



Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society
The SARRACENIA TRUMPET

WINTER 2019 - 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 2020 – Arbor Day Celebration

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Hudson Park, Crawfordville, FL
This annual event provides free trees to the community. One per household. Our Sarracenia Chapter will have a booth with educational materials for planting and maintaining the trees. See flyer attached.

January 21, 2020 – Chapter meeting

Raffles, Singapore and Botany: a brief history and overview of the GARDENS OF SINGAPORE

Loran C. Anderson, Ph.D.

Plant taxonomist and professor emeritus Dr. Loran C. Anderson will present a botanical and pictorial account of his time four years ago at the famous Gardens of Singapore --- one of the world's great botanical showplaces.

February 18, 2020 - Chapter meeting

Making Your Yard Bird-Friendly

Jacqui Sulek

Ms. Sulek, Conservation Manager of the Florida Audubon Society, will speak to our chapter on the native plants that can help our bird populations.

March 17, 2020 - Chapter meeting

Biology and Ecology of the Florida-endangered Ashe Magnolia

Kelly Thomas

Ms. Thomas, IFAS Agricultural/Food Scientist, will speak to our chapter on the Ashe Magnolia, an endangered tree which is endemic in Florida, where it is restricted to ravine slopes and bluffs in five counties in our state. **Note that we have an alternate location for this meeting. Details on this page.**

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

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MARCH 17 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER IN CRAWFORDVILLE

Please note that the location for our March 17 chapter meeting has to be changed because our library meeting room will be a polling place that day. We will meet at the **Wakulla County Community Center at 79 Recreation Drive, Crawfordville, Florida**. We will have refreshments at 6pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm as usual. This is a one-time change for this March 2020 meeting only.

NATIVE DESIRE: CHAPMAN BOTANICAL GARDENS

David Roddenberry

There's a T-shirt that says, "If Chapman were alive, he'd be a Sarracenia." When we Sarracenias behold Chapman's azalea, Chapman's milkwort, Chapman's aster, Chapman's blazing star or Chapman's whatever, we do tend toward pride in our chapter's reach across Franklin County where the great botanist lived a last, productive 52 years. We know there's a conceit in the shirt, but we'd be courting his membership. (He'd be about 210 now – not exactly giving the infusion of youth we wish for.)

Alvan W. Chapman's time at Apalachicola (antebellum and postbellum – 1847-1899 – according to Gail Fishman's chapter on him in her *Journeys Through Paradise*) saw the doctor's signal contribution to American botany: his *Flora of the Southern United States* was published in 1860. His house is still there, beside the street where, perhaps, he sometimes looked up and greeted the six-foot-seven cotton merchant Thomas Orman as rumblings of war grew louder in the 1850s. The house, sitting next to the historic cemetery with Chapman's grave, has undergone conscientious, private restoration in recent years. That's for another article.

Apalach and Franklin County made a point of honoring Chapman's significance in the area of knowledge with the quite uncommon step of designating the town's high school Chapman High (this 26 years after his death, according to *Journeys ...*). This may have been actually singular in the Florida Panhandle, where a town's one public high school was and is named for the

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town or the county. Yet, public sentiment giveth and it taketh away; the name was dropped after perhaps four decades (and the school, too, is gone now).



Chapman Botanical Gardens, Apalachicola, Florida

The State of Florida and the City of Apalachicola now memorialize Alvan Chapman with Chapman Botanical Gardens occupying most of a 10-acre city property attached to the Orman House Historic State Park near Apalachicola's riverfront. The State holds management authority. One or more of our Franklin members have represented FNPS in the past in reviews of state management of the Orman House.

The Gardens have the asset of a good fringe of native forest, even after Hurricane Michael battered the site in 2018. But that fringe may be the only part devoted to what Chapman was devoted to – the native plants.

Personnel of the Master Gardeners class of IFAS Franklin County have done the plant installations and other work of recovery from the storm. A large, neat, raised garden is supplied with the non-native tropical milkweed *Asclepias curassavica*, along with other plants including cotton, apropos of Orman and the town's brisk commerce of old.

On a breezy day this past November, those milkweeds were flowering, and monarch butterflies thronged them, making the plot a butterfly garden indeed. The monarchs were ignoring a great flowering of salt myrtle (*Baccharis halimifolia*) along the roads just outside the site. Don't expect much of a constituency for simple replacement of the non-native milkweed by some of the 10 upland species of milkweed native and indigenous to Franklin County – or not any time soon. The non-native was the go-to plant for the monarch at Apalach last fall.

Sarracenia members established communication with the parties in charge this past summer with respect to the Chapman Botanical Gardens specifi-

cally. Finding a receptiveness to the idea of native-plant emphasis was encouraging. It would be most appropriate to Chapman's legacy if the state park's plan and the FNPS mission could coincide. The result could be the best memorial to the man, as well as a point of pride for Apalachicola.

