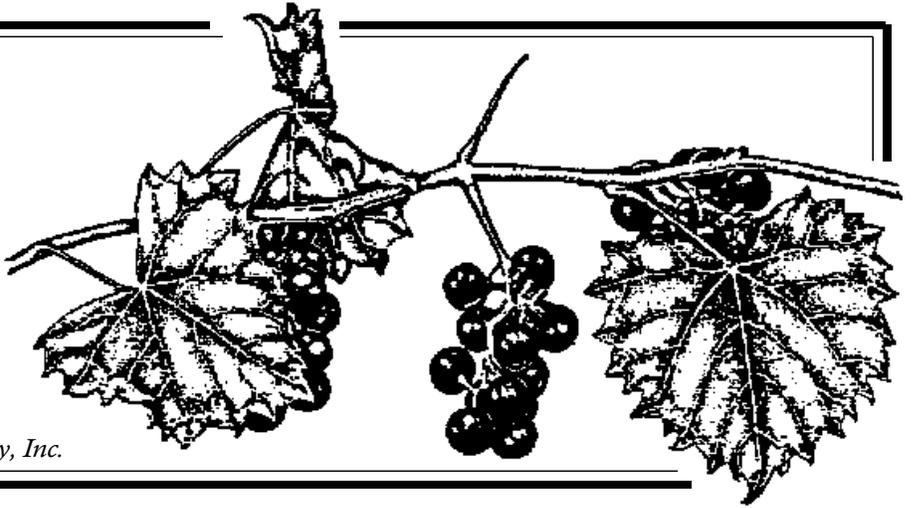


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The Art of Nature Photography:

With an emphasis on creative flower photography
in the field and garden

Presented by Donna Bollenbach

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014 @ 7PM
Hillsborough County Extension Office**

Local nature photographer, author and SNPS member, Donna Bollenbach, will teach you creative techniques to improve your outdoor photography. Learn to see line, shape, form, texture and pattern in nature, and to include them in your images.

Find out why light is the single most important element to taking extraordinary images and learn the questions you should ask yourself before pressing the shutter to make sure your image reflects your vision. Whether you use a digital SLR with all the bells and whistles, or a point and shoot camera, local nature photographer and author, Donna Bollenbach, will teach you creative techniques to improve your outdoor photography. Creative nature photography begins by recognizing the art elements in nature and designing your image around them.

Donna started photographing the plants and animals so she could later identify them. "Nature photography was the key that opened the door to the natural world for me" she said, "What started out as a means of documenting species turned into a passion to capture unique and creative images of plants and animals." She became certified as a Florida Master Naturalist and her focus turned to using her images to promote environmental education and conservation. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Suncoast Chapter of the Native Plant Society and the Friends of Kissimmee Prairie State Park. Locally, the Tampa Bay Estuary Program, Bay Soundings, Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP), various state parks and a wildlife rehabilitation center have used her images in brochures and calendars. She has also taught nature photography workshops in conjunction with gallery shows in Weedon Island Preserve and Brooker Creek Preserve. Donna's articles on nature and photography have been published in magazines and on-line. In 2012, she published an e-book on "The Art of Nature Photography," which is available on Amazon.

Our meetings include light refreshments and a plant auction afterwards.

- submitted by Janet Bowers



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



2014 FNPS Annual Conference

The conference features wonderful speakers, field trips, and reasonable cost housing. This is your opportunity to explore the fantastic ecosystems of Southwest Florida with well known botanists, enjoy an evening at the Naples Botanical Garden, listen to well known speakers and meet them in person at the social events, and get to know the members and leaders of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Early registration discount ends April 13. Several members of SNPS have already registered - hope to see you there!

See details at www.fnps.org/conference

UPCOMING SPEAKERS-

May – Open Mic – members talk about
Plants, No Politics!

June – Lisa Roberts – Wildflowers

July –Joint meeting, SNPS hosting
At Nature’s Classroom

Aug – Juliet Ryneer – Conservation Project Update



Thanks for helping with the March meeting to -



Fred Mulholland, Cliff Brown for providing plants for the auction.

