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The Suncoast Grapevine

Suncoast Chapter of Florida
Native Plant Society, Inc.

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Meeting October 19 7:00 pm

Keeping Natural Places Natural
By Steve Dickman

More and more of Florida's backwoods are being converted to backyards, bringing increasing challenges for Florida land managers. In his work with Hillsborough County Conservation Services, Steve Dickman has firsthand experience with many of the problems created as more and more private homesites infringe upon former wilderness areas. At our October meeting Steve will give us an idea of what this increasing presence entails: the thrills of prescribed burns, the gratification of exotic plant control, the interesting flora encountered in the field, and the delight of dealing with the public.

DIRECTIONS TO:

Hillsborough County Extension Service, 5339 County Road 579, Seffner.

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

Steve has served nine years with the Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department, Conservation Services section. This section manages nature preserves under the county's Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP).

Submitted by Harriett Wright

NATIVE DAY AT THE GARDEN

Saturday, October 29; 9 am—4 pm



Get your questions answered

Several growers with their plants for sale

Learn from professionals

Lectures at 10 am; 12 noon; and 2 pm

Call 813-974-2329 or visit www.cas.usf.edu/garden

SUNCOAST CHAPTER NEEDS YOU

The Suncoast Chapter of the FNPS needs volunteers to become members of the nominating committee or to volunteer for serving on the Board of Directors (BOD). The job of this committee would be to present as many candidates as possible to run for the BOD and to seek volunteers for refreshments chair, membership chair, field trips chair, and newsletter editor. The November 1st deadline is fast approaching; the names must be included in the Grapevine. Many on the BOD have served for several years. It is time for others to take over the helm. Please do your part and volunteer!!!! (or the club will not have a full functioning BOD.)

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO OUR ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

On October 28, 2005 your board of directors approved a resolution to amend our articles of incorporation in order to comply with the Internal Revenue Code. These amendments will allow us to apply for tax-exempt status.

This status will help us in several ways:

1. We will be exempt from Federal Income Tax, State Gross Receipts Tax and Sales Tax on purchases.
2. We will not be required to file Federal and State form 1120A.
3. We will be able to solicit contributions and those contributions will be tax deductible to the donor.

The amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be:

Suncoast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.

ARTICLE III—PURPOSE

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or hereafter amended. To this end, the corporation will gather information and educate the public through published materials, conferences, meetings, lectures, and liaisons with individuals and organizations about native plants and native plant communities of the State of Florida, and their preservation, conservation and restoration.

ARTICLE IV—EARNINGS

No part of net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director or officer of the corporation any member of the corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets of dissolution of the corporation.

ARTICLE V—DIRECTORS

There shall be, at least three (3) but not more than twenty-one (21) members elected to the Board of Directors by the membership at an annual meeting for the term of one year.

ARTICLE X—MEMBERS

The membership of the corporation is open to all persons, groups or business interested in the conservation, preservation and restoration of the native plant communities in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE XI—CONDUCT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The conduct of the affairs of the corporation will be by the Board of Directors and officers of the corporation in accordance with the limits as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corpo-

ration.

ARTICLE XII—INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify its directors and officers from all liability, claims, accounts, or dues incurred by them in the conduct of business of the corporation so long as said business was carried out by the officers and directors in good faith.

ARTICLE XIII—AMENDMENTS

These articles of incorporation may be amended by the adoption of a resolution of amendment as provided in Florida statute 617.1001, as amended, and filing the Articles of Amendment as required by Florida statute 617.1002, and 617.1006 (2003)

ARTICLE XIV—PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carried on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE XV—DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of the corporation, determine the recipient and dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the board of directors shall determine. If the board of directors shall fail to determine a recipient of the corporate assets, after payment of liabilities the same shall be distributed to the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc, a not for profit corporation, or if the Florida Native Plant Society does not exist or does not qualify under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to the State of Florida, Department of Natural Resources for the purposes of the protection of the environment.

The original Articles of Incorporation will be available for anyone who wishes to review them by calling George Kish, Pat Clouser or Shirley Brown. (see the back page of the Grapevine for their numbers)

Suncoast Calendar

REGULAR MEETINGS OF SUNCOAST

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY 7:00 PM

OCT 19 NOV 16 JAN 18

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

OCT 23—Field trip to Starkey Wilderness Park

NOV 2—Native Florida Orchids

FNPS HERNANDO CHAPTER: Meets first Monday of the month at county Extension service, 19490 Oliver St., Brooksville; 6:30 pm. Call 352-583-2384.

