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The Rhexia

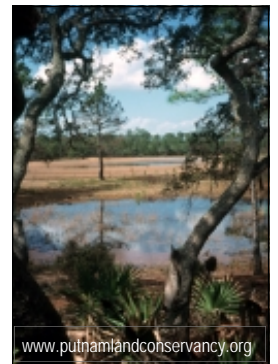
Paynes Prairie Chapter
Florida Native Plant Society
February 2007

New Putnam County Land Trust

Presented by
Lisa Midola, Claude Brown, and friends

February 13, 2007 Monthly Meeting

Alachua and its surrounding counties are facing enormous development pressure. You may not see the building construction, but plans are on paper, roads are being built, and deals are being made. When many of us find out about large developments on rural or forested lands, its often too late to stop the wheels from turning. Dedicated citizens are learning to join forces to protect environmentally sensitive and corridor lands. Come to the February meeting to meet citizens of Putnam County and learn how they are organizing to begin critical land preservation.



www.putnamlandconservancy.org

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

2 Months and Counting

2007 FNPS ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE UPDATE

If you haven't marked your calendars yet, please circle April 19-22 and plan to attend the 27th Annual Florida Native Plant Society Annual Conference. You will be receiving details about the programs, field trips, and registration information soon. Remember you can register for the entire conference, or for a day at a time. Landscape professionals can also earn "CEU credits" for attending. We would like to include as many Paynes Prairie chapter members as possible. If you would like to attend by being a volunteer, call Claudia (846-1070 or micanopy-wildflowers@yahoo.com) or see details in the March Rhexia.

There are many ways you can support the conference:

- We need horticulturally related items; art, books, photography, etc., (valued at \$30 or more) for our **Silent auction**. Contact Laura Nesmith at: 352-378-5712 or blu_glas@hotmail.com.
- Are you spending cold winter mornings cleaning and re-organizing? How about donating new or gently used items to our **White elephant raffle**? We need items (useful or amusing with value less than \$35). Use your imagination: old books, artwork, nick-knacks. Great opportunity to re-gift that weird vase with the flamingos on it.
- Take out a **Program Ad**. Programs will reach over 400 families. Prices for ads are

\$500 full page color, \$300 full page black and white, \$200 half page, \$100 quarter page, and \$50 business card size.

- Be a **Conference Vendor**. If you sell horticulturally related items or artwork and would like information about being a vendor on Friday and Saturday please contact Brian Quinn at bquinn@ufl.edu.
- **\$\$\$\$\$** Cash donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray costs of speaker honorariums, refreshment breaks, conference bags, and supplies.
- All donations will be publicly acknowledged.

To contribute to any of these areas, please contact Claudia at: 846-1070 or micanopywildflowers@yahoo.com.

The conference is designed to provide education and information about programs and research about native plants; and to provide field trips to some of the best examples of native plant communities in our area. It is a valuable experience for long-time FNPS members and also for newcomers who are interested in the environment, Florida ecology, and making your backyard part of a corridor for wildlife. Besides structured programs, there is plenty of time to talk to other conference attendees and learn about new plants and landscape ideas.

Submitted by: *Claudia Larsen*

Mark Your Calendars

Butterflies

Common Buckeye



The most frequently encountered buckeye in Florida is the Common Buckeye (*Junonia coenia*). It is named for the prominent eye spots on the forewing and the hindwing.

Found in a wide variety of habitats, including uplands, scrub, sandhills, flatwoods, prairies and weedy places, its caterpillars feed on herbs in a wide variety of plant families including Acanthus, Broomrape, Plantain and occasionally *Phyla nodiflora* in the Vervain family. Three or more generations are produced each year. It is a true migrant, moving north in the spring and south in the fall.

Photo and article Submitted by *Linda Cooper*, printed in the **Sabal Minor** Dec 2006-Jan 2007 issue

Program Ads for 2007 Conference Now Available

- ↳ Full page color \$500
- ↳ Full page black and white \$300
- ↳ ½ page \$200
- ↳ ¼ page \$100
- ↳ 1/8 (business card size) \$50

Please support FNPS by buying an ad or being a sponsor.

For more information email: micanopywildflowers@yahoo.com

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

2007

MEETINGS, FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS

Meetings

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

Field Trips

February 17 Field Trip to Putnam County
Tommy Clay is president of Putnam Land Conservancy and is currently in negotiations with the state, through the Florida Forever program, to purchase the development rights on his 2,500 + acre cattle ranch in Grandin. His property is in the corridor between Ordway and Etoniah State Forest. The land has been in his family since the 1820's and is truly a slice of old Florida ranching lands. He manages the ranch with a great respect for the land. It has variety of plant communities ranging from wet prairies to sandhills with sandhill upland lakes. There should be lots of sandhill cranes around.

Two Options to choose from: (1) Meet 8am at the downtown Matheson Historical Center Parking Lot to carpool and proceed on SR 26 to Melrose. (2) Meet in Melrose on SR 26 at Williamson's Grocery Store at northeast corner of SR 26 and SR 21 at 8:30am.

We will reach the site around 9am. Wear sturdy walking shoes, and clothing to protect from sun and cold. Bring water and a snack lunch. The trip will be moderately difficult and last 3-4 hours.

For weather cancellation, call Claudia at 352-466-3880.

March 17	TBA
April 14	No Field Trip
April 19-22	Annual Conference

Events

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

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



Visit our website at: www.fnps.org
for more news and events

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:
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Deadline date, February 20, 2007 for the March Rhexia Newsletter.

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The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation,
and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.
See our website at www.fnps.org.

February 13th Meeting
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
(Plant ID Workshop at 6:30)
Doyle Conner Bldg. DPI
1911 SW 34th St.
Gainesville, FL

Conservation Cures by Yards and Miles

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 Auditorium
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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