Donna Bollenbach for bringing the refreshments

Note from the Editor

I’ve covered a lot of miles in the past 2 weeks! I went through about 21 counties. My trip to Torreya was by way of my daughter’s house in Melrose, I cruised up 471 through the Richloam Wildlife Management Area, then up 301 through Citra and Hawthorne, wildflowers guiding me most of the way. From her house, I went up Route 100 through wilderness and small towns. The next weekend, I went south to my other daughter’s home. We took a trip to the nearby Mounts Botanical Garden and I wound my way home on 710 with a brief stop at Kissimmee Prairie to see what spring looks like there. I felt like I took a lot of the ‘roads less travelled’ and arrived back home with a better sense of Florida spring wildflowers.

Ditto to everything that Devon said - Torreya was great, the bunk beds looked like teen summer camp but we had a plant review every night before bed. The food was amazing, I watched Devon make Thai Chicken from scratch on her 2 burner camp stove, very impressive! I was also inspired by the Torreya park employees and volunteers. The campground restrooms were clean and well maintained. The effort and helpfulness of all the people we met was outstanding and added to the experience. Ranger Howard went above and beyond to make me feel welcome in the cabin when I arrived and the other campers were on their hike. He even handled Devon calling his boss when he showed up about 2 minutes late for the Gregory House tour. He led the tour and added many colorful stories along the way. First, we sat on the bench overlooking the river as he explained how the house built on the other side of the river at river level, came to be where it is today, 200 feet above the Apalachicola River. He gave us a taste of how life was back in the 1800’s when the river was the transportation highway. The campground host was quick to help us move tables and fire rings to where we had chosen to gather at the overlook. Customer happiness was definitely in their vocabulary, unlike many other consumer experiences I have had. The state parks that I have been to on native plant trips have been staffed by amazing, dedicated people who make me want to see more parks.

- Janet Bowers, Grapevine editor



IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT PLANTS!

The weather forecast said 90% rain but I wasn't listening. Besides, we had the cabin and yurt to sleep in. Everything would be fine I kept telling myself. All I knew was I was going to Torreya State Park for 4 nights come hell or high water, and that is exactly what the weather forecast was warning.



I arrived Thursday just before dark to find Carmel, Bunny and Shirley had already arrived and settled in. We wanted to get in a Friday morning hike before the rest of the group arrived. Friday morning it was clear others had already arrived as 13 intrepid souls gathered under very gloomy skies. Everyone was prepared for whatever came our way and as we set off on the Garden of Eden trail, it started to drizzle. The steady misting continued throughout our hike but everyone was in great shape (except Bob after he dislocated his finger).

It was obvious the afternoon hike to Aspalago Landing would have to be cancelled, so a half dozen of us huddled in the screened porch of the cabin and talked. By dinner it was still raining so we all moved to the CCC barracks in the center of the camp ground. Troy built one of his famous fires in the fireplace. Everyone brought a feast that was way more than we could consume, but we tried. Comfy couches, fire, friends and food. Life doesn't get much better.



At 6AM Saturday morning we ALL woke to a tremendous storm with thunder raining down. Several of the tent campers bee-lined it to the CCC barracks for coffee until daybreak. I pulled the covers over my head, but by 8AM it was all over. The skies were still gray but there was blue on the horizon so all 22 of us packed up and headed to Apalachicola to see the bogs and Pitcher plants. The rains were over and we were richly rewarded for enduring the storm. Another 3 stops to see more Pitcher plants, the Venus Fly Traps by the side of the road and a recently prescribed burn portion of Apalachicola and by 5PM we were all exhausted. Shirley had a gynormous pot of Chili waiting for us and dinner was another feast by the overlook of the river, 100+ feet below, with a gorgeous sunset.

Sunday morning, 26 of us gathered in the parking lot for our hike of Torreya, most people I had never met. Word had spread about our venture and as we introduced ourselves, it was apparent some half dozen chapters were represented. The 7 mile hike around the park was littered with blooming Red Buckeye, Dogwoods, Silverbells, Wild Comphrey and Wild Blue Phlox and the rolling trail took us through Pine Flatwoods and wet ravines. Our line strung out for miles as fast hikers raced for the end and the hard-core botanists examined every find. The campground was the gathering spot at the end of the day as we all chatted about our adventures. Dinner was "left-overs" night as we had been so well supplied on the previous evenings.

It occurred to me that camping in Torreya was more than just looking at plants. It's about relationships with old friends and new ones. It's about spending time with people with common interests, who aren't afraid to camp in bad weather, hike in the rain, dodge ticks or slog through snakey bogs looking for elusive plants. It's about plants but it's also about people who happen to be interested in plants!

