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LEARNING THE LINGO: A PRIMER ON BOTANICAL LATIN

by Mark Garland

Those pesky Latin binomials, hard to pronounce and even harder to commit to memory, can be necessary for accurate identification of the native plants we love so well. For example, Hog Plum can be either of two entirely different plants, and so can Christmasberry. Which *Asclepias* is Swamp Milkweed, and which *Hypericum* is St. Johnswort, or is it one of the *Triadenum*s? How about Camphorweed: yellow *Heterotheca* or pink *Pluchea*? Mark Garland will give us a handle on those difficult but essential scientific names. He'll take us back to their Greek and Latin origins, and tell us what some of the common ones mean, and how they should be pronounced.

Mark's urge to know the names of the natural things around him began when he was a child living on various Army posts, mostly in Georgia. As he explored the woods armed with various Golden Nature Guides, he began to satisfy his curiosity about the plants and animals he saw. He went on to earn a degree in botany at the University of Georgia, then studied plant taxonomy at FSU under Dr. Lorán Anderson.

Mark has been with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the last ten years, first with the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, one of the larger efforts in the world to preserve natural lands, and later with the Wetland Evaluation and Delineation Section. He was recently chosen to head the Botany Section in a bureau within the Division of Plant Industry of the Florida Department of Agriculture, where he maintains Florida's list of endangered and threatened plants. With Gil Nelson and others he wrote *Florida Wetlands Plants: an Identification Manual*, a standard reference for those interested in plant identification. His hobby is translating descriptions of new plant species into Latin, and he maintains a web site at <http://botanicallatin.org>.

-- Contributed by Harriett Wright

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Message from the Chair

Over the past year, the SNPS Board has been seeking alternatives to the University of South Florida for the location of our monthly meetings. Increased parking fees, room use charges, and restrictions have made continued use of the USF facility undesirable.

I am very grateful to Dr. Wunderlin for all of his behind-the-scenes work with the USF administration in arranging for the use of the Westside Conference Center meeting room, free of charge, for the past several years. However, Dr. Wunderlin and the rest of the Board have decided that it is time for a change.

Betty Wargo has graciously agreed to provide a meeting room at the new Learning Gate Community School for our regular monthly meetings in 2003. I am equally grateful to Betty for her dedication and support for our chapter.

Please note that the new Learning Gate Community School is at 16215 Hanna Road in Lutz. Our October meeting will be at the "old" Learning Gate Community School on North Boulevard. The Learning Gate Community School will be moving from North Boulevard to Hanna Road some time after our October 16 monthly meeting. I will include a map in each month's newsletter, until we get settled into our new meeting location.

George Kish

Programs for Suncoast Chapter Meetings in 2002

By Harriett Wright and Dick Wunderlin

Sep 18 Botanical Latin (or how to sound like a Roman when describing plants) by Mark Garland

Oct 16 Come Into My Parlor – Spiders of Florida by Francia Smith **

Nov 20 Principles of landscaping with native plants by Bill and Nancy Bissett

** Please note that the October meeting will be held at the Learning Gate School on North Boulevard (same location as our April 2002 meeting).

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, George Kish at (813) 920-0853.

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Make check payable to **FNPS**.

Suncoast Calendar

September 17 Fall Wildflower Walk at the Big Pine Tract on Old Crystal River Road. Contact the Chinsegut Nature Center in Brooksville at 352-754-6722.

September 18, 7 p.m. Learning the Lingo: a Primer on Botanical Latin by Mark Garland. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the USF Westside Conference Center.

September 19-21 Florida Nursery & Allied Trades Show in Orlando. Contact the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association at 407-295-7994

September 21 All About Cattleya Orchids by Ryan K, Live Oak Orchids at the USF Botanical Gardens. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

September 28 Butterfly Workshop by Marc Minno. Contact the Chinsegut Nature Center in Brooksville at 352-754-6722.

September 28 Mounting Bromeliads by Tom Wolfe at the USF Botanical Gardens. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

September 26-29 Florida Birding Festival and Nature Expo. Eckerd College, St. Petersburg. For further information, call 800-822-6461 or visit the web site www.pcef.org.

October 13-14 Fall Plant Festival at the USF Botanical Gardens. Call 813-974-2329 for information. **Visit the SNPS area and stock up on native plants!!**

October 16, 7 p.m. Come Into My Parlor – Spiders of Florida by Francia Smith. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the Learning Gate School.

October 19 Railroading in Your Garden by Stanley Kotes at the USF Botanical Gardens. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

October 19 Pond Design & Construction at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Call 941-366-5731 for information.

November 2 Pioneer Day at the Chinsegut Nature Center in Brooksville. Step back into the past and watch demonstrations of Early American Living. Call 352-754-6722 for information..

