

## Mark your calendars

**Feb 6 7:00 pm**  
Monthly Meeting Moccasin  
Lake Nature Park.  
Topic: **“Orchids of the  
Fakahatchee Strand”**.  
Speaker: Mike Owens

**Feb 9 Field Trip**  
**Fakahatchee Strand hike.**  
Guides: Mike Owen and  
Mike Plecas.

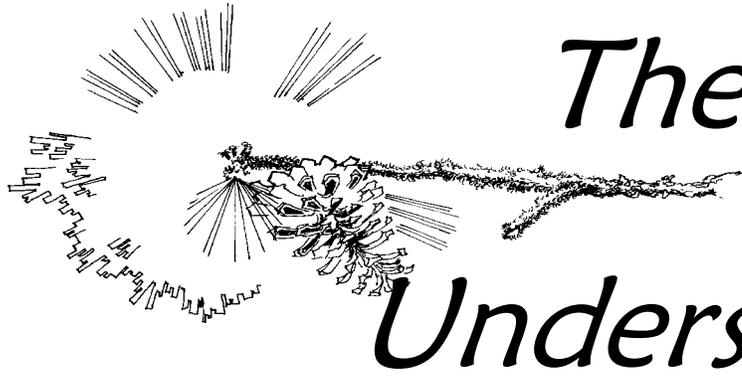
**Feb Board Meeting**  
**6:30pm –8:30pm**  
For information on meeting  
location call the chapter  
info line at 727/544-7341

**March 5 7:00 pm.**  
Monthly Meeting Moccasin  
Lake Nature Park.  
Topic: **“Restoration”**.  
Speaker: Debbie Chayet

**March 8 Field Trip to**  
**“P-2000” property.**  
Guide: Debbie Chayet  
Contact: Bill Bilodeau at  
727/322-9695 or email  
billbilodeau@verizon.net

**March 29 - Spring Plant**  
**Sale** at Wilcox Nursery  
12501 Indian Rocks Rd.  
Largo.

The mission of the  
Florida Native Plant  
Society is to promote the  
preservation, conserva-  
tion, and restoration of  
the native plants and  
native plant communities  
of Florida.



# The Understory

## *Volunteers Needed for 2008 State Conference*

Ray Wunderlich's doing a stupendous job as conference chair, but he needs help! First, additional vendors are needed. If you or someone you know has a business with products or services that would appeal to FNPS members, consider taking a vendor space at the conference. The cost is very reasonable and the exposure to environmentally-savvy consumers is great.

Second, volunteers are needed to staff the registration table. Training in registration procedures will take place on May 14th at 2:00 pm at the Holiday Inn in Bradenton. Volunteers will work shifts throughout the Conference but help is especially needed Wed. May 14th, afternoon and evening, Thurs. May 15th all day, and Fri. May 16th in the morning. If you can help please contact Cathy Quindiagan 727-327-7573.

Also needed are 4-5 room monitors who will cater to the needs of each room/speaker (water, lights, door, introducing the speaker, call for A/V person, etc.) To volunteer, contact Ray Wunderlich 727-577-4344.

Field trip assistants and lunch coordinators are needed Thursday and Sunday. If you can help identify plants, assist the field trip guide and/or handout lunches to our participants, please contact Lisa Curry 727/698-3136 or email lkcurry1@tampabay.rr.com

### **“The Understory” is looking for a Newsletter Editor/ Assistant Editor**

If you have experience with Microsoft Publisher or are willing to learn and would like to help produce our bi-monthly newsletter, please contact Lisa Curry at lkcurry1@tampabay.rr.com or 727/698-3136

**Deadline for the Apr/May Newsletter is Mar 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Contact Lisa Curry with suggestions or story ideas at  
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## *President's Message* *"Green" is Growing*

We welcome in the new year of 2008 with a great sense of satisfaction and hope. Satisfaction arises in the recognition that a corner has been turned as public consciousness is becoming more seriously focused on environmental concerns. Led by the global climate change issue many other environmental issues are surfacing. Some of these matters involve the transformation of landscapes both public and private into more natural settings using native plants. The city of St. Petersburg is pursuing a gold rating with the Green Cities program and Clearwater has also entered the process of aligning its practices and procedures with the Green Cities guidelines. The first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) green residential structure in the state of Florida has been completed in northeast St. Petersburg and demonstrates a native landscape. In the planning stage is a spectacular new project in Belleaire. The Belleview Biltmore Hotel has been purchased and will undergo a mega-million dollar renovation which will be LEED certified requiring the use of native plant species in the landscape. On a smaller scale we are encountering many more homeowners interested in reducing their areas of turf grass and wanting to use drought tolerant native plants. Thus it appears that a major shift has occurred and momentum is building. Hopefully with a change in the administration in Washington in one year, we will have national leadership as well driving the transformation.

