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The Rhexia

Paynes Prairie Chapter
Florida Native Plant Society
January 2007

**“Conference Planning”
Monthly Meeting
January 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

Conservation Cures by Yards and Miles

Join us for FNPS 27th
Annual Conference in Gainesville
April 19 - 22, 2007

Hilton University of Florida
Conference Center
1714 SW 34th St.
Hosted by Paynes Prairie Chapter

The Mile Scale

Next April's conference focuses on cures for the natural world's ills. FNPS promotes cures large and small planted in your back yard or others span the landscape and require cooperation among many people.

The Mile Scale
land trusts, public land acquisition, and preserving conservation areas

FNPS News

Fall Plant Sale is Biggest Yet

The Fall native plant sale, sponsored by our Chapter, Friends of Nature Parks, and the City of Gainesville's Nature Operations, was the biggest yet. Fourteen plant vendors enjoyed steady sales of wildflowers, trees, and shrubs on Friday night and Saturday. Susan Trammell also set up shop to sell her beautiful notecards, prints, and t-shirts. She autographed



many t-shirts that were sold at our FNPS booth. We garnered 28 new members during the two-day sale and sold many items, including 112 plant

raffle tickets. The weather couldn't have been more beautiful as several plant buyers took advantage of our unique customer service, receiving personalized plant advice and design ideas from our many volunteers. Special thanks to Jamie Barichivich, Joe Durando, Howard Jelks, Lisa Modola, Charlie Pedersen, Goldie Schwartz, and Jennifer Staiger.

Submitted by: *Lisa Jelks*

2006 Chapter Elections, Slate of Nominees

Pursuant to our bylaws, Chapter elections were held at our November 14 general meeting. The nominating committee of Joe Durando, Howard Jelks, and Lisa Jelks, developed a slate of officers who ran for office. Officers and directors serve a one-year term with the exception of Treasurer, who serves a two year term. Each officer may serve up to three consecutive terms.

Elected Officers and Directors for 2006-2007:

President – Charlie Pedersen

Vice-President – Brian Quinn

Secretary – Claudia Larsen

Treasurer – Joe Durando

Chapter Representative – Erick Smith

Directors – Debbie DeLoach, Jack Jordan, Mary Rhodes, Jennifer Staiger, and Sandra Vardaman

We also appreciate input and ideas from members on the development of the Chapter programs and activities, including the annual state conference next April. We welcome and encourage members to attend our planning meetings.

Air Potato Day – January 27, 2007 9am-1pm

It's time again to forage into Gainesville parks, neighborhoods and roadsides to rid our community of the dreaded Air Potato Vine! This yearly event eliminates tons of the small tubers in only a few hours of actual working time. There is also a great celebration in the afternoon at Morningside nature center where volunteers pick up their free t-shirts and enjoy music and awards. To be assigned to a group or volunteer as a team leader call 352-334-3326 or register online at <http://www.natureoperations.org>. Submitted by: *Claudia Larsen*

FNPS State News

Karina Veaudry, the new FNPS Executive Director, is placing quarterly reports on the FNPS.org website posted under forums/Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. She invites all members to view and comment on current topics and policies that are discussed at the state level of our group.

FNPS Adopts Policy on *Arundo donax*

On Saturday, October 28, 2006 the Florida Native Plant Society adopted a policy statement on *Arundo donax*, giant reed, e-grass. Members of the Society have expressed considerable concern about *Arundo* and its potential to invade native Florida ecosystems. The 3000 members of the Society urge you to read the policy statement and the background information which accompanies it. We urge you not to approve the growing of *Arundo* as a biofuel.

Members of the Society are also voters and concerned citizens of Florida. We encourage the responsible investigation of those alternative energy sources that will not threaten the integrity of Florida's native plant communities.

The full policy statement with supporting background information is at our website: <http://www.fnps.org>.
Shirley Denton, President, Florida Native Plant Society

Wanted

Native Plant Professionals

Florida municipalities and private firms occasionally contact FNPS at the state level to inquire about hiring a local FNPS member in certain trades. Companies or cities may only need a consultant for a short time on a specific project. Karina Veaudry, the FNPS Executive Director, is compiling a database of native plant knowledgeable landscape designers, arborists, botanists, biologists, ecologists, stormwater engineers, etc. If you are interested in having your name listed in the database then send Karina the following information. Name, Contact info, specialty(s) and/or skills.

Send to: Karina Veaudry, Executive Director/FNPS
311 S. Glenwood Avenue / Orlando, FL 32803-6259
Ph/Fax: 321.332.6242 / Cell: 321.388.4781
email – ExecutiveDirector@fnps.org

A Special Invitation to the 2007 FNPS Annual State Conference

April 19-22, 2007

This will be the 27th year for the members of the Florida Native Plant Society to gather together for our statewide conference. The annual conference presents a forum for ecological discussion about native plants and it presents an opportunity for FNPS members to refresh their vision on important environmental issues. It is a time to examine the successes of preserving native plant ecosystems in Florida; and it is also a time to create goals for future needs. It's also fun—with loads of field trips, interesting talks and exhibits and shopping opportunity for native plants, books and horticultural items. Gainesville is a central location that is within a 4-hour drive for most members and conference registration is open for the full 4 days or for single-day attendance on any day.

