



Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society **The SARRACENIA TRUMPET**

WINTER 2024-2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 2025 – Crawfordville Arbor Day

Hudson Park. 10am to 1pm. See article later in this newsletter for FREE tree giveaway details.

January 21, 2025 – Chapter Meeting

FNAI: Rare Plant Monitoring and Mapping

Amy Jenkins, FNAI

Ms. Jenkins, FNAI field biologist and ecologist, will be presenting a program on FNAI's work in the Apalachicola National Forest. The presentation will focus on rare plant monitoring and historic natural community mapping in the ANF.

February 18, 2025 – Chapter Meeting

Connecting to your Place on Earth; The Natural History of North Florida

Karen Rose, Master Naturalist Program

Ms. Rose, Naturalist and Environmental Educator with the UF/IFAS Florida Master Naturalist Program will share the story of Florida's natural history; how the ice ages, sea level changes, fire, and humanity have all changed plant communities over time.

March 18, 2025 – Chapter Meeting

FNPS Land Management Reviews

Ann Reams

Ms. Reams, a member of our Sarracenia Chapter will be presenting a program on Land Management reviews with an overview of the St. Mark's River State Park review. Learn about how LMRs are conducted and gain some insight into how you can be involved.

Save the Dates:

- April 2nd to 6th 2025 – Annual FNPS Conference. UF Hilton in Gainesville. See article in this newsletter.
- April 12, 2025 – Chapter Annual Native Plant Sale at the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival.
- April 15, 2025 – Chapter meeting with Nia Wellendorf on exploring the freshwater lakes in the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.
- Our chapter will conduct one or more field trips in the period late winter to mid-spring, so stay tuned to our emails for field trip details.

Chapter meetings begin at 6:30pm at the Wakulla County Library, with refreshments at 6:00pm

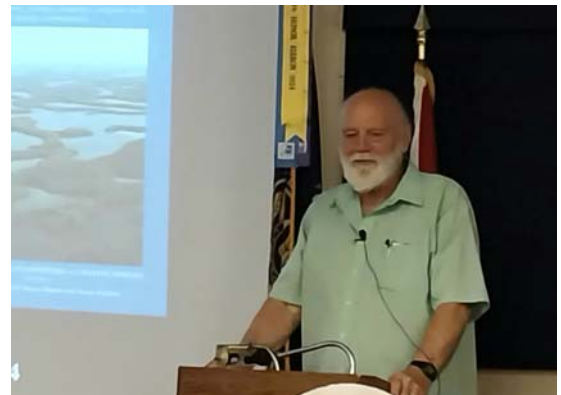
CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Melanie Trexler

Greetings Sarracenia Members and Friends!

Another interesting year comes to a close, and we look forward to a fresh 2025. Sarracenia was active this year: we successfully participated in several exciting county events, notably the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival, the St. Marks Monarch Festival, the Crawfordville Arbor Day tree giveaway, the Wakulla County Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day, and the FSU Marine Lab Open House, among others. Our participation in these events were organized and managed by our enthusiastic Sarracenia member volunteers – thank you! We also gave away loads of seed packets at these events, lovingly prepared by our tireless Vice President, Jeannie Brodhead.

Our monthly speakers this year gave engaging and educational presentations ranging from fire management in longleaf pine environments to coastal dune ecology, from urban forestry to invasive plants.



Dr. Bruce Means presenting at a recent chapter meeting

Sarracenia members were also found poking around our local areas on field trips to longleaf pine restoration sites, local state parks, and on foraging explorations. Next year promises more interesting field trips, as we try to encourage new memberships and participation of existing members in our wonderful little native plant society!



Foraging workshop at the Leon Sinks area in October 2024

Speaking of participation, we need yours! *Sarracenia* thrives on our community of native plant enthusiasts, and we love to see you at our meetings, helping with our outreach efforts, supporting our event booths by volunteering, and spreading the message of preservation of native plants and their environments. Remember the recent attempt to alter our state parks with commercial facilities? It was the vocal actions of folks like you who stopped that endeavor, and Florida needs your voice to continue to preserve and protect our natural resources.



Florida Native Plant Society protests State Park development

If you haven't already joined the Florida Native Plant Society, please consider doing so. If you know someone who would be interested in participating in *Sarracenia* and its mission, pass the information along to them and invite them to a meeting!

We look forward to seeing you in the new year! Happy Botanizing!



FREE TREES AT THE CRAWFORDVILLE ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Lynn Artz

Plan to spend Saturday, January 18th at the annual Crawfordville Arbor Day celebration and tree giveaway at Hudson Park starting at 10:00 a.m.

Come to choose a free tree from among 16 native species. One thousand trees will be available on a one-per-person basis. Bring the whole family to enjoy the festivities (and get more trees). Between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. there will be children's activities, educational exhibits, artisan & craft vendors, food vendors, and music.

Better yet, volunteer to hand out trees to the public (and get first pick of the free trees). If volunteering, please send an email to lynn.artz@hotmail.com to sign up and receive volunteer instructions by email.

The National Wildlife Federation and the Wakulla County Garden Club will give away roughly 100 each of the following trees in 1-gal pots: red maple, chalk maple, pignut hickory, live oak, willow oak, American elm, bald cypress, green ash, and blackgum (sourgum).

The Florida Forest Service will give away longleaf pine seedlings plus 100 pots containing cabbage palm, river birch, rusty lyonia, and tulip poplar trees.