With all these good intentions surfacing, what is the role of our chapter and members in this movement toward a "green" era? It all starts close to home. We each can contribute in a general way to the big picture by reviewing and amending our lifestyle choices around energy and water usage, transportation, and even food selection (buy local and organic when possible). Regarding our

landscapes, "get with the program" and make those changes in your own landscape that you know should be made and have repeatedly put off. Talk to your neighbors about lawn reduction and its many environmental benefits and offer to show them where to find native plants. As we go about our cities and towns, let us keep our eyes and ears open as there is much that is shallow or uninformed masquerading or passing for green. For example, our cities may be trying for green designations, but there are many old ways of doing things that have a momentum of their own. Be watchful of roadside, median, public building, or park plantings for newly installed invasive plants which are still being used. Continually encourage the wider use of native plants to public officials. With the intention of being helpful we must not be fearful of speaking out. Landscaping codes and tree ordinances must be reviewed for purging of invasive species and promotion of native plants, and our chapter has begun this process.

My hope is that all these good intentions will be supported by vigorous follow-through with completion and the manifestation of results "on the ground." As native plant society members our role is to remain watchful and vigilant, to assist at all levels in the spirit of unity and service, and to hold those who are accountable to be so. Also think of how you can contribute to your chapter, and if you don't know, please ask one of your board members. We have a state conference coming up in May, which we are co-hosting, requiring considerable input from us now and until the event. Please volunteer to help and don't wait to be asked. We are all in this life and this necessary transition together. It is an exciting time to be active with the goal of a greener (saner) future in mind.

-Bill Bilodeau

***To volunteer your time and energy for upcoming events. Please contact Joy Wharton at 522-8769 to add your name to the volunteer list.***

## *County Making Greater Use of Natives in Median Plantings*

Because I live near Bryan Dairy Road, I travel it often. I was delighted to see that when median plantings replaced the turf that had been there since the road was built; they included a lot of native plants, including many not usually seen in such settings. Then, when traveling to Clearwater on 113th Street, I noticed that those medians had been transformed, with wildflowers, muhly grass, firebush, and other natives. "Wow, great!" I thought. A few days later, driving to work on 71st Street (the southern end of Belcher Road), I saw that the medians just north and south of Park Boulevard were being scraped clean of turf. Hopeful about what was to come, I called Pinellas Chapter Representative Debbie Chayet to find out what she knew about these plantings, and she referred me to the County's landscape architect in charge of these projects, Anne Kramer. Anne told me that, indeed, all of Belcher Road's medians from Pinellas Park north to Alderman Road are due to be landscaped, and that native species will be used extensively. Some non-natives, like perennial peanut, the ubiquitous crape myrtle, Chinese junipers, and star jasmine will be included, but the plant palette is largely native. It remains to be seen whether some of these species will thrive in this environment, but Pinellas County is to be commended for taking the step of putting native landscape plants in the limelight where thousands of drivers will see them every day. Below is a list of some of the plants purchased by the County for median plantings on Park Boulevard in Seminole and Pinellas Park, on 113th Street in Seminole, on Tampa Road, and on Bryan Dairy Road in Pinellas Park. If you're looking for bulletproof plants for your home landscape, those that can withstand the harsh conditions found on a busy median are worth considering!



