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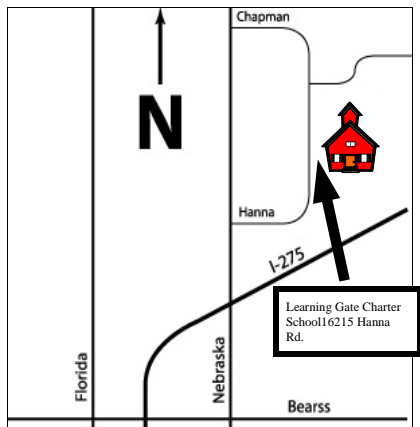
ANNUAL Potluck Dinner Meeting
Election of 2006 Board of Directors
2005 Suncoast Chapter Grantee Reports
Important Vote regarding Articles of incorporation

Program - GOOD BUGS, BAD BUGS
By Ardell O'Neal

If your aim is to get rid of the insects that seem determined to devour your garden, many of those creepy crawly bugs and insects in your backyard may be your best friends. Insect predators are capable of dispatching large numbers of herbaceous prey which otherwise would graze unhindered on your favorite plants. Of course, this will happen only if you refrain from squirting them with poison and leave them to their own devices.

Ardell will give us a slide presentation identifying some of these predaceous insects and bugs, and showing how they operate.

As a long time Master Gardener and member of the Master Gardeners' speakers bureau, Ardell has developed expertise in a number of fields, including integrated pest management, composting, organic vegetable gardening, gardening with native plants, and insect predation in the garden.



Submitted by Harriett Wright .

President's Message

Over the past 4 years I have enjoyed being your chapter president, but it is time for me to step aside. I am retiring from the Board of Directors to devote more time to my research pursuits. As you may know, I am pursuing a Ph.D. in restoration ecology at the University of South Florida. Although the research will keep me quite busy, I plan to stay somewhat involved with chapter activities, but mostly as a speaker for outreach events.

I have had the pleasure of working with terrific, dedicated, and hard-working Board members and I am grateful for their friendship. Over the last few years we have increased our commitment to educational grants and stepped-up our outreach activities. Our major fund-raising events, the semiannual plant sales at the USF Botanical Gardens, continue to be very successful and our relationship with the Gardens continues to grow with the chapter's participation in the Butterfly Garden and Herb Garden Festival and Native Plant Day.

We've re-established the tradition of pot luck dinners twice per year – at our November election meeting and at our July combined meeting with Sierra Club and Audubon. We revised the *Right Plants for Dry Places* book and we continue work on the *Right Plants for Coastal Areas* book. Chapter members appeared on local radio programs, gave talks to church, citizen, educational, and government groups, and assisted schools and organizations with learning about or planting native butterfly or wildlife gardens. We assist WMNF with maintaining their showcase native landscape and we assist the USF Botanical Gardens with maintaining the native plant garden at the entrance gate.

Our chapter has a core group of activists who carry most of the work load, but we need help from all of the membership. Any organization is only as good as its members, so if you have been sitting on the sidelines, please step up by volunteering for outreach activities or a leadership role. We have had Committee chairs unfilled for some time and we still need a Field Trips Chair and a Membership Chair.

As Florida's population continues to grow, the pressure for converting open space to subdivisions or shopping malls is relentless. As chapter members, we all need to take an active role to teach others about conserving and protecting native plants and native plant communities. So don't be a passive member. Come to the meetings. Organize a field trip. Volunteer to chair a committee or serve on the Board. Talk to your neighbors and friends and give them information about native plants. Write a column for a local weekly newspaper, give a talk to your homeowner's association, participate in neighborhood garden tours, ask your local garden center to stock native plants, etc.

Once the natural places are gone, they are gone forever.

Thank you for the honor of serving as president of the Suncoast Chapter.

George Kish



NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO OUR ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

On October 28, 2005 your board of directors approved a resolution to amend our articles of incorporation in order to comply with the Internal Revenue Code. These amendments will allow us to apply for tax-exempt status.

This status will help us in several ways:

1. We will be exempt from Federal Income Tax, State Gross Receipts Tax and Sales Tax on purchases.
2. We will not be required to file Federal and State form 1120A.
3. We will be able to solicit contributions and those contributions will be tax deductible to the donor.

The amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be:

Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.

ARTICLE III—PURPOSE

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or hereafter amended. To this end, the corporation will gather information and educate the public through published materials, conferences, meetings, lectures, and liaisons with individuals and organizations about native plants and native plant communities of the State of Florida, and their preservation, conservation and restoration.

ARTICLE IV—EARNINGS

No part of net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director or officer of the corporation any member of the corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets of dissolution of the corporation.

ARTICLE V—DIRECTORS

There shall be, at least three (3) but not more than twenty-one (21) members elected to the Board of Directors by the membership at an annual meeting for the term of one year.

ARTICLE X—MEMBERS

The membership of the corporation is open to all persons, groups or business interested in the conservation, preservation and restoration of the native plant communities in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XI—CONDUCT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The conduct of the affairs of the corporation will be by the Board of Directors and officers of the corporation in accordance with the limits as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII—INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify its directors and officers from all liability, claims, accounts, or dues incurred by them in the conduct of business of the corporation so long as said business was carried out by the officers and directors in good faith.

ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS

These articles of incorporation may be amended by the adoption of a resolution of amendment as provided in Florida statute 617.1001, as amended, and filing the Articles of Amendment as required by Florida statute 617.1002, and 617.1006 (2003)

ARTICLE XIV—PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carried on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE XV—DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the corporation, determine the recipient and dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the board of directors shall determine. If the board of directors shall fail to determine a recipient of the corporate assets, after payment of liabilities the same shall be distributed to the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc, a not for profit corporation, or if the Florida Native Plant Society does not exist or does not qualify under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to the State of Florida, Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of the protection of the environment.

The original Articles of Incorporation will be available for anyone who wishes to review them by calling George Kish, Pat Clouser or Shirley Brown. (see the back page of the Grapevine for their numbers)

Suncoast Calendar

REGULAR MEETINGS OF SUNCOAST NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY 7:00 PM

NOV 16 JAN 18 FEB 15

FNPS PINELLAS CHAPTER: (Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail, Clearwater; 727-544-7341); First Weds; 7:30 pm

FNPS HERNANDO CHAPTER: Meets first Monday of the month at county Extension service, 19490 Oliver St., Brooksville; 6:30 pm. Call 352-583-2384.

FNPS PASCO CHAPTER (Nature Coast): Meets monthly on second Tuesday; 7:30 pm at St. Marks Fellowship Hall, 7922 State Road 52, Hudson, FL; 727-848-8000.

NOV 18—Field Trip to Anclote River Nature Park in Tarpon Springs. 10:00 am. Take US19, north to Beckett Way turning west. Turn left onto Dixie Highway. As the road curves around, the park entrance will be on your left. THERE IS NO SIGN so watch for the opening in the chain link fence.

TAMPA AUDUBON SOCIETY: Meets second Saturday, at the Audubon Resource Center at Lettuce Lake Park at 3 p.m. Email: smkroh@tecoenergy.com

BOK TOWER www.boktower.org/whatsnew

Pinewood estate—now open for a small fee

OCT 1-DEC 1—North Woods & South Woods by Nancy Adams

BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

3940 Keystone Rd. Tarpon Springs; 727-453-6800

CHINSEGUT NATURE CENTER

Meets 7:00 pm at Chinsegut Nature Center. Call 352-754-6722 or website: [/floridaconservation.org/chinsegut/schedule.html](http://floridaconservation.org/chinsegut/schedule.html)

LOWRY PARK ZOO

For information, (813) 935-8552, ext. 239. or visit the website: <http://www.lowryparkzoo.com/html/12/>

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DEC 2, 3, 9-11, 16-18, 20-23 Wild wonderland Evenings 6-9 p.m.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAMS Call 813-744-5519 for details and locations or website: www.hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/HomeHort.

