



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

SPRING 2020

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### March 17, 2020 – Chapter meeting

#### Biological and Ecology of the Endangered Ashe Magnolia

Kelly Thomas

Ms. Thomas, with UF/IFAS, 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 certain counties in the Panhandle. **NOTE: One-time change of meeting venue** to Wakulla Community Center, 318 Shadeville Road, Crawfordville.

### April 11, 2020 – Native Plant Sale

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Downtown Sopchoppy  
We will hold our annual spring Native Plant Sale at the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival in downtown Sopchoppy. See flyer attached. Look for our booth on Winthrop Ave.

### April 21, 2020 - Chapter meeting

#### Building Communities that Conserve Wetlands

Rebecca Means

Ms. Means, a director of the Coastal Plains Institute, will speak on public engagement with ecosystems of Apalachicola National Forest wrought in the process of re-introducing the extirpated striped newt in ephemeral wetlands of the Forest.

### May 19, 2020 - Chapter meeting

#### Invasive Species Identification and Management

Lilly Anderson-Messec

Ms. Anderson-Messec, President-Elect of the Magnolia Chapter, FNPS, will speak to our chapter about invasive plants. Biological invasions represent one of the main threats to biodiversity worldwide. Learn about various invasive plant species in our area, ways to identify them, how they can be managed, and how to report sightings.

⇒ [SEE TWO SCHEDULED FIELD TRIPS ON PAGE 3](#)

\* \* \*  
*The Sarracenia Chapter meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month September – November and January – May. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM (6:00 PM social) Free and open to the public. FNPS promotes the preservation, restoration, and conservation of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.*



## MARCH 17 MEETING - DIFFERENT VENUE: 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 318 Shadeville Road, 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. Parking is very good.

## CHAPTER ELECTION

*David Roddenberry*

About a dozen people have served as officers of the Sarracenia Chapter in our 13+ years. By our procedure the whole way, and now by our bylaws, officers are elected for a year at a time; thus all offices are up every election. Officers are elected in April (it wasn't always so), and begin their terms the following September.

Our annual election is coming up next month – the April 21 meeting, in accordance with the bylaws. Further notice on the procedure will go out.

The current Chapter year is the first year we've gone without a full slate of officers; no one stood for vice president last year when I was elected president. That's a little disquieting, and I hope we'll remedy it next month.

The slate of officers is also the Board of Directors, which meets at least eight times a year to steer Sarracenia. Lacking a vice president, we lack a fifth voice on the Board. This leaves the Chapter with a smaller "wheelbase."

In this issue you will also see that our long-time Chapter Representative (to the FNPS Council of Chapters) plans to let the current term be her last. That's the one office requiring – and offering – direct interaction with people from the other chapters. If you're substantially into the FNPS mission, it's a good offer.

## WHAT IS A CHAPTER REP?

*Jeannie Brodhead*

About 12 years ago, Bill Petty became the new president for Sarracenia. We met at George Weaver's home to plan a way to keep the chapter alive after Lee and Nona, our first president and chapter representative left. I volunteered to be the chapter rep even though I had no idea what a chapter rep did. It has turned out to be a really fun experience. I have traveled to some amazing places and have met many really smart, talented people. I found out that I didn't have to know a lot about native plants, and the people around me loved to answer all my questions. It has been a great experience and I've learned a lot.

Basically, a chapter rep does just what the name implies: they represent our chapter at meetings of the larger FNPS. The Council of Chapters (COC) meets every 3 months and several times a year we have a GoToMeeting using our computers or phones. We listen to and interact with the state officers and find out what FNPS has been doing and how we can help. At the meetings we learn about the projects, meetings and field trips of the other chapters and I tell about what our chapter has been doing. We share ideas about what has worked well and where we need help to become a better chapter.

I've decided that we need a new chapter rep. Many chapter reps go to meetings with their spouse or another active member of their chapter. If you are interested in helping our chapter by being the chapter rep for Sarracenia, please let David, Sandy, George or me know. You'd get to connect with a lot of people well worth knowing, and so welcoming. Sarracenia's upcoming election in April is when our new chapter rep will be designated.

Thank you for helping the Sarracenia Chapter stay active and strong.