- Longleaf Pine, *Pinus palustris*
- Bald Cypress, *Taxodium disticum*
- Cabbage Palm, *Sabal palmetto*
- Yaupon Holly 'Pride of Houston', *Ilex vomitoria*
- Winged Elm, *Ulmus alata*
- Coontie, *Zamia pumila*
- Dwarf Walter's Viburnum, *Viburnum obovatum* "Riefler's Compacta"
- Dwarf Yaupon Holly, *Ilex vomitoria* "Stokes Dwarf"
- Adam's Needle, *Yucca filamentosa*
- Cotton, *Gossypium hirsutum*
- Sea Grape, *Coccoloba uvifera*
- Silver Saw palmetto, *Serenoa repens* "Silver Saw"
- Florida Privet, *Foresteria segregata*
- Cherokee Bean, *Erythrina herbacea*
- Firebush, *Hamelia patens*
- American Beautyberry, *Callicarpa americana*
- Lopsided Indian Grass, *Sorghastrum nutans*
- Muhly Grass, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*
- Dwarf Fakahatchee Grass, *Tripsacum dactyloid*
- Purple Lovegrass, *Eragrostis spectabilis*
- Virginia Creeper, *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*
- Sunshine Mimosa, *Mimosa strigillosa*
- Black-eyed Susan, *Rudbeckia hirta*
- Dwarf Rosemary, *Conradina grandiflora*
- Beach Sunflower, *Helianthus debilis*
- Tropical Sage, *Salvia coccinea*
- Goldenrod, *Solidago odora*
- Stokes Aster, *Stokesia laevis*
- Florida Gama Grass *Tripsacum Florida*
- Turkey Oak *Quercus laevis*
- Sandhill Wireweed *Polygonella robusta*
- Butterflyweed *Aesclepias tuberosa*

**Article and photo courtesy Jan Allyn**

## *New Signage at Shirley's Trail*

Shirley McPherson passed away in 2000. She was a member and an active volunteer for both Heritage Village and the Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. To honor her, the Pinellas Chapter created a nature trail featuring native plants to run along the creek at Heritage Park, using memorial contributions from Shirley's family and friends. The trail was outlined and planted through a partnership of Shirley's family, Heritage Village and the Pinellas Chapter of FNPS, and a trail guide was printed and distributed to Heritage Village visitors.

Over time, the signage on the trail had become worn and the cost of re-printing the trail guide was expensive. Additionally, Heritage Village wished to introduce signage that better explained how these native plants were used by people. To accomplish this goal, Heritage Park and the Pinellas Chapter partnered again to develop small, colorful signs to line the trail itself and additional signs to scatter on trails throughout the park that link the people that used these historic buildings with the native plants that grew around them.

It was two years in the making, but the signs (53 in all) were planted in the ground on January 4<sup>th</sup> by Shirley's husband Pat, Hill Abrahams (a friend of Shirley's who named his violin in her memory), and a small group of Pinellas FNPS members who remembered Shirley and wanted to help. The signs are light weight, durable, and capable of being re-sited should a better educational opportunity present itself within the park or if they need to be moved for grounds maintenance.

Information for the signs came from Daniel F. Austin's book of "Florida Ethnobotany" and a publication from Pinellas County discussing the use of native plants by former residents, both early settlers and early native Americans.



The pictures came from members' collections, including some contributions from the University of South Florida's Institute of Systematic Botany (available for use with permission from their database on the Web). Additional pictures came from photographers outside Pinellas County who granted permission for their photos to be used. Even Kim Maguire, owner of Maguire Graphics and the sign designer, contributed a photo from her own collection.



Thanks go to Alexa Wilcox, Elizabeth France, Ray Wunderlich, and Bruce Turley for laying the groundwork for this project. Additional thanks for photos go to Lisa Curry, Jan Allyn, Craig Huegel, Lorraine Margeson, Fran Palmeri, Michael Drummond and Matthew Perry. My personal gratitude goes to Debbie Chayet for continually editing text for both grammar and accuracy. Getting those botanical names correctly spelled can be tricky to those who skipped Latin in high school.

This whole project would not have been possible without the continued support of Heritage Village Director Jan Luth, Volunteer Coordinator Chardre Westerman, Living History Interpreter Paige Noel, and Carl Olsen with his maintenance crew at Heritage Village.

Thanks to all who took part in this project. Stop by the park and see the signs on Shirley's trail. Then take a walk on the various paths and see if you can find the other signs scattered throughout the grounds.

- Article by Jane Williams, photos courtesy Jan Allyn

## *Field Trip to Bok Sanctuary*

Bok Sanctuary is famous for its singing tower carillon and its beautiful gardens, designed by the renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead Jr., who also designed New York's Central Park. Fewer people know about its endangered plant conservation program. Reading about the activities and accomplishments of Bok Sanctuary in this area is interesting. Hearing about them from Bok's rare native plant curator Cindy Campbell, and seeing some of Florida's rarest plants firsthand, as we did on our field trip to Bok Sanctuary on Jan. 5th, was fantastic.

