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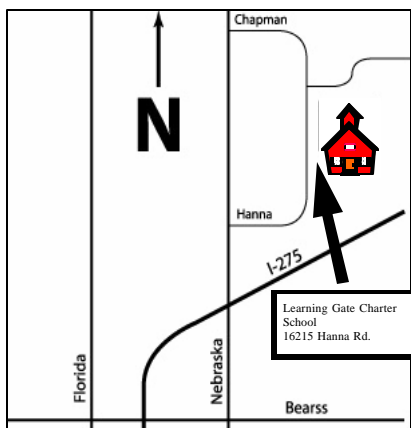
JANUARY 2005

**January 21 Meeting
(at the Learning Gate Charter School)**

COMMUNITY RADIO STATION WMNF GOES NATIVE

By Brian Marc Schatz

Brian Schatz, landscape designer and horticulturalist, loves WMNF Community Radio, 88.5 FM. He says that he so depends on its alternative music and its liberal culture that if it didn't exist he would move away! He is now showing his enthusiasm by donating his design services to landscape WMNF's new broadcast facility in Tampa. Just as WMNF provides alternative radio, Brian's plan is for an alternative landscape design. There will not be the usual turf grass and exotic plants set out in rows and shaped into pom-poms, poodles and hockey pucks. What there will be is a broad diversity of native plants scattered throughout the landscape. At our January meeting Brian will talk about the process of designing the native landscape at WMNF, and the integrated involvement with local chapters of the Florida Native Plant Society.



Brian landed his first garden center job at the age of fifteen. Since then he has held dozens of green industry jobs, rounding off his experience in the plant world while working his way through college at USF, where he studied the life sciences, art, and music. Through his landscape design and consulting business, Schatz Landscape Design, he creates, with the help of a design assistant and two field assistants, gardens of many types: native plant gardens, landscapes for custom homebuilders, landscape renovations, butterfly gardens, edible gardens, fragrant gardens, and gardens for play and entertainment with artfully designed hardscapes.

- - - Contributed by Harriett Wright

President's Message

Now that the elections are over, your new Board is as committed as ever to increasing our visibility to the public and to carrying out the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society. This year is the 25th anniversary of the FNPS, so the annual conference will be quite a celebration. Harriett Wright has assembled a great program for 2005 and Shirley Brown has improved the newsletter tremendously - two great starts to attracting attention to our chapter. Expect to see more and varied field trips and a sharp increase in outreach activities. With development pressures all around us, our chapter has a unique opportunity to educate folks about the role of native plant communities and habitats, the need to preserve and restore these communities to maintain healthy ecosystems, and the value of creating mini-habitats in our own back yards. It is a big challenge, but as we build momentum, folks will learn new ways to garden for the good of Florida's habitats. Please join with me to make a difference by volunteering for outreach activities, by participating in field trips and workshops, and by spreading the word about our Society. As we begin to fill the calendar with activities, please donate your time to the important education mission of the Florida Native Plant Society and make 2005 our best year ever!

George Kish .

Attention Committee Chairs!

Please bring your committee reports to the January 19th meeting or you can email them to Ameer Bailey at Aturtle2C@aol.com.

Welcome New and Renewing Members

NEW

Virginia Bodden of Tampa

REJOINED

Jeff Ryan/Sheila Gobes of Washington DC
Douglas & Mary Ann Stein of Lutz

RENEWED

Ken Albritton of Temple Terrace
Kim Friedland of Tampa
JoAnn Hoffman of Riverview
Mary James of Brandon
Fred & Barbara Mulholland of Tampa
Mariella Smith of Ruskin
Robert & Cindy Upcavage of Plant City

HAPPY? FRIENDLY? OUTGOING?

The Board of Directors needs you. We are looking for a volunteer who is a friendly outgoing person who can devote some time to head up the Membership Committee. Our enrollment has been decreasing steadily over the past months and years and we would like that to change. Please, Please call George Kish at 920-0853 and don't be shy!

Please, don't everyone volunteer at once!

MELALEUCA MULCH

Forestry Resources, Inc. (www.gomulch.com) will be supplying FloriMulch to **Albertson's** in 2005. Albertson's had a wonderful response from their customers to FloriMulch (100% non-cypress, melaleuca mulch). Albertson's is the only big-box store that has capitalized on this product. According to Forestry Resources, Inc., Lowe's, Kmart, Home Depot, and Wal-Mart declined to take the opportunity to carry this environmentally sensible product. The company is expecting to release a spring order to all Albertson's store locations within Florida the first of February. Your local Albertson's can place a special order for mulch at anytime. George Kish requested 20 bags last summer and his local Albertson's ordered a pallet.

