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MAY 3 PROGRAM: CODE-FRIENDLY NATIVE LANDSCAPING with Brent McCallister

One of the most challenging aspects of landscapes utilizing native plant material is to overcome the notion that they often tend to look untidy and do not conform to community standards and aesthetics. In this presentation, Brent shows the process of transforming a 1/3 acre, suburban lot into a park-like xeric hammock forest. By combining the principles of landscape architecture, forestry, habitat creation and art, he has attempted to make his home appear as if he just cleared enough space for the house and left the rest for nature.

Brent McCallister is a Landscape Architect and active Tarflower Chapter member. Brent has had a love for the land from his childhood when his family would vacation among the parks and forests of West Virginia. Brent chose a career in landscape architect, combining his passion for biology, botany, art and architecture. Since graduating from WVU College of Forestry and Agriculture, Brent started his career with the West Virginia DNR and has spent the past 40 years specializing in park, habitat and landscape design for Florida's natural communities. His most rewarding professional accomplishment has been the Orange County Streetscape program with over 17,500 trees planted.

MAY FIELD TRIP: TOSOHATCHEE WMA Saturday, May 14th

by Paul Eisenbrown

Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area is our May destination. This is one of our premier wildflower areas



Pitcher plants
(Photo by Bea Stein)

where one doesn't have to venture too far off the road to get a good look. We will meet Saturday, May 14 at 9am and spend about 3 hours driving through the WMA and stopping along the way. Dress for the outdoors, bring plenty of water and a lunch. This is considered an easy trip since most of the viewing is close to the cars with no long distance walking. The entry fee is \$3.00 per person or \$6.00 per car. We will meet



Wasp on Swamp Milkweed
(Photo by Pete Dunkelberg)

at the first parking lot on the left after you sign in. You can Mapquest or Google the address: 3365 Taylor Creek Road Christmas, FL 32709-9130. For more information on the Tosohatchee WMA, call (407) 568-5893. For any questions about field trips, call me at 407-294-3519 or e-mail me at peisenbrown@earthlink.net.

The 2011 FNPS Annual Conference is just around the corner!

REGISTER NOW!

For more information, to view field trip and conference schedules and to register, visit www.fnps.org/conference.

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

JUNE 12 - MAKE A WALKING STICK AT SHADOW BAY PARK, a combination craft and hike event starting at 2pm on Sunday

JULY 9 - DEEP CREEK ECO-BUGGY TOUR

CHANGE TO TARFLOWER BYLAWS

In order to correct an omission from the Tarflower Bylaws, we request the membership to vote to add "Field Trips" to the list of committees and to change the "Telephone" committee to "Communications."

Tarflower Chapter has had a field trip coordinator for many years; however, it is not listed in the current version of the chapter Bylaws. The Tarflower Board considered making this position an elected officer position, but the final recommendation was to continue to have this position as a committee.

The change from "Telephone" to "Communications" is to bring the Bylaws up to date with current technology, allowing for various social media communication methods.

A vote by the general membership at the May meeting is required to make these changes to the Bylaws. A copy of the Tarflower Bylaws will be made available at the May meeting or upon request to Jackie Rolly (j.y.rolly@att.net).

2011 TARFLOWER BOARD ELECTIONS

In accordance with the Bylaws for the Tarflower Chapter of FNPS, below are the nominated officers for June 2011 – May 2012. We will continue to take nominations from the floor at the May 3 meeting at Leu Gardens. Please come out and vote for the candidates.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR THE TARFLOWER CHAPTER, 2011-2012

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 14 – PLANT RESCUE AT PINE RIDGE

Another rescue is scheduled for Saturday, 14 May, at Pine Ridge — a week earlier than usual so it doesn't conflict with the annual Conference the following week. We'll meet at the Walgreens at the intersection of Tilden Road and SR 535, Winter Garden, at 830am and caravan to the rescue site. Please bring water for yourself, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, shovel and pots. Please let Jackie Rolly know if you are attending (j.y.rolly@att.net) so we don't leave anyone behind or if we have to cancel or change plans due to weather.

TARFLOWER NEEDS YOU!

