

# The Suncoast Grapevine

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## February 19 Meeting (at the new Learning Gate Charter School)

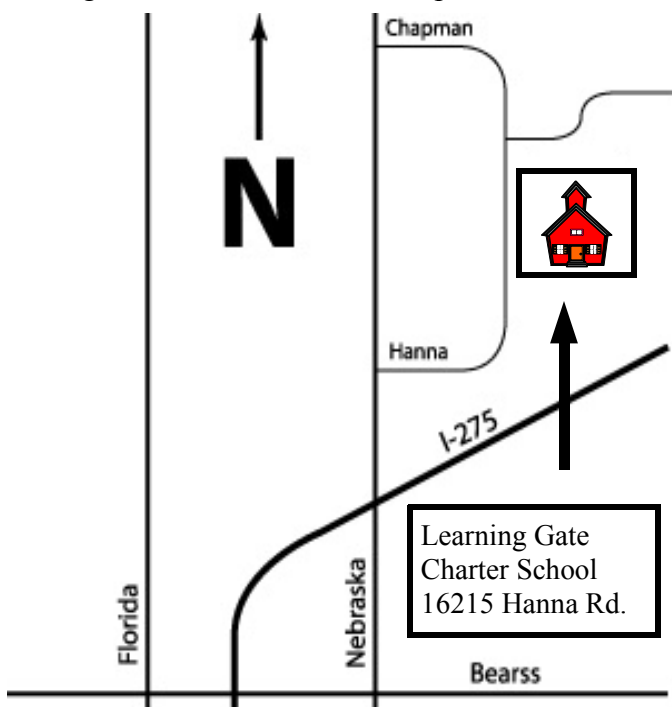
### CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

By Loran C. Anderson

In the usual scheme of things, plants are preyed upon by animals, large and small, and contrive to protect themselves as well as they can. One group of plants, however, has turned the tables on the animal world and taken the role of predator instead of prey. This group, the carnivorous plants, found throughout the world and well represented in Florida, will be the subject of

Dr. Anderson's lecture and slide presentation. After earning B.S. and M.S. degrees at Utah State University, Dr. Anderson went on to Claremont Graduate University in California where, with ancillary work at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, he received his Ph.D. in 1962. He taught at Michigan State University and at Kansas State

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## Message from the President

I am pleased to welcome Shirley Brown and Carmel vanHoek to the newsletter team. Shirley prepares the calendar and Carmel prepares the plant profiles. They join Harriett Wright, who writes the program descriptions that appear on the first page of the newsletter and me, the editor.

If you are interested to see specific topics in the newsletter or if you would like to write an article, please let me know.

The recent freeze made a statement in my yard. My wild coffee, firebush, trailing porterweed, beach sunflower, tropical red salvia, and railroad vine called it quits, for now. However, part of the fun of living in Florida is watching nature take it's course and marveling at how the plants bounce back.

*George Kish*

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University before coming to Florida State University in 1974. His recent botanical research has been directed to intensive field study of the Florida panhandle flora, study of rare and endangered plants, and description of some new species previously unknown to science. He will retire from FSU this year after 40 years of teaching botany.

## **FNPS Eco-Action Alert**

If you would like to be informed of calls for action on a wide variety of Florida and national environmentally sensitive subjects, consider subscribing to the Eco-Action Alert List. Individuals act on their own, NOT in the name of FNPS. If you would like to subscribe to the Eco-Action Alert, please send an email to [info@fnps.org](mailto:info@fnps.org).

## **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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# Suncoast Calendar

**Feb 19 Regular Meeting of Suncoast Chapter at the Learning Gate Charter School, 16215 Hanna Road in Lutz. 7:00 PM.**

**Feb 19 - Mar 25** Jeff Ripple, Photographer "Fakahatchee Natural and Cultural Landscapes," on display at Selby Gardens in Sarasota; Fee; 941-366-5731, ext. 221.

**Feb 21** Tree and Landscape Short Course at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Contact the Hillsborough County Extension Service at 813-744-5519, x104.

**Feb 21-22** Tampa Spring Expo at the Florida State Fairgrounds. Call 813-655-1914 for information.

**Feb 28** noon until 7 pm. & **Mar 1** from 10 am until 5pm, Tampa African Violet Society show & sale, Farm Bureau, 100 South Mulrennan Road, Valrico. Call 813-251-1581 for information.

**Mar 1, 2, 7-9, 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30**, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. First Annual Spring Fling at the Lowry Park Zoo; featuring lights, plants, flowers, gardens, animals, etc.; \$10.50 adults; \$8.50 age 3-11; 935-8552.