Thanks to my wonderful cabin mates, Carmel, Bunny, Janet, Frank and Lucy. Thanks to Shirley for

corralling us into a cohesive group and arranging guides. Thanks to Troy for always keeping the fire going and to Donna and Bob for great cooking!



To all my old friends and new ones, see you on the next trip!

Devon Higginbotham



Botanical Gardens
presents the

2014 Spring Plant Festival



April 12 & 13

Saturday 10:00-4:00

Sunday 10:00-3:00

\$5 admission; children under 12 & USF

Botanical Garden members are admitted free.

Free Parking

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Sunday Beekeeping
Talk at Noon

Talks every hour on
Saturday

Organic Vegetable Gardening
Workshop, Saturday at 11:00

George Kish, author, talks about
“Native Plants in your Landscape”
Saturday at Noon

Find orchids, begonias, bonsai, cactus,
Crotons, butterfly plants, camellias, bamboo,
tropical fruit, citrus, gingers,
Plumeria, palms, bromeliads, carnivorous plants, African
violets, native plants, herbs, ferns, & lots more.

New Members in the Suncoast Chapter



Debbie Butts has been doing a great job of welcoming new members to our chapter. We also have had an increase of new faces on Meetup fieldtrips. It is always fun to bring new people into the mix, our future depends on a constant flow of new ideas.

Here are a few of our recent new members-

Luanna Prevost - assistant USF professor who joined us on a fieldtrip

Anna Parsons - retired USF professor

‘Very excited to come meet you! Our family moved to Florida from Chicago in 1989 and although I studied the botany of the Great Lakes for years, I still know very little about Florida.’

Linda Steele-Green - retired pediatrician

‘I am a retired pediatrician from Missouri. I practiced for 24 year in Wentzville, MO and have lived in Plant City for 5 years and am learning about Florida plants, especially natives which will grow in my yard. My husband is all for minimizing turf....less mowing. My undergrad major was zoology at Mizzou, med school at University of Kansas, residency at Children's Mercy in Kansas City. I love geology and bird study too! ’

Sandra Janzen - retired from health care

‘I am interested in learning about native plants to add to my landscape at my home here in Florida. I love being outdoors and would like to help with community projects with the group. I am a bit of a novice in terms of native plants for Florida, but feel that using native plants is very needed for the Florida environment and want to be involved with projects during the time I will spend in Florida. I grew up on a farm in southern Minnesota years ago - but the grain farming today is done by my brother! Obviously the need to work with the soil has never left! ’

Mindy & Allen Williams

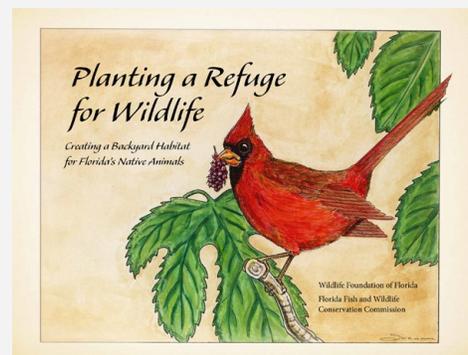
Chuck White & Autumn Schwab

Paul Thurman



We also appreciate all the Member Renewals
Thanks for your continuing support!

At the April Board of Directors’ meeting, it was agreed that new members would get a free copy of the Florida Fish and Wildlife/ Wildlife Foundation of Florida 36 page booklet - *Planting a Refuge for Wildlife*. This is an updated and reprinted version of the old booklet. Our goal is to be the fourth largest FNPS Chapter, currently we have 129 members and are the seventh largest chapter. We will also be selling this booklet for \$5.



The Garden of Eden

The last time I visited Torreya State Park it was the dead of the winter in 2010. It was cold, really cold. The mornings temperatures were in the teens and when I came out of the tent there were icicles on the water spout. But, as everyone knows, if you don't like the weather in Florida just wait a few hours and its bound to change. By mid-morning the temperatures reached the low 70s and were perfect for hiking.

Fast forward to 2014. Bob and I were hoping to return to Torreya in the Spring, but hadn't made it yet, so we were pleased when SNPS choose to do the spring camp out there. We were especially interested in hiking the Garden of Eden trail in the Apalachicola Bluffs and Ravines Preserve, which was scheduled for Friday. As the weekend got closer, the forecast was for lots of rain. We knew we wouldn't bail, but we were not so sure what others would do. Our concerns were answered when we arrived at the trailhead. About 13 people from at least four FNPS chapters (Suncoast, Magnolia, Sparkleberry and Sweetbay) were waiting. They were dressed for the weather; waterproof boots, brightly colored rain ponchos and wide brim hats. Best of all, our fearless, energetic and highly knowledgeable leader, Scott Davis, was there to guide us.