Cindy has been in her job for over four years and clearly loves it. In 2004 hurricane Charlie severely damaged Bok's greenhouse but Cindy and other Bok staffers worked to protect sensitive plants and the setback to Bok's conservation program was minimal. Grant money has now provided a new, state-of-the-art greenhouse with computer controls, and a germinator chamber which allows total climate control; temperature, light and moisture are all programmable. Cindy excitedly told us that the latter will allow much better research on the exact conditions that certain hard-to-grow species require to germinate. The goal, whether in the germinator or the greenhouse, is to mimic the growing conditions of rare plants in their endemic sites. Bok specializes in studies of rare plants of the Lake Wales Ridge and the Apalachicola Bluffs regions, but it is also a member of the Center for Plant Conservation and acts as a depository for seed from other places. These 34 national seed banks insure against the possibility of plant species going extinct.



Cindy showed us several plants that Bok is currently studying. The showiest of these is the fringed campion, *Silene polypetalum*. In Florida, it is found in the Apalachicola Bluffs area, in hardwood forests and north-facing slopes along the Apalachicola River and Lake Seminole. We were fortunate to see it blooming, with delicate pink blooms the size of a half-dollar, each petal sporting a fringe.



Bok is also studying the germination requirements of the Florida goldenaster, *Chrysopsis floridana*. We saw trays and trays of them in the greenhouse, their tiny seed leaves poking out from the growing medium. Outside, Cindy introduced us to lakeside sunflower, *Helianthus carnosus*, with tall flower stalks and large bright yellow blossoms. Though this plant

is found in only three counties in the eastern part of the peninsula and is disappearing due to habitat loss, Bok has found it to be horticulturally bulletproof and the hope is that it can be introduced to cultivation for landscape use. In fact, there were some planted in the beds around Bok's visitors center. We also saw one of Florida's rarest plants, the Florida jujube, *Ziziphus celata*. This thorny plant with rather insignificant, but sweetly scented, blossoms was thought to be extinct until 1984, when a new population was discovered. It is endemic to scrub in the Lake Wales Ridge, a plant community that has been largely replaced by housing and orange groves. Cindy recently discovered another new population with multiple genotypes within 5 miles of Bok Sanctuary, to the delight of researchers. After Cindy's behind-the-scenes tour, we entered the main garden to view the endangered plant garden. It is designed to educate Sanctuary visitors about the ecology of the Lake Wales Ridge and contains scrub plants that are threatened or endangered due to habitat loss. Signage explains the importance of the scrub community and how it is naturally maintained by fire.



After lunch at the visitors center, we visited the Bok Sanctuary that most visitors see and enjoyed the lovely carillon, the blooming Japanese camellias, and the vista over orange groves from the exedra. These alone are enough for most visitors, but we knew that Cindy had given us the privilege of seeing things even more special.

**Article and photos courtesy Jan Allyn.**

## Mega Membership Explosion

Often we are asked to give our time to teach about conservation by speaking to area groups, inviting our friends to meetings, or spending time on Saturdays “digging in the dirt” to benefit the environment locally. Including time, the FNPS board has challenged us to give the gift of membership so others have the opportunity to be educated and involved.

We have been successful in increasing our membership due to the enthusiasm of our group who share at plant sales, outreach programs and provide information at local venues. Last year some of our members gave gift memberships at Christmas, which boosted our ability to give scholarships for summer camps and buy signs for Heritage Village Park.

Now this idea can continue throughout the year.

The state FNPS Board is challenging us to a Mega Membership Explosion. The goal is for each FNPS member to present a chapter gift membership to someone who has an interest in learning about preserving and conserving Florida’s native plants. If each of our 223 members gives a gift membership, we would enlarge our group by 100%. Wouldn’t that make a grand announcement at the 2008 state conference in May!!

For more information go to [www.pinellasnativeplants.org](http://www.pinellasnativeplants.org) and click on membership.