**Mar 2-10** FNPS Costa Rica Exploration. For more information, visit website: [www.fnps.org/stored\\_web\\_pages/2003fnpscr302.pdf](http://www.fnps.org/stored_web_pages/2003fnpscr302.pdf).

**Mar 11** Using Turtles as a Vehicle for Environmental Education: Uniting Biologists and Educators, Oak Hall, Environmental Studies Area, 2900-31st Street S, St. Petersburg 727-893-7326; sponsored by Friends of Boyd Hill Nature Park.

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**Mar 22-30** Show us your Bloomers: a tour of notable public and private gardens in Central Florida; sponsored by Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, Internet site: [florida-agriculture.com/\(go here first then type in\)bloomers/index.htm](http://florida-agriculture.com/(go%20here%20first%20then%20type%20in)bloomers/index.htm).

**April 5-6** The Herpetology Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Gainesville, FL 352-392-1721 or [flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/herpetology/afhc.htm](http://flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/herpetology/afhc.htm).

**Apr 13-18** Everglades Restoration Conference at the Westin Innesbrook in Palm Harbor. Call 352-392-5930 or visit [conference.ifas.ufl.edu](http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu) for information.

**Apr 19 - Jun 2** Epcot International Flower and Garden Festival; FNGA has a 1500 sq.ft. outdoor display that you may want to see.

**May 8-11** 23rd Annual Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society. Theme: SYMBIOSIS; THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS, Hosted by the Coccoloba Chapter.

**Hillsborough County Master Gardener Plant Clinics**. 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:

**Feb 18** Landscape Pitfalls 7:00 pm

**Feb 20** Orchids 10:00 am.

**Mar 4** Organic Gardening 7:00 pm (our own Ardell O'Neal, presenter)

**Mar 8** Compost Happens 9:00 am

**Mar 10** Florida Friendly Landscape 7:30 pm

**Mar 11** Poisonous Plants 7:00 pm

**Mar 11** Butterfly Gardening 7:00 pm

**Mar 13** Perennials 10 am

**Mar 13** Lawn Care 10 am

**Mar 15** Rain Barrel/Water Wise 9 am-12 noon

**Mar 15** Ponds 10 am

**Mar 18** Vegetable Gardening 7 pm

**Mar 10** Poisonous Plants 10 am

**Pinellas Chapter, FNPS Programs** held at Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail, Clearwater at 7:30 pm; call 727-544-7341 for information.

**Mar 5** Rare Plants of Central Florida

**Apr 2** Butterflies

**USF Botanical Gardens Workshops**. Fee and pre-registration required; 813-974-2329 to sign up.

**Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Apr 5**, Art in the Garden Illustration Class

**Feb 8, 15, 22 and Mar 1, 8, 15** Orchid Workshop

**Mar 7-8** 2nd Annual Begonia Bonanza

**Apr 12-13** 15th Annual Spring Plant Festival

**Calendar prepared by Shirley Brown**

## Welcome New and Renewing Members

**New :** Lesley Friedsam  
Isabelle Tassi

**Renewing:** Robert & Irene Keim  
Ken Albritton  
Amee Bailey  
Lorraine Schulte Barry  
Debbie Butts  
Kim Friedland  
Mary James  
Rita & James Lassiter  
Ann Nord  
Becky Sanguedolce  
Mariella Smith  
Joseph Sumner  
Richard & Tretta Wunderlin

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

## Suncoast Chapter Program for 2003

By Harriett Wright

**Feb 19** Carnivorous Plants by Loran Anderson

**Mar 19** Tampa Bay Land Conservation Issues by William Lorenzen

**Apr 16** Using Native Plants in Landscapes by Richard Baily

**May 21** TBA

**Jun 18** Florida's Forests by Alan Mayberry

**Jul 16** The History and Ecology of the Hillsborough River by Joe Murphy (combined meeting with Sierra Club and Florida Audubon)

**Aug 20** Florida's Black Bears by Syd Taylor

**Sep 17** Making Wet Spots Look Good by Craig Watson

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

**Nov 19** TBA



## Horticulture B.S. Program in Plant City

In January 2002, the University of Florida established an academic program in Environmental Horticulture on the Plant City campus of

Hillsborough Community College (HCC). The Department of Environmental Horticulture at the University of Florida (UF) offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape and Nursery Management. The Department of Environmental Horticulture focuses on the art and science of breeding, propagating, installing, and maintaining plants that are used to enhance and improve the human environment.

