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October 17 Meeting

GRAZING ON THE FLORIDA LANDSCAPE

by **Debbie Butts and Joe Sumner**

Many of our ELAPP properties are former cattle country, where land management practices often served to protect pristine lands. An example is "Balm Scrub", purchased several years ago from the Sumner Family Trust. Debbie Butts, a founding member of our chapter, and Joe Sumner, a sixth generation Floridian connected with the Sumner cattle lands, will show us a video developed by a group of cattlemen and land managers interested in the common goals of preserving vanishing lands and lifestyles.

Their presentation will be followed up by a riding fieldtrip to the Balm Scrub site on Saturday, October 20th. The site boasts mature sand pine scrub, flatwoods, and live oak hammock, dissected by Bullfrog Creek. Expect to see some certified Cracker Cattle, Florida Goldenasters, Pine Lilies, gopher tortoises, sandhill cranes, and lots of blooming "asters" (or whatever they are now--ask Dr. Wunderlin).

You can sign up for the field trip at the October meeting.

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Upcoming Programs for SNPS Monthly Meetings

- **September 19** – Dr. Wunderlin (Endangered Asters)
- **October 17** – Debbie Butts and Joe Sumner (Grazing on the Florida Landscape)
- **November 21** – Paul Martin Brown (Orchids)
- **December** – no meeting

Volunteers for Fall Plant Festival

It is not too late to volunteer for the USF Botanical Garden Fall Plant Festival on October 13 and 14. Please call Sally Sun at (813) 935-1312. Volunteers are still needed 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. If you have never volunteered for this event, it is one of the best ways to learn about native plants. You will be surrounded by members of our chapter who really know native plants and you will end your shift with much new knowledge.

Suncoast Calendar

October 9 Carnivorous Plants by Chelsie Vandaveer, chair of the Tampa Bay Carnivorous Plant Society. Learn about pitcher plants, sundews, butterworts etc. Chinsegut Nature Center, Brooksville. Call 352-754-6722 for information.

October 13-14 USF Botanical Garden Fall Plant Festival. Call 813-974-2329 for information. Call Sally Sun (813) 935-1312 to volunteer.

October 17 7 p.m. Debbie Butts and Joe Sumner (Grazing on the Florida Landscape), Suncoast chapter meeting.

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

October 19 6:15 p.m. Annual plant auction. Sponsored by Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Tampa Bay chapter. Florida State Fairgrounds, Charlie Lykes Arena.

October 20 10 a.m. Florida Native Plants by Dr. Richard Wunderlin. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

October 20 SNPS field trip to Balm Scrub and Balm Boyette. Call Steve Dickman (813-936-7268) 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.

October 27 Orchids (10 a.m.) Crotons (1 p.m.). USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

November 3 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pioneer Day at Chinsegut Nature Center. Cow milking, rug weaving, candle making, palm weaving, etc. Call 352-754-6722 for information.

November 17 10 a.m. Cold Protection for Your Tender Plants. USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

November 21 7 p.m. Paul Martin Brown (Orchids), Suncoast chapter meeting. Annual election of 2002 Board of Directors.

Wine and Cheese Party

Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

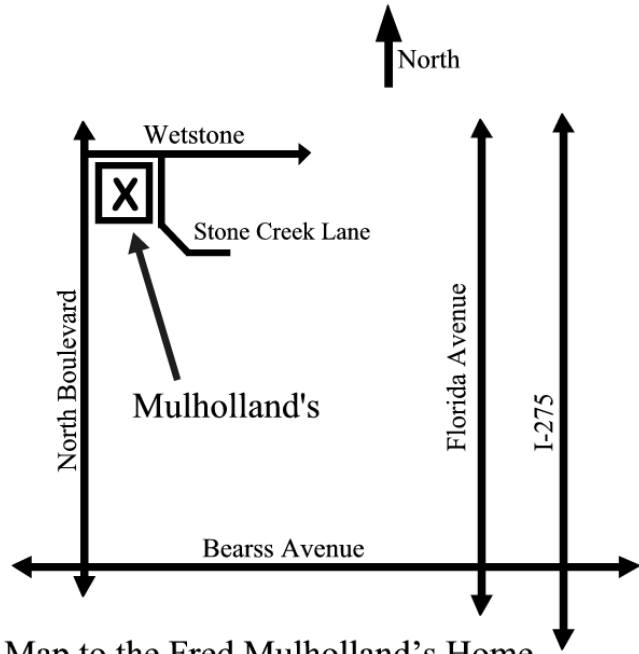
Fred Mulholland's Home
15410 Stone Creek Lane
Tampa, Florida

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 machines located at the 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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Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - October

By Sally Sun

For the month - Average temperature range: low of 65° to high of 84°

Average rainfall: 2.02 in.

