



Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society The SARRACENIA TRUMPET

SPRING 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 13, 2019 – Native Plant Sale

Join us at the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival for free informational brochures, educational displays, and our **biggest native plant sale of the year!**

April 16, 2019 – Chapter meeting

Ants and Plants

Dr. Peter Hertl

Dr. Hertl recently retired from the Entomology Department at North Carolina State University, and now works as an Entomologist for the USDA. While at the University, he conducted field research on a wide variety of insect pests including ants. See our short article regarding this presentation later in The Trumpet. Also note our Page 3 article on chapter elections which will be held at our April 16 meeting.

April 27, 2019 Field Trip

Our next Sarracenia Chapter field trip is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019. Details will be emailed.

May 16 - 19, 2019 FNPS Annual Conference

The annual FNPS conference takes place at Plantation at Crystal River. Register online at:

<https://fnps.org/conference/2019>

May 21, 2019 - Chapter meeting

iNaturalist App

Peter Kleinhenz

Mr. Kleinhenz, FWC public access services office, and overseer of FWC's Florida Nature Trackers program will explain the uses of the smartphone app iNaturalist. See a short segment about iNaturalist at the bottom of page 2 in this issue.

SUMMER BREAK: June, July and August. Our fall issue of The Trumpet will outline our fall chapter meetings. You can also check our [Facebook page](#) for field trips and meetings.

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The Sarracenia Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month September – November and January – May.

Meetings are held at 6:30 PM (6:00 PM social) at the Wakulla Public Library, Crawfordville, Fla. Free and open to the public.

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FNPS promotes the preservation, restoration, and conservation of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.



SPRING IS HERE

Bonnie Basham Woodward

We can finally welcome Spring, I believe! Everywhere we look we see our treasured natives coming back to give us another show of color and welcome the pollinators that grace their blooms.

We have several exciting speakers for April and May and you will want to mark your calendars for the third Tuesday of each month – 6:30 p.m. – Wakulla County Library in Crawfordville. On April 16 Peter Hertl will be back in Wakulla County for the Worm Gruntin' Festival and will be our April chapter presenter. In May Peter Kleinhenz will show us a phone app to take the guess work out of identifying plants we see.

During our April meeting Sarracenia/FNPS members will vote for a slate of officers to lead us through next year. A slate will be presented but we also will take nominations, of willing participants, from the floor. If you are interested in serving on the Sarracenia board, please let me or David Roddenberry, Sandy Tedder, Jeannie Brodhead or George Weaver know; or email us at Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com.



Signs of spring at the Sopchoppy Depot Park

NATIVE PLANT SALE – APRIL 13, 2019

Sarracenia's educational station with Florida native plant exhibits and environmental education materials is an annual feature of the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival. We'll be offering a variety of Florida native plants for sale. Find us this Saturday, April 13, on Winthrop Avenue (just off the main street) in downtown Sopchoppy.

OUR APRIL CHAPTER MEETING – ANTS AND PLANTS

Dr. Peter Hertl tells us that ants and plants coexist in almost every terrestrial habitat on the planet. These organisms interact in a variety of ways ranging from simply eating the plants to complicated interactions involving multiple species. The nature of these associations is not always obvious, and determining which relationships are beneficial or harmful to the plant is not always easy. The presentation will explore the many types of ant-plant interactions and try to sort out the advantages and disadvantages of these often complex associations.

Dr. Hertl has presented to our chapter several times in the past, most recently on earthworms, for he is a renowned earthworm expert. He recently retired from the Entomology Department at North Carolina State University, and now works as an Entomologist for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). While at the University, he conducted field research on a wide variety of insect pests including ants. He has a special interest in ants, and prepared our April 16 presentation especially for the Sarracenia Chapter.



