



The Rhexia

PAYNES PRAIRIE CHAPTER
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 2010

Monthly Meeting and Field Trip Information

**Chapter Meeting:
September 21, 2010**
“The History of Florida Phosphate Mining,”
Carter Lord, Writer, Director, and Producer
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Field Trip: September 25
Indian Lake State Forest,
Ocala
Leader: Charlie Pedersen
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Rhexia Article Submissions

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Fall Native Plant Sale October 1-2

The Fall Native Plant Sale, co-sponsored by Paynes Prairie chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, Friends of Nature Parks, and the City of Gainesville’s Nature Operations Division, will be held October 1 and 2 at Morningside Nature Center on East University Avenue. Friday night is for members only and provides the first opportunity to choose your favorite plants. Check-in begins at 4:30 and the sale ends at 6:30. On Saturday the sale is open to the public and runs from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. A guided nature



walk around Morningside will begin at 11:30. At our booth, members will be dispensing plant advice and providing personalized customer

service. An added perk to shopping at the FNPS plant sale is park-a-plant, which offers hands-free plant purchasing and one-stop loading.

Remember, only cash and checks are accepted. Anyone interested in

volunteering at the check-in table Friday night, or our booth on Saturday, may contact Lisa Jelks at ljelkslg@ufl.edu or 373-3028.

Featured Native Plant: Woolly Dutchman’s Pipe

Brian Quinn

A few years ago, a friend gave me a couple of Woolly Dutchman’s Pipe (*Aristolochia tomentosa*) in 4-inch pots. He swore that the Pipevine and Polydamas Swallowtail butterflies would soon be flocking to my garden in droves. I planted it on a pergola in a stone patio, just behind the house. It flourished quite quickly and shaded out other vines planted there in a competitive



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Welcome Back!

Brian Quinn, President, Paynes Prairie Chapter, FNPS

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. That sums up most of my time on the board of directors for this chapter over the last 10 years. We started out rich in knowledge, yet poor in the pocketbook – we were having trouble keeping a stable meeting venue and could not pay much to move. Through the very hard work of a number of dedicated members, we have now become financially solvent. Now we are facing a different problem – we are running out of people. Most of the members of the board of directors have been serving, in one capacity or the other, for 10 or more years. We keep switching offices, due to term limits, yet have few people to replace us.

This fall season will be my last as president. Many other officers and board members are term limited as well, and we are not finding people who are willing to spend some time on the board. I ask that you consider joining us in helping organize and run our chapter. You don't have to be some super expert in native plants to serve on the board; we spend much of our time dreaming up speakers and field trips or voting on philanthropic endeavors. We need your brain cells and a small bit of your time (only 4 meetings per year). The rewards vastly outweigh the price.



On That Note . . .

Paynes Prairie Chapter Volunteers Needed - Yes We're Asking Again!

Claudia Larsen

Hey everyone, how about considering either a short or longer time commitment to help Paynes Prairie chapter keep running smoothly and also complete our mission to educate the public about native plant conservation! To volunteers for any of the exciting positions listed below email Brian Quinn (bpatquinn@hotmail.com)

Positions that need to be filled are:

Nominating Committee – we need 3 members *this fall* before the November chapter elections (who are not officers) to help recruit new officers and board members for 2011. Job begins Oct 1 and ends November at the installation of officers during the regular business meeting.

Volunteer Coordinator – Our Board of Directors feel a real need to have a person (or a team of persons) willing to coordinate volunteers for 2011. Job includes contacting members to booth sit for FNPS at various local festivals like Air Potato Roundup, garden festivals and our plant sales.

Field Trip Organizers: If you are willing to arrange a half or full day outing for our members with yourself, or another designated leader, we need you. We need to arrange 4 spring and 3 fall field trips for 2011. Trip locations should mainly focus on native plants of course.

Chapter Representative: Represent our chapter at state

FNPS meetings. See how long-time FNPS activists and statewide committees plan to enlarge our membership into a more committed and meaningful environmental organization. Four quarterly meetings are held throughout the state. You will be the liaison between state FNPS officers and our chapter. Chapter will reimburse gas and expenses.

And Then.....

The 2010 Paynes Prairie Chapter election will be held in November at the monthly chapter meeting for many important posts – including the following FNPS chapter officers and board members who are term limited: President, Brian Quinn, Vice President Paula Russo, Secretary Erick Smith and Board members Ellen Thoms, Jill McGuire and Claudia Larsen. None of these folks can continue in their posts, so we have some huge gaps to fill. It's always difficult to arm wrestle people into these jobs – so if anyone would like to just come on and volunteer for any of these positions that would be outstanding!

Board responsibilities include four meetings per year in Feb, May, Aug & Nov to plan chapter speakers, field trips and organize other fun activities for members.

We also need 3 members to serve on a nominating committee to recruit new officers and board members for 2011. Please contact Brian Quinn or Claudia Larsen if you would like to explore the possibilities of joining a committee or the Board of Directors.