FNPS PASCO CHAPTER: Meets monthly on second Tuesday; 7:30 pm at St. Marks Fellowship Hall, 7922 State Road 52, Hudson, FL; 727-848-8000.

OCT 16—Field trip to Cypress Acres Nursery

TAMPA AUDUBON SOCIETY: Meets second Saturday, at the Audubon Resource Center at Lettuce Lake Park at 3 p.m. Website: smkroh@tecoenergy.com

OCT 15—A Nature Photographer's View: South Hillsborough Habitats & Wildlife

BOK TOWER www.boktower.org/whatsnew
Pinewood estate—now open for a small fee

OCT 15—Lake Blue Scrub Nature Walk:
9 am to 12 p.m. \$\$

OCT 1-DEC 1—North Woods & South Woods by Nancy Adams

BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

3940 Keystone Rd. Tarpon Springs; 727-453-6800

OCT 12—The Secret World of Bats 7:00 pm

OCT 15—Fire in your backyard 1:00 pm

CHINSEGUT NATURE CENTER

Meets 7:00 pm at Chinsegut Nature Center. Call 352-754-6722 or website: [/floridaconservation.org/chinsegut/schedule.html](http://floridaconservation.org/chinsegut/schedule.html)

NOV 5—Pioneer Day 9:00-4:00

NOV 10—Pine Needle Craft Class 10:00 am

LOWRY PARK ZOO

For information, (813) 935-8552, ext. 239. or visit the website: http://www.lowryparkzoo.com/html/l2/l2_calendar_events.html

OCT 8, 14, 15, 20 - 23, 27 - 31 —ZooBoo Spooky fun for all ages

NOV 5—Zoofari To purchase tickets contact (813) 935-8552 x.276. Eighty restaurants will be there for your grazing pleasure.

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAMS Call 813-744-5519 for details and locations or website: www.hillsborough.extension.ufl.edu/HomeHort.

OCT 10—Compost Happens; Rain Barrel; Water Wise 8:30; 9:30; 10:30 (Pre-register)

OCT 18—Propagation 7:30 pm

OCT 19—High Color; Low Maintenance 10:00 am

OCT 20—Tools for the Garden 7:00 pm

NOV 8—Ground Covers 7:00 pm

NOV 10—Water Wise 10:00 am

NOV 14—Shade Gardens 7:00 pm

SELBY BOTANICAL GARDENS see website: www.selby.org or phone 941-366-5731.

SIERRA CLUB OF TAMPA BAY: meets second Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at Gulf Ridge Council of the Boy Scout's headquarters, 13228 N. Central Ave. Tampa; For information: 813-253-3555 or 727-824-8813.

Sierra Club's South Hillsborough Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm, at Camp Bayou Outdoor Learning Center, 4202 24th St. SE, Ruskin. Call 813-645-4218.

USF BOTANICAL GARDEN 974-2329.

Volunteer orientation last Saturday morning of the month 10:00. Workshops require fee & registration. Website: www.cas.usf.edu/garden/calendar.htm.

OCT 29—Native Plant Day 10 am to 4 pm.

OCT 29—Ghouls in the Garden 4:00 to 7:00 pm

PLANT PROFILE

- **Common name:** Swamp Dogwood; Stiff Dogwood
- **Botanical name:** *Cornus foemina* Mill.
- **Synonyms:** *Cornus stricta* Lam.; *Swida stricta* (Lam.) Small
- **Family:** Cornaceae
- **Zone:** 6-9
- **Plant Habit:** Deciduous large shrub or multi-trunked tree; stems gray and twigs usually reddish
- **Habitat:** Wet hammocks and floodplain forests
- **Size:** 10-15 feet
- **Leaves:** Opposite, lance-shaped, 2-3 inches long, with a few short, straight, appressed trichomes on the lower surface
- **Bloom:** Flat-topped, branching cluster, 1-2 inches across, of four-petaled white flowers
- **Flowering time:** Spring
- **Fruit:** ¼-inch showy blue fruit in late summer
- **Distribution:** Delaware to central Florida and west to Texas
- **Growing conditions:** Prefers damp soil, but adaptable
- **Light:** Full sun to shade
- **Propagation:** Seed (difficult); cuttings
- **Motility:** May sucker
- **Maintenance:** Best if established while dormant
- **Availability:** Occasional at nurseries and native plant society sales
- **Comments:** Fruit quickly eaten by birds.



