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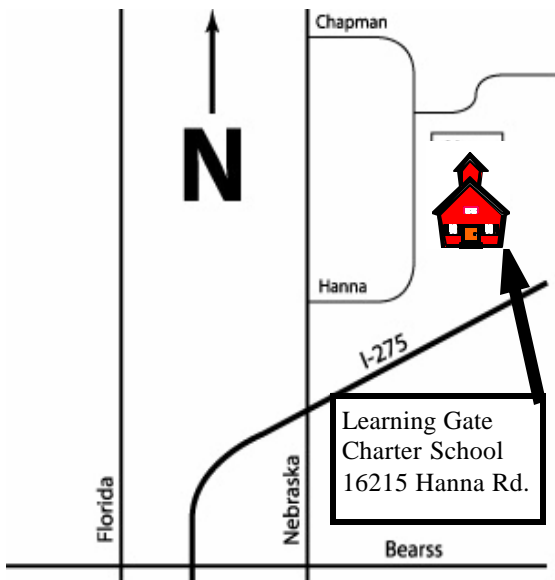
November 19 Meeting (at the Learning Gate Charter School) 20th Anniversary Celebration

The Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the chapter at our November meeting. The celebration will begin at 7 P.M. at the Learning Gate Charter School at 16215 Hanna Road in Lutz (see map below). The festivities will include:

- Pot Luck Dinner
- Recognition of Founding Members and Guests
- Election of the 2004 Board of Directors
- Presentations by SNPS Grant Recipients
- Book Signing and Art Sale
- Door Prizes

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If you plan to attend and you have not returned your reply form – please contact Ameé Bailey as soon as possible by e-mail (Aturtle2C@aol.com) or by telephone at 813-662-5954.

Please join us for an evening of celebrating our anniversary, honoring our founders, listening to the creative projects accomplished by our grant recipients, and enjoying the food and company of our fellow FNPS members.

Message from the President

The FNPS has kicked off a state-wide membership campaign to increase our numbers and to give us a stronger voice in advocating our mission -- the preservation, conservation, and restoration of native plants and native plant communities. Please read the suggestions in the current issue of the Sabal Minor newsletter about getting people interested in our organization. Use this as an opportunity to step up and talk to friends, neighbors, and co-workers about the value of native plants and the issues that threaten the preservation of native plant communities.

It is my pleasure to announce that Shirley Brown has volunteered to be the new editor of our newsletter, the Suncoast Grapevine. Newsletter editor is a challenging and very important function of our chapter and I am grateful to Shirley for stepping forward to become the newsletter editor.

George Kish

Outstanding Master Gardener Award

Suncoast Chapter member, Lucy Hoyt, received the 2003 Hillsborough County Outstanding Master Gardener Award on November 5, 2003 for her outstanding work for the Hillsborough County Extension Service. Congratulations to Lucy for the much deserved award.

Botanical drawing by Susan Trammell



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.

Detach and mail to: **Suncoast Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 82893, Tampa, FL 33682-2893**

Name _____

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or organization _____

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New Member

Renewal

Check pertinent category:

Individual \$25

Not-for-profit

Full time student \$15

organization \$50

Library subscription \$15

Business or

Family or household \$30

corporate \$100

Contributing \$40

Supporting \$100

Donor \$250

Make check payable to **FNPS**.

Suncoast Calendar

REGULAR MEETINGS OF SUNCOAST

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY at the Learning Gate Charter School, 16215 Hanna Road, in Lutz. 7 PM

NOV 19 JAN 21 FEB 18 MAR 17

SNPS 2003 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE Field trips begin at 9:00 am. Contact Steve Dickman, 813-936-7268 for more information. Trails are rated moderate unless noted. Dates subject to change.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS at the FNPS

Pinellas Chapter: (Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail, Clearwater; 727-544-7341);
Weds; 7:30 pm

Nov 15 Field Trip to Janet Butterfield Brooks Preserve in Hernando Co.

Dec 3 The Ephemeral Landscape by Jeff Ripple; Holiday Fundraiser at the Pinellas County Extension Service, Largo.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS at the FNPS

Nature Coast Chapter (Pasco County): Hudson Library, corner of Fivay Road and Library Road; second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm.

HILLS CO. MASTER GARDNER

PROGRAMS. Call 813-744-5519 x144 for information about locations or visit the website: hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/calendar.htm.
Upcoming clinics at the extension office:

Nov 18 Integrated Pest Management 7:00 pm

Nov 18 Plants of the Season 7:00 pm

Nov 19 Container Gardening 10:00 am

Nov 20 Butterfly Gardening 10:00 am

Dec 2 Plants of the Season 7:00 pm

Dec 6 Compost Happens 9:00—10:00 am

Dec 8 Note Cards / Pressed Flowers 7:30 pm

Dec 11 Propagation 10:00 am

TAMPA AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

The Tampa Audubon Society meets 7 times a year on Saturdays at Lettuce Leaf Park off Fletcher Ave. Call 983-0258.