Some of the courses planned through the UF program at Plant City are:

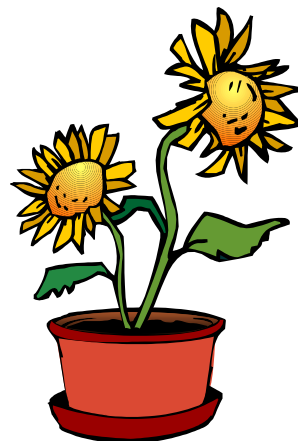
Summer 2003  
Introductory Nursery Management

Fall 2003  
Environmental Plant ID and Use  
Landscape and Turfgrass Management  
Introduction to Agricultural Finance

Spring 2004  
Greenhouse and Nursery Crop Culture  
Plant Propagation and Lab

Future course may include:  
Annual and Perennial Gardening  
Annual and Perennial Gardening Lab  
Arboriculture  
Diseases of Turf and Ornamentals  
Greenhouse and Nursery Crop Culture  
Landscape Plant Establishment  
Planting Design for Residences  
Planting Design Studio

If you are interested in this program and wish to pursue an undergraduate degree or just take a course or two, contact Lori Barber, Coordinator – Academic Support Services, at 813-707-7330 or Dr. Sudeep Vyapari, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Horticulture at 813-716-5344.



## PLANT PROFILE

**Common name:** Water  
pimpernel  
**Botanical name:** *Samolus*  
*ebracteatus* Kunth  
**Family:** Primulaceae  
(Primrose)

**Plant habit:** upright perennial  
herb  
**Size:** app. 15 inches tall  
**Leaves:** 1-5 inches,  
broadened upward, succulent,  
green often suffused with  
purple, arranged in a basal  
rosette

**Flower:** a raceme of white to  
pink 5- petalled flowers with 5  
stamens

**Fruit:** round capsule

**Flowering time:** winter to spring

**Habitat:** low pinelands and edges of salt marshes

**Hardiness zones:** cold hardy

**Soil:** lime loving

**Water:** moist till established

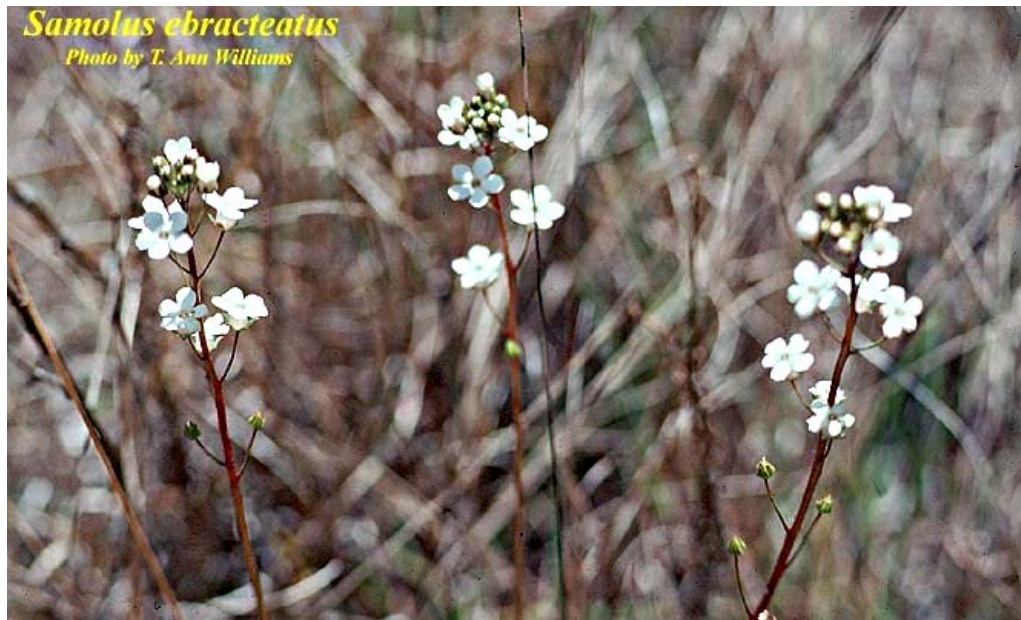
**Availability:** Some native plant nurseries

**Distribution:** N,C,S coastal counties of Florida into Texas

**Landscape use:** wildflower garden, pond edges

**Light:** Full sun to light shade

**Propagation:** By seed



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**Information compiled by Carmel vanHoek**

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