



Dade Chapter

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Newsletter of the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.
- For Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys -

May 2018

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m. (4th not last Tuesday)
Pinecrest Gardens, 11000 SW 57 Ave. (Red Road), Miami
Free and open to the public

Program preceded by the Annual Chapter Meeting

Refreshments begin at 7:15 pm., merchandise sales before and after the program. The plant raffle follows the program. Contributions of **raffle items** and **refreshments** are always greatly appreciated. **Please label your raffle plant donations!**

“Storm preparation and mitigating tree hazards”
- Ian Wogan, ISA Certified Arborist,
Co-founder of True Tree Service

With another storm season fast approaching, we could all use some tips on how to prepare our yards to “weather the storm.” This month’s talk will cover a range topics including Right Tree, Right Place, proper pruning practices for storm events, managing risks associated with trees, and cleanup efforts post event (to save or not to save).

Ian Wogan is a Miami native, Principal, and co-founding member of True Tree Service, a company founded on the principles of arboriculture and sustainability, focusing on solutions for optimum tree health and management in the urban environment. Since its formation, Ian has overseen daily operations of prescribed tree management, horticulture management, and arboriculture consultation. He earned a BA in Environmental Studies from FIU, is an ISA Certified Arborist, and holds ISA TRAQ certification (Tree Risk Assessment Qualification). Ian is also a Florida State Certified Professional Mangrove Trimmer, a Florida Urban Forestry Council member, and the acting President of the Tropical Arborists Guild.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING and ELECTION

May 22, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at Pinecrest Gardens

Elections for the Dade Chapter Board positions of president, vice-president, and directors at large will be held at the May 22 chapter meeting.

A slate will be presented by the nominating committee at the meeting.

Please read the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting on page 2, to approve on May 22.

Dade Chapter Calendar

May 2018

12 (Sat.): Tour Trinity Pineland with EEL – FNPS is invited
22 (Tue.): Chapter meeting at Pinecrest Gardens
- Annual Chapter Meeting and election of board

June 2018

TBA: Chapter workday at Everglades National Park
26 (Tue): Chapter meeting at Pinecrest Gardens

May 17-20, 2018 - FNPS Annual Conference in Miami

Conference registration online by May 9, on-site May 16-19

FNPS Annual Conference

**Thursday-Sunday, May 17-20
in Miami**



See page 3

Saturday, May 19:

Landscape Workshop

Register online thru May 19

FIELD TRIPS

• **May 17 and 20. Register for the FNPS Annual Conference to attend one or two of the 23 excellent field trips and six workshops on Thursday or Sunday.** See page 3 of this newsletter and www.fnps.org/conference/2018

Time, address and directions are in the newsletter mailed to members. Please join to enjoy all the activities of the chapter!

• **Saturday, May 12, 2018: Visit Trinity Pineland with the Miami-Dade County EEL Program**

Joy Klein, the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) site manager, will lead neighbors on a tour and **invites FNPS members to come along.** This 10-acre pine rockland contains sandy pockets (somewhat unusual in Miami-Dade) and a dense stand of Dade County pines which survived Hurricane Andrew in 1992. The site was purchased by the state with Conservation and Recreation Land (CARL) funding in 1991 and is managed by the Miami-Dade County EEL program. Restoration and a January burn have allowed wildflowers to flourish.

You can walk easily through open areas and avoid rocky areas as you wish. Bring water and sun protection. Closed shoes and long pants recommended (in case of poison ivy or poisonwood).

Important message about your newsletter to Dade Chapter FNPS members:

Please bear with us as we find solutions to recent problems with your email newsletter delivery. These are caused by security measures imposed by your email providers and their interaction with our email marketing service.

We want to be sure you receive the newsletter! So for a little while, you might receive the newsletter email (and meeting reminder) from:

- Our email marketing service Vertical Response (VR) - the usual way.
- A personal email (perhaps the editor's) or the Dade Chapter's gmail.
- Both VR and another email address. We hope not to send you extra email, but this is what we can do in the short term. Please open the VR email so it appears in the VR reports and we know you got it. (It might be in your spam/junk folder.)

