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

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2022

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 7:30 PM

Pinecrest Gardens, 11000 SW 57 Ave. (Red Road), Miami
(Also live-streamed on YouTube)
Free and open to all!

"How the Connect to Protect Network Helps the Fragmented, Endangered Pine Rocklands"
– Daniela Champney, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

The Connect to Protect Network (CTPN) at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden has its focus on the pine rocklands – the fragmented, endangered ecosystem in our backyards, which many people have never even heard about. Besides distributing pine rockland plants, CTPN provides a range of activities to help spread the word and educate the residents of Miami-Dade County. In this presentation you will hear more, including our work with schools and community sites, and how YOU can help beyond planting in your own yard. In addition, we will talk about our project of promoting the locustberry to help bring back the Florida Duskywing butterfly.

Daniela is the Program Manager for CTPN and has been involved with the Fairchild Conservation team for the past five years. She began as a volunteer in the nursery and over time started assuming more responsibilities of CTPN. This led to her

covering the managerial aspects of CTPN, including outreach and organization. She enjoys the mix of admin, gardening, education and interaction with the public.



Daniela is an avid gardener who has been working with native plants in her own large yard since arriving in Miami over a decade ago. She is also a member of FNPS.

Come early or stay late to socialize and browse the merchandise and raffle. **This is a good opportunity for early holiday gift shopping!** "A Flora of Tropical Florida" by Long and Lakela (used, hardcover) is still available for \$50. The raffle follows the program. (Refreshments are still on hold.)

Calendar

<https://dade.fnpsschapters.org/events/>

Nov. 12 (Sat.): Field trip – Black Creek Forest & Black Point Wetlands
Nov. 14-16: (Mon.-Wed.): Early Giving for Give Miami Day
Nov. 17 (Thur.): Give Miami Day - Support DCFNPS!
Nov. 22: (Tue.): Monthly meeting
Dec. 3: Chapter workday at Everglades National Park

There is no meeting, newsletter or field trip in December.

Other fall events of interest

Nov. 11: Everglades National Park [free entrance day](#)
Nov. 15: Native Plant Workshops in [Dade](#) and the Keys
Nov. 19-20: Crandon Park [75th Jubilee Celebration](#)
Dec. 3: Everglades National Park [75th Anniversary](#) celebration at Flamingo
Dec. 10, Jan. 6: Environmentally Endangered Lands [workdays](#)
Dec. 14: UF/IFAS Conservation Conversation "Prescribed Burns in Miami-Dade County" ([register](#) for Zoom)
Nov.-Dec. [Broward Chapter](#) FNPS activities

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Thank you for your raffle contributions (native plants, non-plant items such as books, etc.)! Please label each plant with at least the common name on paper or tape (more info is welcome, including your name).

Online viewing: Live-streamed on YouTube.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCmassuC5-OsAX2KsRYQ6X5A

Note: You will see only the computer-based portions of the meeting (on-screen announcements and presentation), not the raffle and other input from the room. **Chat will be enabled.**

Questions? Email DadeFNPS@gmail.com, text 305-985-3677

• **January 24: "Introduction to Drawing Leaves" with Margie Bauer** from the Tropical Botanic Artists. Learn some simple techniques to record and draw a most important part of the plant – the leaf. This is a great place to start on your botanical illustration journey. No experience necessary!

• **Past presentations:** Use the YouTube link above or from DadeFNPS.org. Click on **Videos** for all available recordings.

Give Miami Day

Why support DCFNPS on Give Miami Day?

This community-wide day of online giving is extra-special because the Miami Foundation and partners make bonus gifts for donations of \$25 to \$10,000.

Among other prizes we may benefit from, this year a generous and humble anonymous family is matching the first \$25 from each donor, up to \$1000 per organization. We need 40 donors to receive the full \$1000, so please encourage your native plant-loving friends to donate!

November 17, 2022 beginning at 12:00 a.m.
Early Giving - November 14 to 16

See GiveMiamiDay.org/DCFNPS to donate and to see or create Champion fundraising pages to share.

Learn more at <https://www.givemiamiday.org/FAQ>

Our board and other members generously provide many hundreds of volunteer hours, plus expertise, plants and supplies to run DCFNPS with as little expense as possible. (*Thanks, everyone!*)

Our goal is to have income from dues, sales and raffles cover our regular expenses, including for meetings and administrative costs to provide field trips, yard visits, workdays, newsletter, Website, social media and more, available to the public as well as to members. This can be a challenge for a small organization.

