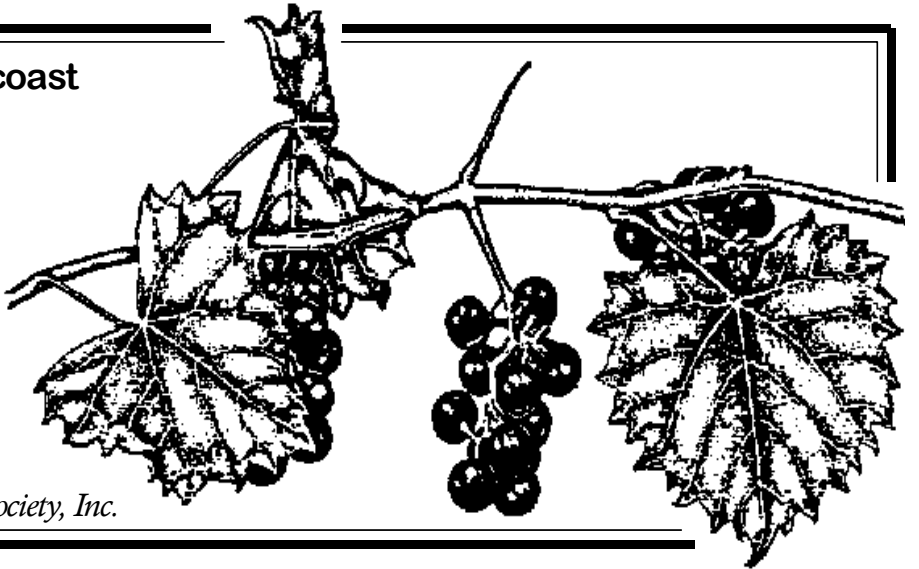


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# The Suncoast Grapevine

*Newsletter of the Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc.*



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## September 19 Meeting

### Endangered Asters of Florida

By Dr. Richard Wunderlin

All you ever wanted to know about one of the largest families of flowering plants in the world, the Asteraceae, and more, including the inside story on the mystery of Florida's vanishing asters, will be the subject of Dick Wunderlin's presentation for our September meeting.

Dr. Wunderlin earned a B.S. in Biology at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, an M.S. at Western Illinois University, and a Ph.D at St. Louis University. He has been at the University of South Florida since 1973, where he is Professor of Biology, Director of the Institute for Systematic Botany, and Director of the USF Herbarium. His books, *Guide to the Vascular Plants of Central Florida*, *Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida*, and *Flora of Florida*, have become standard references for botanists throughout the state.

#### In Memorial

Dr. Rolla Milton Tryon  
(August 26, 1916 - August 12, 2001)

Internationally renowned fern expert, Harvard University 1958-1987,  
University of South Florida 1987-2001, Suncoast Native Plant  
Society member.

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## Upcoming Programs for SNPS Monthly Meetings

- **September 19** – Dr. Wunderlin (Endangered Asters)
- **October 17** – Debbie Butts and Joe Sumner (Plant-Animal Connection)
- **November 21** – Paul Martin Brown (Orchids)
- **December** – no meeting

## Volunteers for Fall Plant Festival

The USF Botanical Garden Fall Plant Festival takes place October 13 and 14. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the September monthly chapter meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting and wish to help, please call Sally Sun at (813) 935-1312. We need volunteers for set-up Friday morning, October 12; and to work the sale Saturday, October 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, October 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We hope to have enough volunteers so that no one has to work more than once. We appreciate your participation.

# Suncoast Calendar

**September 15** Ecological Principles for Site Development by Suncoast chapter member **Tom Levin**. ARC at the Park, 2 p.m. Fee \$10. Call 813-983-0258 for information.

**September 18** Wildflower Walk at Big Pine Tract by Colleen Werner, 9 a.m. Call Chinsegut Nature Center at 352-754-6722 for reservation.

**September 18** Gingers by Suncoast member **Lucy Hoyt**: 10 a.m. Port Tampa Library, 4902 Commerce St., Tampa, FL 33616. Call 813-301-7000 for information.