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to have missing past newsletters emailed to you, please contact Patty at pharespl@gmail.com. To be continued ...!

DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

Welcome new members! Brett Barfield, Mindy Dickman, Sefora Chavarria, Gabriela Chavez, Pauline Hamian, Amanda Perez-Castro, Daniel Rhodes and Marcela Ramirez, Daniel and Susan Salerno

Chapter Workday, Everglades National Park, Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. June date TBA.

Continue maintenance of our landscape. **If you are new to FNPS or have never considered helping at a workday, we'd welcome your help!** If you have questions about what we do, please contact Patty (305-878-5705, pharespl@gmail.com)

To be approved at the May 22, 2018 Annual Meeting:

Minutes of the Dade Chapter FNPS Annual Meeting, May 23, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by Vice President Amy Leonard.

1) Minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 2016 were approved. Motion: Susan Walcutt; Seconded: Jim Gross; All approved.

2) Election of Officers and Board Members

Slate presented:

Secretary - Gita Ramsay; Treasurer - Susan Walcutt

Board:

2-year terms: Jennifer Stine, Vivian Waddell, Janeen Feiger

1-year terms: Hernan Martinez, Lydia Cuni

Motion to approve the slate as presented: Linda Lawrence;

Seconded: Cheryl Solomon; All approved

3) There was no old business.

4) There was no additional new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

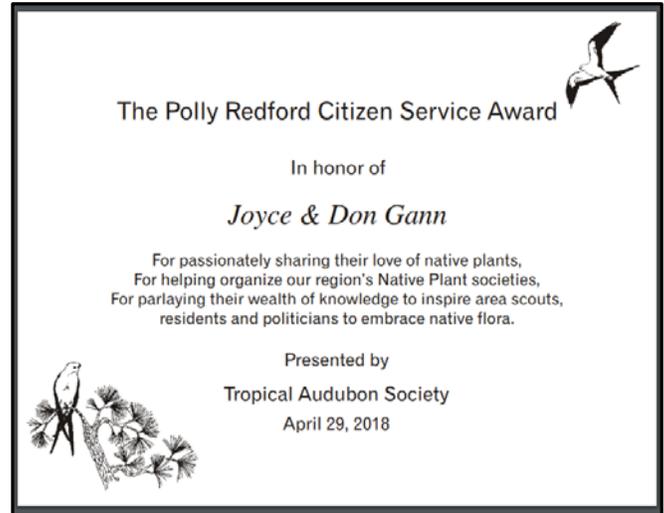
*Respectfully submitted,
Gita Ramsay, Secretary*

Broward Chapter FNPS. coontie.fnpschapters.org/. Meets at Secret Woods, 2701 W. SR 84, Dania Beach.

May 9, 2018, 7 p.m.: Meeting. Palm Facts & Florida Plants – Dr. Larry Noblick, Palm Biologist, Montgomery Bot. Center

Sabal Minor from FNPS (May – June 2018 | Volume 20, Number 3) should have arrived by email May 3. Also find it at fnps.org/resources/sabalminor

Congratulations to Joyce and Don Gann on receiving the Polly Redford Award from Tropical Audubon Society! The Ganns are our **Dade Chapter FNPS founders** and for decades have inspired us all to learn, teach, conserve, preserve, share, treasure and enjoy native plants and natural areas.



UPDATE ON FLORIDA FOREVER

Thanks to DCFNPS Board members and chapter members, our chapter supported successful efforts by FNPS to persuade the Florida Legislature to fund Florida Forever. \$100 million was approved for Florida's premier conservation and recreation lands acquisition program in the budget signed by Governor Scott, but only for FY 2018-2019.

The Dade Chapter engaged policy consultant Laura Reynolds to meet with the 24 members of the Miami-Dade legislative delegation at their December 15, 2017, meeting in Miami. She discussed the importance of restoring funding to the Florida Forever program in the 2018 budget and specifically supporting as a priority the Brady Bill (SB 370).

Dade Chapter member Arlene Ferris also attended the delegation meeting and reported on the excellent presentation and handouts prepared by Laura, who she felt was the most forceful presenter on this issue and received interest from both Senate and House members. Arlene also contacted Gene Kelly, Chair of the FNPS Policy and Legislation Committee, and State Senator Rob Bradley's office, who provided the information below.

