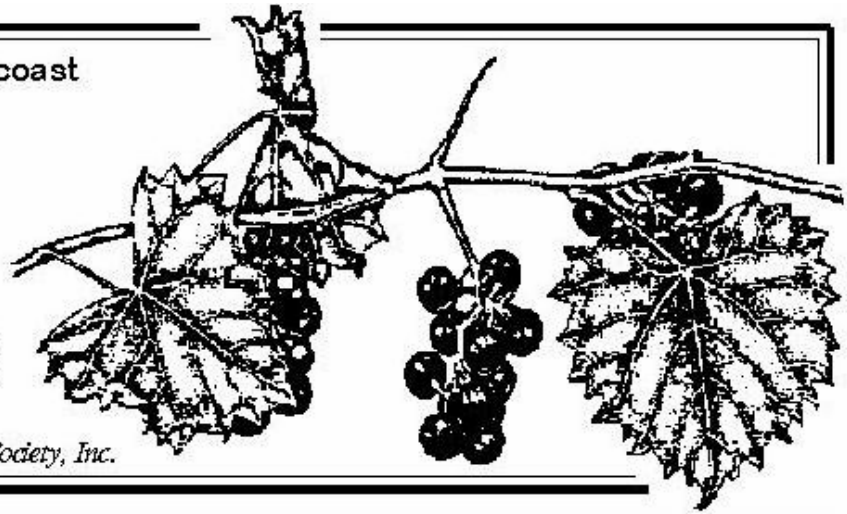


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# The Suncoast Grapevine

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## October 15 Meeting (at the Learning Gate Charter School)

### Does Compost Just Happen? By Ardell D. O'Neal, Sr.

Woodland plants receive the many benefits of compost without any need for human intervention, but in our disturbed residential landscapes we need to help it along. Ardell O'Neal, composter *par excellence*, will tell us how to make it happen in our own gardens, with or without the able assistance of earthworms. Ardell will also give us an overview of the Hillsborough County program that, since 1992, has been aimed at educating homeowners to reduce the amount of yard waste entering into the curbside "garbage" stream destined for the landfill.

Ardell has been a member of the Florida Native Plant Society since 1990, and was a past president of our Suncoast chapter and past chapter representative to FNPS. A Master Composter and a Master Gardener with the Hillsborough County Extension Service, he is active in the Master Gardener speakers bureau. His yard is a certified Wildlife Habitat and a certified Florida Yard. For the past 26 years Ardell, a Critical Care Adult R.N., has been employed at University Community Hospital, currently in the Coronary Care Unit.

-- Contributed by Harriett Wright

## Highlights

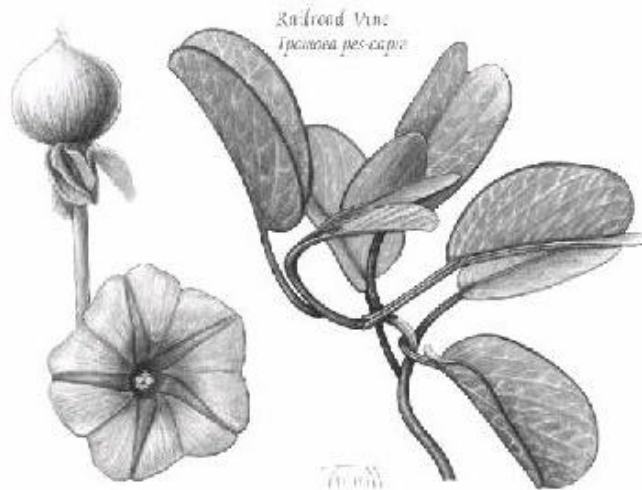
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## Election of the 2004 Board of Directors

The nominating committee of the Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society submits the following 6 candidates for the position of Board of Directors for 2003.

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

One additional Board member is needed to complete the required 7-member Board for 2004. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the November 19 membership meeting. The members present will then vote on the slate of candidates to select the 2004 Board.



