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## **APRIL 7 PROGRAM: WETLANDS AND NOT SO WET LANDS** by Catherine Read and D.J. Silverberg, MS, PWS

The April program will provide an overview of Central Florida Wetlands types and discuss the biological indicators that provide clues to their condition and health. Mr. Silverberg and Ms. Read have worked for the local ecological



Catherine Read

consulting firm of Lotspeich and Associates, Inc. since 1995. Mr. Silverberg received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences in 1985 and a Master of Science degree in Biological Sciences from Florida Institute of Technology in 1988. Mr. Silverberg entered the ecological consulting field in 1987. As a



D.J. Silverberg

Project Manager, Mr. Silverberg has over seventeen years of experience in permitting, land evaluations, habitat/species management, compensatory mitigation design, and surveying/mapping projects. Mr.

Mr. Silverberg has been certified by the Society of Wetland Scientists  
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## **FIELD TRIP APRIL 11** Catherine Read

This month's field trip will continue our look at some of Central Florida's Wetlands as we search for clues to their health. The trip will be led by DJ Silverberg and Catherine Read. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at 2711 W. Fairbanks Ave, Winter Park, FL 32789. This is the parking lot of Lotspeich and Associates, Inc. in the Lakeside Office Park. From I-4 you should exit at Fairbanks Avenue and drive west - away from downtown Winter Park - the office park is just a few blocks west of the interstate, on the north side (right, if you are coming from I-4) of Fairbanks Ave, just before the intersection of Wymore Road. From this meeting spot we will carpool to several wetlands in the area. Bring a field lunch, water, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, and be prepared for some wading. We will end the field trip around 2 p.m.; however, if you need to leave early, you may drive separately. Please email Catherine Read if you have questions or need additional information. [garberia08@gmail.com](mailto:garberia08@gmail.com).

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**May 5 Florida Geology** by Professor Jack Rogers

**June 2 Medicinal Plant use by Native Americans** by Dr Michelle Williams

## **THE 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FNPS CONFERENCE** **Wake Up and Plant the Natives**

**May 21-24, 2009** West Palm Beach, Florida Register online at the FNPS website. Early registration ends April 3, 2009

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

There is a public hearing on April 13 at 1pm at the St. Johns River Water Management District offices at 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177 concerning the Seminole County request to withdraw water from the St. Johns.

We need to have as many FNPS representatives there as possible to oppose this and to recommend at a minimum that water conservation principles be mandated.

## **UPDATE ON FLORIDA FOREVER**

As a member of the Florida Forever Coalition, FNPS is making strides towards our mission in the most direct way possible. A copy of the *Economic Benefits of Land Conservation* paper put out by the Florida Forever Coalition and written primarily by The Nature Conservancy staff can be seen on the FNPS Tarflower web

site: <http://www.fnps.org/pages/chapters/chapterpg.php>

The following are comments from Governor Crist's Cabinet CFO Alex Sink regarding the Economic Benefits report that you can use in your outreach programs. "As Florida's Chief Financial Officer, I am constantly on the look out for what's in the best interest of Florida's economy. As this new report by The Nature Conservancy and other environmental groups shows, protecting and preserving Florida's natural resources with Florida Forever is a great economic driver for our state," said CFO Alex Sink. "Florida Forever creates jobs and put billions of dollars into our state's economy, showing that when we protect our state's natural treasures, we're really protecting our state's economic treasures as well."

## **PLANT RESCUE Jackie Rolly**

There will be no planned plant salvage for the month of April. Perhaps in May, please check the Tarpaper for details in May.

## **WETLANDS continued from page 1.**

as a Professional Wetland Scientist and by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Gopher Tortoise management.

Ms. Read received a Bachelor of Science in Botany from the University of Central Florida in 1995. In addition to her work with permitting private and public development projects, she has worked with local water management districts' land management staff to conduct plant inventories, including listed species, on state owned lands. Ms. Read has recently participated in performing extensive assessments of the condition of Central Florida Wetlands with a coalition of local water management districts; and, she is currently participating in the on-going vegetation mapping within the South Florida Water Management District's Kissimmee River restoration areas.

## **ORANGE COUNTY ANNOUNCES COUNTY-WIDE EARTH DAY EVENT**

Orange County, FL – Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is asking residents to **Take Your Own Tote (T.Y.O.T.)** on Earth Day 2009, Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and leave the paper and plastic

bags at the store. This countywide effort will demonstrate the ease and benefits of reusable bags, while educating the public on the negative environmental impacts of single use bags.

