



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 -

JULY - AUGUST 2019

## Annual Evening Garden Visit & Social

Saturday, July 20, 2019, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

(No meeting at Pinecrest this month)

**Rain or shine!** (Gather inside if it's rainy)

**FNPS members and their guests are welcome.**

**(Please leave Fido at home – seriously)**

**Location:** Home of DCFNPS member

### Time:

**5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Enjoy the garden and munchies**

**6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Continue garden touring, enjoy a potluck dinner, visit with fellow native-plant lovers.**

**Conclude with the raffle.**

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

### What to bring:

- ◆ Potluck dish to share (main, side, dessert, appetizer) \*
  - ◆ Raffle donations (*Please label plants – or you may get dunked in the pond*)
  - ◆ Umbrella if rain threatens
  - ◆ Mosquito repellent (just in case)
  - ◆ If you'd like to be "green", bring your own dinnerware.
- \* **Drinks will be provided. No warm up or cooking is possible.**  
*Food will be inside, out of the heat, but please be self-sufficient with a cooler if needed.*

**Questions?** Please call Jeanne, 305-562-2365. (Also Kurt, 202-905-3921 at the event).

The member's garden is small yet lawn-free, full of an eclectic mix of interesting natives and exotics, accented with colorful garden art and wall paintings. An almost self-sufficient pond, carved into the formerly tiled backyard, hosts numerous native flora and fauna. At some times of the day, most conspicuous is the activity of butterflies and other pollinators.

The member began planting towards a bio-diverse yard in 2013, so many plants are not full size, and you'll learn about some of the challenges of maintaining plants in a small space.

## Calendar

**July 20 (Sat.): Annual evening garden visit & potluck social**  
(no meeting at Pinecrest Gardens)

**Aug. 10 (Sat.): Chapter workday, Everglades National Park**

### Other events of interest

**July 16, Aug. 20:** Dade Native Plant Workshop – 5 p.m.

**July–Aug.:** Miami-Dade Parks Planning Workshops.

**July:** City of Miami Parks Volunteer workdays

**July 9:** KEYS Native Plant Workshop *inaugural* meeting

**July 13 and 27:** Miami Blue NABA butterfly counts

**Aug. 4:** Miami Blue NABA meeting

**Aug. 25:** National Parks Service birthday - free entrance day

**Ongoing:** Marine debris cleanup trips, Biscayne National Park

**No DCFNPS meeting, field trip or newsletter in August.  
See you in September!**



*Hibiscus coccineus, Scarlet hibiscus, at pond edge*



## DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

**Welcome new members!** Leigh Buckner, Diego J. Cancel, Rachel Johnson, Lisa Merritt, Joseph Montes de Oca

### Chapter workday at Everglades National Park, Saturday, August 10, 2019, 9 a.m. - noon.

Help us enhance the native habitat at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. We will be pruning and weeding. Contact Patty (305-255-6404, [pharespl@gmail.com](mailto:pharespl@gmail.com)) with questions or if you are not on the regular volunteer list for this project (so we can let you know details and changes). We'd love to have new volunteers!

### Support the Dade Chapter FNPS by using Amazon Smile!

Register for Amazon Smile and then always start at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. *Every little bit adds up!*

## WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING

*More opportunities to learn about, enjoy and help native plants and natural areas.*

**Dade Native Plant Workshop.** MDC Kendall Campus Landscape Technology Center, third Tuesdays, 5 pm. [nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/](http://nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/) or contact Steve Woodmansee at [steve@pronative.com](mailto:steve@pronative.com). Bring at least three cuttings or pots, which need not pertain to the topic. **All levels are welcome!**

*Note: we're switching back to the ning.com website.*

**July 16:** The genus *Cyperus* (flatsedges)

**Aug 20:** Native vines

### Miami Blue Chapter, North American Butterfly Association.

See <http://miamiblue.org/> for details.

• **Quarterly meeting: August 4** at Simpson Park.

**Roger Hammer** will present "A Program for South Florida Gardeners - Plant It and They Will Come". Details on website.

• **Butterfly counts can always use more eyes, even if new to butterflying.** Shark Valley (7/13); Pinecrest/ Loop Road (7/27).

### Help the Biscayne National Park Institute rid sensitive coastal habitats of marine debris.

Become a volunteer for Biscayne National Park through the Institute and do your part to keep Biscayne beautiful. Workdays are Tuesday mornings, and you need to be adventurous and fit! Read more [here](#).

DCFNPS Jeanne Rothchild says, "These 'free' marine debris clean-up trips could be considered challenging by some, yet offer a way to see and explore unfamiliar areas of BNP, all while participating in a fulfilling activity!"

**Miami-Dade Parks Planning Workshops.** Help create better parks and programs by participating in planning workshops held throughout Miami-Dade through August (more dates to be added soon). Bring your ideas to build more personalized parks and programs. Registration is recommended, but not required.

[www8.miamidade.gov/global/news-tem.page?Mduid\\_news=news1557328015919622](http://www8.miamidade.gov/global/news-tem.page?Mduid_news=news1557328015919622)

**Questions:** Stephanie Cornejo ([cornejo@miamidade.gov](mailto:cornejo@miamidade.gov))

### National Parks Free Entrance Day.

**August 25, 2019:** 103rd birthday of the National Park Service!

[www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm](http://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks.htm)

**City of Miami Parks Volunteer Calendar.** Events at Virginia Key Beach North Point Park (July 6, 20). **Register:** Eventbrite or Gloria Antia ([gantia@miamigov.com](mailto:gantia@miamigov.com), 305-416-1317).

### Patch of Heaven Sanctuary.

You may remember visiting Patch of Heaven in Redland with DCFNPS in 2017. It's has expanded now, not only in size but in purpose! Here's a message from Patch of Heaven Sanctuary: Patch of Heaven Sanctuary ([www.patchofheavensanctuary.org/](http://www.patchofheavensanctuary.org/)) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating habitats for native wildlife through reforestation and educating our local community. Currently, we are working with GEN 2050 ([lindafreeman.org/gen-2050/](http://lindafreeman.org/gen-2050/)) to educate under-resourced middle and high school students about the importance of environmental stewardship and social responsibility. Our collaboration with this group has awarded us several grants related to educating students on the importance of native bats, bees, and butterflies.

Also, we are in the process of reforesting 6.5 acres of tropical hardwood hammock and pine rockland. Throughout the summer we will be educating students about these two important forest communities here in south Florida. Donations of appropriate species for these habitats or funds to purchase are needed to speed the pace of reforestation, and volunteers are welcomed for various activities. To learn more about how you can help through plant donations or volunteering, please contact Tanya Rocha at 786-719-9903.

**Florida-Friendly landscaping.** The yard of Dade Chapter FNPS member **Pauline Hamian** was recognized as a **Gold Level Florida-Friendly Landscape** by the UF/IFAS Miami-Dade Extension. In addition to the honor for her garden, she received a \$500 rebate on irrigation upgrades to improve water conservation. See [fl.ifas.ufl.edu/local.htm](http://fl.ifas.ufl.edu/local.htm) to learn how you can participate on this program. Congratulations to Pauline!

### Keys Native Plant workshop debut

Jim Duquesnel and others are starting a free, monthly Native Plant Workshop in Key Largo. **The first meeting will be July 9, 2019, 5:30** at the Murray Nelson Center. It's open to all but is intended to be for serious learning. Please contact Jim ([jduquesn@fiu.edu](mailto:jduquesn@fiu.edu)) for all the details, and spread the word.

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**Dade Chapter – FNPS Council of Chapters:** vacant

**Refreshment coordinators:** Volunteers needed

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