



# the Tarpaper

The Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society



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## **SEPTEMBER 1 PROGRAM: Members Potluck**

Bring a dish to share and join us for our annual members' potluck supper. Dig out your favorite recipes or bring your favorite take out. We will provide cold cuts, drinks and cheeses. We will have 'Plant Jeopardy' and Plant Id contests as well as our usual plant drawings and book sales. Remember, we start earlier at 6pm! Come and have fun!!

## **FLORIDA WILDFLOWER FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The Florida Wildflower Foundation invites you to attend its Annual Meeting September 12, 11am till 3pm at Leu Gardens. The meeting is free for FWF members and all those with a current State Wildflower license tag, \$5 for everyone else. There will be talks on native landscaping, wildlife and Florida's unique natural places. There will also be book signings, great raffle items, and free wildflower/native plant information. Bring a bag lunch to enjoy on the patio overlooking the gardens. *The Programs...*

**11 a.m.** Attend a **short members' meeting**, then hear how the foundation is working to conserve and preserve Florida's native Wildflowers

**Noon:** "Attracting Wildlife with Wildflowers" presented by Dr. Craig Huegel. Wildflowers are important to much more than butterflies. Dr. Huegel will present a slide show of some of his favorite wildflowers for wildlife landscaping.

**1 p.m.** "Using Native Wildflower and Plants in Your Landscape", presented by Brightman Logan, owner of All Native nursery in San Antonio, FL. Get tips from a pro on the do's and don'ts of using natives in your yard.

**1:50 pm.** "Florida's Natural Wonders: Places, Flora, and Fauna" presented by Dr. Walter K. Taylor. Dr. Taylor will chronicle many of his favorite places to visit in Florida. Florida's wonderful flora of wildflowers will be emphasized.

## **SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP: Scrub Point Preserve** John Cento

This month the Tarflower chapter hitches up its wagons and heads westward- to Scrub Point Preserve near the Lake/Orange county line. This unique property is in South Lake County, on the south shore of John's Lake. The site's 89 acres comprise a peninsula that protrudes into the lake, providing almost one mile of shoreline. The presence of relatively undisturbed and ecologically significant upland plant communities and natural shoreline provide an excellent habitat for a wide variety of wildlife and future opportunities for low-impact, passive recreation. Lake County Water Authority staff will be our guides to this property, which is not open to the general public.

We will meet at the Kings Ridge Publix parking lot at the intersection of U.S. 27 and Hartwood Marsh Road about four miles south of Clermont. We will not be needing wagons, but if you have a four-wheel drive vehicle, we can sure use it, as we will be forming a caravan to the property, which has unimproved roads. The meeting date and time are Saturday, September 12th at 8:30 am. Despite the description word "Scrub", there is also hammock on the property, which will provide some shady breaks during our botanizing. Bring a lunch for a picnic afterwards.

Please check our chapter's website from time to time for a plant list. Use the following address to map the meeting site: **4351 S Highway 27, Clermont, FL 34711-5349.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Cento at [jcentocpa@hotmail.com](mailto:jcentocpa@hotmail.com) or (407) 913-2417.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

October 6: Grasses with Dr Walter Taylor

November 3: TBA

## **FALL GARDEN TOUR ADVANCE TICKETS**

Advance ticket sales for the Fall Garden Tour will be available at the September 1 meeting. Get your tickets before they go on sale to the public! We have a great tour planned for Sunday, October 25, from 10am to 4pm. Tickets go on sale to the public September 2. Don't wait!

## FALL TOUR OF GARDENS

The **Fall Tour of Gardens** will be hosted by the Central Florida Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. The Tour offers an excellent opportunity to learn how to enhance the natural beauty of your landscape and neighborhood with native plants. Florida's natives can help you save water, energy, and money. They require less fertilizers and pesticides and benefit local wildlife. Over a dozen gardens are available to tour. **Come be inspired.**

Tickets are \$5, which includes a brochure with garden descriptions, highlights and locations. Tickets will be available, beginning September 2, at Green Images Native Landscape Plants (E. Orlando), Biosphere Consulting, Inc. (W. Orlando), South Seminole Farm and Nursery (Casselberry), and Blodgett Gardens (College Park). **Hurry, tickets are limited.**

Any unsold tickets will be available the day of the tour at the Florida Friendly Landscaping Demonstration Garden at the Orange County Administration Center (downtown Orlando) and the Seminole County Environmental Studies Center (near the intersection of US 17-92 and SR 419).

**For more information, visit:** <http://www.fnps.org/pages/chapters/chapterpg.php?keyword=Tarflower>.

**AIR POTATO VINE PULL:** Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am till 12pm at Trimble Park, Mt. Dora. Contact Ms. Brett Cogswell, [wavorange@sjrwmd.com](mailto:wavorange@sjrwmd.com) for more information. Volunteers needed!

\$25	Individual/Gift
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\$50	Contributing/ Non-Profit
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\$100	Supporter
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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 1** 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.

**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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