If you think Florida is flat, this trail will prove you wrong. This 3.75-mile round-trip trail starts in the longleaf pine/wiregrass uplands, then skirts the top of a dramatic steephead ravine before descending steeply through a slope forest. After crossing a seepage stream, it climbs back through the slope forest to the sandhills. Midpoint in the

trail is Alum Bluff where the views of the Apalachicola River are breathtaking. At 135 feet above the Apalachicola River, Alum Bluff is the largest natural geological exposure in Florida!



Members of the Suncoast chapter were especially enchanted by the vegetation in the Garden of Eden, as much of it is absent or rare in central Florida. Scott not only named the plants, but pointed out the unique characteristics and smells of each one. The Beech wood trees with their smooth bark and deeply ridged lime green leaves were plentiful. There were also lots of Wild Olive with dark green elongated leaves and white flower clusters.



The beautiful white Silverbells were in bloom near the seepage stream and the dogwood blooms dotted the forest. The entire group was fascinated by the bear-corn or squawroot, a squat yellow stalk that looks like dried up corn protruding out of the ground. My favorite was the Florida Anise with its alluring crimson red flower and a licorice smell to the crushed leaves.



Amazingly, the rain held back for the entire hike, amounting to no more than a steady drizzle.

It was a perfect day in the Garden of Eden, at least until Bob slipped and dislocated his finger. Bob and I had to make a detour to Blountsville before heading to the campsite. Just as we reached the hospital the clouds burst open and it poured. But, inside the emergency room we were greeted with a sunny southern hospitality that made everything better again.

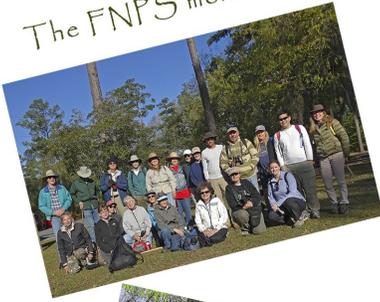


-submitted by Donna Bollenbach

The Torreya Trail

March 30, 2014

The FNPS members



The Gregory plantation



The slope forest/trillium



The wooden bridge/
Water's violet



The stone bridge/
leatherwood



The pine uplands/rockrose



Lookout over bluffs and ravines



The wall of bluffs/trail descending



The floodplain at bottom/
butterweed



The floodplain from upper rim/
buckeye

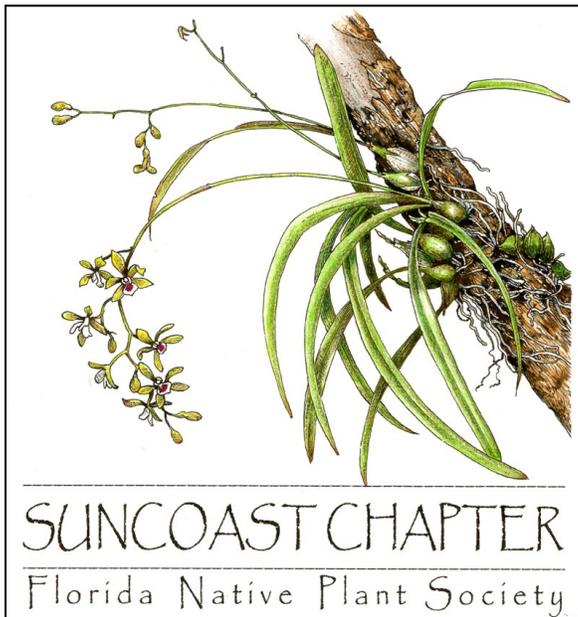


Bob & Donna

Submitted by Donna Bollenbach

On the last day of our camping trip to Torreya State Park, SNPS members joined 14 other FNPS members to hike the Torreya Trail. Twenty-two people representing 5 different chapters gathered at the picnic area and set off for the Gregory house to start our walk. Our designated leader was Annie Schmidt from the Magnolia chapter (and 3 other chapters).

