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The Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society



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JUNE 1 PROGRAM: Dan Homblette, Orange County Environmental Program Supervisor

The rainy season is coming. Are you ready? Dan Homblette will address these important issues. Keeping pollutants out of stormwater: Stormwater Permit for Orange County and the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Reducing pollutant loads to lakes; Impaired Waters and the Total Maximum Daily Load program (TDML).

FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 5: Kariena Veaudry

August 3: Ginny Stibolt, author of *Sustainable Gardening for Florida*

WILDLIFE RESCUE OF OILED WILDLIFE

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Tri-state Bird Rescue and Research from Delaware (contracted by BP) and certain conservation organizations like Audubon that are coordinating the wildlife rescue operation, recruiting and coordinating volunteers and connecting them with oiled-wildlife response leaders to help in the recovery effort.

Hands-on work to save oil-soaked birds and other wildlife is a complex and potentially dangerous process, and first and foremost it is important that only trained volunteers participate on the front lines. Untrained volunteers can pose a risk not only to themselves, but to the birds and wildlife they are trying to save.

Unless people have taken Tri-state's class and are certified to rescue and treat oil-soaked wildlife, they will not be permitted to work with affected wildlife.

Mark Lasalle from the National Audubon Society agrees that it is important that clean-up volunteers are properly trained. *Continued on page 4.*

JUNE FIELD TRIP: Return to Paisley - Saturday, June 12th.

John Cento

Tarflower chapter member Fred Hunter has preserved his weekend getaway near the Ocala National Forest for decades. His understanding is that the land has never been subject to cultivation. He invited us last February to his sand pine forest parcel to help him discover the botanical jewels within. It was very chilly and much was dormant, but we discovered great potential and planned to return. On Saturday, June 12th, we will meet again at his cottage on 27120 County Road 42 near Paisley at 8:00 am. With the warmth and a wet spring, we expect a landscape with abundant blooms to help us identify species of interest. We will caravan on four-wheel drives throughout the parcel to see all there is to see. Among the potential species we hope to find are Apalachicola buckhorn, Brittons beargrass, Florida Bonamia, Carter's Warea, celestial lilly, clasping warea, Florida spiny pod, giant orchid, hart wightia, Lewton's milkwort, sand butterfly pea, pigmy fringe tree, scrub buckwheat, and scrub pigeon wing. Bring a lunch as Fred has a suitable spot for a picnic after botanizing. We need members and guests with four-wheel drive vehicles to scoot about.

Paisley is a small forest community in Northeast Lake County. A helpful hint to find his ranchette: it's a little more than three miles east of the Paisley post office or about eight miles west of the Saint Johns River near DeLand. I may be unavailable that Saturday morning, so Chapter Vice-President and botanist extraordinaire Pete Dunkelberg has agreed to coordinate this field trip. Please feel free to contact him at 407-894-8943 or pdunkelberg@earthlink.com or myself at (407) 913-2417 if you have any questions.

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Florida enjoys an incredible and distinctive diversity of native plants with more than 3,000 native species inhabiting a rich array of natural communities, from the temperate forests in the north to the tropical hammocks of the south, and from the unique oak scrub of the central ridges to the mangrove swamps of the coast; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Native Plant Society is celebrating its 30th anniversary and its growth from an inaugural membership of 28 to over 3,000 members in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Society is now comprised of 35 individual chapters whose purpose is to conserve Florida's native plant species and native plant communities through individual and collective action, and by partnering with local, state and federal initiatives; and

WHEREAS, native plants impart grace and beauty to developed landscapes and are naturally adapted to Florida's climate, soils and rainfall patterns, allowing them to be successfully maintained with minimal need for supplemental irrigation, fertilizer, and pesticides; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has designated more than 550 species of our native plants as Endangered, Threatened, or Commercially Exploited, accounting for nearly 20 percent of all Florida's native plant species and underscoring the important role of the Florida Native Plant Society; and

WHEREAS, Florida's citizens treasure their native wildlife, as demonstrated by their longstanding support for programs that conserve wildlife and preserve the natural areas and viable native plant communities that serve as the habitat essential for conserving wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the Society's tireless efforts to conserve Florida's native plant species and native plant communities have played a significant role in Florida's overall efforts to preserve its natural heritage and the valuable aesthetic, economic, and quality-of-life benefits that accrue from a healthy, functional natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the Society has made substantial investments in educational programs and materials, grants to support plant research and conservation projects, and regular publication of periodicals such as the *Palmetto* and *Sabal minor*, and;

WHEREAS, the Society's commitment to volunteerism has resulted in many thousands of volunteer hours each year representing a significant private-sector contribution to Florida's investments in conservation, beautification, and efficiency in government; and

WHEREAS, the Society's 30th Annual Conference, to take place in Tallahassee from May 20-23, 2010, marks an appropriate occasion for the State of Florida to recognize this noteworthy milestone, and the valuable role and important contributions of the Florida Native Plant Society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby acknowledge the efforts and the 30th anniversary of the

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and encourage all state, regional and local governmental agencies, businesses and citizens of Florida to help conserve Florida's native plants and native plant communities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 11th day of May, 2010.



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"The last thing we need them to do is to run out there and try to rescue an injured bird without being properly trained," he said. "They can expose themselves to injury and the toxicity of the oil. What we're doing is collecting names of interested folks that when the training becomes available we can get them there so they can do it properly and safely."
IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WILDLIFE AFFECTED BY THIS OIL SPILL:

1. Go to the " **Gulf Coast Oil Disaster: How You Can Help**" web site from **Audubon** and fill out their volunteer registration form:

http://www.audubonaction.org/site/Survey?ACTION_REQUIRED=URI ACTION USER REQUESTS&SURVEY_ID=3400

or

2. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service also has a toll-free number for volunteers to help save wildlife affected by the oil spill may sign up by calling **1-866-448-5816**.

If you find a bird, turtle or mammal affected by the spill, contact the Oiled Wildlife Hotline: 1-866-557-1401.

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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 June 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.

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