



Sarracenia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society The SARRACENIA TRUMPET

FALL 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7, 2019 – Volunteer opportunity
Sopchoppy Depot Park – 33 Rose St., Sopchoppy FL
We will be weeding and tending native plants in the Depot Park. Help us maintain the Park. 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

September 17, 2019 – Chapter meeting
Bugs in Your Bloomers

John Lampkin
Mr. Lampkin is an avid Florida citizen naturalist and macro-photographer with credits in many books, journals, websites, and blogs. Mr. Lampkin will share his beautiful photographs and his insights into the relationship between insects and flowering plants that have been co-evolving for 135 million years.

October 15, 2019 - Chapter meeting
Florida's Proposed New Toll Roads

Sue Mullins
Ms. Mullins is a public policy and campaign professional who has advocated for Florida's natural resources in the State legislature. She will be discussing how the Florida Senate pushed for three new toll roads that would come through North Florida. The legislature says it is a way to aid in evacuations, promote growth in rural parts of the state and help transport an ever growing population. But environmentalists argue the idea could be a disaster for fragile ecosystems.

November 19, 2019 - Chapter meeting
Once-in-a-Blue-Moon: Nature Photography of Wakulla and Beyond

Bob Thompson
Mr. Thompson is a retired park ranger with a great love of photography and photographing natural places. He will be sharing many of his favorite landscape, wildlife, flower, and macros images and will discuss the methods and techniques of how they were made.

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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.



FAREWELL FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Bonnie Basham Woodward

My presidency has come to a close and our very capable leader, David Roddenberry, will take the helm by opening our first meeting of the fall on September 17.

I want to express my deep gratitude to each of you for having made my term as president such a rewarding one. We have enjoyed field trips, worked on the Train Depot Park in Sopchoppy, attended the St. Marks Butterfly Festival and the Worm Gruntin' Festival in Sopchoppy, met new friends at the Tallahassee IFAS Master Gardener spring sale, listened to top notch speakers and enjoyed the annual FNPS conference together. Each of these special events has been a time to meet new people, engage the public in the wonders of Florida Native Plants and commune with nature as we ventured into the woods, bogs and byways of Wakulla and surrounding counties.

We also have welcomed new members to Wakulla and Franklin Counties as well as our Sarracenia FNPS chapter, and our chapter continues to grow!

It's been an exciting and rewarding time for me and I will treasure the friendships I have made within our group. You may not see quite as much of me in the coming three years as I have been elected the President of FNPS and will begin my two -year term of office next May.

It will be a special treat to share the uniqueness of Wakulla, Franklin, and beyond with other chapters as I travel throughout the state. I look forward to seeing you either on a field trip, a workday at the Sopchoppy Depot Park or at a Sarracenia chapter meeting.



Bonnie Basham voted in as president-elect at our 2019 annual FNPS conference.

THIS THING OF OURS

David Roddenberry

There are the environmental, the aesthetic, the scientific reasons. Still, the best of the reasons for our affinity with the awesome diversity of native plants may be the simplest, most intimate one: it's something to love. The Sarracenia Chapter is a portal for communion with it.

Never mind that the title above, in its Italian translation – *La Cosa Nostra* – meant the Mafia. We're actually pretty good guys. This thing of ours is Sarracenia. It's ours to nurture, guide, and develop.

Establishment of an FNPS chapter here in 2006 may have been improbable. The "market" was (and is) small and rather laid back. We could have been extinguished at a point about three years in, but we turned that corner. Sarracenia exists as a point of light. That's why I care so much for it. The environmentalism, the scholarship, the continuity, the *society* – they're all integral.

May Sarracenia blaze through a next 13 years, and then a next. I wish it were assured. I wish our recent scintillating experience of a Sarracenia's ascent to FNPS president-elect didn't have to be tempered with the other recent experience of seeing a Chapter board slot going unfilled for want of a willing member.

I dream of having a dozen Chapter members thinking our way ahead and planning activities in Wakulla and Franklin Counties – not four or five members, as now. Of having all the talent and creativity lying within our membership expressed in our event booths, our meetings, our website, and everywhere. Of having that membership's age distribution reach down to the 20s.

No exhortations are meant. We're doing OK. We're doing well enough to hope for more, and I do.



David Roddenberry, incoming president of our Sarracenia Chapter, FNPS.



OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS: Our Chapter meetings are a good way to connect with likeminded people in a very informal setting. We encourage you to bring friends and neighbors who want to learn more about our native plants. Also feel free to bring plants that you want help identifying. Refreshments are set out at 6:00 PM and provide a way to mingle and discuss things before the meeting begins at 6:30 PM. Our meetings are always free and open to the public.



