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The Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society



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## **OCTOBER 6 PROGRAM: GRASSES**

By Dr. Walter Taylor

Always entertaining, Dr. Walter Taylor will speak about grasses. Don't miss it!

## **PLANT RESCUE Jackie Rolly**

The weather is cooling off, really, so we will be out at the rescue site at Pine Ridge for a rescue on Saturday, October 17, 2009 and again Saturday, November 21, 2009. Meet at the Walgreens at the corner of Tilden Road and SR 535, 0900 AM. Bring shovel, pots, water for the plants, and a hat, sunscreen, and water for yourselves. Please let me know if you will be coming so we don't leave anyone behind. [j.v.rolly@att.net](mailto:j.v.rolly@att.net), or 407-620-6963 (cell phone).

## **OAKLAND HERITAGE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

Saturday, **October 24 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, join in for a day of family fun, food & live entertainment as the Lake Apopka area celebrates their natural and cultural history. Enjoy boat tours of Lake Apopka, wildlife exhibits, children's activities, hayrides, a silent auction, Town of Oakland history displays and tours of historic Oakland, arts & crafts booths, chili and dessert cook off, plant sale, bicycle raffle, and much more. Proceeds benefit the Oakland Nature Preserve. For further information, please contact: Tom Rodriguez, [tom@oaklandnaturepreserve.org](mailto:tom@oaklandnaturepreserve.org), (407) 905-0054. Location: Speer Park, Tubb Street, Oakland, FL Website: [www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org](http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org) Sponsors: Oakland Nature Preserve and The Town of Oakland.

## **FLORIDA URBAN FORESTRY FUND RAISER**

The Florida Urban Forestry Council (FUFC) is selling notecards as a "green" holiday gift for a fundraising campaign. Purchasing them supports their efforts to plant and protect urban forests in Florida. Order on-line or download an order form at [www.fufc.com](http://www.fufc.com).

## **OCTOBER FIELD TRIP TO SHADOW BAY (A Sunday Morning Trip) John Cento**

Ever skim through one of Dr. Walter Taylor's books and yearn to visit to the featured special places of Florida's flora? On Sunday, October 11th, you can do just that. Orange County's Shadow Bay Park, former named Lake Cain and Marsha Park, is featured in Taylor's *Florida Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities* (pg 146) as an example of Rosemary Scrub. Dedicated staff and Chapter members have devoted time to preserve and restore this bit of ancient paradise in Southwest Orange County. This park has well marked trails including a sidewalk trail for Chapter members who could use the sure-footing. Because several Tarflower folks are familiar with the park, we will be able to guide our selves and set the pace. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot near the park office. After you enter the park, you will make a right turn towards the office. Restrooms are available in the back of the park - go straight instead of turning right to the office.

Study your scrub and join in the fun. After botanizing, we can find a suitable spot for a picnic lunch for those who can hang around after the adventure.

The park entrance is on Turkey Lake Rd: to get your bearings, find the intersection of Conroy and Turkey Lake Roads on a map, or use the following address for internet/GIS mapping: 5100 Turkey Lake RD, Orlando 32835.

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

## **ENVISION FLORIDA**

The 2009 Campus and Community Sustainability Conference and Expo is scheduled for October 8 – October 10 in Tampa at the University of South Florida Marshall Center. For conference details go to the conference website, <http://www.sustainablefloridaconference.org/conference-schedule/>.

## **FWC ANNOUNCES WILDLIFE GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) State Wildlife Grants Program invites applications for its 2009 General Grant Cycle.

**Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program**, a part of Florida's Wildlife Legacy Initiative, the FWC manages Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program. This is a federally-funded matching grants program, which provides financial support for projects that address conservation needs identified in [Florida's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy](#). This year's criteria are focused on the Legacy Initiative's priority habitats and filling data gaps on Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN). Preference will be given to projects that focus on both data gaps and priority habitats and that address multiple SGCN, partnerships, and climate change issues for Florida's fish and wildlife and their habitats. Please visit the Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program web site to view the formal announcement and obtain more information, including application and submission instructions:

[http://myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/Legacy\\_ApplyForGrant.htm](http://myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/Legacy_ApplyForGrant.htm).

For more information, please contact Laura Morse with the Florida's State Wildlife Grants Program, (850) 488-3831

## **FOUR FNPS FUND RAISING OPPORTUNITIES**

**1.** If you or someone you know is a state employee, the **Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign (FSECC)** will be contacting you to request that you sign up. So that you know, there is an option to choose the Florida Native Plant Society as your charitable organization choice. Please forward this information to anyone you know who is a state employee.

**2.** Those public agency employees who have employers that offer **Earthshare** can also select FNPS as the Charitable organization. FNPS is seeking an Earthshare Coordinator, please contact Vice President of Finance, Steve Woodmansee at [smwood@bellsouth.net](mailto:smwood@bellsouth.net)

**3.** As individuals, we can use a search engine and do our shopping online through **GoodSearch** and raise funds for FNPS by just doing every day business. The Florida Native Plant Society is also a member of GoodSearch. Just go to the site <http://www.goodsearch.com/> choose FNPS, Melbourne from the pull-down menu and complete your internet searches from that site. GoodSearch will

donate \$1 per search to FNPS and you'll be financially helping FNPS without spending a penny.