Other locations for obtaining Melaleuca Mulch:

Cypress Creek Landscape Supply
12734 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa FL
813-933-7944

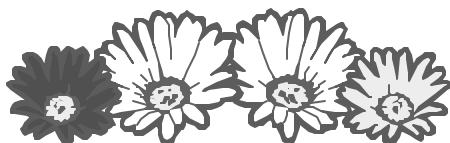
Hollies Farms & Garden
20545 County Line Road, Tampa FL 33549
813-949-6735

New Books

Dan Austin's Florida Ethnobotany book has been published by CRC Press. A deal was worked out between FNPS and the publisher for FNPS members to get a 35% discount on this book. The book is quite expensive (\$149.95), but with the discount, it is \$97.50 + tax; still not cheap. A mailing went out to all FNPS members using the FNPS mailing list last week with a promotion code to get the discount. The promotion code is KCC24XXX.

Plant Raffle Guidelines By Harriett Wright

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



Volunteers are needed

The weeds are beginning to take over again in the Native plant area of the front entrance bed at the USF Botanical Gardens. If you can spare a couple of hours, please get in touch with Kim Hutton at 974-2329.

A big THANK YOU goes to Mike Fite and Mel Brown for supporting me in this effort. Mike has also been taking care of the Scrub area southwest of the Butterfly garden—goodbye Skunk Vine. (At least for a little while.)

We need to meet regularly. Call Shirley Brown, 977-0454 or send an email to srbrown11@msn.com.

Suncoast Calendar

REGULAR MEETINGS OF SUNCOAST NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY at the Learning Gate Charter School, 16215 Hanna Road, in Lutz. 7 PM

FEB 16 MAR 16 APR 20

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

FEB 4—Permaculture by Ken Benway

FEB 7—Clearwater's Maple Swamp Field Trip

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

FEB 7—Native Gardening & Landscaping by Bruce Turley

FNPS PASCO CHAPTER: Meets monthly on second Tuesday; 7:30 pm at St. Marks Fellowship Hall, 7922 State Road 52, Hudson, FL

BOK TOWER in Bloom

Camellias—mid-December through mid-March

Azaleas—mid-February through mid-March

CHINSEGUT NATURE CENTER

(352)754-6722 or website: /floridaconservation.org/chinsegut/schedule.html

JAN 15—Air Potato Day. 10:00—12:00

JAN 22—Junior Birding Workshop 10:00—1:00

JAN 27—Chainsaw Workshop 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.

LOWRY PARK ZOO

(813) 935-8552, ext. 239. or

www.lowryparkzoo.com/events/home/

JAN 9—\$2.00 for the day from 9:30-5:00.

MASTER GARDENER PRGRAMS Call 813-744-5519 for details and locations or website:

hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/calendar.htm. .

JAN 11—Invasive Exotics, 10:00 am.

JAN 13—High Color/Low Maintenance 10:00 am.

JAN 13—Salvias 10:00 am.

JAN 18—Nine Steps to a Florida Yard 7:00 pm.

FEB 2—Wildflowers, 1:00 pm.

FEB 5—Invasive Plant Species Seminar 9:00 am

(Need to pre-register, 944-5519 X 144)

FEB 8—Butterfly Gardening 7:00 pm.

FEB 10—Butterflies 10:00 am

FEB 10—A Sense of Place (Zone 9) 10:00 am

FEB 14—Ferns 7:00 pm

ST. PETERSBURG AUDUBON Meets at Science Center, 7701 22nd Avenue North, St. Pete; Call 727-384-0027 or website, stpeteaudubon.org/main.htm

JAN 18—Everglades , Lake Okeechobee and Kissimmee River Restoration; 7:00 am;

SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS see website:

www.selby.org/or 941-366-5731.

JAN 8 through APR 3—The Flowering Amazon by Margaret Mee

SIERRA CLUB: meets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Mort Park Center, 1815 148th Ave. East, Tampa

JAN 12—**Protect Tampa Bay Series begins.** Crab Trap Removal Program

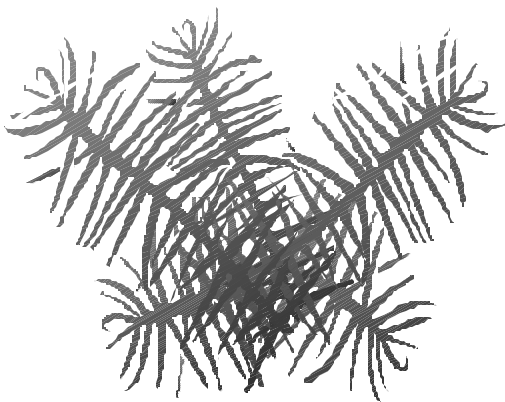
TAMPA AUDUBON SOCIETY meets at the Audubon Resource Center, Lettuce Lake Park, 3 pm

FEB 12—Florida's Bats

See www.tampaudubon.com/fieldtrips.htm for some wonderful bird outings or 948-8516.

USF BOTANICAL GARDEN 974-2329.