Our April 2019 Sarracenia Chapter presenter, Peter Hertl, discussing the relationship between ants and plants. *photo by Sandy Tedder*



SOPCHOPPY DEPOT PARK

Sandy Tedder

As we have published in previous issues of The Trumpet, late in 2018 many of our Sarracenia chapter members and other volunteers from the community gathered at the Sopchoppy Depot Park to plant over 600 native trees, shrubs and wildflowers. Several of our members have worked to maintain sections of the park since that time and plans are in the works to add to the native landscaping in late fall this year.

The park is a unique downtown feature in Sopchoppy with its paved walkway, children's playground, picnic tables, little free library kiosk, and soon-to-be-built music pavilion.

The park has a great start as a native wildflower garden and volunteers are needed to maintain the planting

beds in the park. Sopchoppy Mayor Lara Edwards is coordinating the volunteer effort so if you want to be part of helping in the park, please contact Mayor Edwards at Lara.Edwards@sopchoppy.org or call 850-212-3184.

We have a scheduled volunteer day this coming Saturday, September 7th. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. at the park (33 Rose Street, Sopchoppy FL). Come and join us anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.! We need your help maintaining the planting beds.



Norma Land and Sandy Tedder setting out new native wildflowers at Sopchoppy Depot Park Photo by Abigail Land



Gaillardia pulchella at the Sopchoppy Depot Park

DID YOU KNOW.....

Did you know that we have a new Sarracenia Chapter website? The website has the same old address (<http://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/>) but has an all new look and content. You will want to visit the chapter website and check it out!

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Did you know that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System is doing research on using dogs for detecting invasive plants? Throughout history dogs have been trained to find specific targets. With their acute sense of smell and their ability to be easily trained they do well at detection technology. It has been found that detector dogs can quickly cover large areas, are more accurate at finding invasive plants than surveyors, and can find young plants that are easily missed by humans.

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Did you know that FNPS has recently purchased a 12 acre tract of land in the middle of a platted but never built subdivision? FNPS.org is acquiring the land in Marion County to protect one of the last remaining populations of clasping warea, *Warea amplexifolia*, a critically endangered species. This is a big step for FNPS and donations are welcomed to help with this effort. You can read more about this and donate at:

<https://forms.fnps.org/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=23>



Clasping Warea, *Warea amplexifolia* photo by Shirley Denton

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(cont'd - Did you know)

Did you know that the Florida Native Plant Society has a YouTube channel with unique and informative videos? You can visit the YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTom5I9pQlWTC-S_uDjkAEw/featured?disable_polymer=1.



Did you know that there are lots of opportunities to volunteer with native plants in our area? You can spend as much or as little time as you want with these excellent projects:

- Monarch-Milkweed Initiative at St. Marks NWR. Contact them at monarchmilkweedinitiative@gmail.com for more information and volunteer schedule.
- The Florida Forest Service has a program to monitor and help rare plant communities in our area. There are opportunities to be involved in workdays, plant surveys, research on plant species and propagation, computer and photo opportunities, and other related habitat management volunteer options. Our chapter will be looking at organizing Chapter workdays on these projects, but individuals may volunteer on any basis. Contact our Sarracenia Chapter at Sarracenia.nps@gmail.com or Mike Jenkins, plant conservation biologist with the Florida Forest Service, at Michael.Jenkins@FreshFromFlorida.com.
- The TorreyaKeepers project of the Florida Native Plant Society needs volunteers for their program to restore the endangered Florida Torreya trees in their native habitat along the Apalachicola River near us. They particularly need help in their Hurricane Michael post-storm inventory and monitoring efforts, but many skills are welcome and needed. Volunteers can even work from home. Some of the needs are literature searches, writing, editing, photography, graphic

design, field skills, GIS, fundraising, event planning, purchasing, mail-outs, legal and technical support. Contact the TorreyaKeepers at TorreyaKeepers@fnps.org



FIELD TRIP

Our Chapter is known for its great field trips. Don't miss our next one, scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2019. We will be giving more details on the upcoming field trip as time goes on, but mark your calendars for Sept. 21, 9:00am., then stay tuned to our email notices and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sarraceniachapter/>) and our new webpage field trips tab (<http://sarracenia.fnpschapters.org/field-trips/>).



A recent field trip in April 2019 in the Wakulla Unit of the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
photo by Sandy Tedder



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