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Practices for Sustainable Living In Florida

By Brian Marc Schatz

For many years Brian Marc Schatz, of Schatz Landscaping, has had a compelling interest in finding ways to mitigate the impact of human activity on our sensitive environment. He has sought to achieve this primarily through landscaping, but has increasingly studied methods within the home of conserving our precious resources. At our July 17th meeting he will share with us his recommendations for greater sustainability indoors and out.

Brian studied Life Sciences at the University of South Florida, where he earned his baccalaureate degree. He has been involved in the "green industry" for 25 years in a wide variety of roles: designer, consultant, installer, and manager, to name a few. His overriding goal is to become a better steward of the land and to help others do the same. He has taught landscaping methods to classes in the Lifetime Learning program at the University of South Florida and at Baywinds.

-- Contributed by Harriett Wright

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Message from the Chair

I recently attended a performance at the USF SummerPlay program, a drama project for young students. The students wrote and performed a series of skits, dance, and music. The closing skit involved a corporation wanting to build on land where a several hundred year old tree was growing. Activists protested the destruction of the old tree and a native American addressed the press about being stewards of the sky, earth, plants, and animals. The efforts of the activists saved the tree, the corporation built their facility at a different site, and everyone lived in harmony.

What struck me most was the passion for the environment displayed by the students who wrote and performed the skit. In my opinion, their enthusiasm shows how important the preservation of our natural environment is to these students, even at such a young age.

This performance was a good reminder that our Society needs to continue to reach out broadly to educate people about the importance of preserving, conserving, and restoring the native plants and the native plant communities of Florida. I invite you to come forward and suggest or participate in outreach activities to promote the mission of our Society.

George Kish

Programs for Suncoast Chapter Meetings in 2002

By Harriett Wright and Dick Wunderlin

Jul 17 Project GreenHouse – Sustainable Living in Florida by Brian Marc Schatz

Aug 21 Project Planning Using Natural Landscaping by David Connor

Sep 18 Plant Communities in Florida by Bobby Hattaway

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

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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New Member

Renewal

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Individual \$25

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corporate \$100

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Make check payable to **FNPS**.

Suncoast Calendar

Jul 17, 7 p.m. Project GreenHouse – Practices for Sustainable Living in Florida by Brian Marc Schatz. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the USF Westside Conference Center.

Jul 20 Landscaper and Bromeliad grower, Tom Wolfe, talks about Bromeliads in the Landscape at the USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Jul 24 All About Oncidium Orchids with Ryan K from Live Oak Orchids at the USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Jul 27 Horticultural Therapy with Brenda Hanson, USF Botanical Garden Herb and Scent Garden curator and Horticultural Therapist. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Jul 27 Tropical Fruits and Food Expo at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, 811 S. Palm Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34236 Call 941-366-5731 for information.

Aug 2-3 Bromeliads at the USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Aug 7, 7:30 pm. Backyard Wildlife by Craig Heugel, Pinellas Chapter, FNPS, at the Sunstar/EMS building at 12490 Ulmerton Road, Largo. Call 727-544-7341.

August 13, 7 p.m. Florida's Hummingbirds by Kristin Wood. Learn through slides about the natural history of Florida's hummingbird species and how to attract them to your yard. Chinsegut Nature Center, Brooksville. Call 352-754-6722 for information.

Aug 17 Orchids: Repotting and Dividing with Ryan K from Live Oak Orchids at the USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Aug 21, 7 p.m. Project Planning Using Natural Landscaping by landscape designer, David Connor. Suncoast chapter monthly meeting at the USF Westside Conference Center

Aug 24 Plant Buying Trip to Environmental Equities. Call George Kish at 813-920-0853 for information.

Aug 24 Succulents by Robert Arias from Armenia Nursery, Central Florida Cactus and Succulent Society at the USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Aug 31-Sep 1 8th Annual Cactus and Succulent Society Sale, Show, and Auction at the USF Botanical Garden. Call 813-974-2329 for information.

Sep 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.

Hillsborough County Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Call 813-744-5519 x146 for information about locations or visit their website: hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/calendar.htm. Upcoming clinics:

July 17 Relax the Body, Calm the Mind
July 27 Rain Barrel and Water Wise Workshops

Note: Events in bold are presented by the SNPS.

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council 17th Annual Symposium

September 17-19, 2002, Kenilworth Lodge
Sebring, Florida

Join the FEPPC at the Kenilworth Lodge in historic Sebring, the heart of the Lake and Grove region of Central Florida.

Program Schedule

September 17, a.m. & p.m. – FIELD TRIP DAY, Training/Testing Natural Areas Weed Mgmt. **IMPORTANT:** Space is limited. You **MUST** contact Jim Duquesnel to sign up for the training/testing for Natural Areas Weed Management (herbicide applicators license): james.g.duquesnel@dep.state.fl.us or 1-305-451-1202.