November 8-10 Natural History Workshop. This educational event for FNPS members will feature three days and two nights of immersion in nature in Welaka State Forest swamps, flatwoods and sandhill. Call 352-375-3028 for information.

November 20, 7 p.m. Principles of Landscaping with Native Plants by Bill and Nancy Bissett. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the USF Westside Conference Center.

Hillsborough County Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Call 813-744-5519 x144 for information about locations or visit the website: hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/calendar.htm. Upcoming clinics:

Sept. 17 - Florida Friendly Landscaping/Xeriscape
Sept. 17 - Water Wise Workshop
Sept. 18 - Shade Gardening by SNPS member **Lucy Hoyt**
Sept. 19 - Panel Discussion (Any Gardening Questions).
Sept. 21 - Anatomy of a Home: Buy Green and Save
Sept. 24 - Landscape Design Game
Sept. 28 - Rain Barrel & Water Wise Workshops
Oct. 8 - Backyard Florida Habitat
Oct. 10 - Container Gardens
Oct. 14 - Poisonous Plants
Oct. 17 - Gingers by SNPS member **Lucy Hoyt**
Oct. 24 - Landscape Design Game
Oct. 26 - Rain Barrel & Water Wise Workshops

Note: Events in bold are presented by the SNPS.

USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Festival

By Sally Sun

The USF Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale takes place October 12 and 13. 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 935-1312. We need volunteers for set-up Friday morning, October 11; and to work the sale Saturday, October 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, October 13, from 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!

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New	Patricia Morris
Renewing	Alice G. Arnwine Craig Cowart Ric Curiel Tom & Jeanie Gilbertson Stephanie & Brian Goe Loretta R. Hodgdon Jeff Field Jay Heidt Kevin W. Love Mary MacArthur Michelle Markey John & Mary Miller Lee R. Miller Lee R. Miller (gift to Lutz Library) W. Moriarty & K. Cashon Bob Nixon Melissa & Scott Pierce Jill Pongetti Kimberly Ramer Vikki Sinclair Brian Skidmore Edward H. Stein Amy Swancar John R. Toborg Merrilee A. Wallbrunn

Thank you for your continued support for the Suncoast chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society!!

FNPS Eco-Action Alert

If you would like to be informed of calls for action on a wide variety of Florida and national environmentally sensitive subjects, consider subscribing to the Eco-Action Alert List. Individuals act on their own, NOT in the name of FNPS. If you would like to subscribe to the Eco-Action Alert, please send an email to info@fnps.org.

Plant ID Workshop

Thanks to the efforts of Betty Wargo and Dick Wunderlin, the chapter will be starting a series of Saturday morning plant identification workshops at the Audubon Resource Center at Lettuce Lake Park. Dr. Richard Wunderlin will conduct the first workshop on **November 2, 2002 from 9 until noon**. The topic of the workshop will be botanical terminology. Space at the Audubon Resource Center is limited, so if you are interested in registering for the workshop, please send an email to Betty Wargo at betty@learninggate.org.

If you are interested in assisting with or offering ideas for future workshops, please contact Betty, Dick, or George Kish.



The Florida Native Plant Society was organized in 1980 to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

PLANT PROFILE

Common name: Narrow-leaf sunflower, swamp sunflower
Botanical name: *Helianthus angustifolius* L.
Family: Asteraceae (Aster)
Type of plant: Upright perennial
Size: 6 feet (h)

Leaves: Alternate, rough, narrow, almost grass-like, 6 inches long
Stem: Rough, hairy
Flower: Bright yellow rays with purplish centers at the top of tall stems.

Flowering time: August to October

Fruit: Flat, brown achene, 0.25 inches long

Stem: Thick, contains white sap.

Habitat/distribution: Sandy woods, flatwoods, wetlands, disturbed areas; zones 5 - 9.

Landscape use: Accent plant in wildflower garden.

Cultivation:

Soil: Most soils.

Light: Full sun.

Water: Moist.

Propagation: By seed and division of clumps.

Availability: Most native plant nurseries.

References:

Haehle, Robert G., and Joan Brookwell, 1999, *Native Florida Plants*: Gulf Publishing Company, Houston, Texas, 360 p.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, No date, *Southern Wetlands Flora: Field Office Guide to Plant Species*: USDA Soil Conservation Service, South National Technical Center, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S. Geological Survey Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center home page, Jamestown, ND, www.npwrc.usgs.gov/resource/1999/soutflor/soutflor.htm

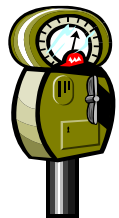
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USF Parking Permit Required for Chapter Meetings

Parking permits are required - USF security is enforcing parking rules. Parking permits are \$2.50 and may be purchased at the main entrance to USF or at permit machines located along the west side of the School of Public Health Building.



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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

The main address for communication is:

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