Nov 15 Environmental Law 101

Jan 17 Travels in Cuba

CHINSEGUT NATURE CENTER Limited

seating so register on-line at floridaconservation.org/join-us/chinsegut/registration.htm. 352-754-6722

Nov 17 Monarch Butterflies: Natural History and Migration

Nov 18 Creations with Native Materials

Dec 16 Whooping Cranes

LOWRY PARK ZOO

Nov 28, 29, 30 and

Dec 6, 7, 12 – 14, and 16 – 23 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays at Lowry Park Zoo's annual Wild Wonderland winter festival.

USF BOTANICAL GARDENS 974-2329.

Nov 22 Fruit Tree Propagation 10:00 am

Dec 6 Decorating with Herbs 10:00 am

PRESERVE PASCO FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 22 at the Starkey Ranch on SR 54 in Odessa from 1 to 6 pm. Concert of original acoustic jazz, folk, and blues music by local artists. Tickets are \$15; contact Peggy Gretchen at 813-991-4812.

Submitted by: Shirley Brown

(Please email me at srbrown11@msn.com if you know of any activity that would interest our group.)

Book Signing and Art Sale

In October the new guide to landscaping with Florida native plants written by Dr. Gil Nelson was published by the University Press of Florida. "Florida's Best Native Landscape Plants: 200 Readily Available Species for Homeowners and Professionals" is a stunning full-color book with descriptions of each plant (explaining care and usage of the plant), 180 watercolor botanical illustrations and multiple photographs for each species.

Susan Trammell, one of the two botanical illustrators whose paintings are in this book, produced an exhibit series called The Flora of "La Florida" which is being presented at various venues such as botanical gardens, historical museums, and educational and government facilities. (To see some of her botanical paintings visit her website is at <http://hometown.aol.com/tmml777/myhomepage/photo.html> .) The original paintings and limited edition giclee prints are for sale at the exhibits and in art galleries around the state. She is donating noncommercial usage rights of the digital images to the FNPS and its local chapters. At our November meeting Susan will be selling and signing the newly released book (\$34.95 +tax) as well as offering her 11" x 14" limited edition prints (with a \$10 member discount off the \$69 price). The money that you spend on these books and prints will help defray some of the costs of showing the general public just how beautiful and "art worthy" Florida natives are.

Plant Raffle Guidelines

By Harriett Wright

There will be no plant raffle at the November meeting. The Plant Raffle will resume at the January meeting. When you bring plants to the plant raffle, please sign the raffle sheet and record the number of plants you donated. Before the start of the raffle, we will offer first choice of a plant on the raffle table to our speaker, followed by plant donors in the order of the number of plants donated. After these selections have been made, we will begin the raffle.

Thank you to all the members who donated plants at the last meeting.

Election of the 2004 Board of Directors

The nominating committee of the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society submits the following seven candidates for the position of Board of Directors for 2004.

Ameé Bailey	Cliff Brown
Steve Dickman	George Kish
Robert Scheible	Fred Spriggs
Harriett Wright	

The members present at the November 19, 2003 meeting will vote on the slate of candidates to select the 2004 Board.

Annual Committee Reports Are Due

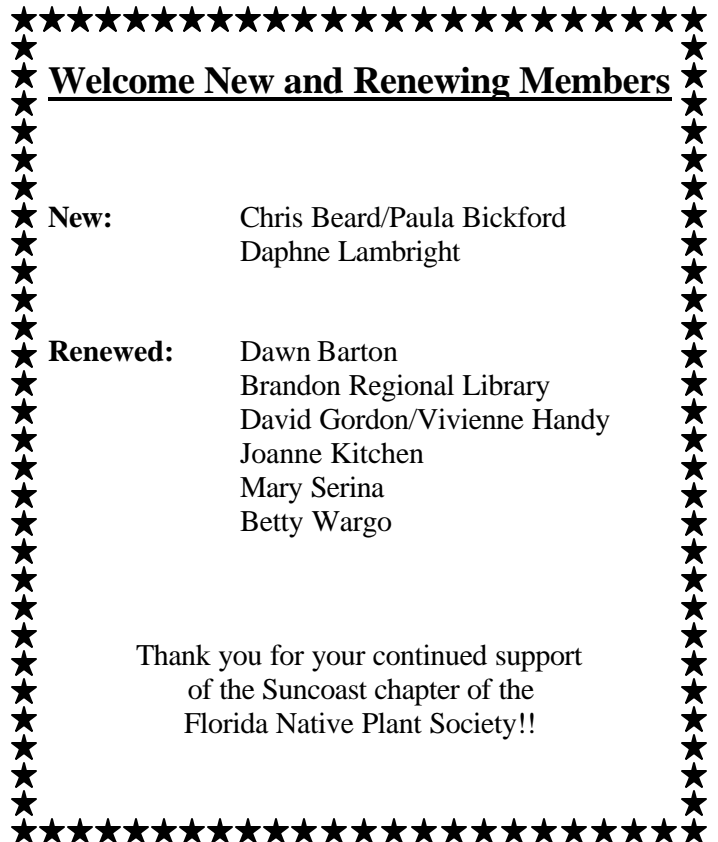
Please submit your annual committee report (required by the Chapter By-Laws from each committee chair Prepare a short summary of the activities of your committee for the year and bring it to the **November** meeting or email it to gkish@tampabay.rr.com before the November meeting. Thank you.