Flaunting flowers:

Acacia farnesiana, sweet acacia; yellow
Acacia pinetorum, pineland acacia; yellow
Ageratina jucunda, snakeroot; white
Andropogon virginicus var. *glaucus*, chalky bluestem; green
Ardisia escallonioides, marlberry; white
Aristida beyrichiana, wiregrass; green
Asclepias perennis, white swamp milkweed; white
Asclepias verticillatas, whorled milkweed; white
Aster carolinianus, climbing aster; pale purple
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
Elephantopus elatus, elephant's foot; pale purple
Eragrostis elliottii, Elliott's lovegrass; silver
Eragrostis spectabilis, purple lovegrass; purple pink
Erigeron sp., fleabane; white
Eryngium aquaticum, snakeroot; blue
Gaillardia pulchella, blanketflower; red with yellow tips
Glandularia maritima, beach vervain; purple
Glandularia tampensis, Tampa vervain; purple
Habenaria floribunda, false reinorchid; white
Hamelia patens, firebush; red
Helianthus debilis, beach sunflower; yellow
Helianthus radula, rayless sunflower; brownish-purple
Heliotropium angiospermum, scorpion tail; white
Heliotropium polyphyllum, pineland heliotrope; white, yellow
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 spp., blazing star; purple
Lobelia cardinalis, cardinal flower; red
Lobelia glandulosa, glades lobelia; lavender
Lonicera sempervirens, coral honeysuckle; red
Lycium carolinianum, christmasberry; lavender
Monarda punctata, dotted horsemint; spotted yellow w/
lavender
Muhlenbergia capillaris, pink muhly grass; pink
Nymphaea odorata, fragrant water lily; white
Oxypolis 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
Plumbago scandens, wild plumbago; white
Poinsettia heterophylla, painted leaf; green
Polygonum punctatum, dotted smartweed; white
Rhus copallina, winged sumac; white
Rhynchospora spp., star rush; 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
Solidago spp., goldenrod; yellow
Sophora tomentosa, necklace pod; yellow
Sorghastrum secundum, lopsided Indian grass; golden-brown
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis, trailing porterweed; purple
Thalia geniculata, alligator flag; purplish
Tradescantia ohimensis, spiderwort; blue
Trichostema dichotomum, blue curls; blue
Utricularia subulata, bladderwort; yellow
Verbesina virginica, frostweed; white
Xyris sp., yellow-eyed grass; yellow

Bearing berries:

Aesculus pavia, red buckeye; brown seeds
Ardisia escallonioides, marlberry; black
Callicarpa americana, American beautyberry; magenta
Erythrina herbacea, coral bean; red
Euonymus americanus, hearts-a-bustin; red
Hamelia patens, firebush; dark purple
Ilex vomitoria, yaupon holly; red
Lonicera sempervirens, coral honeysuckle; red
Passiflora suberosa, corksystem passionflower; black
Phytolacca americana, pokeweed; black
Psychotria nervosa, shiny wild coffee; dark red
Rhus copallina, winged sumac; reddish
Rivina humilis, rouge plant; red
Sambucus canadensis, southern elderberry; black

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PLANT PROFILE

Common name: Lopsided indiagrass

Botanical name: *Sorghastrum secundum* (Elliott) Nash

Family: Poaceae or Gramineae (Grass)

Type of plant: Clump-forming, perennial grass

Size: Clumps 2-4 feet tall, flower spikes 4-6 feet tall.

Leaves: Elongated, flat, becoming turned-in at the tips; leaf surfaces are rough.

Flower: Spikelets (flower heads) are paired, brownish to golden brown on one side of branch and drooping. Long, twisted, hairy awns occur on spikelets; large yellow anthers.

Flowering time: August to December.

Habitat/distribution: Sandhills, pine flatwoods, scrubs, moist to dry woods and meadows; zones 8-11.

Landscape use: Mass planting in wildflower garden.

Wildlife benefit: Seed source for birds.

Cultivation:

Soil: Average to acid **Light:** Full sun to light shade.

Water: Dry to moist. Drought-tolerant once established.

Propagation: By seed. **Availability:** Some native plant nurseries.

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Landscaping with Natives in Hillsborough County - October (Continued)

Wildlife to watch for:

(Bird information supplied by Dave Bowman)

- Expect warbler migration to continue. The winter resident warblers start showing up: black and white, palm, pine, yellow-throated; also winter eastern phoebes and house wrens.
- Passing through: indigo buntings, catbirds, Baltimore orioles, belted kingfishers, kestrels, swainsons thrushes, red-eyed vireos, rose-breasted grosbeaks.
- Black swallowtail caterpillars munch carrot family members
- Cassius and ceraunus blue butterflies flitting
- Giant swallowtail caterpillars munch citrus family members
- Gulf fritillary and zebra long wing caterpillars munch passion flower
- Sulphur caterpillars munch partridge pea
- 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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