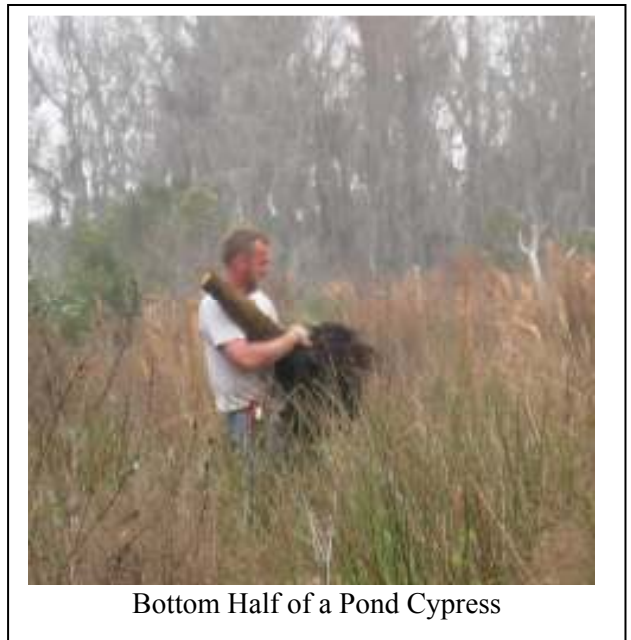


Dr. Stout.

The event will feature: Native Plants & Water Conservation Speakers, Plant Sale, Music in the Garden, Art in the Garden, and Refreshments

## **PLANT RESCUE Jackie Rolly**

I have been remiss in writing up articles from our very successful recent plant rescues. Since it's been winter, our January and February rescues were at the Orlando International Airport (OIA). These are wetland, cypress domes, pine flatwoods, for the most part and the plants can be found and salvaged easily in the winter. Thanks to Kathy Hale for taking her time on Saturdays to escort us. We linked up with some Bonsai people who took the opportunity to take some young, dormant, pond cypress (Fig 1). These make



Bottom Half of a Pond Cypress

## **Home & Garden Tour Jan Alyn**

"Go Native Beyond the Garden Gate", Home & Garden Tour featuring Vera Lea Rinker Formal Native Plant Garden at the residence of Stetson University President Dr. H. Douglas Lee, 418 N Woodland Blvd, DeLand Florida, Saturday, April 19, 2008, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and Sunday, April 20, 2008, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Tickets: \$15 advance/\$20 at event, Sponsored by: Garden Club of DeLand, [Karen Hall](#), Chairman. For advance tickets make check payable to The Garden Club of DeLand and mail to Ronny Kyle, 3614 Royal Fern Circle, DeLand, FL 32724

excellent candidates for a large Bonsai. We found out that cypress does not have much of a root system (Fig 2), and we will be keeping an eye on how well they thrive as Bonsai's. After they leaf out, I'll provide further photos and show this amazing art form. We also salvaged some pickerel and juncus for Langford Park, and the Central Florida Zoo took some ferns and other wetland plants for their restorations. We also took several *Asminas* (Paw

Paw) as we continue to experiment with various techniques on getting them to survive. Our current

lucky enough to see the endangered *Prunus geniculata* (scrub plum) in bloom, check it out.



Pond Cypress Roots



*Lupinus diffuses*

(March) rescue site is in a scrub, upland area, near the Pine Ridge Landfill. We will have a few years to rescue on this site. There are several endangered plants on this site. We had plenty of help from the Lake Louisa State Park personnel who are working on their own restoration efforts, and the Waste Management personnel also came out and learned all about the various plants and habitats on their site. We were even lucky enough to have a local homeowner join us who wanted to learn more about the plants on her property. One of the endangered plants on the site is the *Polygala*



*Prunus geniculata*



*Polygala lewtonii*

*lewtonii* which is in bloom right now. Not to forget the Lupines (*Lupinus diffuses*) which are also in full bloom, but sadly do not rescue at all. And for those of us not

**PHOTOS NEEDED!** Karina Veaudry

George Kish of the Suncoast Chapter is completing a poster for the University of South Florida on sustainable landscape design emphasizing to match plant selections with the former plant community that existing on-site.