We descended into the slope forest and saw flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), red buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*), leatherwood (*Dircus palustris*) and American holly (*Ilex opaca*). On the forest floor, especially near the streams, we see trilliums (*Trillium spp.*) and violets, including the less common Walter's viola (*Viola walterii*) with its variegated leaves. This is also one of the few places in Florida to see Wild Comfrey (*Cynoglossum virginianum*), which we saw in abundance. (continued on page 10)



New SNPS Logo

Elizabeth Smith submitted 3 great logo choices at the board's request and the members chose the *Encyclia tampensis* as the winner. I can't wait to see some T-shirts with this design!

Need a Speaker?

Need a speaker for your civic group, gardening club or homeowner's association? The Suncoast Native Plant Society has speakers with a wide range of knowledge, eager to speak about the virtues of native plants. Contact Devon Higginbotham (archiveproperties@gmail.com) or one of the board members to see how we can customize a talk to fit your needs.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

For those of you who always told your children, "Nothing good happens after midnight", that is about to change. At midnight on April 11th, all FNPS members will receive an email from Survey Monkey requesting they vote on the Proposed FNPS Bylaw Revisions. The FNPS board has approved the revisions and now it will be your job to vote.

The voting period will be April 12 – 19 but don't wait until the last day. The changes will stream line the FNPS board to approximately 20 members so we can better address the issues we face today. The proposed by-laws also enable us to set up the Council of Chapters so our Chapter Reps (like me) can meet and discuss goals, find great speakers and share ideas. If you have questions, check out the changes on the www.fnps.org website or ask a board member.

-Submitted by Devon Higginbotham

USF Garden Improvements Are Coming

Cliff Brown will be talking to Kim and Laurie at the USF Botanical Garden after the plant sale to get specifics on what we will do and where we will be doing it for the uplands native project. They are looking forward to extending the native walk north to the parking area of the Moffitt center.

We plan to have a SNPS sign and also remember Betty Wargo as part of this effort. Please let Cliff know if you are interested in this project.



Dates to remember



April 13 Conference Early registration discount ends
April 22 Earth Day - 'Make everyday Earth day'



April 19th Little Manatee River State Park

Where: Picnic area parking lot

When : 9AM

From the park entrance, drive straight in to the entry station. (Entry fee is \$5 per car). The picnic area will be in approximately 1.2 miles (second paved right). Meet in the parking lot. (There are restrooms)

The plan is to walk about 2 miles through scrub and scrubby flatwoods, without getting wet. Please bring hats, water, mosquito repellent, and douse unprotected skin with UVA/UVB sunscreen lotion. Lunch is optional. Check with other members for carpooling. Our leader will be Carmel vanHoek with Shirley Denton as the contact (986-6485).

2014 Field Trip schedule



Sunday May 11th –Alafia River –Knight Parcel -- Adjacent to Alderman's Ford County Park. An interesting site with nice trails through xeric hammocks with bridge crossing over the north prong of the Alafia River. The trail leads to relic phosphate mine site with interesting topography and plants. Timed to see *Sacoila lanceolata* var. *lanceolata* in bloom. Might see white flowered form of *Passiflora incarnata* in bloom too.

May 15th – 18th FNPS conference - check out FNPS.org for Conference info, the field trips look great, they include trips led by Roger Hammer and Walter Taylor and they range from Botanical gardens to swamp.

Sunday June 22st - Fish Hawk Preserve — Some trail time and some off-trail time to walk through habitats just south of the Alafia including sand hill, scrub, flatwoods and riparian forest of Fish Hawk Creek and the Alafia River. Maybe find Carolina coralbead in flower?

Saturday July 19th - For buying trip -- possibly Pine Lily nursery. The nursery is pleasant and has good variety. They are near Ona -- if timed to coincide with blooming butterfly orchids, finishing at Solomon's Castle is worthwhile -- they have a small restaurant that is unique and reasonably good, and there are many butterfly orchids in the live oaks. Confirmation of location is coming soon.

Saturday August 23rd – TBA – Possible night hike?

Saturday Sept. 20th – Balm Scrub Preserve, Balm - Scrub and flatwoods and scrubby flatwoods, great place to see fall wild flowers.

Saturday October 18th – Ridge Manor Cypress Lakes -- A Hernando County environmental lands site -- Mark Hutchinson led a 2012 conference field trip there and will be our guide.

