

Monthly Meeting and Field Trip Information

**Chapter Meeting:
November 16
“Butterflyscaping”
with Kathy Malone
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**Field Trip: November 20
LEAFs Preserve
Waldo, FL
Leader: Ivor Kincaid
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Paynes Prairie Chapter Contributes to “Kathy’s Legacy”

This month our chapter will contribute \$1000 to “Kathy’s Legacy.” Kathy Cantwell was a remarkable environmental activist for Florida who worked tirelessly for land conservation.

The memorial was set up to provide the last \$45,000 in the Florida communities Trust grant to complete Kathy’s last achievement.

This money will purchase the Little Orange Creek Wilderness in Alachua and Putnam counties.

The grant proposal is being continued by the Putnam Land Conservancy. See www.putnamlandconservancy.org for more information or to make a personal contribution. (Kathy was founding director of this group).



Carls’ Garden at Veterans Memorial Park Has an Intern!

The chapter Board of Directors is happy to announce that we have initiated an internship available to Environmental Horticulture students at the University of Florida. The program planning, application review and selection will be handled by the chapter Gardens Committee. Our first intern is Chelsea Proia who will receive

\$600 for 12 weeks of work maintaining plant materials, clearing weeds and preparing a wildflower planting area. It is our hope that this will be a continuing internship to give hand-on experience in native plant landscaping and teach the beauty and diversity of native plants for this area of Florida.

The Road's End

Brian Quinn, Paynes Prairie Chapter President

This is it. The end of the road. The final chapter. In a couple of weeks, my term as president will be finished. After more than 10 years on the BOD in some official capacity, I am stepping out of a leadership role with our chapter (as is Claudia Larsen, who has been doing this since the dawn of Paynes Prairie Chapter). We have had some stunning successes in that time span; wonderful speakers (Rufino Osorio, Gil Nelson, David Hall, Dana Griffin to name a few) and field trips (remember Wolf Creek, GA last year), events at Paynes Prairie and Kanapaha, and Carl's Garden.

In the latter years of my tenure, we have become more philanthropic with local and state organizations, as our budget allowed. We helped fund the Air Potato Roundup every year, Putnam County Environmental Council, Alachua County Trust, Kathy Cantwell's memorial to purchase more conservation land, Save Peace River, FLEPPC, and other FNPS chapters, to name a few examples. We have stayed active in twice yearly native plant sales at Morningside. Our newsletter has evolved to include color pictures (for those of you getting the email version), and more changes will be coming there, too. Our chapter hosted the state conference a few years ago, which took a Herculean effort by some of our members. We also suffered the death of one of our most dearly loved members, Alice Tyler.

We have one of the largest chapters in FNPS, yet we are one of the least active. Of our nearly 400 members, only 20 or so would volunteer to do anything for our chapter. One of my deepest regrets has been not finding a way to motivate our membership. Our BOD comes up with some wonderful ideas every meeting that get canned, due to lack of participation from our general membership. I have begged you, challenged you, prodded you, cajoled you, and almost threatened you to little avail. In that respect, I have failed miserably – I guess even the more caring people in our society have lapsed into complacency and apathy or selfishness.

My second failure is not securing another president to take over when I leave. After November 23rd, there will be no president for our chapter, because no one feels the urge to accept the responsibility. In that light, neither Claudia nor I will serve as a de facto president – that would not be fair to either of us, after all of these years of service.

To those 20 or so members that have showed up to support our chapter time and time again (and you know who you are), I thank you from the deepest regions of my heart. You are the backbone and lifeblood of our

chapter and I ask that you still support what comes next for us. We need your brains, hearts, and hands



Rosemary symbolizes Dedication



Ginger symbolizes Initiative

to keep us viable and moving forward. I still strongly believe in the immortal words of Margaret Mead,

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

Despite our small number of active members, we

October 2010 Meeting Report

Brian Quinn

At the October meeting, we had a very lively debate about Amendment 4, the Hometown Democracy Amendment (which has subsequently failed to pass). Our Vice-President, Paula Russo, put together an expert panel, who answered all of our questions and concerns about this amendment. I was absolutely thrilled to see the audience participation and civil responses back and forth from the panel. Our moderator and time keeper kept the panel members in temporal and subject boundaries, which added structure and brevity to the debate. It was quite nice to see civics in

did some great things in the last 10 years that made a difference in our worlds and in the lives of others. I would like to end this with the last song lyric ever written by the Beatles, which resonates in my head when contemplating life, karma, and the joys of volunteering a vast amount of my free time for FNPS: "And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make". Thank you – Elvis has left the building.

action – especially when both sides passionately debated their side without denigrating the opposite faction. Maybe I am getting old, but I remember when political candidates spent more time extolling their own virtues instead of slamming their opponents (as we have just witnessed yet again in our last election). Our chapter BOD is planning more meetings like this that will bring panels together to discuss environmental concerns in our area. Where better to get our information than from the people who are intricately involved in those issues...



Congratulations to FNPS member Paul Lyrene!