Gene Kelly, FNPS Policy and Legislation Committee Chair:

As a member of FNPS, you may be proud to know that our lobbyist, Sue Mullins, worked directly with Senator Bradley's staff last year before the legislative session began to help draft Senate Bill 370 – the bill that was passed unanimously by the Senate and served as the basis for the \$100 million budget appropriation.

Unfortunately, the House never allowed their companion bill to even be given a hearing. Instead, they debated a different bill (HB 7063) that would actually have damaged Florida Forever if it had passed. It did not pass, thanks in part to objections raised by FNPS and our members. Unfortunately, that also means that instead of legislation that would have provided \$100 million per year for Florida Forever, we had to settle for a one-year appropriation.

Without Senator Bradley's bill and his continued push to fund Florida Forever despite the lack of action by the House, there probably wouldn't have been any funding for Florida Forever – again!

The work of our lobbyist, and the phone calls and emails of FNPS members, were instrumental in securing that funding. We'll be back at it again next year, working to get committed funding for Florida Forever, and I sure am glad we have members like you. Our chapters and active members are the source of our strength.

Tonya J. Shays, Legislative Assistant, Office of State Senator Rob Bradley:

This is a summary of the Appropriations Act/Budget and if you scroll down you will see funding for Environmental Preservation includes 100.8 million for FL Forever funding. There is a further breakdown of those dollars in this document as well. www.flsenate.gov/Committees/bills/summaries/2018/html/1836

If you want additional information about [Senate Bill 370] (despite it not passing) then then this staff analysis will have a great deal of information you might enjoy reading: www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/370/Analyses/2018s00370.a.p.PDF

Finally, see Laura Reynold's report in the April Dagoon, Newsletter of the Palm Beach County Chapter of FNPS palmbeach.fnpschapters.org/data/uploads/newsletters/dagoon_2018_april_2.pdf on page 5:

“A Major Victory in the Battle to Save Florida Forever”
... We still have a ways to go however. In order to meet state conservation goals, we must push for the full restoration of historic funding levels of \$300 million annually.



“Cool Pigeon Plum”

Photo by Karen Sunderland, June 2017, Florida Keys.

Florida Native Plant Society Annual Conference

May 17-20, 2018

Miccosukee Resort (500 SW 177 Av., Miami)

Renewal!

May 19: *Landscape Workshop*

Schedule, Speakers, Field trips, Workshops, Socials & Registration:

fnps.org/conference/2018

Register online for conference **through May 9, onsite May 16-19.**

Register online for the workshop alone **(any time up to May 19).**

<https://forms.fnps.org/civicrm/event/info?id=19&reset=1>

Programs (Friday & Saturday) & workshops (Thursday)

offer something for everyone.

Also vendors, exhibitors, socials and silent auction.

Field trips with expert leaders (Thursday & Sunday)

Adventurous or easy trips to National Parks and urban preserves or gardens *you may never have visited!*
Some can give you landscaping ideas for your own yard.

Plant sale (Fri.-Sat.) open to all - registration not required!

Silent Native Nursery/Pro Native Consulting (*cash & checks*) & Martin County Farms offer a wide selection of SE Florida natives.

Special Landscape Workshop (Saturday, 1-3:30 pm): “Step-by-Step Workshop to a Florida Native Yard”

The workshop is free to Saturday conference attendees.

► **Or attend only the workshop for \$50** ◀

- Why native plants are important
- How to analyze a landscape to make better decisions
- How to sequester more rainwater for more resilient landscapes
- Why & how to break out of the poison cycle, especially used in lawns
- Pros & cons of transforming to a native landscape in stages vs. all at once
- Working with neighbors & HOAs to welcome a yard filled with natives.
- Tour of the native plant sale.- pick out a free native plant.
- **Complimentary FNPS membership** (or extend your current one)

Afterward, you are invited to attend the final presentation:

Craig Heugel speaking on “Sex in The Garden.”