If anyone has images related to this or a similar presentation, please forward to George at [gkish@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:gkish@tampabay.rr.com) Please share with/ask your chapter members - This could be potential information to share with chapters when completed.

## **OFFICER NOMINATIONS**

Officer nominees are listed below. Members are invited to provide any additional nominees and vote, either by proxy, mail in, or individual vote at the May meeting, which is the Annual Meeting of the membership.

In accordance with Article IV, Officer, of the Tarflower Bylaws, Officers of this corporation shall consist of a President, a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers including a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and will be duly nominated and elected by the membership and the annual meeting in May by a majority vote of the members present at such meeting. Officers may be elected for a period of one (1) year. Only members in good standing may be officers of this corporation. Officers shall automatically be members of the Executive Committee. Officers shall serve without compensation except reimbursement for actual expenses incurred or to be incurred.

The current slate of Officer is as follows:

President:

Nominee Catherine Read Stoccardo

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President (Programs) (**need nominations**)

Nominee:

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President (Events)

Nominee: Pete Dunkelberg

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

Nominee: Jacqueline Rolly

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer

Nominee: Irene Lauricella

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

State Chapter Director – former Chapter President –  
Rick Ehle

## **ARTICLE IX BYLAW OR CHARTER AMENDMENT**

The Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at the annual May

meeting of the members at which a quorum shall be present. Notice of the proposed change shall be mailed to each member at his or her last known address at least ten (10) days prior to the time and date of the meeting which is to consider and vote on such change or amendment. Copies of such revised and amended bylaws or Articles of Incorporation shall be given to any member upon request.

In accordance with Article IX, the Executive Committee has approved the following change to the Tarflower Bylaws and this provides the required notice of the proposed change. Members shall vote on the proposed change at the Annual Meeting in May. This amendment to our Bylaws is required in order for the Tarflower Chapter of FNPS to come under the umbrella of the State organization's exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

We amend our Bylaws to include the following provisions:

1. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
2. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (ID) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed

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Name of Organization                      Date Adopted  
(As shown in organizing document)

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Signature of Officer                      Type or Print Name and Title

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In addition a change must also be made to the Chapter's Articles of Incorporation as shown below and voted on by the general membership at the Annual Meeting in May.

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***FNPS ACTION ALERT*** Michael and Amy Jenkins, Magnolia Chapter FNPS

As members of the Florida Forever Coalition, the Florida Native Plant Society is coordinating with other organizations to work toward reauthorization and revitalization of the Florida Forever state land acquisition program (FF). The FF program will end in 2010. **We must act now to ensure a successor program.**

It is important to have a visible presence and to send letters of support in the next couple of months during the Legislative Session (March 4<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>). We seek to highlight and focus our support for Florida Forever and a successor program; distribute information regarding Florida's land conservation program; and educate lawmakers and the public on the importance of Florida's natural resources and land conservation programs. The FF coalition is seeking a successor program that would receive double the existing annual funding starting in FY 09 - \$600 million/year. The budget has been \$300 million dollars for the past 18 years and has never increased.

For talking points and FF history and other resources go to the FF Coalition website at <http://www.supportfloridaforever.org/>

### ***What can you do to make a difference?***

(1) **Write a letter to your House of Representatives and Governor Crist.** To find your legislators name and contact information, type your zip code in at this website: <http://www.votesmart.org/> A sample letter is located at the end of this correspondence.

(2) **Form a consensus in your chapter and send resolution of support to the FF Coalition** (see attached organization resolution form) **and** send a letter of support from your Chapter to Governor Crist at:

Office of the Governor, The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-

(3) **Many counties in Florida have passed a resolution to support FF** and the remaining counties have been assigned to FF coalition members to seek support from them. Right now we need more individual cities to send a resolution of support for FF to the Governor's office as soon as possible and before June, 2008. If you or your chapter would like to pursue coordinating with the city municipalities in your area for them to send a resolution of support, contact Karina Veaudry at [executivedirector@fnps.org](mailto:executivedirector@fnps.org) to obtain a sample resolution to pass along.