References:

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- Wunderlin, R.P. and B.F. Hansen. 2003. **Guide to Vascular Plants of Florida, Second Edition**. University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
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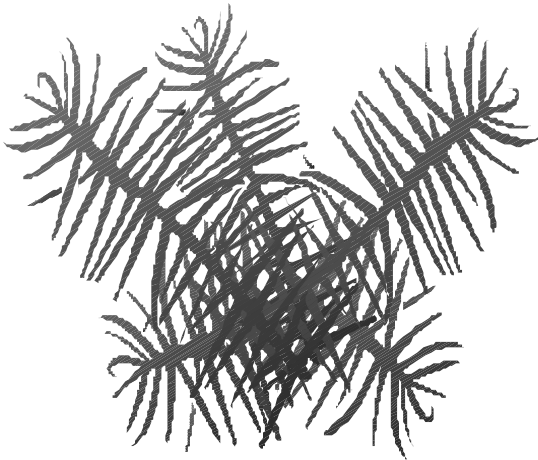
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Report on USFBG Workdays

Huge thanks go to Mike Fite who has been faithfully maintaining the entrance to the USF Botanical Gardens. He could still use some help to ease the number of hours he has spent weeding and pruning. Call Shirley Brown, 977-0454, if you can give a couple of hours.



Welcome Renewing Members

RENEWED

Katherine Abbey of Riverview
Margaret Belcher of Plant City
Joanne Kitchen of Tampa
Kevin Love of Brooksville
Margaret Mitchell of Tampa
Betty Wargo of Tampa
Bitha Wodrich of Odessa

Glossary

Need help identifying native plants? Here are a few more definitions to help you from the Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida by Richard P. Wunderlin

G

Gemmiparous. Producing small, vegetative buds that detach and grow into a new plant.

Glabrate. Nearly glabrous

Glabrous. Without trichomes (Hairlike growth) or glands

Gland. An area on the surface of an organ or end of the trichome which secretes or contains fluid.

Glaucous. Covered with a fine, waxy, whitish or bluish coating that rubs off easily.

Glomerate. In dense clusters or heads.

Glutinous. Covered with a sticky secretion.

Granular. With a surface appearing as if covered with minute grainlike particles.

H

Hastate. Shaped like an arrowhead.

Herbaceous. Lacking persistent woody parts.

Hirsute. Having coarse, stiff trichomes.

Hyaline. Thin and translucent or transparent.

I

Imbricate. Overlapping

Incised. Deeply, sharply, and irregularly cut.

Indumentum. The trichomes collectively.

Induplicate. With the margins folded or rolled inward.

Indurate. Hardened.

Inflated. Bladder-like.

Inflorescence. The arrangement of the flowers on an axis

Internode. The part of the stem between two nodes.

Involucre. A series of bracts surrounding a single or cluster of flowers.

K

Keel. A sharp or conspicuous, longitudinal, dorsal ridge; the two, often united, lower petals of a papilionaceous Fabaceae (Pea Family) flower.

(To be continued.)

A Big Thank You

Thanks to those who contributed Raffle plants at the last meeting,

Remember, you get a free plant before the raffle begins when you donate plants for the raffle.

(Please sign the donor sheet so that we can acknowledge you in the Grapevine. Thanks.)

Plant Raffle Guidelines

By Harriett Wright

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

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, William Lorenzen: Tampa Bay Conservancy Project.

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

July 20, Dr. Gregory A. Jones: Birds, Bugs, Sunflowers, and Sustainable Farming; Joint meeting with Sierra and Audubon clubs.

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, Steve Dickman: Keeping Natural Places Natural

November 16, Steve Farnesworth: 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

Name _____

Business name or organization _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

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Check pertinent category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit organization \$50 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Library subscription \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family or household \$30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$40 | |

Make check payable to **FNPS.**

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Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for the next issue:

OCT 31

Please send articles and original artwork for The Suncoast Grapevine to the editor, Shirley Brown, 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.

Mail:..... Shirley Brown
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Meeting Locations

Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at either the **Hillsborough Extension office in Seffner** or the **Learning Gate Charter School, 16215 Hanna Road, Lutz.**

SNPS Web Address:

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Grapevine Subscription

You may subscribe to the Suncoast Grapevine (not including membership in the SNPS or the FNPS) for \$10 per year. Contact George Kish at 813-920-0853.

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