September 17, p.m. – Board meeting, Committee and Work Groups meetings, and Welcome Reception (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.).

September 18, a.m. & p.m. – General sessions, papers and posters, vendor displays, including **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** Craig J. Regelbrugge, Senior Director of Government Relations, American Nursery and Landscape Association, Washington, D.C. "National perspectives on the horticulture industry and invasive pest problems."

September 18, p.m. – Annual Banquet and encore performance by the "Pith Penetrators"

September 19, a.m. & early p.m. – Annual business meeting, general sessions, door prizes (!)

For information on Program content, contact Randall Stocker: aqplants@mail.ifas.ufl.edu.

For registration information, contact Kristina Serbesoff-King: kserbes@sfwmd.gov

Pre-registration deadline: **AUGUST 16, 2002**
Conference registration: \$65.00 by August 16 postmark, \$75.00 after August 16.

For information, visit the web site:

www.fleppc.org/2002agenda.htm.

Welcome New and Renewing Members

New	Katherine Abbey Rusty Reeder
Renewing	Hugh and Cora Harless Mary Lou Peterson Barb Bailey Richard Gross Jo Johnston Marilyn Lewis Teresa Nesman

Volunteer Needed for Education Chair

The Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer to fill the Education Chair. The duties of the Education Chair are to coordinate and participate in educational activities, to advise the Board about educational opportunities, and to promote the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society through educational activities.

If you are interested in the Education Chair position, please contact a Board member (telephone numbers are on page 6).



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, primarily through education.

PLANT PROFILE

Common name: Pineland

Heliotrope

Botanical name: *Heliotropium polyphyllum* Lehmann

Family: Boraginaceae (Borage)

Type of plant: Partly erect to prostrate perennial.

Size: 6 inches (h) by 16 inches (w).

Leaves: Alternate, entire, narrow, oblanceolate, sessile or nearly so, lower surfaces densely pubescent.

Flower: White or yellow, curved, usually paired in spikes, calyx and corolla 5-lobed. drooping, showy spikes up to 6 inches long.

Flowering time: All year, except in north Florida.

Habitat/distribution: Sandy coasts, prairies, flatwoods, and rocky pinelands; zones 8-11.

Landscape use: Ground cover.

Cultivation:

Soil: Sandy to loamy.

Light: Full sun.

Water: Dry to moist.

Propagation: By cuttings.

Availability: Some native plant nurseries.

Comments: May freeze back to ground in winter, but grows back quickly; can slowly form large patches from root suckers.

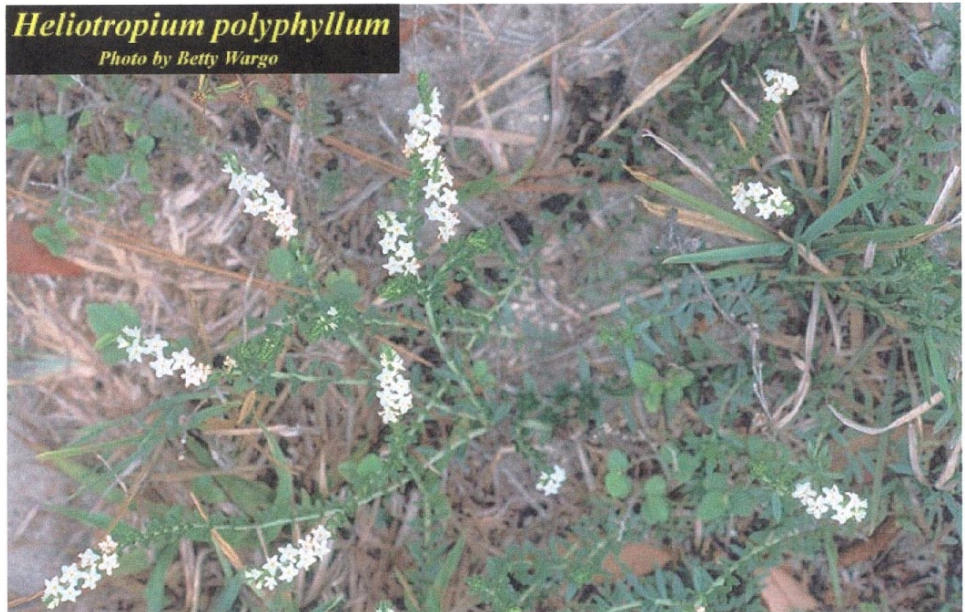
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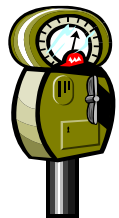
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USF Parking Permit Required for Chapter Meetings

Parking permits are required - USF security is enforcing parking rules. Parking permits are \$2.00 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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July 25

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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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Any correspondence sent to this address will be forwarded to the appropriate officer or committee member.

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