Register for the Workshop only

at <https://forms.fnps.org/civicrm/event/info?id=19&reset=1>

Contact conference.fnps@gmail.com

for volunteer opportunities and free registration

Please share this with your friends and colleagues!
You do not have to be a member of FNPS to attend.
(Members receive a discount on Conference registration – good reason to join at registration!)

Support the Dade Chapter FNPS by using Amazon Smile!

Register for Amazon Smile and then always start at smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. *Every little bit has been adding up!*

NEWS

“Termites topple pine trees – a concern as hurricane season nears” – University of Florida/IFAS blog by Brad Buck, March 28, 2018.

Most termites don't kill trees, but Asian subterranean termites are slaying some pine trees in South Florida and damaging the rest of the local urban tree canopy, a new University of Florida study found.

“Our beloved native slash pine is lethally stressed by this termite, which is unexpected,” said Thomas Chouvenec, a UF/IFAS assistant professor of urban entomology. Not only can these invasive termites kill pine trees, they also hollow out the trunk of many other trees, including oak trees, making them structurally fragile and susceptible to hurricanes.

Read the complete blog at <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/news/2018/03/29/termites-topple-pine-trees-concern-hurricane-season-nears/>

From the *Dahoon*, Newsletter of the Palm Beach County Chapter of FNPS, April 2018

May 14, will be the opening day of the RENEWAL: Going Native Photography Exhibition at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre in downtown West Palm Beach. Beautiful images from more than a dozen native plant photographers will be filling the main gallery. You may recognize some of the names: Rufino Osorio, Roger Hammer, Chuck McCartney, Craig Huegel, Shirley Denton, Kirsten Hines, Mary Keim and more! The three month exhibit is being held as a celebration of the native plant additions the City of West Palm Beach made to its landscape ordinance, and will give the public an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of Florida's native plants.

WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING

(How you can help and enjoy native plants and natural areas.)

Dade Native Plant Workshop: *Note time: 5 p.m.* MDC Kendall Campus Landscape Technology Center, third Tuesdays. www.nativeplantworkshop.com or contact Steve Woodmansee at steve@pronative.com. Bring at least three cuttings, which need not pertain to the topic. **All levels are welcome.**

May 15 topic: Onagraceae (Evening Primrose family) and Ericaceae (Heath family). Onagraceae includes *Ludwigia* and Ericaceae includes blueberry and fetterbush, which should be blooming now.

Miami Blue Chapter, North American Butterfly Association (www.miamiblue.org; 305-979-9623).

May 6, 2018, 1-3 p.m.: Quarterly meeting at Castellow Hammock Park, 22301 SW 162 Ave., Miami, 33170.

“Conservation, Faunal Changes, and the Exchange of Butterflies between Cuba and Florida” - Gainesville zoologist Marc Minno who specializes in the study of South Florida and

Florida Keys butterflies (and native plants!). Also, Cuban naturalist **Douglas Fernandez** speaks on **“Butterflies of Cuba”**. **Environmentally Endangered lands volunteer workdays.** See <http://www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands-volunteer.asp> or 305-372-6611 to register and get directions. **June 2:** Black Creek Forest Preserve, SW 112 Ave. south of Black Creek Canal (native plant restoration)

The Institute for Regional Conservation Restoration Volunteer Days.

For information and to RSVP see <http://www.regionalconservation.org/index.html>

Friday, May 11, 2018 1:00 - 4:00pm. Private Pine Rockland Restoration Day in South Miami-Dade. Help IRC remove oyster plants and maintain trails on the site. **Please RSVP at admin@regionalconservation.org or contact Alex Blochel at 305-504-1690.** Wear long pants and close-toed shoes as safety precautions. Directions will be given when you RSVP.

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Please contact the editor if you would like to join the Tillandsia staff!

Articles, announcements and news items are invited for *Tillandsia* from Dade and Keys members. **Advertising rates** from \$12 per month.

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Members in the Field

What are our members doing for native plants on the job or as volunteers? Please let the editor know!



Three-seeded Mercury, *Acalypha chamaedrifolia*

**Photo: Susan Kolterman. Camp Owaissa Bauer, June 2016
Dade Chapter FNPS field trip**