Sunday November 9th – Rhodine Scrub Preserve , Riverview – The scrub here is a little fire suppressed but it is habitat for the endemic Florida golden aster (thousands of them) which should be in flower. Earlier in November is usually best time to see the maximum number in flower.

Hernando Chapter Meeting

The May 5th meeting of the Hernando Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will feature George Kish speaking about his recently release book co-authored with Richard Wunderlin - 'Native Florida Plants for Drought- and Salt-Tolerant Landscapes'. Gardening in the salty coastal, and dry inland of Florida can be quite challenging, but if you use native plants accustomed to these severe conditions, the payoff can be huge: your yard will become a beautiful, low-maintenance mecca for birds, butterflies and wildlife. Coastal and dry inland plantings must be tolerant of the alkaline, salty, xeric sands typical of these areas. Anyone living on the east or west coast of the Florida peninsula, or in a scrub or sandhill environment may benefit from George's extensive knowledge regarding plantings for these habitats. George Kish earned a B.S. in Biology from Drexel University, and an M.S. in Environmental Science from Rutgers University. Recently retired from the U.S. Geological Survey in Tampa, George currently teaches science courses at Polk State College and Saint Petersburg College. He is past President of the Suncoast Native Plant Society and a former Director-at-large of the state FNPS.

We will be meeting at 6:30 at Chinsegut Hill, 22495 Chinsegut Hill Road, Brooksville, FL 34601. For a map go to www.HCFNPS.org. Any questions should be directed to hcfnps@gmail.com.

-submitted by Mark Hutchinson



WORDS FROM THE WILDERNESS

Maintenance work is continuing at Flatwoods and Morris Bridge Wilderness Parks. Soon the executive board for Morris Bridge Park will convene to fine tune the management plan. The meet-ing is open to all members. Please contact Mary at limpkin1945@verizon.net for more information. Our Chapter's board will discuss the signage at the parks. The current signs need some TLC and revised SNPS contact information. A wish: Trout Creek Wilderness Park is in need of a self starter gardener. The park is in very good condition but requires some gentle pruning and weeding on a monthly basis. The garden is in an oak shaded location next to the restrooms and a stone's throw from the Hillsborough River. Thanks to Fred Mulholland and George Kish for plant donations to empower staff to remain gainfully employed.

-Submitted by Mike Fite

Robins Bellflower Survey Results

The March 2014 survey presented some interesting results. The Rare Plant Conservation staff led by Cheryl Peterson, surveyed the two Hernando County sites on the 19th and Hillsborough River State Park on the 20th.

Hernando site #1 is on private land that has been plowed under for homesites and is now extirpated

Hernando site #2 is on USDA land. In 2013, 8002 bellflowers were counted; this year there were 2376.

HRSP site #1 had 34 plants in 2013 and 82 plants this year.

HRSP site #2 had 193 plants in 2013 and increased to 956 this year.

HRSP site #3 had no plants for the past two years and doesn't look to be a viable site.

HRSP site #4 had 34 plants in 2013 and 38 this year.

From the data graphed out Cheryl Peterson says the HRSP populations are important to the survival of the species. In 2008, Hillsborough River State Park held 0.2% of the species; this year it holds over 70%!

-Submitted by Carmel vanHoek

Torreya Trail - Continued from page 7



As we walk the gentle slopes of the forest, Shirley (Denton) points out the old Confederate gun pits and gives us a short history lesson of the role of the region in the Civil War. We walk a somewhat level path through the lower reaches of the slope forest, eventually reaching the scenic stone bridge where we stop for lunch. The stone bridge was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s and is a highlight of the trail. The area around the bridge has numerous Florida Yew plants (*Taxus floridana*), in the same family as the Torreya tree, and also endangered.

Following the upland pine forest, the trail crosses the park road as we get to one of the most unusual features of the park, the ravines and bluffs. The bluffs are high red clay colored cliffs that formed as a result of erosion along a riverine community. They remind one of a miniature canyon. Small trees cling to the edges of the steep cliffs. Large trees lying prostrate in the steep ravines are evidence of the continuing erosion. Down in the floodplain, large patches of blue phlox and yellow butterweed (*Packera glabella*) are everywhere.