**Botanical illustration by Susan Trammell**

## Suncoast Program for 2003

By Harriett Wright

**Oct 15** Does Compost Just Happen? by Ardell O'Neal

**Nov 19** Election Meeting and 20-Year Anniversary Celebration

## **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*

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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

OCT 15 NOV 19 DEC- no meeting

**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.

**Oct 18** Field Trip (Party) at the Mulholland's:

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS at the FNPS Pinellas

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

**Nov 5** How to be an effective Political activist 6:15 dinner meeting.

## HILLS CO. MASTER GARDNER PROGRAMS.

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

**Oct 16** Bug Wars 10:00 am

**Oct 25** Rain Barrel Workshop: 9:00 - 10:00 am  
Water Wise Workshop: 10 - 11:30 am

**Oct 28** Water Wise Workshop: 10 - 11:30 am

**Nov 1** Compost Happens: 9:00 - 10:00 am.

**Nov 1** Water Wise Workshop: 10 - 11:30 am

**Nov 4** Simple Fall Flowering Arranging: 7:00 pm

**Nov 8** Water Wise Workshop: 10 - 11:30 am

**Nov 10** Simple Backyard Bouquets 7:30 pm

**Nov 13** Herbs/Spices & Other Oddities 10:00 am

**Nov 15** Landscape Design Workshop: 9:00—12:00

## TAMPA AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

Meetings are 7 times a year on Saturdays at Lettuce Leaf Park off Fletcher. Call 813-983-0258.

**CHINSEGUT NATURE CENTER** Limited seating so register On-line at [floridaconservation.org/join-us/chinsegut/registration.htm](http://floridaconservation.org/join-us/chinsegut/registration.htm). 352-754-6722

**Oct 19** Reptile & Amphibian Expo 9:00 - 4:00

**Oct 21** Big Pine Bird Walk 9:00

**Nov 8** Birding 101 with Eddie White 9:00

## SELBY GARDENS

Oct 24 - Nov "Faces of the Rainforest:" Photography by Valdir Cruz will be shown in the reopened Mansion. Call 366-5731, ext. 259

## LOWRY PARK ZOO

**Nov 8** Annual Food Fest 7:00 pm

**USF BOTANICAL GARDENS** 974-2329.

Beginning **Oct 18** Six Saturdays of Botanical Drawing

## SIERRA CLUB

**BOK SANCTUARY** (863) 676-1408

**Nov 1** Monica Brandies lectures on Florida Gardening 9:00 - 11:30 am

## GRASS and SEDGE CLASSES

**Nov 6** St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve near Vero Beach

**Nov 7** St. Sebastian River State Buffer Preserve near Vero Beach

The one-day course will be offered twice. Each one day course is \$100.00.

**Submitted by: Shirley Brown**

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

## Field Trip ("Party")

for Suncoast Native Plant Society members at the Mulhollands

15410 Stone Creek Lane  
Tampa, Florida

Sunday, October 18, 2003

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There are many, many species of native plants in the yard. An identification list will be provided that shows what and where the plants are located. See rare Florida native trees and some poisonous species.

Free Plants – but you need to bring your own pot

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 NATIVE PLANTS IN SUBURBIA: ONE WAY TO DO IT WITHOUT A LAWN.*



## **PLANT PROFILE**

**Common name:** Fernleaf Yellow False Foxglove

**Botanical name:** *Aureolaria pedicularia* (L.) Raf. var. *pectinata* (Nutt.) Gleason

**Family:** Orobanchaceae (Broomrape Family) formerly Scrophulariaceae, Snapdragon Family

**Plant Habit:** An annual herb parasitic on oak roots and perhaps other plants

Size: 3-4 ft. tall

**Leaves:** Opposite finely-cut leaves on opposite branches, both of which have hairy and stalked glands.

**Inflorescence:** In racemes, axillary to leaf-like bracts

Flowers: Bright yellow, bell-shaped, to 2 inches long; 5 petals, 5 toothed sepals with stalked glands; 2 long and 2 short stamens.

**Fruit:** A dry capsule, app. ½ inch long, filled with tiny black seeds

**Flowering time:** Late spring to fall

**Habitat:** Dry woods and scrub

**Distribution:** Widely scattered in central and north Florida, and throughout the coastal plain

**Light:** Moderate to Full sun

**Soil:** Sandy and well-drained

**Water:** Only until established

**Propagation:** by seed

**Maintenance:** Remove spent plants.

**Availability:** Because of its parasitic nature it may not be available commercially because government agencies consider all parasitic plants to be pathogens.

**Comments:** False Foxglove is not harmful to oaks, as the two often grow side by side. The entire plant except the flower is sticky to touch. Its name *Aureolaria* refers to its "golden color."

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**October 25**

Please send articles and original artwork for The Suncoast Grapevine to the editor, George Kish, 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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