Claudia Larsen

Long time native plant member Paul Lyrene will be inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame during the 33rd annual awards celebration February 15, 2011, during the Florida State Fair in Tampa. "The contributions of these individuals have left an indelible mark on Florida agriculture," said Reggie Brown, president of the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame. "Their tireless, unselfish efforts to promote and protect Florida's greatest industry will be recognized with the agricultural community's highest honor as they are inducted into the Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame."

Dr. Paul Lyrene is a world-renowned plant breeder who has dedicated his career to the development of early ripening, high-quality blueberry cultivars that are productive in Florida's humid, subtropical climate. His work has been critical to the development of the Florida blueberry industry. Paul has worked at the University of Florida for 32 years where he developed and patented 23 named varieties of blueberries. Lyrene's

new blueberry varieties have many desirable characteristics.

He bred varieties that produce fruit three to four weeks earlier than other varieties (when the market price is higher), that are disease resistant and live longer, that yield more, that have bigger, better-tasting fruit, and that bear firmer, crisper fruit that ships better and has a longer shelf life. He also focused on "low-chill" varieties that don't need much cold weather in order to flower and fruit.

Lyrene taught college courses in plant breeding, agricultural meteorology, and plant propagation. He has written a book and numerous technical articles on growing and breeding blueberries. If you have ever had the pleasure of being on an FNPS field trip with Paul and his wife Irma, you know that he is also an expert on the many varieties of native *Vaccinium* species as well as other Florida natives.

Fall 2010 Calendar of Events

Please check the Paynes Prairie chapter page at www.FNPS.org for most current information and directions to field trips. All 2008 meetings will be held at the United Church of Gainesville, 1624 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, 7:00-8:30pm. The plant ID workshop prior to the meeting begins at 6:15.

November 16 Meeting Program: "Community Butterfyscaping," Kathy Malone, Chapter Elections

November 20 Field Trip, LEAFS Longleaf Pine Forest Demonstration Preserve, Waldo, FL

No programs in December. Happy Holidays! See you in January . . .

2011 Calendar

January 18 Program Meeting, 7pm

February 2, Paynes Prairie Chapter Board Meeting, 5:30pm

February 15 Program Meeting, 7pm

March 22 Program Meeting, 7pm

(Field Trips TBA)

Kathy Malone's "Butterfyscaping" Featured for November 19 Meeting

Our November speaker will be presenting a new unique idea that she is promoting across Florida to community planners and developers. Kathy Malone is the State Builder and Developer Coordinator for the Florida-Friendly Landscaping Program at the Environmental Horticulture Dept, University of Florida. She is also president of the Gainesville chapter of the North American Butterfly Association.

Her love of butterflies influenced her idea of using native nectar and host plants throughout community landscaping to create butterfly friendly islands and corridors throughout Florida. Her plan includes habitat plans, plant lists, and butterfly lists.



LEAFS Preserve - Waldo, FL

Field Trip Saturday, November 20, 9:00 am

The Longleaf Ecology and Forestry Society (LEAFS) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization founded in 1993 to promote the use of longleaf pines in reforestation by small private landowners, chiefly those owning 100 acres or less. Two demonstration tracts in Alachua County, Florida, are designed to show how longleaf pines can be profitably grown and sold as timber while maintaining a viable ecosystem. The tracts show how small landowners can use low impact,

low cost, ecologically beneficial methods of timber management.

Take advantage of this opportunity to tour a beautiful and high diversity pine flatwoods site. Our November trip will be a self guided tour of the tract near Waldo. This easy walk will describes the process of restoring and maintaining a longleaf pine ecosystem. This property is burned regularly and features an excellent fall wildflower bloom due to warm-season prescribed fires conducted this year. Expect to see pines in many stages of growth with understory of wildflower, fern and low shrubs. For a preview or map visit website <http://longleafs.info> We thank John Winn for inviting us and the work he does there.

We will meet at the parking area on CR 1471 described in directions below at **9:00 am**. Directions: From Gainesville, take the Waldo Road (SR 24) to Waldo. When you reach Waldo, turn right on SW 2nd Place, just past the Island Foods store and Shell gas station; go over the railroad tracks to a stop sign on US 301. Turn right on 301 and go 2.2 miles. Look for the green sign to Earleton and the blue highway signs for CR 1469 and CR 1471. As 301 starts to curve right, turn left off 301 onto CR 1469. Within a few hundred feet, turn left onto CR 1471. Go about 1/2 mile; the LEAFS sign and parking is on the right.



Slate of 2011 Officers for Paynes Prairie Chapter, from Nominating Committee Chair, Goldie Schwartz

(voting will take place at Nov 16 Meeting)

President: Vacant

Vice President: Joni Ellis

Secretary: Ellen Toms

Treasurer: Joe Durando

Chapter Rep: Sandi Saurers

New Board of Directors:

Connie Caldwell

Kelly Perez

Karen Schneider

Upcoming Events and Items of Interest

FNPS Hosts Table at Lube Bat Festival Saturday, November 13 1309 NW 192nd Ave, Gainesville, Florida

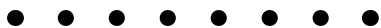
The Lube Bat Conservancy will host its sixth Florida Annual Bat Festival in Gainesville, on Saturday November 13th, 2010 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Both educational and entertaining, the Florida Annual Bat Festival offers an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors, and to learn about how beneficial bats are to Florida's environment. Dr. Allyson Walsh, Director of Lube Bat Conservancy, explains that the festival is a means to educate young and old in a fun environment. All proceeds of the festival help support bat conservation and education programs and promote the conservancy's message to "Save Florida's Night Life". Entrance is free, although donations are encouraged. For more information go to www.batconservancy.org/florida-annual-bat-festival.php

If you would like to help sit at the FNPS table for 1-2 hours please contact Brian Quinn, email bpatquinn@hotmail.com.