Donated redbuds and elderberries will also be offered. At the festival's end, leftover trees will be available in unrestricted quantities for \$4 per tree donations.



BOTANIZE WEBINAR SERIES BY SARRACENIA CHAPTER MEMBER DR. JIM FOLSOM



Dr. Jim Folsom, hosted by the Florida Wildflower Foundation, is presenting a series of webinars that began this past month and will continue until the month of June. These once a month Zoom presentations entitled BOTANY IN CONTEXT started with an overview of basic botany concepts and will continue to enlighten us with various botany-related topics each month. Registration is required for each session. Here is the link to register and to view the previously shown webinars: [Botany in Context Webinar Series! - Florida Wildflower Foundation](#). Along with being able to review past webinars you will have access to the slides and notes and various links that deal with native plant and native plant resources.



FNPS ANNUAL 2025 CONFERENCE

April 2nd through the 6th is the next annual FNPS conference. This is the first in-person conference since the COVID pandemic. It is being held in Gainesville at the UF Hilton Hotel. Speakers and great field trips are planned, as well as various activities and gatherings throughout the five-day period. The UF Hilton has a block of rooms reserved for those who are ready to plan their stay, so make sure you ask for the special FNPS Conference rate when you book your rooms. FNPS is looking for volunteers to help with the logistics and event happenings, so keep that in mind. And, if you don't already know, at each conference there is a huge native plant sale with several native plant vendors participating, so plan to purchase your favorite natives. See the FNPS website for all the details and to register for the conference: [Florida Native Plant Society \(FNPS\)](#)



Conference dinner al fresco (2019)

FNPS 2024 ANNUAL FUND APPEAL

FNPS is holding their annual fundraising drive. Our statewide FNPS efforts have been a voice for native plants and have helped to directly affect the conservation of some of the most imperiled plant species. FNPS uses this revenue to fund support for the Torreyakeepers Project, the Dicerandra Working Groups, and funding for the Science and Conservation grants that are awarded in order to continue important research on native plants, among other noteworthy work. Please follow this link to go to the FNPS donations page: [Florida Native Plant Society \(FNPS\)](#).



SOPCHOPPY DEPOT PARK UPDATE

Now that the weather isn't so hot, think about becoming a volunteer at the Sopchoppy Depot Park. You don't have to have any gardening knowledge, just come and you'll be instructed in the best way to help. We meet at the park the first Saturday of the month and the third Friday of the month at 9am. Stay as long or short a time as you wish.

On November 2nd we planted a large number of native plants, many to replace those that may have died or been damaged. We're looking forward to seeing these and the other wildflowers show us their magic in the coming months.



David Roddenberry on planting day, Nov. 2nd, at Sopchoppy Depot Park

As we always do, we try to remind folks that the City of Sopchoppy maintains a website with a section for the Depot Park: <https://www.sopchoppy.org/sopchoppy-depot-park.html>.

(Sopchoppy Depot Park continued)

Our Sarracenia Chapter also has a section of our website devoted to the park (thank you David Roddenberry for being our webmaster): <https://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/resources> (scroll down to #3 on that page).

You can see some of what is currently blooming at the park in the weekly newspaper, *The Wakulla Sun*, where Lynn Artz's articles are featured in a column called "Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park." With text and photos, it is a great teaching tool.

Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park Hooded pitcherplant



By LYNN ARTZ, DAVID RODDENBERRY, and SANDY TEDDER

Hooded pitcherplant (*Sarracenia minor*) is the most common of six pitcherplants native to Florida. Found in boggy and swampy areas, only this pitcherplant extends into central Florida. It is also distinguished by the hood that curves over each hollow tubular leaf, keeping out rainwater. Hooded pitcherplants lure insects with sweet nectar from leaf glands. Once under the hood, insects try to escape through translucent white spots, eventually falling into the slippery tube with downward hairs and into the digestive liquid at the tube bottom. Ants, flies, wasps, and bees are most often caught. In late spring, the foot-high clusters of pitchers sport large yellow down-facing flowers that are pollinated by small bees. A threatened state species, hooded pitcher plants are blooming now in the small sunken bog garden at Sopchoppy Depot Park.

Article from *The Wakulla Sun* on the Flower of the Week at Sopchoppy Depot Park



SOME QUICK LINKS

FNPS's Lunch and Learns series – hour long speaker sessions on lots of native plant topics: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLT16Qn-flr4O7nxo1cDZIl-bO0X9Oy126>.

Our Sarracenia chapter has a YouTube Channel. Here is the link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_xtH-t3PBaGshb6KrTI4PA.

Find out what wildflowers will grow in your area and in your specific habitat: [Florida Native Plant Society \(FNPS\)](#)

Where to purchase native wildflower seeds: <http://floridawildflowers.com/>. For bulk native wildflower seeds, try this company: [Roundstone Native Seed Company](#).



The Sarracenia Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month September – November and January – May. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM at the Wakulla County Public Library. Refreshments served before the meeting. They are free and open to the public. FNPS promotes the preservation, restoration, and conservation of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

Sarracenia Board

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Please Join Us at Any Board Meeting

Email us for dates and location
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Other Volunteer Help

Ask how you can help with Chapter meetings, or help us at the Sopchoppy Depot Park.

Membership information is available at all in-person Chapter meetings, or contact us at Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com, or go online to FNPS.org on the Join/Support tab.

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