Your GMD donation will help us provide a free Native Plant Day, and also supports native plant conservation through our chapter's contributions to FNPS Conservation grants in memory of our founders, Joyce and Don Gann.

Thank you!

FIELD TRIP

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Black Creek Forest and Black Point Wetlands

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

The complete trip announcement was in last month's newsletter. You can easily see (and even print!) all the details in our calendar at <https://dade.fnpschapters.org/events/>. Below is a brief summary. The calendar will be updated if weather interferes with plans.

Black Creek Forest is an Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) acquisition, 7 acres, mostly Pine rockland.

Black Point Wetlands, aka "Dump Marsh", is about 80 acres of marsh, likely brackish now, and a favorite spot for birders.

Leaders: Tiffany Melvin, Miami-Dade County Biologist, and Steve Woodmansee, DCFNPS VP and Field Trip Coordinator.

Difficulty: Moderate. Some trails and open areas at Black Creek Forest. At Black Point Wetlands, we may poke into the wetlands (optional), and other ground may be squishy.

Bring/wear: Sturdy shoes (ones that can get muddy for the wetlands part), bug protection (just in case), sun protection, and water. Consider a walking stick for extra stability, binoculars for birding, and small bag for trash pickup.

Notes: Black Point Marina for lunch may be an option. No restrooms at either location. Pets are not allowed on our field trips.

Paid advertising



Selling plants at wholesale or reduced prices!

By appointment ☼ Cash/check

Simpson stoppers, Red stoppers, Spanish stoppers, Paradise trees, Black Ironwood trees Coontie, Mastic, Blolly, Saw Palmetto, Marlberry Myrsine, *Thrinax radiata*, White Indigoberry and Shortleaf/soft-leaf wild coffee (*Psychotria tenuifolia*)



DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS



Welcome new members! Joe and Kristal Gutierrez, Michelle Halderman, Ray Morales

DCFNPS Everglades National Park workday.

December 3, 9am-noon (and every other month on a Saturday (dates TBA). Help maintain the native landscape at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center, begun in 2001.

Potential new volunteers: Please contact Patty in advance (pharespl@gmail.com) for more details. Non-members and students can help, too! Current volunteers will receive information by email. Read more in our online [calendar](#).

DCFNPS volunteers are invited to collaborate with the Connect To Protect Network ([CTPN](#)) at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on occasional pineland projects.

At upcoming workdays (weekday mornings), we will maintain pineland plantings at the entrance to Larry and Penny Thompson Park (SW 184 St. at 125 Ave.). It's a learning opportunity and easy. For more information or notices about these or other future CTPN+DCFNPS volunteer opportunities, contact ConnectToProtect@FairchildGarden.org. Tell the CTPN leader Daniela Champney you are with DCFNPS.

FNPS publications

- You should have received the latest *Palmetto* magazine (Volume 38: No. 3) by postal mail or email in October. Read articles by local nature artist Kim Heise (see the panther on the cover) and by frequent *Palmetto* and *Tillandsia* contributor, Roger Hammer. Members can find many *Palmetto* issues [here](#).
- *Sabal Minor* newsletter. <https://www.fnps.org/home> under [resources](#).

Save the date – get involved now!

**25th ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT DAY - March 25, 2023
Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park in North Miami.**

The Dade Chapter's annual public event is back. It's a full day of programs, nature walks, educational tables by organizations and agencies, plant and merchandise sales, raffles, activities for all ages, and plenty of networking and socializing.

- **It's not too early to share the date with friends and family.**
- **Can you suggest presenters, organizations to set up a table, vendors, volunteers, etc.? Want to find out how to help with the preparation?** DadeFNPS@gmail.com or 305-985-3677.
- **Donations of native plants for the chapter to sell or raffle are in very high demand.** Please start seeds and pot up volunteers you could donate in 4" to 3-gallon pots. **You need to start soon** so they are well-established four months from now. If you need pots or guidance on species or have questions, just ask!

MORE NEWS and THINGS TO DO

Dade Native Plant Workshop - at the MDC Kendall Campus. nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/. A free public workshop every 3rd Tuesday, led by Steve Woodmansee. Novices and experts alike are welcome! **Nov. 15, 5 PM:** Topic is Scrophulariaceae, Orobanchaceae, and Plantaginaceae (including the Veronicaceae). <https://www.regionalconservation.org/ircs/database/plants/SFPlanListByL.asp> lists plants in these families (Group by Family).