**September 19 7 p.m. Monthly membership meeting. Endangered asters by Dr. Richard Wunderlin.**

**September 20-22** Florida Nursery and Allied Trades Show (FNATS). Orange County Convention Center, Orlando. Call 407-295-7994 for information.

**September 25** Landscape Design Game by Marina Pryce: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Hillsborough Cooperative Extension, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, FL 33584. Call 813-744-5519 x144 for information.

**September 29** Rain Barrel & Water Wise Workshops by Marina Pryce & Nancy Kamm: 9:30 a.m. Rain Barrel/10:30 a.m. Water Wise Workshop, Hillsborough Cooperative Extension, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner, FL 33584, Pre-registration required. Call 813-744-5519 x144 for Rain Barrel information; x146 for Water Wise Workshop information.

**September 29** Fall Butterfly Workshop by Marc Minno. Chinsegut Nature Center, Brooksville, 10 a.m. Call 352-754-6722 for reservation.

**September 29-30** Fall Plant Sale at Wilcox Nursery, 12501 Indian Rocks Rd., Largo. Call 727-595-2073 for information.

**October 13-14** USF Botanical Garden Fall Plant Festival. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

**October 18-19 or 25-26** Grass ID Workshop, Sarasota SWCD with Diane Willis. Call 941-907-0011 for information.

**October 20** Florida Native Plants by Dr. Richard Wunderlin. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

**October 21** Wine and Cheese Party at Fred Mulholland's home from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. See page 3 for details.

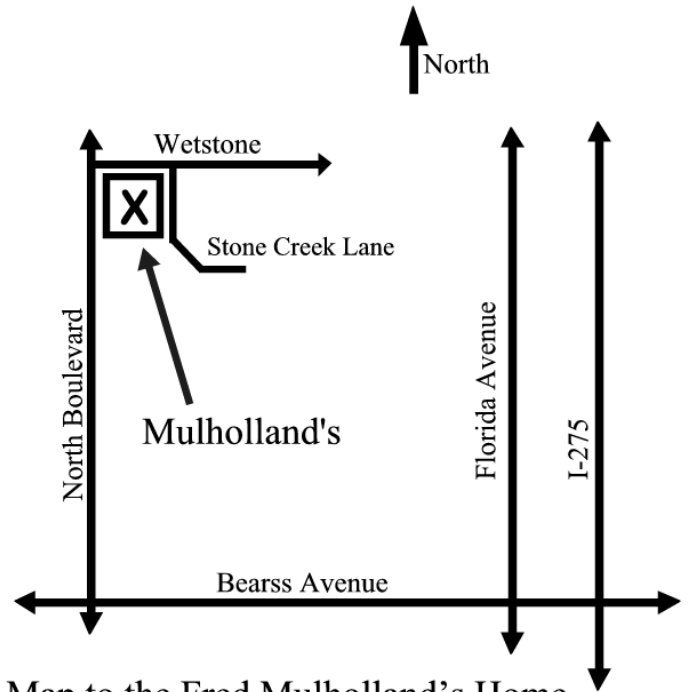
## Wine and Cheese Party

**Suncoast Chapter of the  
Florida Native Plant Society  
Fred Mulholland's Home  
15410 Stone Creek Lane  
Tampa, Florida  
Sunday, October 21, 2001  
From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

There are more than 200 species of native plants in the yard. An identification list will be provided that shows what and where the plants are located. See a rare Florida native tree. Get a free plant!

It's a party, mostly outdoors, rain or shine, so dress casually. There is some seating outside, but a few extra lawn chairs would help. Call (813) 962-7020 if you need more information.

*SEE NATIVES IN SUBURBIA: ONE WAY TO DO IT WITHOUT A LAWN!*



Map to the Fred Mulholland's Home  
(not to scale)

### USF Parking Permit Required for Chapter Meeting

Parking permits are required - USF security is enforcing parking rules. Parking permits are \$2.00 and may be purchased at the main entrance to USF or at permit machine located at west side of the School of Public Health Building. Permit machines require dollar bills or coins.