FNPS Magnolia's Chapter 2011 Calendar Available

The Magnolia Chapter of the Native Plant Society has once again produced a beautiful calendar for 2011 – Botanical Explorers of Florida and the South-Eastern U.S. (see attached PDF), where we highlight a famous botanist and their discoveries each month. Our calendars are offered for \$10 per calendar. We will also be happy to mail you any number of calendars– even if you only want one! Contact us for shipping cost for the number of calendars you would like. If you would like to place an order please contact Amy or Mike Jenkins at fnps_magnolia@nettally.com



SAVE the DATE ! January 30, 2011 is Air Potato Day!

Paynes Prairie chapter is once again a major sponsor for the city of Gainesville's air potato removal event. Please consider being a site leader to help organize volunteers – a park employee will meet with you to show you where your potatoes are located and where to leave the trash bags that will remove those spuds from our parks and public areas. For more information and to sign up as a volunteer or a volunteer group visit www.natureoperations.org after December 1.

Paynes Prairie Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

See our Web page at: www.fnps.org



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September and October 2010 Plant ID Workshop

Compiled by Paul Cohen

September Workshop

<i>Broussonetia papyrifera</i>	Paper Mulberry	Moraceae	Non-native
<i>Bulbostylis ciliatifolia</i> ??	Capillary Hairsedge	Cyperaceae	Native
<i>Conradina verticillata</i> ??	False Rosemary	Lamiaceae	Non-native
<i>Desmodium tortuosum</i> ??	Dixie Tricktrefoil	Fabaceae	Non-native
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	Common Persimmon	Ebenaceae	Native
<i>Helianthus strumosus</i> ??	Paleleaf Woodland Sunflower	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Hypericum gentianoides</i>	Pineweeds, Orangegrass	Clusiaceae	Native
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana, Shrub Verbena	Verbenaceae	Non-native
<i>Poinsettia heterophylla</i>	Fiddler's Spurge, Mexican Fireplant	Euphorbiaceae	Non-native*
<i>Polypremum procumbens</i>	Rust Weed, Juniperleaf	Tetrachondraceae	Native
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	Indian Hemp, Cuban Jute	Malvaceae	Native
<i>Symphotrichum dumosum</i>	Rice Button Aster	Asteraceae	Native

*Dr. Dan Ward feels that *Poinsettia heterophylla* is non-native since it was unobserved in Florida prior to 1940. Wunderlin, R. P., and B. F. Hansen. 2008. Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants (<http://www.plantatlas.usf.edu/>) feel that *P. heterophylla* is a native and maintain that in the most recent version of their website. Through personal observation *P. heterophylla* seems to be invasive.

October Workshop

<i>Helianthus simulans</i>	Muck Sunflower	Asteraceae	Non-native
<i>Chamaesyce hypericifolia</i>	Graceful Sandmat	Euphorbiaceae	Native
<i>Tilia americana</i> var. <i>caroliniana</i>	Carolina Basswood	Malvaceae	Native
<i>Oplismenus hirtellus</i>	Woodgrass, Basketgrass	Poaceae	Native

Helianthus simulans was identified as *Helianthus angustifolia* but the pictures available at the web site, Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants, make me feel otherwise.

Thank-you to all those who participated in the workshops including Dr. Dan Ward and Dr. David Hall. Nomenclature was derived from the most recent version of the Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants webpage.



Fall Native Plant Sale Report

Lisa Jelks

Absolutely gorgeous weather greeted our plant shoppers at the annual Fall Native Plant Sale at Morningside Nature Park. We couldn't have planned it better! And the vendors didn't disappoint either with a resplendent array of colors and species. Those who came out were rewarded with a wonderful selection, customized service, and park-a-plant convenience. What beautiful weather to plant all those great fall natives (don't forget to water). We also added over a dozen new members. Many thanks to



the coalition of volunteers who helped both Friday and Saturday, especially Howard Jelks as plant police with his deputies, Joe Durando and Gary Schultz. Also, Charlie Pedersen, Goldie Schwartz, Jennifer Staiger, Ellen Thoms, Ann Hudson, Jamie Barichivich, Erick Smith, Laura Namm NeSmith,

Debbie DeLoach, and Bill Russell.



The Spring 2011 native plant sale will be April 8-9. Save the date!



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Next Meeting
Tuesday, November 16th
7:00 p.m.
(Plant ID Workshop at 6:15)
United Church of Gainesville
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Gainesville, FL

FNPS Paynes Prairie Chapter Meetings
are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month
September - November and January - May
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and start at 6:15 p.m.

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