Sarracenia President, Bonnie Basham Woodward, and Chapter Rep, Jeannie Brodhead, discussing the plant encounter portion of our March chapter meeting photo by Sandy Tedder



FNPS Communications chair, Dr. Shirley Denton, our presenter for the March chapter meeting photo by Sandy Tedder

OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS: Our Chapter meetings are a good way to connect with likeminded people in a very informal setting. We provide refreshments before the meeting starts (6:00 p.m.) Coupled with the refreshments, in the time before the meeting begins, is a plant encounter where several plant species are set out on a table for our attendees to try to identify. We can't compare notes and we can't have "open book" for the identifications of the plant samples. It is always a challenge to see how many we can identify. Another addition to our meetings has been the "house call" segment where members are allowed to put their name "in the hat" for a drawing for a 2-hour house call to identify plants at their home. David Roddenberry, our chapter expert, conducts the house calls. Our first house call winner, Bob Thompson, invited several Sarracenia members to attend his recent house call. We met and walked his property for several hours, verifying Bob's own list as well as adding to his inventory of native plant species.

We encourage you to attend the meetings and bring friends and neighbors who want to learn more about our native plants. Also feel free to bring plants that you want help identifying. Our meetings are always free and open to the public.



Bob and Trudy Thompson's yard as we prepare to begin the house call. Attending were Jeannie Brodhead, Kitty Loftin, Trudy and Bob Thompson, David Roddenberry and Sandy Tedder.



iNaturalist is a citizen science project and online network of naturalists, citizen scientists and biologists who come together to collectively help with identification and share observations of the natural world. It is a joint initiative by the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society.

iNaturalist tip: in preparation for our May meeting, you might want to download the iNaturalist app from the Appstore or Google Play and install it on your phone. A helpful website is: <https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/getting+started>.



FNPS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 16 – 19, 2019
PLANTATION AT CRYSTAL RIVER
 9301 West Fort Island Trail, Crystal River, FL 34429

Lots of programs, field trips, workshops, social events, and the location is fairly close to our North Florida area.

Link to Conference info: <https://www.fnps.org/conference>

Link to Registration:
<https://www.fnps.org/conference/register>

Special room rate if you mention Florida Native Plant Society

Link to Lodging:
<https://www.plantationoncrystalriver.com/rooms-and-suites2.htm>

There will be many native plant related workshops. You can earn CEUs if you need them in your profession. You'll learn some cutting edge science, get information on all types of current issues including conservation and restoration techniques, and learn more about native plants and landscaping, and this is just a start to all the benefits these annual conferences provide for both members and non-members. Anyone can attend.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS: We commend and remind you of two of our chapter members of note. Our chapter President, Bonnie Basham Woodward, was voted Treasurer of the main FNPS organization earlier this year. And member Sammy Tedder was invited to be a speaker at the FNPS Annual Conference (May 2019 <https://fnps.org/conference>). His presentation will be similar to what he has presented to our chapter in the past: *Where Ethnobotany and Ethnomusicology Meet*.

ANNUAL CHAPTER ELECTIONS

In accordance with the Chapter's bylaws, the annual election to fill five chapter offices will be held at the chapter meeting on April 16, 2019. The offices are president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and chapter representative. Those officers also constitute the chapter board of directors. Every member of the chapter is entitled to be present and vote. In accordance with the bylaws, a majority of those *present and voting at the meeting* shall elect. Every member is also entitled to seek election to one of the offices, or to nominate chapter members for offices — provided that those members signify acceptance of the nomination. President Bonnie Basham has chosen to retire from the position. Vice president David Roddenberry has been nominated for president, and each of the other current officers has been nominated for another term. They are treasurer Dr. George Weaver, secretary Sandy Tedder, and chapter representative Jeannie Brodhead. There is presently no nominee for vice president. (See Page 2 article for other elements of the chapter meeting of April 16.)



Dr. Shirley Denton and David Roddenberry wading at the dwarf cypress stand in the Tate's Hell State Forest, which was the location of our March chapter field trip.

Sarracenia Board and Regular Volunteers

Bonnie Basham Woodward
 Jeannie Brodhead
 George Weaver
 David Roddenberry
 Sandy Tedder
 Kitty Loftin

Please Join Us at Any Board Meeting

Second Monday of September
 October, November, January,
 February, March, April
 Email us for location:
Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com

Other Volunteer Help

Come to Chapter Meetings at 5:45 to help set up tables and chairs

Membership information is available at all Chapter meetings (ask Jeannie Brodhead for info) or online at FNPS.org.

Find us on Facebook at Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society