**4.** From the same website as GoodSearch, you can also participate in **GoodShop**. Many members make purchases online. Nearly very large and small store ranging from household goods, clothing, hiking/camping equipment, sporting clothes, office supplies, etc. is represented. By shopping at the online stores you would normally shop at anyway, go through GoodShop, select FNPS, Melbourne and FNPS receives up to a 15% of the sales prices in a donation.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We need help with the **Nesting Black Skimmers** north of the Main Street Pier? Sign-up for 3 hour shifts, available Monday-Sunday this summer! Please contact Volusia County Environmental Management at 386-736-5927 x5823 or [whobson@co.volusia.fl.us](mailto:whobson@co.volusia.fl.us) [www.volusiaseaturtles.org](http://www.volusiaseaturtles.org)

## **SUPPORT THE OAKLAND NATURE PRESERVE**

Raffle tickets are now available for a chance to win a Fuji microshift 7-speed bicycle valued at \$850. Tickets are available for \$1 at the Oakland Nature Preserve and the Oakland Town Hall. Call 407-656-8277 or 407-905-0054 for more information, [www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org](http://www.oaklandnaturepreserve.org). The bicycle was donated by Wheelworks.

## **THE NATIVES RETAIL SATURDAY!**

**October 17 from 9:30 AM- 3:30 PM** *The Natives* will have lots of shrubs, flowering trees, native grasses, and wildflowers for you to choose from in their new retail area. For more information call 863-422-6664, or 863-287-3903

## **PARTICIPANTS WANTED TO DESCRIBE NATIVE PLANT PROBLEMS** *Lars Linden*

People who enjoy Florida native plants sometimes face problems that are difficult to solve because fixing these problems involves a variety of specialties. For example, the problem of non-native exotic invasives is a problem that touches upon ecology issues, education about plants, and business matters. As part of a research project at UCF, a Web site has been built to help people discuss with other people the problems impacting Florida native plants. The goal is to list the many issues of these problems and to suggest solutions. Participants are needed to use this Web site. If you are interested in being a paid participant, please contact UCF graduate student Lars Linden (email: [llinden@bus.ucf.edu](mailto:llinden@bus.ucf.edu)).

**SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP TO JOHN'S LAKE** Pete Dunkelberg



*Eriogonum longifolium*  
var. *gnaphalifolium*

Our September field trip was to a scrub area bordering John's Lake in Lake County, courtesy of Lake County Water Authority. The cloud cover and slight hint of rain kept us cool. We saw a great many scrub plants, from Hog Plum to our endangered endemic scrub buckwheat, *Eriogonum longifolium* var. *gnaphalifolium*, to the delicate *Polanisia tenuifolia*. This plant has a couple of common names:



*Polanisia tenuifolia*

clammyweed and pineland catch-fly. If that means anything to you, you are probably an old timer.

We saw examples of how scrub wildflowers including the buckwheat do better after a fire, and also observed what a difference a slight change in elevation makes in Florida. Due to the recent rains the lake was at a very high level so that scrub plants adapted to dry sand were very close to the water. One large live oak was three meters out in the lake, with *Sagittaria* growing between it and the shore. This tree must have



survived many episodes of high water. About half of us stayed for lunch at an open point on the lake, and as usual all had a good time.

Our next field trip will also be to a scrub environment, but a much more open one at Shadow Bay on the edge of Orlando. Shadow Bay features a Rosemary Bald and the largest variety of scrub plants you are ever going to find in such a small area. Don't miss it!

**GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR WATER EDUCATION, BOTH FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATORS**

The Lake County Water Authority Board has, for the 8th year in a row, approved a grant program for community groups and public/private school teachers to encourage freshwater resource awareness - The "Drop-by-Drop: You Make A Difference!" Mini-grants. These grants are awarded on an annual basis and are open to private, public schools, homeschool groups, community groups such as boy scouts, homeowner associations, and local municipalities.

**Drop-by-Drop: You Make A Difference! Mini-grant Program Accepting Applications:**

Since 2001 the Lake County Water Authority has awarded over \$286,000.00 in grant money to community groups and private and public school teachers. This grant program was developed to encourage local educators and community groups to promote water resource education and awareness.

Grant money has been used to purchase microscopes, purchase aquatic vegetation, create educational signs, purchase water test kits, aquatic nets, aquifer models, and fund field trips to Trout Lake Nature Center. The Water Authority is now seeking applications for the 2009-10 grant cycle. For details and application forms, please visit [www.lcwa.org](http://www.lcwa.org) or call 343-3777, ext. 0. Grant deadline is 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 16, 2009.