The path to that outcome is not laid out at present, but wherever the opportunity to encourage and support such may occur, we should aid it. Sarracenia's board has authorized a modest \$100 of Chapter money for native plants to donate once a first area is dedicated to native plantings. The monarch/milkweed initiative in St. Marks NWR has agreed to donate a quantity of native milkweed plants. The upcoming installation of a sign dedicating the Gardens to Chapman can open an opportunity. There are good grounds for hope that the master gardeners, with state approval, will establish a native plot around the sign. Sarracenia's first contribution could be applied right there.



FIELD TRIPS

Our Chapter is known for its great field trips. We are currently planning a field trip for late March and possibly one before then, so look for our chapter emails and keep in touch with our field trips tab on our webpage: <http://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/field-trips/>.

We had several field trips in the fall of 2019 that were well attended. Our field trip for October 19, which was to be a jointly led field trip with the Sweetbay chapter was rained out by T.S. Nestor. But the weather was excellent for our November 3, 2019, field trip. This trip was conducted jointly with the Magnolia Chapter and the Joyride Bicycle Collective. It was a leisurely bike ride along Surf Road on Wakulla County's Ochlockonee Bay Bicycle Trail to view the wildflower and native plant highlights of the trail. Our November 10, 2019 field trip, conducted by chapter member George Apthorp, was in the Wakulla Springs State Park. It was a pleasant hike in the park's old growth forest.



Ochlockonee Bay Bike Trail 10-3-19 photo by Jeannie Brodhead



DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that several chapter members were instrumental in setting up the small ceremony that was held in Tallahassee at Native Nurseries, where Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Commissioner Nicole “Nikki” Fried proclaimed October to be Florida Native Plant Month?



Florida Agriculture Commissioner, Nikki Fried, proclaims October as Native Plant Month *photo by Valerie Anderson*



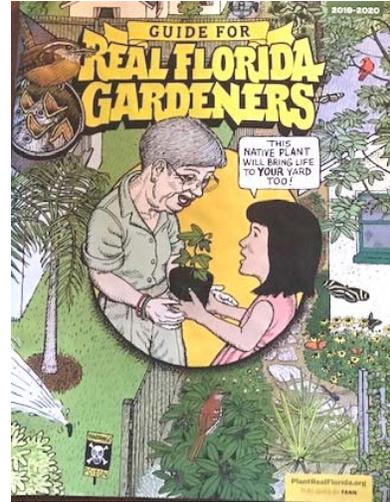
Did you know that FNPS has grant opportunities? The Florida Native Plant Society maintains an Endowment Research Grant program for the purpose of funding research on native plants. If you’re interested, now is the time to prepare to submit an application. You can find out more about the grants programs on the FNPS.org website. Look for the link ‘What We Do/Grants and Awards’. Application deadline is March 6, 2020. Also see attached grants information letter from FNPS at the end of this newsletter.



Did you know that we now have all sizes of our Sarracenia chapter t-shirts available again for a contribution of \$15 each? See them at our meetings and events.



Did you know our chapter has an informational ad in the annual publication, “Guide for Real Florida Gardeners?” This guide is available for our members, free of charge, at any of our meetings or events and is a good tool for getting ideas for your own native garden or in making informed decisions about which plants are best to use in our area.



Did you know that you can always keep up with our recent happenings on our webpage at: <http://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/news/>. And, you can view the FNPS YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTom5I9pQlwTC-S_uDjkAEw/featured?disable_polymer=1.



Did you know that our chapter has been helping plant and maintain the Sopchoppy Depot Park? We would welcome any volunteers; no experience required. Contact Sopchoppy mayor Lara Edwards at Lara.Edwards@Sopchoppy.org or call 850-212-3184.



Sarracenia Board and Regular Volunteers

David Roddenberry
Jeannie Brodhead
George Weaver
Sandy Tedder
Kitty Loftin

Please Join Us at Any Board Meeting

Email us for dates and location
Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com

Other Volunteer Help

Come to Chapter Meetings at 5:45pm to help set up tables and chairs or help us put everything away afterwards.

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
Visit our webpage: Sarracenia.fnpschapters.org

Crawfordville

Arbor Day

Free Trees!