NOV 14—Shade Gardens 7:00 pm

NOV 17—Salvias 7:00 pm

NOV 19—Compost Happens & Water Wise Workshops 8:30 am –11:00 am

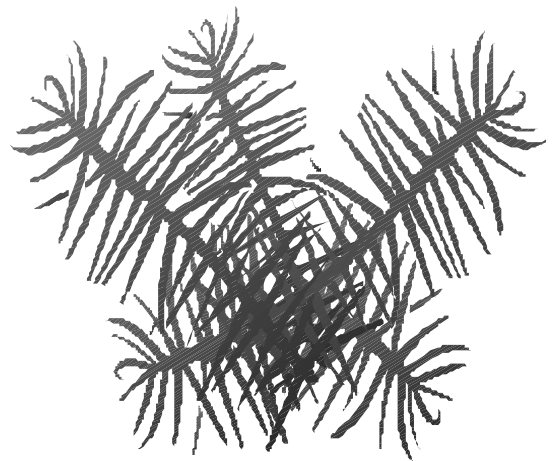
SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS see website: www.selby.org or phone 941-366-5731.

SIERRA CLUB OF TAMPA BAY: meets second Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Gulf Ridge Council of the Boy Scout's headquarters, 13228 N. Central Ave. Tampa; For information: 813-253-3555 or 727-824-8813.

Sierra Club's South Hillsborough Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center, 4202 24th St. SE, Ruskin. Call 813-645-4218.

USF BOTANICAL GARDEN 974-2329.

Volunteer orientation last Saturday morning of the month 10:00. Workshops require fee & registration. Website: www.cas.usf.edu/garden/calendar.htm.



PLANT PROFILE

- **Common name:** Pinebaren Goldenrod
- **Botanical name:** *Solidago fistulosa* Mill.
- **Synonyms:** None
- **Family:** Asteraceae
- **Zone:** 3-11
- **Plant Habit:** Stout, erect perennial
- **Habitat:** Flatwoods, margins of cypress swamps, and ponds
- **Size:** Up to 6 feet
- **Leaves:** Lance-ovate to obovate
- **Bloom:** A compound inflorescence on a stalk
- **Flowering time:** Autumn
- **Fruit:** Small achene with white bristle on top
- **Distribution:** New Jersey south to Florida, west to Louisiana; throughout Florida
- **Growing conditions:** Moist to rather dry sites
- **Light:** Sun to light shade
- **Propagation:** Seeds, division
- **Motility:** Slowly forming clumps from underground rhizomes
- **Maintenance:** Removal of old flowering stems
- **Availability:** Occasional at Florida native nurseries and FNPS plant sales. Look for it on the Association of Florida Native Nurseries website (www.afnn.org)
- **Comments:** Nineteen species of *Solidago* occur in Florida. Of these, eight occur in our area. The most common are pineland goldenrod, Chapman's goldenrod (*S. odora* var. *chapmanii*), wand goldenrod (*S. stricta*), and seaside goldenrod (*S. sempervirens*). Plant these as part of the background for showy fall color. *S. fistulosa* may be seen at the entrance to USF Botanical Gardens



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- Wunderlin, R.P. 2003. **Guide to Vascular Plants of Florida, Second Edition**. University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
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Information compiled by Shirley Brown and Dick Wunderlin
Photo by Glenn Fleming



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.

Fall Plant Sale Thank You

By Sally Sun

The fall USF Botanical Garden Plant Sale took place October 8 and 9. Fifteen members volunteered their time to help make this a successful event. Cypress Acres Nursery delivered 150 plants on Thursday, October 6; SNPS member Rick Brown's RiverView Flower Farm delivered another 500 plants Friday, October 7, and. On Friday, October 7, the set-up crew – Cliff Brown, Mike Fite, Barb and Fred Mulholland and Sally Sun – assembled at USF Botanical Garden around 9:00 a.m. We set up the tables and plants, hung the banner and pounded the plant stakes in; and had the area ready-to-go in a couple of hours. There were a couple of more deliveries during the day. We had a very nice selection of plants, about 900 in all, and about 80 species of trees, shrubs, ground covers, wildflowers, ferns and vines.

On Saturday, most of the volunteers arrived by 8 a.m. The last of our deliveries arrived at 7:30 and we scurried to get the plants off the truck and into position. The Botanical Garden members started arriving at 9:30 a.m., and the public at 10 a.m. On hand to assist were Cliff Brown, Steve Dickman, Kim Friedland, Jane Halil, Lucy Hoyt, Mary Miller, Bob Schieble, Fred Spriggs, and Sally Sun; Troy Springer came in the afternoon. Fall always has fewer crowds than the spring, but this fall the crowd was smaller than it usually is; we still had lots of plants left by the end of the day, which was not a good sign.