## Florida Native Plant Society Membership Application

Membership in the Florida Native Plant Society enables you to receive their wonderful quarterly magazine The Palmetto. Joining the FNPS also entitles you to membership privileges in the Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. and a subscription to their monthly newsletter *The Suncoast Grapevine*. Contact the membership chair, Nona Elder at (727) 815-3479.

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### Suncoast Native Plant Society

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Make check payable to **FNPS**.

## Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - September

By Sally Sun

### Flaunting flowers:

*Asclepias perennis*, white swamp milkweed; white  
*Asclepias tuberosa*, butterfly weed; orange  
*Bacopa caroliniana*, lemon bacopa; blue  
*Bacopa monnieri*, water hyssop; white  
*Berlandiera subacaulis*, green eyes; yellow  
*Bidens alba*, Spanish needles; white  
*Boltonia diffusa*, doll's daisy; white  
*Calamintha coccinea*, scarlet savory; red  
*Calamintha georgiana*, Georgia savory; pale lavender  
*Chamaecrista fasciculata*, partridge pea; yellow  
*Commelina erecta*, dayflower; blue  
*Conoclinium coelestinum*, blue mistflower; blue  
*Coreopsis leavenworthii*, tickseed; yellow  
*Crinum americanum*, string lily; white  
*Dyschoriste oblongifolia*, twinflower; purple  
*Elephantopus elatus*, elephant's foot; pale purple  
*Eragrostis elliottii*, Elliott's lovegrass; silver  
*Eragrostis spectabilis*, purple lovegrass; purple pink  
*Eryngium aquaticum*, snakeroot; blue  
*Gaillardia pulchella*, blanketflower; red with yellow tips  
*Glandularia maritima*, beach vervain; purple  
*Glandularia tampensis*, Tampa vervain; purple  
*Hamelia patens*, firebush; red  
*Helianthus angustifolius*, narrowleaf sunflower; yellow  
*Helianthus debilis*, beach sunflower; yellow  
*Helianthus radula*, rayless sunflower; brownish-purple  
*Heliotropium angiospermum*, scorpion tail; white  
*Heliotropium polyphyllum*, pineland heliotrope; white, yellow  
*Hibiscus coccineus*, scarlet hibiscus; red  
*Hydrolea corymbosa*, skyflower; blue  
*Hypericum hypericoides*, St. Andrew's cross; yellow  
*Ipomoea hederifolia*, scarlet morning glory; red  
*Juncus effusus*, soft rush; brown  
*Justicia cooleyi*, Cooley's justicia; purplish-red  
*Kosteletzkya virginica*, salt marsh mallow; pink, white  
*Liatris sp.*, blazing star; purple  
*Lobelia cardinalis*, cardinal flower; red  
*Lobelia glandulosa*, glades lobelia; lavender

### Bearing berries:

*Aesculus pavia*, red buckeye; brown seeds  
*Ardisia escallonioides*, marlberry; black  
*Callicarpa americana*, American beautyberry; magenta  
*Chasmanthium sp.*, woodoats; brown seeds  
*Erythrina herbacea*, coral bean; red  
*Euonymus americanus*, hearts-a-bustin; red  
*Lonicera sempervirens*, coral honeysuckle; red