As we continue on, we comment to each other that the people who led the hikes, Scott Davis, Annie Schmidt and Ann Johnson must love their jobs and be dedicated to the native plant society to take the whole weekend volunteering their time and knowledge to educate others in essentially what they do all week. We are thankful to Shirley Denton for organizing these great hikes and leaders, and for Devon Higginbotham for initiating the camping trip. In our short time as members of SNPS we have went on more fantastic hikes, shared some great meals, made wonderful friends and felt unequivocally welcomed by all.

So, where are we going next?

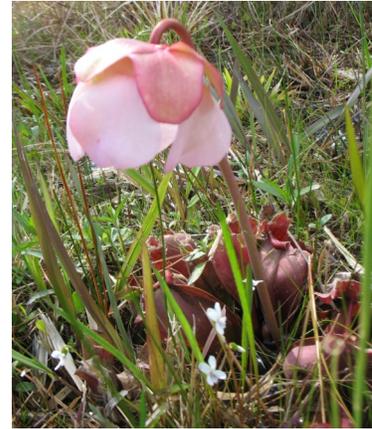
-submitted by Donna Bollenbach

Places to see Natives - Sumatra Bogs

Thanks to Devon for the plant list, there were more than what is listed below, checkout Meetup for more pictures!

Red buckeye
 Bearded grass orchid
 Sunbonnet or Pineland daisy
 Sweet pepper bush
 Titi
 Dogwood tree
 Sundews
 Tracey's sundew
 Sand weed
 Gallberry
 Large gallberry
 Spider lilies
 White lobelia
 Golden crest
 Club moss
 Royal fern
 Red bay
 Swamp Bay
 Blue butterwort
 Yellow butterwort
 Grassleaf golden aster
 Pale meadowbeauty
 Yellow pitcher plant
 White-top pitcher plant
 Gulf purple pitcher plant
 Butterweed
 Purple bladderwort
 Darrow's blueberry
 Shiny blueberry
 Violet with palm shaped leaf
 Primrose violet
 Crow poison

Aesculus pavia
Calopogon barbatus
Chaptalia tomentosa
Clethra alnifolia
Cliftonia monophylla
Cornus florida
Drosera spp.
Drosera traceyii
Hypericum fasciculatum
Ilex cassine var. myrtifolia
Ilex coriacea
Lillium balsamii
Lobelia paludosa
Lophiola americana
Lycopodium sp.
Osmunda regalis
Persea borbonia
Persea palustris
Pinguicula ionantha
Pinguicula lutea
Pityopsis oligantha
Rhexia marianna
Sarracenia flava
Sarracenia lucophylla
Sarracenia rosea
Senecio glabellus
Utricularia purpurea
Vaccinium darrowii
Vaccinium myrsinites
Viola palmatta
Viola primulifolia
Zigadenus glaberrimus



Sarracenia rosea



Zigadenus glaberrimus

We met at the Hosford public library and set off towards Sumatra. Many of the pitcher plants can be seen from the road. We could also see the crow poison plumes waving in the breeze as we drove. We saw Venus flytraps at one location, while not native to Florida, they are fascinating. They are only about an inch long.
 -submitted by Janet Bowers

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 SNPS also entitles you to membership privileges in the Suncoast Native Plant Society and a subscription to their monthly newsletter *The Suncoast Grapevine*. Contact the membership chair, Shirley Denton, at 986-6485.

New Member Renewal

Name _____

Business name or organization _____

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Check pertinent category:

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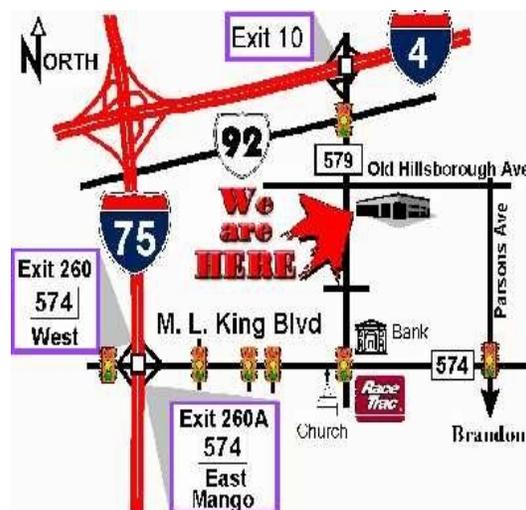
Take I-4 to Exit 10 (just east of I-75). Go south for two blocks. The office is at the corner of Old Hillsborough Road and County Road 579.

Meeting Location

The Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month @ 7pm @ the Hillsborough County Extension Service office in Seffner.

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