May Field Trip to Prairie Creek

Ellie Sommer

The last field trip of the year was a “hayride” tour of the Prairie Creek property of Alachua Conservation Trust, located off of Highway 234 east of Gainesville near the Gainesville-Hawthorne Trail. Robert Hutchinson (Hutch), executive director of ACT, and Ivor Kincaide, land manager, shared with Paynes Prairie FNPS members the history of and future plans for the property, which include a “green” burial ground.




Photos Submitted by Ellie Sommer

Riding comfortably on a trailer attached to pickup truck, we wound around open fields and grasslands through some denser wooded areas and over Prairie Creek taking in some of the 500 acres that were recently

acquired by the state.

We stopped near the creek and wandered around looking at plants, birds, and wildlife, and sampling the spring blackberries. We saw many lovely and some unusual plants including a lovely *Tillandsia bartramii*. We noted button-bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*) growing along the creek.

Our special guest on the trip was Puc Puggy, who romped in the weeds, learned about blackberry brambles, and made us all smile. When not providing mascot services for field trips, Puc Puggy makes his home with Hutch and Meg in Flamingo Hammock. 

2010 Florida Native Plant Conference Report


Connie Caldwell

Our first experience at a Native Plant Conference outside of Gainesville began with the tour of native home landscapes in Tallahassee. As master gardeners and Florida Friendly Landscape volunteers, seeing trilliums, trout lilies, huge halesia trees in bloom and meeting homeowners like Donna Legare with their wonderful window view into the world of birds from their family room was inspiring!

A recurring theme of the conference sessions focused on the ecological perspective of landscaping. Learnings for us to think about and digest included the issues of plant provenance; the research and importance of working to protect the large number and diversity of native plants in Florida (3rd in the nation with 82 ecosystems!) All the information on pollinators, plant phenology, habitat landscaping and more are leading us to re-think our own attempts to have native landscapes.

Sadly, as a state, we are not promoting and growing native plants for landscape use.... only about 120 species are available commercially.

Our own struggles with invasive plants helped us to appreciate Greg Jubinsky’s amazing commitment to the unending battle of removing these exotics. Contractors like our own Erick Smith have to control 37 acres a day just to keep up with the damage they are causing...50% of Florida’s native plants are threatened.

The thoughtfulness and wit of Bailey White’s readings about her efforts and commitment to change her family homestead landscape to a native landscape were special and a warm and fitting ending to our conference experience! 

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.

September 21	Meeting Program: "The History of Florida Phosphate Mining," Carter Lord, Writer, Director, and Producer
Sept 25	Field Trip: Indian Lake State Forest, Ocala
October 1 & 2	Fall Native Plant Sale, Morningside Nature Center
October 19	Meeting Program: "Home town Democracy Debate"
October 23	Field Trip, TBA
November 2	Chapter Planning/Board Meeting, UF Env. Hort. Dept. Greenhouse
November 16	Meeting Program: "Community Butterfliescaping," Kathy Malone Chapter Elections
November 20	Field Trip, TBA

to New York and immersed himself in the film business as a photographer, lighting director, writer, director and actor, studying all aspects of the business in preparation for a career as a writer/director. While in New York, he produced *Swimmer*, a 22-minute documentary about a sculptor from Florida, and *Stallions of Industry*, a 24-minute comedy about the advertising industry.

Finally ready for his first feature, Lord left New York permanently for Florida and successfully executive produced and directed *The Enchanted*, a 90-minute feature described at the Cannes Film Festival as "an American folk mystery." Shot in 35MM with Panavision equipment and rerecorded in Dolby stereo at EMI Studios, Borehamwood, England, it was distributed by Castle Hill Productions domestically and worldwide by Palisades (Manley) International. The film was purchased by NBC for its national network television premiere and by Media Home Entertainment for home video sales.

Lithium Springs is his second feature. Shot with the latest mini DV technology with a 3 man crew, Lord plays the lead character (Evinrude Jones), a deckhand aboard a Florida-based tugboat. Jones stumbles upon a centuries-old treasure map left by Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and embarks on a journey to find it, an adventure that includes a woods nymph, modern land developers and even the lure of romance. Using his extensive knowledge of the southern state's wetlands and swamps, Lord has created a fascinating fantasy/comedy based on very real environmental dangers.

Sneak Previews of the film have brought enthusiastic reviews from a broad-base audience ranging in age from 10 to 86.

Carter Lord lives in Lakeland, Florida with his artist-writer wife Teza and their two children.

New This Fall! You are Invited to Our Pre-meeting Get-Togethers!

FNPS members who are interested in gathering before our scheduled meetings this fall can plan to meet at the Pizza Palace Restaurant on NW 13th St. We will reserve a large table, so come between 5:30-6pm to grab a bite to eat and chat about our favorite subjects.

