

The Suncoast Grapevine

Newsletter of the Suncoast Native Plant Society, Inc.



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Applecactus (*Harrisia* spp)

Presented by Alan Franck

Wednesday, November 14th @ 7 PM
Hillsborough County Extension Service

Alan Franck has just completed his PhD on the Florida native Applecactus and will be joining us this month to share his knowledge of these rare plants, also known as the Prickly Applecactus, West Coast Prickly-Apple, Caribbean Applecactus, Indian River Prickly-Apple or Simpson's Applecactus. These endangered species are found only in coastal areas of central and south Florida and the Caribbean.

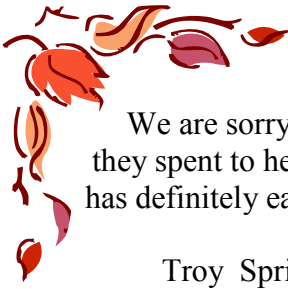
Going to school at Hocking Technical College in Nelsonville, OH ignited Alan's passion in the outdoors and plants. "Plants are passive and I suppose I am too", he said. "Not sure why I chose (the Applecactus for my paper). I just wanted to study something in Florida, something rare it seems. And the cactus presented itself to me. And I'm glad because I got to travel to the Caribbean." After his degree, he wants to "teach and continue exploring life on the planet". "I could study about anything and I tend to research what I feel is neglected."

Alan is on the staff of the Institute for Systematic Botany (ISB) which was established in 1990 to promote basic research in plant systematics and to coordinate research, educational and service programs in plant systematics at the University of South Florida. He has also been involved with the Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants, the online website data source <http://florida.plantatlas.usf.edu> that many of us use for information on Florida native plants.

- Submitted by Devon Higginbotham



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



BOD Nominees for 2013

We are sorry to see Shirley Denton and Ron Huston leave the board and appreciate all the time that they spent to help lead the chapter. Shirley has done a great job the last 2 years as our president and she has definitely earned some time off. Ron was field trip chair in 2011 and webmaster in 2012.

Troy Springer has worked hard to bring us a list of nominees for the 2013 Suncoast Board of Directors-

- ☆ Devon Higginbotham
- ☆ Daphne Lambright
- ☆ Janet Bowers
- ☆ Gar Reed
- ☆ Cliff Brown
- ☆ Debbie Butts

USF Fall 2012 Plant Sales

At the Fall (October USF Plant Sale), SNPS sold \$2,776 of plants and net \$884 (after fees, plant vendor payments, etc.). We also sold \$153 in seeds and \$95 in books.

SNPS accepted credit card payments (Squareup.com) for the first time accounting for almost 10% of sales. Credit card sales at the Spring 2013 plant sale will likely increase because Spring sales are typically greater than Fall sales and more people will use their credit cards for purchases.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Plant Sale, and a big thanks to Devon Higginbotham and Garth Reed for letting SNPS use their cell phones for credit card purchases.

- Submitted by Daphne Lambright

Library Policy

SNPS has invested quite a bit of money in providing good resources that can be checked out by members. Vikki Sinclair has been the custodian of those materials for many years and we appreciate her dedication. In an effort to be clear about the expectations of checking out the resources, the SNPS BOD documented the library policy as follows-

- * 2 months is the checkout period
- * After 2 months, Vikki will remind person by email or phone
- * After 3 months, Vikki will send a bill for library material overdue to person
- * Unless material is returned or paid for, the person will not be allowed to checkout any more materials

- Submitted by Janet Bowers, secretary

New Grapevine Editor

We will miss Shawna every month and wish her the best in her new adventure. I am the new Grapevine editor. I hope to learn some new things, find some people willing to submit stories, pictures or topics and have some fun. My mother has been doing newsletters since I was young and I thought it might be interesting to try it out. I have had many wonderful experiences as a Suncoast member in my relatively short time of coming to meetings. I hope this will be another great opportunity to do something different and learn more about people and plants. Please send me any ideas you have about newsletter content.

- Janet Bowers, Grapevine editor



Call for Research Track Papers and Poster Presentations Florida Native Plant Society 2013 Conference

The Florida Native Plant Society annual conference will be held at University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, May 16-19, 2013. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. The poster session will be on Saturday May 18.

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presentations are planned to be 20 minutes in total length (15 min. presentation, 5 min. questions).

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted as a MS Word file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov by February 1, 2013. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate whether you will be presenting a paper or poster.

FNPS 2013 Endowment Grant Research Awards and Conservation Grant Awards

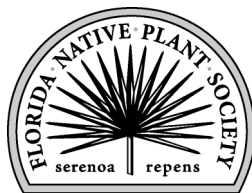
The Florida Native Plant Society maintains an **Endowment Research Grant** program for the purpose of funding research on native plants.