Saturday

January 18

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hudson Park

Rain or Shine

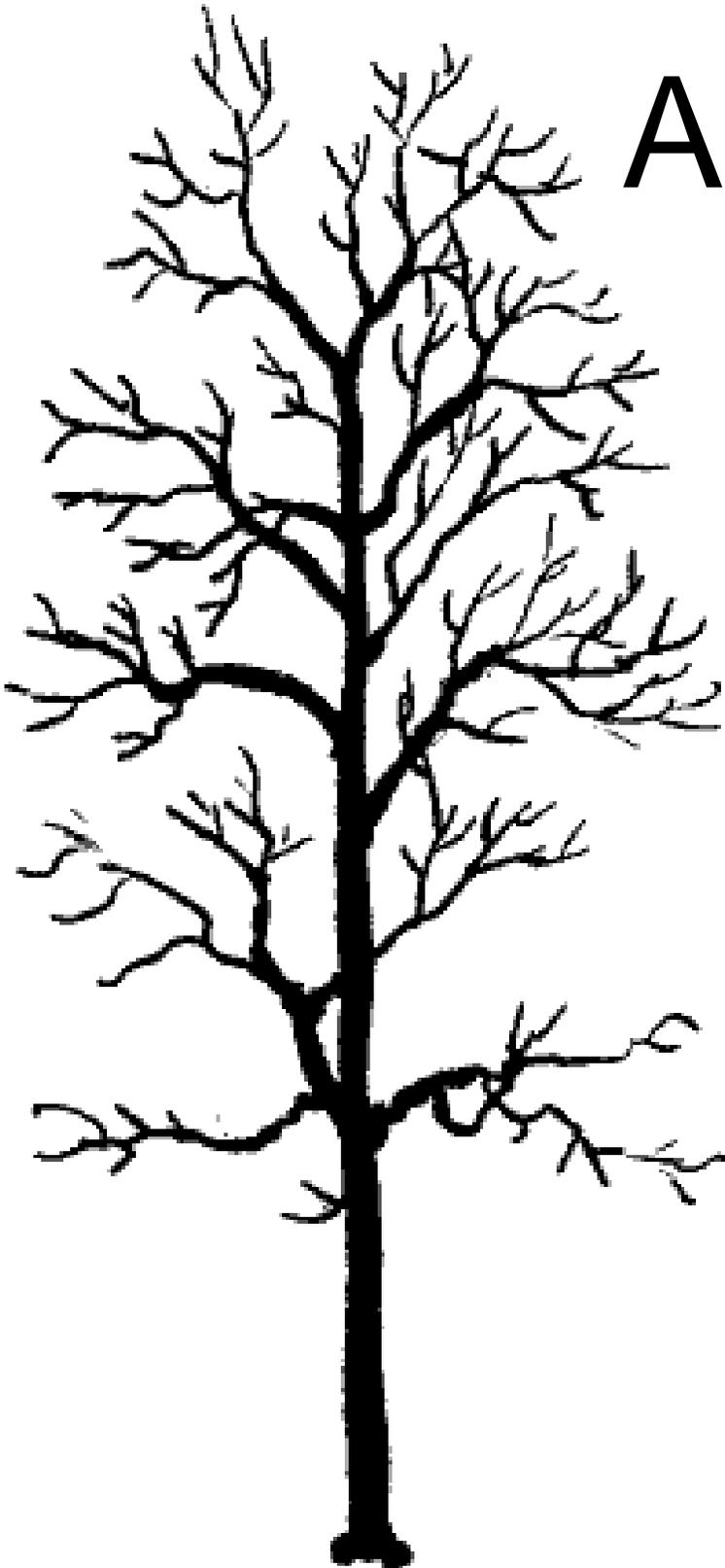
Hundreds of young trees
(in pots) will be given away!

*Redbud, Wild Olive, Flatwoods Plum,
Arrowwood, Parsley Hawthorn,
Pignut Hickory, Sweetbay Magnolia,
Chinquapin Oak, Southern Red Oak,
Dahoon Holly, Longleaf Pine, & more*

Children's Activities
Music Food
Artisan & Craft Vendors

Wakulla County Garden Club & Florida Wildlife Federation

*with the National Wildlife Federation, Florida Forest Service, Just Fruits & Exotics Nursery,
Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Wakulla County Parks, & The Wakulla News.*



FNPS CONSERVATION GRANT AWARDS

You are receiving this email as a chapter leader in FNPS. Below is an announcement regarding awards for 2020. Please include this in your newsletter to members.

FNPS 2020 Endowment Grant Research Awards,

Conservation Grant Awards and the Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany

The Florida Native Plant Society maintains an **Endowment Research Grant** program for the purpose of funding research on native plants. These are small grants (\$1500 or less), awarded for a 1-year period, and 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."

FNPS **Conservation Grants** support applied native plant conservation projects in Florida. These grants (\$5000 or less) are awarded for a 1-year period. These projects promote the preservation, conservation, or restoration of rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities. To qualify for a Conservation Grant, the proposed project must be sponsored by an FNPS Chapter.

The **Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany** will provide up to \$1500 to graduate or undergraduate students who are studying Florida ethnobotany – i.e., the study of the relationship between peoples or cultures with plants native to Florida or Florida ecosystems. These can be current uses or historic uses.

Application guidelines and details are on the FNPS Web site (www.fnps.org), click on 'What We Do/Grants and Awards'. Questions regarding the grant programs should be sent to info@fnps.org.

Application deadline for the 2019 Awards is March 6, 2020. Awards will be announced at the May 2020 Annual Conference at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida. Awardees do not have to be present at the Conference to receive award.

Sincerely

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