Florida Keys Native Plant Workshop (virtual meeting). **Nov. 15, 5:30 PM:** Duane and Susan Kolterman continue with Sapindales, this time presenting on Sapindaceae, Simaroubaceae, Meliaceae and Rutaceae. For more info: FKNPW@outlook.com.

County parks with nature activities have a great lineup of activities for the beautiful fall and winter weather. Pick a park [here](#) to see all types of activities. For instance, **Castellow Hammock** has owl, butterfly or bat walks, camps for kids, hikes in several preserves, and "Sunset Folk Night". **Bill Sadowski Park** has a Pine Rockland Kayak Tour at Zoo Miami – check it out!

Coral Gables residents can now chose from more species, including natives, for swale plantings. See "Expanding Nature's Path: Swale Gardening, a beautiful view for all" by Grace Carricarte in Coral Gables Magazine July 21, 2022. Native, resilient, and butterfly pollinator plants that do not need irrigation have been added to the plants allowed in swales.

<https://coralgablesmagazine.com/swale-gardening-a-beautiful-view-for-all/>. Thanks to Ellen Barrett for sharing this.

Chip Drop - A potentially helpful tip but **not an endorsement** from Steve Woodmansee. This "matches people who want free wood chip mulch with arborists and tree companies who are trying to get rid of it." See www.getchipdrop.com and be SURE to watch the video and read the associated comments at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iAv8SzB_Aw.

planting a "pine rockland" garden – the focus of the Connect to Protect Network.

- **The garden does not have to be large.** Even a narrow swale, median, or linear border ... almost any size and layout of space can be considered.
- **It does not need to be at a residence.** Think school, business, church, park or community site – with permission, of course.
- **You don't have to plant pines.** Shrubs and low groundcovers and wildflowers can fill the garden.
- **It does not have to be 100% native pine rockland plants.** You can remove lawn but still incorporate some existing plants.



Garden 1. This CTPN member decided that there was too much grass in her front yard. She used a methodical approach to design her new landscape. Little by little she removed the grass, installed edging, placed the pavers, and started planting.



One year later, the plants are growing, attracting butterflies and birds.



Two years later, the trellis came down in a storm, but all the other plants keep growing nicely. They don't require fertilizer, don't need additional watering and don't need frequent trimming.

CONNECT TO PROTECT GARDENS PREVIEW

As a little warmup for our November 22 program, here are some photos and ideas to start you thinking more broadly about

Questions regarding the grant programs should be sent to info@fnps.org.

Application deadline for the 2023 Awards is March 3, 2023.

Awards will be announced at the 2023 Annual Conference. Awardees do not have to be present at the Conference to receive award.

CALL FOR RESEARCH TRACK PAPERS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The FNPS Annual Conference will be held as a virtual meeting, April 29 and 30, 2023. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers and a virtual poster session using the Whova platform. Poster presentations will be uploaded on April 21. Abstracts are invited on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presented papers should be 15 minutes presentation, 5 minutes questions.

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted by January 15, 2023 as a MS Word file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate paper or poster. Details on preparing and uploading a poster will be provided when the abstract is accepted.

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Tillandsia Newsletter

Please contact the editor if you might 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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GARDEN SPOTLIGHT



Garden 2. This CTPN member chose to do a small planting next to the path leading to the front door of her home. It's a great example which shows that you don't need a lot of space to do your part for our native plants.



All is growing and filling in nicely, welcoming not only human visitors, but also wildlife.

FNPS AWARDS AND GRANTS FOR 2023

- **Endowment Research Grants** fund research on native plants. Up to \$2500, intended to support research that forwards the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society which is **"to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida."**
- **Conservation Grants support applied native plant conservation projects in Florida.** Up to \$5000. These projects promote the preservation, conservation, or restoration of rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities. **The proposed project must be sponsored by an FNPS Chapter.**
- **The Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany.** Up to \$1500 to graduate or undergraduate students who are studying Florida ethnobotany.
- **The Cornelia McNamara Grant** funds applied research on native plants and habitats, particularly those that are rare or imperiled. Up to \$1500. Projects support research that will yield data to inform the management for or restoration of native species and habitats.

Application guidelines and details are on the FNPS Web site (www.fnps.org), click on 'What We Do/Awards and Grants'.