## FNPS Annual Conference – May 14-17, 2020

*Bonnie Basham Woodward*

Come join the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the founding of the Florida Native Plant Society at the FNPS annual conference May 14 – May 17 in Jacksonville. The conference, an annual event, begins with a day full of field trips to places as different as Little Talbot Island for a dune walk and a bike eco tour of the nearby area.

Friday and Saturday are full of workshops, and the program leads off with the keynote presentation from *Emily Roberson*, director of the Native Plant Conservation Campaign. This is a national network of native plant societies, botanic gardens and other native plant organizations. During the Friday workshops you can hear from other native plant societies whose missions mirror that of FNPS.

Friday and Saturday workshops are varied so check the schedule and don't miss the palmetto weaving workshop on how to make palmetto baskets and other items, get info on how to connect small upland habitat fragments to help our plants and animals, and learn how to make beautyberry jelly. A gigantic native plant sale will be held on both Friday and Saturday as well.

Saturday brings another exciting keynote speaker *Craig Huegel*, well known author of books about Florida native plants. His book topics range from *Plants that Love the Shade* to *Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife*. Saturday's sessions will include a track of "current issues" like "Incorporating Nature into the Built Environment" and reflections on native plant pioneers like William Bartram's Legacy and the Florida Native Plant Society.

Saturday afternoon will feature the election of FNPS officers and discussion of native plant habitat management by FWC landowner of the year, Ben Williams. On Sunday another group of field trips will be offered to those who attend that day.

Registration is open now and field trips are filling up so go to [FNPS.ORG](https://www.fnps.org), click on "events", select "annual conference" and register today! [Ed. Note: *Bonnie Basham Woodward*, recent past president of Sarracenia, will assume the presidency of FNPS during the conference.]



## FIELD TRIPS

Our Chapter is known for its great field trips. We are currently planning a trip for March 28 as a field sequel to the March program on the Ashe magnolia. We'll visit some bluffs of the Ochlockonee River in Wakulla County to check for ourselves the status of this deciduous magnolia – and check on the Florida champion specimen.

On Saturday, May 2, we are planning a joint field trip with the Sweetbay Chapter (Bay County) to the Sumatra area of the ANF, so look for our chapter emails and keep in touch through our field trips tab on our webpage:

<http://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/field-trips/>.

The Florida Park Service favored Sarracenia with a guided trip on February 15 for 15 Chapter members to Horn Springs – a feature set in a tract of nearly 2,000 acres recently added to Natural Bridge Battlefield State Park. The spring is second magnitude, contributing an appreciable part of the flow of the nearby St. Marks River. Thanks to Sandy Cook of Sarracenia and Kearstin Hess of FPS for developing the trip. For more details and photos of this field trip, please visit our website:

<http://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/news/>



Horn Springs 2-15-20

*photo by Kitty Loftin*

**Please consider helping** us maintain the Sopchoppy Depot Park. Volunteers are gratefully accepted and no experience is necessary. Contact Sopchoppy mayor Lara Edwards at Lara.Edwards @Sopchoppy.org or call 850-212-3184.



Sarracenia member Lynn Artz and volunteer Dee Styborsky working in the Sopchoppy Depot Park recently *photo by Norma Land*



**A helping hand is also needed** from time to time with the 2021 Arbor Day trees that need to be maintained until next January before they are given away. Contact Jeannie Brodhead at our chapter email: Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com.



David Roddenberry and George Weaver manning the Sarracenia Chapter booth at the 2020 Arbor Day tree giveaway

*photo by Claudia Farren*

### 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](http://Sarracenia.fnpschapters.org)

# NATIVE PLANT SALE

**Saturday, April 11**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

At the **Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival**

33 Rose Street, Sopchoppy FL  
Find our booth on Winthrop Ave.



Join us at the Sopchoppy Worm Gruntin' Festival for our annual Spring native plant sale as we celebrate spring and the beauty of nature!



Get your garden going with native wildflowers and trees.

Native plant experts and gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions.

**Great way to attract birds and butterflies to your yard!**



**Sarracenia Chapter**

for Wakulla, Franklin & beyond  
FIELD TRIPS • GUEST SPEAKERS  
Meetings 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm  
Wakulla Public Library  
4330 Crawfordville Hwy, Crawfordville  
[www.sarracenia.fnpschapters.org](http://www.sarracenia.fnpschapters.org)  
sarracenia.nps@gmail.com  
Facebook.com/sarraceniachapter/