Volunteer orientation every Saturday morning.



PLANT PROFILE

Common name: Maidenhair Pineland Fern

Botanical name: *Anemia adiantifolia* (L.) Sw.

Synonyms: *Osmunda adiantifolia* L.; *Osmunda asplenifolia* Savigny; *Anemia asplenifolia* (Savigny) Sw.; *Anemia adiantifolia* var. *asplenifolia* (Savigny) Hooker & Greville

Family: Schizaeaceae

Plant Habit: Fern; erect with a creeping rhizome and partially dimorphic fronds.

Fronds: Fertile portion 17-85 cm tall by 7-35 cm wide; sterile portion to 60 cm tall

Habitat: Open, mostly rocky pinelands, dry hammocks with exposed limestone, rocky woods, limestone rocks, walls of sinkholes.

Distribution: Levy, Citrus, and Hernando Counties in central Florida and south of Lake Okeechobee; widespread in the West Indies, Mexico, and Central and northern South America.

Light: Partial to full shade

Soil: Alkaline

Propagation: Spores or possibly by rhizome cuttings.

Availability: Not available commercially.

Comments: A fairly hardy fern that should do well in our area



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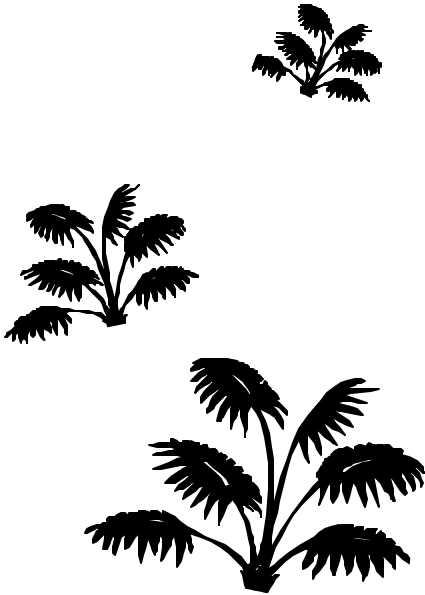
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Serena Park Native Trees Arboretum

The City of Temple Terrace is having a Florida Arbor Day celebration at Serena Park at 10 AM on Saturday, January 22, 2005 to unveil the Serena Park Native Trees Arboretum. We will need volunteers to answer questions about native trees and shrubs and to help visitors get started with native plants during the event.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting with details and a map. If you are not available to volunteer for the event, please attend the unveiling to see Temple Terrace's commitment to native plants.

. . . Submitted by George Kish



NEW MEETING PLACE UPDATE

The Meeting Location Committee has visited or investigated many locations in Hillsborough County. A recommendation will be made soon.

Watch the Grapevine for details.

Hillsborough County Managed Land Reviews by Suncoast FNPS Members

An important role of the newly formed FNPS Public Land Partners Committee is to serve on Managed Land Review (MLR) teams. Each MLR team is comprised of 8 individuals representing the Division of Recreation and Parks, the Division of Forestry, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the DEP, a private land manager, a member of the local soil and water conservation district, a member of the local community, and a member of a local conservation organization. FDEP has recently recognized FNPS as a local conservation organization for these reviews. The Florida DEP, Division of State Lands (DSL) coordinates each review; a description of the overall MLR process and copies of land management reviews are on the DEP website (<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/landmgmt/>).

The three Hillsborough County properties reviewed by Suncoast FNPS member in December were Balm Boyette Scrub (by Debbie Butts), Golden Aster Scrub (by Shirley Denton), and Little Manatee River State Park (by Daphne Lambright). For each property, MLR team members received a copy of the current management plan, participated in the on-site review, and contributed to developing recommendations for the managing agency. Recommendations are often diverse and can include improving property boundaries; controlling exotic plants and animals, improving burn return intervals, creating plant and animal species inventories, improving environmental/educational outreach, and monitoring ground and surface water quality. The reports for these three Hillsborough County land management reviews will be posted on the DEP web site.

There are approximately 15 other state managed properties throughout the state that will have reviews during 2005. Suncoast is only the first of several FNPS chapters to participate on the FDEP managed land review teams. For more information about the FNPS Public Land Partners committee objectives, contact Anne Cox, e-mail: annecox@bellsouth.net, For information about upcoming Hillsborough County MLRs, contact Daphne Lambright, e-mail dlambrig@biotechnical-services.com

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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, Bobby Hattaway: Plant Family Recognition Techniques for the Amateur.

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

July 20, Katie Sieving: Behavioral Facilitation by Titmice in Winter Flocks. Joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon.

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, John Tobe: Pitcherplants of Florida

November 16, Steve Farnsworth: Pseudonatives: Plants that are passed off as natives but aren't.

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.

New Member Renewal

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Meeting Location

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SNPS Web Address

www.fnps.org/chapters/suncoast

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