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New: Chris Beard/Paula Bickford
Daphne Lambright

Renewed: Dawn Barton
Brandon Regional Library
David Gordon/Vivienne Handy
Joanne Kitchen
Mary Serina
Betty Wargo

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



PLANT PROFILE

Common name : Climbing Aster

Botanical name: *Symphotrichum carolinianum* (Walter) Wunderlin & B.F.Hansen (*Aster carolinianus* Walter)

Family: Asteraceae (Aster Family)

Plant Habit: A bushy perennial with long stems that sprawls over surrounding vegetation

Size: 3-12 ft. tall

Leaves: Elliptic, entire, 1-4 in. long, pubescent, alternate on and often clasping the stem

Inflorescence: Clusters of flower heads on the ends of branches.

Flowers: Flower heads app. 1 inch or more across; disc flowers yellow, ray flowers pink to lavender; aromatic

Fruit: Achenes

Flowering time: Late summer to winter

Habitat: Swamps and riverbanks

Distribution: Throughout the coastal plain into S. Carolina.

Light: Moderate to Full sun

Soil: Will adapt to regular garden soil and moisture.

Water: Only till established

Propagation: by seed, cuttings and division

Maintenance: Cut back after flowering.

Availability: Several native plant nurseries.

Wildlife: Butterfly nectar plant, cover plant for birds.

Comments: A strikingly beautiful perennial providing masses of flowers with minimal maintenance.

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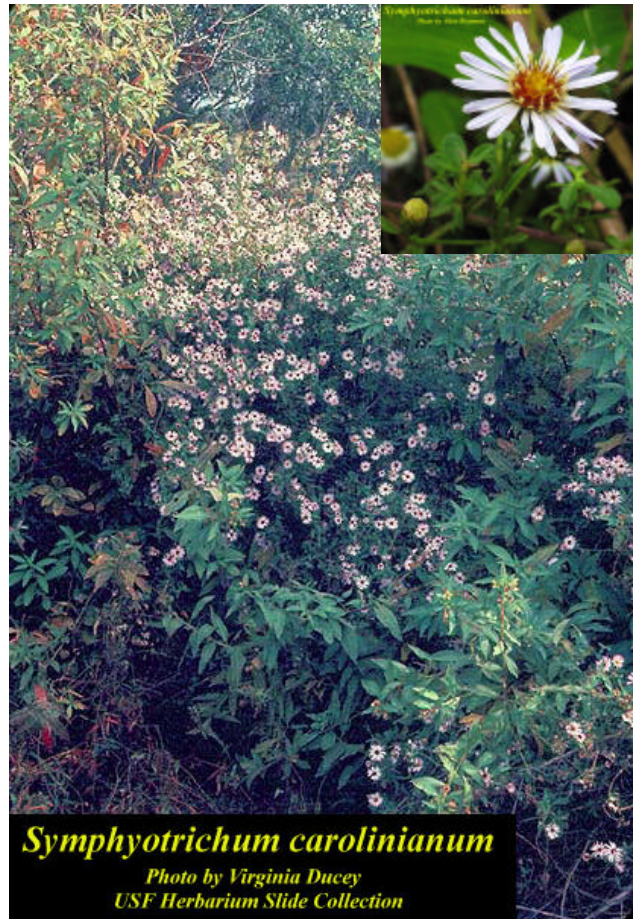
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The Florida Native Plant Society was organized in 1980 to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. For more information about the Florida Native Plant Society, please visit our web site: www.fnps.org.

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Deadline for the next issue:

November 25

Please send articles and original artwork for The Suncoast Grapevine to the editor, Shirley Brown, by the **deadline** of each month (earlier, please, if not typed). Text should be in MS Word; graphics should be in a standard graphic format. Previously published artwork should be accompanied by a letter of permission from the original publisher.

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Meeting Location

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