According to national statistics, the excessive use and disposal of plastic and paper bags adds up to enormous ecological consequences. The average U.S. citizen uses up to 500 bags a year; that is almost 22,000 bags in a lifetime. If an individual simply cuts that use in half, the effect will greatly reduce the negative impacts of single-use bags; imagine what an entire community can do!

"Even though recycling paper and plastic bags is good, there is an easier and more effective way to handle this waste issue. Don't use them at all, **T.Y.O.T!**" says EPD spokesperson Nancy Rodlun.

The campaign plans to pull together all facets of the Orange County community from its citizens, to retail stores and libraries, to nonprofits and civic organizations. Local students from the University of Central Florida and Rollins College are already involved. Rodlun adds, "By supporting such a simple, yet effective effort, this grassroots initiative will surely be a model for other communities."

The **T. Y. O. T. Earth Day** campaign will include pledge stations set up across the county at public buildings and college campuses prior to April 22<sup>nd</sup> (dates and locations TBA). Residents can pledge to help reduce single use waste and receive tools to participate on Earth Day.

For more information and to find out how you, your business, or an organization can participate, contact the Orange County Environmental Protection Division at 407-836-1400 or [orangetogreen@ocfl.net](mailto:orangetogreen@ocfl.net).

## **STATE PARK CLOSINGS** Chuck Roux

The 19 State Parks that were on the list to be closed due to the state budget shortfall will have a reprieve. To read an article on this decision and related information from the Tampa Tribune, go to this URL: <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/mar/06/na-egmont-key-18-other-state-parks-get-reprieve>

## **HELP CLEAN UP LANGFORD PARK!**

We've scheduled a clean up or exotic plant removal morning at Langford Park for Saturday, 4 April. Exotics are in the boggy area by the parking lot and consist mainly of skunk vine. If you plan on coming, please bring a shovel, clippers, boots (it may be quite wet), gloves, sunscreen, and water for yourself. Meet no later than 9:00 AM.

## 2009 FNPS CONFERENCE

We are looking for Silent Auction items to be donated for the 2009 Conference. We will need to know if you have an item by early May, and it would have to be taken down on Thursday, 23 May by an attendee. If anyone has an item that would be suitable for a Silent Auction, please contact Catherine Read at [garberia08@gmail.com](mailto:garberia08@gmail.com), no later than early May.

## A VERY SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL PLANT SALE *Pete Dunkelberg*

More than a dozen members worked to make the weekend a big success. We had at least eighty species of native plants on offer and sold most of our stock. Set up began at noon Friday when Marc Godts arrived with



Plant Sale  
*Photo by Phyllis Gray*

the first truckload of plants and Brent McCallister arrived with our tent. Work continued off and on through the rest of the daylight hours, followed by a Tarflower board meeting.

The sale itself started at eight a.m. Saturday



Catherine Read  
*Photo by Phyllis Gray*

morning. Members of Leu Gardens get in early, and the

general public came from nine o'clock on until five in the afternoon. Then we boxed up all our display material for the night, and came back Sunday at eight thirty to be ready to start selling plants again at nine. The sale ended at five p.m. Sunday, and then we had to take everything down, finishing after five thirty. The entire event with over fifty vendors is very skillfully coordinated by Leu Gardens staff. Even the weather was beautiful.

The big native plant nurseries make most of their sales on large wholesale contracts. We have to work with what they can spare. Every year Marc manages to get us a fine selection by drawing on multiple nurseries. A nursery man himself, Marc makes sure the plants are watered and keeps moving new ones to the front line as others are sold.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jackie Rolly

Tarflower Chapter is looking for some brave people to assist in presenting the Tarflower/Florida Native Plant talk to various Garden Clubs and other organizations throughout the year. If you enjoy meeting the public and are not afraid to speak in front of a group, please coordinate with Catherine Read at [garberia08@gmail.com](mailto:garberia08@gmail.com), or Jackie Rolly at [j.y.rolly@att.net](mailto:j.y.rolly@att.net) - or talk to us at the monthly meetings.

The Tarflower Chapter is planning on having a Fall Native Plant Garden Tour in October this year. We need volunteers to help us organize the tour, participate the day of the tour, but most importantly, we need gardens. Please let any of the Tarflower Board members know if you are interested in volunteering.

### **Local Native Nurseries**

#### **Biosphere Consulting Inc**

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

#### **B B Brown's Gardens**

(352) 429-5566  
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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 April 7** at 7:00 P.M. 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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