Carter Lord to Speak About "The History of Florida Phosphate Mining" at September 21 Meeting

Carter Lord was born into a creative family. His mother, Fonchen, was an artist who enjoyed a national reputation, and whose work can be seen in art museums across the country. Though an accomplished athlete (he won seven varsity letters in three sports at Harvard University, was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL and was recently inducted into the Harvard Hall of Fame), Lord left the sports world after college and traveled extensively in the tropics. He spent time in Central and South America and Mato Grosso, Brasil as assistant to internationally renowned jaguar hunter James Donnelly. He worked on an ocean-going tugboat in the Caribbean and the southern coasts of the United States. He became conversant in Spanish and Portuguese.

At the age of 26 he was drawn to the film world. He moved

Indian Lake State Forest, Ocala Field Trip Saturday, September 25

In collaboration with Marion County's SpringsFest, the September Field trip will be on Indian Lake State Forest, in Ocala. If you have driven to the Ocala National Forest from Gainesville and taken the SR326 bypass, you have driven through Indian Lake State Forest. The 4,400 acre forest was purchased



in 2007 and 2008 to protect Silver Springs. Funding came from the Florida Forever program and Marion County, with assistance from The Nature Conservancy and the Silver Springs Working Group.

The historical natural community is mainly sandhill, with examples of sinkholes, basin marsh, depression marshes, and mesic flatwoods also on the property. Another unique feature is Indian Lake, a sinkhole lake located east of Baseline Road (County Road 35). Because of prescribed burning last spring, field trippers can expect to see a nice selection of fall flowering composites and sandhill grasses. If there is time, we can walk out to the confederate cemetery and see the *Balduina uniflora* blooming there.



If you'd like to carpool from Gainesville, we'll meet at the Main street Publix parking lot at 8am. If you'd like to meet us on Indian Lake State Forest, be at the gate east of Baseline Road a half mile south of Anthony-Burbank road at 9 am. For a map go to <http://www.bing.com/maps/?v=2&encType=1&cid=BA99845EADC91AF5!993> www.springsfest.org. To check out more info go to http://www.fl-dof.com/state_forests/index.html

If you have any questions, contact Charlie Pedersen at pedersc@doacs.state.fl.us/352.955.2253.

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growth experiment. The first year, I had no larvae on the plant; I was disappointed to say the least. The next spring, I saw 2 Pipevine larvae on the plant and 1 adult in the yard, but that was it for the entire year. By then, this plant had started to take over more than the pergola. Woolly Dutchman's Pipe is called, in crude botanical terms, a runner.

My dear friend who so generously gave me this plant failed to describe the growth pattern in any detail. I soon found it out in the yard, curiously distant from where I had originally installed it. I also discovered many tendrils headed towards the house and wondered if I should start calling it Seymour, instead. It was easily removed from the domicile danger zone, yet I knew it was going to need a constant eye. Until this year.

The Pipevine Swallowtails had been coming in early spring and hatching one litter of progeny for the last couple of years, before leaving my area. I also had one experience with a herd of Polydamas larvae last

fall that was quite different, because those larvae like to feed in groups and their path of destruction is easily pinpointed. When our short spring was over this year, and my Pipevine larvae had grown, leaving me with the empty vine syndrome, I started seeing



All photos submitted by Brian Quinn

more paths of devastation and soon discovered over 100 little critters in 15 groups chewing on this vine with no abandon. Enter biological control.

I had been gone for 3 weeks and returned to find the Polydamas Garden of Eden. I was so very fortunate to see multiple batches of developing larvae in all stages of growth. I was also vastly thrilled that these little

bundles of joy were munching the vines that were trying to eat my house. I think this vine is a wonderful addition to any butterfly garden that is not adjacent to your house. The flowers are small and not brightly colored, but the critters that feed on this vine will certainly keep your attention.



Upcoming Events and Items of Interest

Florida-Friendly Landscape Yard Tour September 18, 2010

Come on out to see some great yards that use Florida-friendly landscape principles! Using our native plant species is a cornerstone of creating landscapes that preserve the flora, fauna, and precious water of our beautiful Florida landscape.

Please contact the Alachua County Extension Office at **352-955-2402** to receive by mail a map of the Florida-Friendly Landscape Yard Tour. This is a wonderful learning opportunity.

Have You Blogged Lately?

Remember to visit the new Florida Native Plant Society blog at <http://fnpsblog.blogspot.com/>

Recent blogs reviewed Gil Nelson's book "Best Native Plants for Southern Landscapes" and another book on the American Meadow Garden. There is a very nice article on Hibiscus and all the color photos are outstanding. All in all a great blog site with tons of links and valuable information on the native plants of Florida.



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Next Meeting
Tuesday, September 21st
7:00 p.m.
(Plant ID Workshop at 6:15)
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FNPS Paynes Prairie Chapter Meetings
are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month
September - November and January - May
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Plant ID workshops precede each meeting
and start at 6:15 p.m.

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