Assisting on Sunday were Debbie Butts and Sally Sun; Lucy Hoyt was also there in the morning and JoAnn Hoffman came for the afternoon. The afternoon crew also had to disassemble our area. Bob Schieble came close to closing time to also help disassemble. The crowds were definitely less this day, and we did okay – but we had more left-over than usual. The unsold wildflowers from RiverView Flower Farm were donated to Learning Gate School – thanks, Rick.

A big “Thanks!” to everyone who gave up part of their weekend to help make the plant sale successful. As a thank-you, each volunteer was given a wildflower of their choice.

The various events throughout the year, and especially the semiannual plant sales, are vital to SNPS. Part of the purpose of SNPS is educating the public about of native plants. The earnings from these sales help to pay for grants, special speakers' expenses, the newsletter, and educational projects throughout the area. If you can find a few hours to volunteer next spring, your help would be appreciated. It's a great way to learn about Florida's native plants; and it's even fun!! “Y'all come out and join us.”

Glossary

Need help identifying native plants? Here are a few more definitions to help you from the Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida by Richard P. Wunderlin

L

Lacerate. Torn, or with an irregularly jagged margin.

Laciniate. Divided into narrow, pointed segments

Lanceolate. Lance-shaped, longer than wide, widest near the base and gradually tapering to the apex.

Leaflet. An ultimate unit of a compound leaf.

Lenticel. A slightly raised, corky area on the stem and branches of woody plants.

Locule. The cavity in an ovary or fruit.

Lunate. Crescent-shaped.

Lustrous. Shining.

M

Mealy. Covered with fine granules.

Membranaceous. Having a texture that is thin/flexible.

Midrib, midvein. The main or central vein.

Monoecious. A plant with unisexual flowers on the same individual.

Monadrous. Having a single stamen.

Monomorphic. Having a single form.

Muricate. With minute, spiny projections.

N

Nectar. A sugar or protein rich secretion which serves as an attractant and food source for animals.

Nectary. An organ or tissue that secretes nectar.

Node. The place on a stem where a leaf or branch is attached.

Nodose. Knobby.

(To be continued.)

A Big Thank You

Thanks to those who contributed Raffle plants at the last meeting,

Remember, you get a free plant before the raffle begins when you donate plants for the raffle.

(Please sign the donor sheet so that we can acknowledge you in the Grapevine. Thanks.)

Plant Raffle Guidelines

By Harriett Wright

When you bring plants to the plant raffle, please sign the raffle donor 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.

Programs For 2005

By Harriett Wright

January 19, Brian Schatz: WMNF Project. A native plant demonstration garden for Tampa.

February 16, Warren Clark: History of Native Gardening in Florida.

March 16, Carl Weekley: Florida's Fire Ecology. The history of fire in Florida ecosystems, and the consequences of fire suppression, particularly in scrub and sandhill communities. How fire structures these pyrogenic communities, how a few endemic species respond to fire, and devices used at Archbold Biological Station to measure fire's intensity.

April 20, Mark Hostetler: Why the Hell Should I Mow My Lawn?: Thoughts, Issues, and Research on Developing Eco-Intelligent Communities

May 18, William Lorenzen: Tampa Bay Conservancy Project.

June 15, Pinellas Chapter: Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants.

July 20, Dr. Gregory A. Jones: Birds, Bugs, Sunflowers, and Sustainable Farming; Joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon clubs.

August 17, Sid Taylor: Historical Commercial Exploitation of Pinus in The Land of Flowers. An expose of Naval Stores and turpentine Distillation.

September 21, George Kish: Native Grasses of Florida

October 19, Steve Dickman: Keeping Natural Places Natural

November 16, Ardell O'Neal: Good Bugs: Bad Bugs

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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Meeting Locations

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at either the **Hillsborough Extension office in Seffner** or the **Learning Gate Charter School, 16215 Hanna Road, Lutz.**

SNPS Web Address:

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