The following are committees listed in the Tarflower Bylaws. Committee heads are appointed by the President. Please review and let anyone on the Tarflower Board know if you are interested in serving as a Committee Head or on a Committee. (Some Committee Heads are shown below if already serving.) Please consider getting involved in your chapter and keeping Tarflower an important and viable chapter. We need you!

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| A. Conservation | H. Plant Sales and Fund |
| B. Education | Drives (Lead for Leu |
| C. Publicity (Head — Jackie Sward) | Gardens Plant Sale — Marc Godts) |
| D. Membership (Head — Phyllis Gray) | I. Budget |
| E. Programs | J. Events |
| F. Science and Information | K. Newsletter (Editor — Stacey Matrazzo) |
| G. Landscape | L. Telephone (Proposed Communication) |

Do you have a story you'd like to share with other Tarflower members? Is there an upcoming event you'd like to promote? Or maybe there's something you'd like us to cover in a future issue. Send your articles, events, ideas, photos and suggestions to Stacey Matrazzo, *The Tarpaper Editor*, at stacey@impactpress.com. (Please do not reduce or compress photos before sending; a size of 3x4 at 300dpi is preferred.) The deadline to submit an article, event or announcement for the June issue is May 23.

APRIL FIELD TRIP TO CATFISH CREEK by Pete Dunkelberg

The sun was already low in the afternoon sky when we started our trek through the strangely attractive landscape known as Catfish Creek. There was no creek in sight. Instead, we followed trails of deep dry white sand up and down small hills and around small tub lakes, with ample choices of trails all seemingly leading nowhere. About a mile and a half in, at the top of the highest little hill, we came upon an improbable marble monument. The writing on the monument told of the excellent ecologist and naturalist Allen David Broussard, who died young and after whom this natural area is now named.

To the untrained eye, the area might look to be a wasteland of palmetto, scrubby oaks and small shrubs. To those who appreciate Florida nature, it is an area of rare beauty. The sky blue lupine (*Lupinus diffusus*) grows there and some were blooming, although most were sporting their fuzzy seedpods. The tall pawpaw (*Asimina obovata*), only found in Florida scrub, had its large white flowers on display. The rather thick-leaved pineland milkweed (*Asclepias humistrata*) that we usually see there had already exchanged its flowers for seedpods. We didn't check for all the smaller plants along the way. Instead, we made good time to the monument where we enjoyed the evening breeze and the hilltop view of Bok Tower to the west and a rising nearly full moon to the east. After taking pictures and finding some interesting plants in the immediate area, we settled down to a light supper in the twilight. We relaxed until dark, and then had a leisurely walk back to the staging area, enjoying the night and the sounds of whippoorwills, crickets and several species of frogs.



Chuck and Sarah Roux by the monument to Allen David Broussard



Paw paw (*Asimina obovata*)



Savannah sparrow
(Photo by Catherine Bowman)



Supper by twilight



On the trail

2011 FNPS ANNUAL CONFERENCE – THERE'S STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER!!

The 2011 FNPS Conference, *Patios, Preserves and Public Spaces — Making Connections*, will be held in Maitland and will be co-hosted by the Tarflower chapter. **Volunteers are needed to assist in the Chapter booth, with registration and field trips and with the youth program. Photographers and A/V room monitors are also needed.** For details including time/shift commitments, please contact Jenny Welch, 2011 Conference Committee Chair at mwelch@cfl.rr.com or Phyllis Gray, 2011 Conference Committee Vice Chair at psgray@mactec.com. **The FINAL meeting of the conference committee will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 10am** at MACTEC (4150 N. John Young Parkway, Orlando, FL 32804).

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, May 3 at 7pm**. See you there!
(For directions, call 407-246-2620 option 1).

Executive Committee — The next board meeting will be **Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6pm**. For more information, contact Catherine Bowman. Members are welcome to attend.

The Tarpaper Online! — Current and past issues of *The Tarpaper* can be viewed online by accessing the chapter website at www.fnps.org. Click on Chapters -> Tarflower and follow the instructions to *The Tarpaper!*

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