With the advanced rate of development in Florida, we felt the need to concentrate on conservation for this conference. Our theme is "Conservation by Yards and Miles". Since we are a diverse group of members, the conference committee has focused on different tracks for speakers. "Conservation by the Yard" will focus on talks to encourage homeowners to use native plants to reduce water and pesticide use and to create backyard habitat for birds and butterflies. "Conservation by the Mile" will focus on viewing conservation efforts on private and public land that preserve coastal habitats, wetlands,

uplands, and sandhills to create statewide wildlife corridors and ensure a future for Florida native and endemic plants.

Please support Florida Native Plant Society by attending this conference. Attend a field trip (on Thursday and/or Sunday) to a new Alachua County land acquisition or hike, bike or canoe in a state or federal park with an experienced trip leader. Attend seminars and visit over 70 educational exhibits and vendors selling horticultural items, art and books at the Hilton Hotel. And don't forget the plants! Nurseries from around the state will be bringing their best plants for sale.

You can volunteer, donate to the silent auction or White Elephant Raffle, be a sponsor, or buy an ad in the Conference Program. For more information, contact Claudia Larsen, 352-846-1070 or email micanopywildflowers@yahoo.com

But the most important thing is your attendance! You will be receiving the conference registration brochure in January with details. Early registration saves you money and reserves your place in the popular field trips. We guarantee you will be invigorated by the programs and amazed by the numbers of dedicated individuals and groups that are making a difference and sharing knowledge for Florida's Environmental future.

Submitted by: *Claudia Larsen*

MARCH 19-22, 2007

November Plant Identification

	Scientific Name	Common Name	Family Name	Status
1	<i>Acalypha rhomboidea</i>	Diamond Threeseed Mercury	Euphorbiaceae	Native
2	<i>Boerhavia diffusa</i>	Red Spiderling, Wineflower	Nyctaginaceae	Native
3	<i>Bulbostylis ciliatifolia</i>	Capillary Hairsedge	Cyperaceae	Native
4	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Common Buttonbush	Rubiaceae	Native
5	<i>Clematis</i> sp.	Leather-Flower	Ranunculaceae	Native?
6	<i>Eleocharis baldwinii</i>	Baldwin's Spikerush, Roadgrass	Cyperaceae	Native
7	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Goosegrass, Spring Cleavers, Stickywilly	Rubiaceae	Native
8	<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	Swamp Chestnut Oak	Fagaceae	Native
9	<i>Symphotrichum dumosum</i>	Rice Button Aster	Asteraceae	Native
10	<i>Tillandsia recurvata</i>	Ball Moss	Bromeliaceae	Native
11				
12	<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	Paper Mulberry	Moraceae	Non-native
13	<i>Crassula argentea</i>	Jade Plant	Crassulaceae	Non-native



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Symphotrichum dumosum referred to as Bushy Aster in " Butterflies of Florida Gardens " by Marc and Maria Minno is host plant to *Phycoides tharos* or the Pearl Crescent.

Those who participated are thanked. Nomenclature was determined from "Guide to the Vascular Plants of Florida" 2nd Ed. by Richard P. Wunderlin and Bruce F. Hansen. Submitted by: *Paul Cohen*

2006 - 2007

MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS

Meetings

2007

January 9	Chapter Meeting
February 13	Chapter Meeting
February TBA Meeting	Board / Conference
March 13	Chapter Meeting
April 10	<u>NO</u> Chapter Meeting
April 24	Conference Review
May 8	Chapter Meeting

Field Trips

2007

January 13	No Field Trip
February 17	Putnam County Location TBA
March 17	TBA
April 14	No Field Trip

Events

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a team leader call 352-334-3326 or regis-
ter online at [http://
www.natureoperations.org](http://www.natureoperations.org).

March 24-25 Statewide North American Butterfly Association Meeting in Gainesville. Florida Museum of Natural History. Contact: zlongwind@aol.com.

April 10 Conference Volunteer Pep Rally
All Volunteers will meet for final instruction, camaraderie and refreshments!

The Mile Scale

Conservation Cures by Yards and Miles

ARTICLE SUBMISSION AND ON-LINE NEWSLETTER


Please send all articles to: Rhexia@gmail.com.
If you would like to receive the Rhexia via your e-mail, please email Goldie Schwartz at:
afn49@mindspring.com

Deadline date February 17, 2007 for next Rhexia Newsletter.

Please consider receiving the Rhexia via e-mail. If you can believe this I incorrectly put a wrong date for an event. I was able to quickly e-mail individuals. I apologize for those who showed up for the incorrect date and for this error.

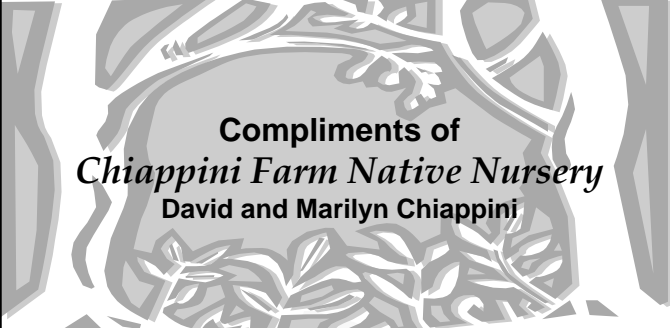
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and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.
See our website at www.fnps.org.

January 9th Meeting
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
(Plant ID Workshop at 6:30)
Doyle Conner Bldg. DPI
1911 SW 34th St.
Gainesville, FL

Monthly Meetings

Regular monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday
 in September - November and January - May at 7:30 p.m. at the:
 Doyle Conner Building
 Division of Plant Industry
 1911 SW 34 St., Gainesville

Plant ID workshops precede each meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Florida Native Plant Society Membership Form

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