(4) **Attend the Florida Forever Day at the Capitol in Tallahassee on March 18, 2008.** Legislators, their staff, agency professionals, and the general public are being invited to attend a luncheon to learn about and discuss the Florida Forever program and its accomplishments, the types of projects funded, our extraordinary conservation needs, and the value of conserving Florida's special places.

**What:** Florida Forever Day - Tallahassee

**When:** March 18th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Florida Capitol Courtyard (area between the old and new capitol buildings)

9am – 11am – Summit of Information

11am – 2pm – Luncheon with the Legislators

2pm – Legislators meet with their constituents.

For more information, contact [info@supportfloridaforever.org](mailto:info@supportfloridaforever.org) This is a unique opportunity to meet with Legislators, the decision makers for the future successor program of Florida Forever. The major objective of the event is to get the

message to legislators that Florida Forever is a major priority for their constituents back home. If you are willing to travel to Tallahassee and represent FNPS from your region of the state, please contact Karina Veaudry at [executivedirector@fnps.org](mailto:executivedirector@fnps.org). We especially need people from the Panhandle and South Florida as there are not many signed up yet for the event from these areas.

(5) **Please let the Florida Forever Coalition know** when you have contacted your legislator and if you received a response as to whether he or she indicated support for increased funding for FF by emailing to [info@supportfloridaforever.org](mailto:info@supportfloridaforever.org)

### **SAMPLE LETTER**

As a constituent, I support the continuance of the Florida Forever land acquisition program. I urge you to increasing the FY09 budget to \$600 million for the Florida Forever program to take advantage of today's favorable market for conservation land purchases. Also, please support the creation of a successor program so that we can be prepared when the current program ends in 2010. This will preserve our prosperity and quality of life by investing in the conservation of our last wilderness areas, water resources and open spaces and to provide economic solutions to preserve agriculture lands and natural resources.

The amount of money allocated for Florida Forever (\$300 million) has not changed in 18 years — while growth and population in Florida have boomed, and the costs of land have skyrocketed. We need to better prioritize our state budget to protect those lands in which once they are gone can never be replaced.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to ensure that a viable successor program is established considering the critical need for conservation in our state.

The Florida Forever program is popular with Florida voters it has immeasurably contributed to environmental health and standard of living for Floridians and produces benefits that include clean air and water; healthy fisheries and wildlife habitat; improved water supply protection; protected conservation areas and open spaces. We need to continue these positive aspects.

Florida's population will continue to grow rapidly. More land will need to be developed to meet the housing, transportation and other needs of this growing population. If we do not do more to preserve our natural environment, we risk not only losing those unique, biodiverse and irreplaceable environmental assets that have attracted all of us to this state but the natural resources that sustain us all.

***(INSERT YOUR PERSONAL REASONS WHY YOU SUPPORT FLORIDA FOREVER)***

**WITHLACOOCHEE RESETTLEMENT LAND USE PROJECT: Great Depression Era and the legacy for all of us.** Sid Taylor

From February 25 - April 25th, the State of Florida Division of Forestry and the Old Courthouse Heritage Museum will have many planned activities. For more information, call the Learning Resource Center in Lecanto, FL, 352-249-1205.

Saturday, March 29 from 3 – 4:30 in the Jerome Multipurpose Room the Civilian Conservation Corp will celebrate their 75th anniversary with Bill Jamerson, storyteller, author, songwriter, and filmmaker.

**Local Native Nurseries**

**Biosphere Consulting Inc**

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Winter Garden, FL 34787

**B B Brown's Gardens**

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Montevista Rd 1333  
Clermont, FL 34711

**Green Images**

(407) 568-1333  
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\$40 Family/Household  
\$50 Contributing/ Non-Profit  
\$100 Business  
\$100 Supporter  
\$15 Full-time Student  
\$15 Library or School

Make Checks Payable to:  
FNPS  
Florida Native Plant Society  
P.O. Box 278  
Melbourne, FL 32902-0278  
Phone: 321-271-6702

**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 April 1** 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.

**Tarpaper Online!** A current issue of the tarpaper is always available at <http://winterparkhoney.com/images/tarpaper.pdf>. The tarpaper can also be viewed on line by accessing the state web site through FNPS.org. Click on Chapters -> Tarflower and follow the instructions to the tarpaper!



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