## ***AUGUST FIELD TRIP: Plant Taxonomy***

***Pete Dunkelberg***

Our August field trip was a continuation of our introduction to plant families by Dr. Carolina Lane. We met at Spring Hammock in Seminole County where we could use the classroom and also see a large variety of wildflowers right outside. We had lots of sample plants brought by members, spread across several tables (the



plants, not the members). Everyone who came had a good time while learning more about natural Florida. This always happens on field trips; if you haven't been coming you should try it.

I'll try to illustrate just one plant family, the



*Asteraceae*. They're also called the *Compositae* because, as you can see in the pictures, what at first looks like one flower is really a composite of a bunch of little flowers (also called florets). Some of the florets have one of the large petals as their petal. These are

called ray florets, and all the others are called disk florets



because they are spread across the central disk of the flower.

There is one more floral character to look for, which settles the fact that something is in the aster family. If you



look at the back of the flower you will see a series of bracts (together called an involucre) which help hold the composite together. Even the *Asteraceae* are not always so obvious. You have to take a pretty close look at dogfennel, for instance, to see the composite pattern. (See photo, page 5)

## **AUGUST FIELD TRIP**

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Dogfennel

### **NATURE CRAFTS WORKSHOP**

**Monday, October 5, 10:00am to 12:00,** Trout Lake Nature Center and area crafters are offering an opportunity to learn and make crafts using natural materials. Each craft activity will give you a finished product to take home. The crafters will demonstrate and provide the materials to make: recycled mini-gift boxes, painted flower pots, corn shuck flowers, shell craft, nature note cards, candle holders, and Christmas ornament.

To register for this activity on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am to 12:00 please call 352-357-7536. A \$4.00 donation for materials is suggested for this activity. You will also need scissors, gardening snips, your imagination, and a sense of fun.

To reach Trout Lake Nature Center proceed north of Eustis on Rt. 19 to C.R. 44. Turn East between the CVS and Walgreens and continue .3 miles to the entrance on the right.

### **FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**SYNOPSIS** August 15, 2009

Gene Kelly announced that FNPS will be inviting Native Plant societies from the Southeast United States to the 2010 FNPS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and a summit meeting will occur to discuss national issues.

The conference is May 20-23, 2010 at the Leon County Civic Center in Tallahassee. Go to the conference section of the FNPS website over the next couple of months for schedule information and updates.

FNPS will pursue proposing to the Florida legislature that they pass a resolution making the month of May officially known as 'Native Plant Appreciation month'.

FNPS is a member of EarthShare, which part of the United Way giving network, a volunteer is needed to publicize and campaign to chapter members and government employees to choose the Florida Native Plant Society when donating through EarthShare/United Way.

You can raise money for FNPS by using the internet search engine: Good Search. Just select FNPS, Melbourne from the pull down menu and complete your internet search. Each time an FNPS member searches, a penny is donated. This could be a resourceful way to raise funds if everyone did this!

Also, when purchasing office supplies, gifts, household goods, please use Good Shop. By going to the website and selecting FNPS before you shop online, a percentage of the purchase price goes to FNPS. All brand name stores are a part of the Good Shop network.

Cindy Liberton is updating the FNPS Handbook so that it is more of a resource for chapters. The current handbook is on the website. If chapters have any suggestions for what information to add to the handbook contact Cindy at [Liberton@nextstepscollective.com](mailto:Liberton@nextstepscollective.com)

*Volunteers needed:* Social marketing director, Public Relations Director, Land Management Subcommittee members. If anyone is interested, contact Karina Veaudry, her email is on the website.

FNPS Education Committee Chair, Kari Ruder, is looking for native landscape photos. Please send your photos to [kari@naturewiseplants.com](mailto:kari@naturewiseplants.com)

Membership Committee Chair, Shirley Denton, needs a list of people from each chapter who are responsible for Membership. Contact Shirley at [ecotypes@myrapidsys.com](mailto:ecotypes@myrapidsys.com)

The Florida Native Plant Society has joined the Florida Native Plant Partnership as a founding member. The "Native Plant Partnership" is a collaboration between the Executive Directors of the Florida Native Plant Society, the Florida Wildflower Foundation, the Association of Florida Native Nurseries and the Florida Wildflower Seed and Plant Growers. These individuals will work together on objectives and projects pertaining to the similar overlap in the organizations' mission for the use, promotion, conservation and protection of Florida's native plants and wildflowers and their habitats.

## Local Native Nurseries

### Biosphere Consulting Inc

(407) 656-8277  
14908 Tilden Rd 11490  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

### B B Brown's Gardens

(352) 429-5566  
Montevista Rd 1333  
Clermont, FL 34711

### Green Images

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

\$25 Individual/Gift  
\$35 Renewing Individual  
\$40 Family/Household  
\$50 Contributing/ Non-Profit  
\$125 Business/Corporate  
\$100 Supporter  
\$250 Donor  
\$1000 Life  
\$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 October 6** 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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