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*Lycium carolinianum*, christmasberry; lavender  
*Mimosa strigillosa*, powderpuff; pink  
*Monarda punctata*, dotted horsemint; spotted yellow w/  
lavender  
*Muhlenbergia capillaris*, pink muhly grass; pink  
*Nymphaea odorata*, fragrant water lily; white  
*Oxyypolis filiformis*, water dropwort; white  
*Palafoxia integrifolia*, palafox; pink-whitish  
*Passiflora suberosa*, corksystem passionflower; green  
*Pectis glaucescens*, cinchweed; yellow  
*Peperomia humilis*, furry peperomia; green  
*Peperomia obtusifolia*, Florida peperomia; green  
*Phlox nivalis*, trailing phlox; pink-purple  
*Phyla nodiflora*, fog-fruit; white  
*Phytolacca americana*, pokeweed; white  
*Pluchea rosea*, saltmarsh fleabane; pink  
*Poinsettia heterophylla*, painted leaf; green  
*Polygonum punctatum*, dotted smartweed; white  
*Pontederia cordata*, pickerelweed; purple  
*Psychotria nervosa*, shiny wild coffee; white  
*Rhus copallina*, winged sumac; white  
*Rivina humilis*, rouge plant; white  
*Rudbeckia hirta*, black-eyed Susan; yellow  
*Ruellia caroliniensis*, wild petunia; pale purple  
*Salvia coccinea*, tropical sage; red, pink  
*Salvia lyrata*, lyre leaf sage; lavender  
*Sambucus canadensis*, southern elderberry; white  
*Scutellaria integrifolia*, rough scullcap; pale violet  
*Sophora tomentosa*, necklace pod; yellow  
*Solidago spp.*, goldenrod; yellow  
*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*, trailing porterweed; purple  
*Teucrium canadense*, wood sage; pale pink-purple  
*Tradescantia ohiensis*, spiderwort; blue  
*Trichostema dichotomum*, blue curls; blue  
*Utricularia subulata*, bladderwort; yellow  
*Verbesina virginica*, frostweed; white  
*Xyris sp.*, yellow-eyed grass; yellow

*Myrcianthes fragrans*, simpson's stopper; orange  
*Passiflora suberosa*, corksystem passionflower; black  
*Phytolacca americana*, pokeweed; black  
*Rhus copallina*, winged sumac; reddish  
*Rivina humilis*, rouge plant; red  
*Sambucus canadensis*, southern elderberry; black

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## PLANT PROFILE

**Common name:** Silkgrass, goldenaster  
**Botanical name:** *Pityopsis graminifolia* (Michaux) Nuttall  
**Family:** Asteraceae or Compositae (Daisy)  
**Type of plant:** Clump-forming, grass-like herbaceous perennial with silvery leaves and stems.  
**Size:** Extremely variable, from 6 to 36 inches tall and as wide as they are tall or wider.  
**Leaves:** Alternate, silky-silvery, linear to lanceolate, with silvery-grayish hairs, margins entire. Lower leaves longer and wider than upper leaves.  
**Flower:** Heads of yellow ray and disk florets.  
**Flowering time:** September to October.  
**Habitat/distribution:** Dry pinelands and sandhills, zones 8-11.  
**Landscape use:** Mass planting in wildflower or butterfly garden.  
**Wildlife benefit:** Nectar source for butterflies.



### **Cultivation:**

**Soil:** Average                      **Light:** Light shade to full sun.  
**Water:** Dry to moist. Drought-tolerant once established.  
**Propagation:** By seed, by division.      **Availability:** Most native plant nurseries.

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Information compiled by George Kish

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## Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - September (Continued)

### Wildlife to watch for:

(Bird information supplied by Dave Bowman)

Peak month of fall migration. Shorebirds, warblers, perching birds and hawks are moving through the area during the month. The most important draw to a yard is water: if you set up a couple of bird baths and a mister, these will attract many different types of birds. Watch for: ruby-throated hummingbird, purple martin, blue-gray gnatcatcher, eastern bluebird, summer and scarlet tanagers, indigo and painted buntings, Baltimore oriole, numerous species of warblers, thrushes, swallows, flycatchers, and, down at the beach, lots of shorebirds - sandpipers, plovers, etc.

- Cassius and ceraunus blue butterflies flitting
- Giant swallowtail caterpillars munch citrus family members
- Sulphur caterpillars munch partridge pea
- Black swallowtail caterpillars munch carrot family members
- Gulf fritillary and zebra long wing caterpillars munch passion flower
- White peacock caterpillars munch water hyssop

**What's happening in your yard? Please give us your input. Call Sally Sun, 935-1312, with additions to this list.**

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## Meeting Location

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Westside Conference Center, first floor, located on the USF campus at Banyan & Cypress. Entrance is at the north end of the building.

## SNPS Address

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