FNPS Conservation Grants support applied native plant conservation projects in Florida. To qualify for a Conservation Grant, the proposed project must be sponsored by an FNPS Chapter.

Both of these are small grants (\$1500 or less) awarded for a 1-year period. These projects promote the preservation, conservation, or restoration of rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities.

Application guidelines and details are on the FNPS Web site (www.fnps.org), click on 'Participate/Grants and Awards'. Questions regarding the grant programs should be sent to info@fnps.org.

Application deadline for the 2013 Awards is March 1, 2013. Awards will be announced at the May 2013 Annual Conference in Jacksonville. Awardees do not have to be present at the Conference to receive award.





Holiday Party –December 1st, Shirley Denton's home, 4:00

*SNPS will provide an entrée and drinks,
please bring a side dish or dessert and a chair for sitting outside.*

*11763 Taylor Rd
Thonotosassa*

*The driveway is a dirt road with a pole in it, next to black chain link fence, bear to the left
and park before the paved driveway down to the house. Shirley's phone—986-6485*



No SNPS meeting in December – Happy Holidays to everyone!



Pictures needed for the salt tolerant plant book that Dick Wunderlin is working on-

Diospyros virginiana- landscape
Cercis Canadensis – fruit; landscape
Quercus geminate – landscape
Celtis laevigata – landscape; bark
Callicarpa Americana – landscape
Forestiera segregate – landscape
Myrcianthes fragrans – flowers
Vaccinium arboretum – flowers; fruit; landscape
Glandularia maritima – landscape
Passiflora suberosa – landscape
Tripiscum floridanum – leaves & flowers
Paspalum vaginatum – landscape; leaves & fruit

Persea borbonia – landscape
Juniperus virginiana – landscape
Magnolia virginiana – landscape; leaves & fruit
Acacia farnesiana – landscape
Lycium carolinianum – landscape
Coccoloba uvifera – landscape
Chiococca alba – landscape
Psychotria nervosa – flowers
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis – landscape
Commelina erect – landscape
Ipomoea pes-caprae – landscape
Sideroxylon tenax – flowers; leaves & fruit; landscape

Please email to: rwunder@usf.edu



A Big Thanks for helping with the October meeting to -

Frank and Lucy Fuchs for bringing the refreshments

Fred Mulholland for providing plants for the auction.

Fieldtrip to Cockroach Bay 10/27/12



Photo by Joel Jackson

Nine adventurous SNPS members braved the strong wind to attend the fieldtrip. Richard Sullivan took us on the deluxe tour of the preserve. From the top of the 'hill' we were able to see St Pete, skyway bridge and Tampa. We saw a lot of birds and some salt area plants like mangroves and buttonwood. There was an abundance of butterflies and dragonflies along a walking trail. No one went canoeing due to the weather but some of us had lunch at The Fish House. Thanks to Devon for setting this up for us, we had a great time!

- 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 _____

Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Home phone _____ Email _____

Check pertinent category:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Renewal \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit organization \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full time student \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Business or corporate \$125 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library subscription \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family or household \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donor \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$75 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life \$1,000 | |

Make check payable to **FNPS**.

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Newsletter Submissions

Deadline for the next issue:

Jan 1 2013

Please send articles and original artwork for The Suncoast Grapevine to **Janet Bowers**, by the deadline above. **Text should be in MS Word; graphics should be in a standard graphic format (.jpg, .bmp, .gif).** Previously published artwork should be accompanied by a letter of permission from the original publisher.

Email-

jbowers27@yahoo.com

DIRECTIONS TO:

Hillsborough County
Extension
5339 County Road 579
Seffner

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.

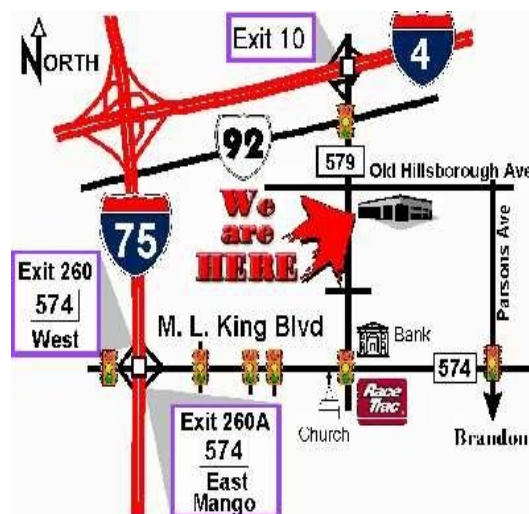
Meeting Location

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

SNPS Web Address

<http://www.SuncoastNPS.org>

No meeting in December



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