## Fakahatchee Strand Field Trip

On **February 9**, you will have the rare opportunity to explore one of Florida’s greatest wild places – the Fakahatchee Strand. There are few wilder and more beautiful places in the world than the Fakahatchee. We will be leaving Pinellas early in the morning in order to make the 4-hour drive and arrive early enough to meet our guides, Mike Owens and Mike Plecas, for our adventure.

In February, many of the orchids will be in bloom and the mosquitoes will be greatly reduced in number, but the water temperature will be cool. At times, we will be wading in water above our knees and at other times we will be walking on the dry land created when they built the old rail lines to access and harvest the old growth cypress trees. Be prepared to get wet (and possibly chilled) and to be awed. This field trip is full and is not taking any more attendees. Keep checking for the next Fakahatchee Strand field trip and sign up early.

Chapter coordinator, Bruce Turley [wnursery@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:wnursery@tampabay.rr.com).

Photo of Ghost Orchid (*Dendrophylax lindenii*) courtesy Lisa Curry



## Mountain of Waste

According to Pinellas County Utilities, 33% of our waste is paper. Help reduce the percentage by recycling cardboard without the waxy coating.

Any paper that tears; magazines, catalogs, phone books, shredded paper, junk mail and newspapers can all be recycled

### How easy is it?

Add one more trash can to your kitchen or office next to your regular trash can. Put a paper bag in to collect all the paper products. Take to the curb or recycling center. Volunteer to take recycling for your neighbors.

## *Weedon Island Preserve*

**“A Shadow and a Song: The Struggle to  
Save an Endangered Species  
Sun. Feb. 10, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Mark J. Walters, Author and Professor of Journalism, University of South Florida. This presentation is first in a series of lectures celebrating “Darwin Day,” (Feb. 12) Walter's book tells a story of how the Endangered Species Act failed the dusky seaside sparrow, a small songbird found on the east coast of Florida . The last known specimen of this sparrow died in captivity in 1987. There is no charge for this program. Recommended for adults, suitable for ages 12 and up.

**The Climate Project Presentation:  
People are a Force of Nature  
Sat. Feb. 23 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

Jane Maxwell, Consultant, Waste Energy Solutions. Due to rapid increases in global population, consumption and waste, humans are now the foremost influence on this planet's future. The Climate Project Presentation is a short course on climate change, also known as global warming. Maxwell discusses easy, money-saving steps to help alleviate the dangers of climate change. There is no charge for this program. Recommended for adults, suitable for ages 12 and up.

Contact Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center at (727) 453-6500 or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/Environment/pagesHTML/se10.html](http://www.pinellascounty.org/Environment/pagesHTML/se10.html) to learn more about these and upcoming programs. Learn about the history of the Preserve by visiting their homepage at [www.weedonislandcenter.org](http://www.weedonislandcenter.org)

## *Brooker Creek Preserve*

**Adult Ecology Workshop: Beginning Plant  
Identification Fri. Feb. 8 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

John Kunzer, USF Biology Department, Herbarium (Plant Museum). The Adult Ecology Workshop offers a unique opportunity to explore topics in natural history. Participants in this one-day workshop spend approximately half a day in the classroom and the other half in the field. The workshop presents college-level instruction and is designed to accommodate participants with a broad range of experience. Admission: \$40 per person; \$30 for members of the Friends of Brooker Creek. Space is limited to 25 participants. Recommended for adults.

**Great Backyard Bird Count  
Fri. Feb. 15 8:00 am – 10:00 am**

The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual four-day event sponsored by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds across the country. Participants contribute to a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Join us to learn how to participate in this event and kick off the count in Brooker Creek Preserve's “backyard.” Admission: Free. Recommended ages: 12 and up.

**Contact Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center at (727) 453-6800  
or visit [www.pinellascounty.org/Environment/pagesHTML/se10.html](http://www.pinellascounty.org/Environment/pagesHTML/se10.html)**

Learn how to become a Friend of Brooker Creek at <http://www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org/>  
Members of the Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve receive a discount on admission fees.

## *Call for Volunteers*

### **Volunteer Workday at Honeymoon Island State Park**

**Sat, Feb 9 and Sun, Feb 10**

**9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

We need volunteers to plant 18,000 native dune plants. Plants such as sea oats, railroad vine and others are critical to building a dune system which also helps to prevent erosion of our beautiful beaches. Bring gloves, sunscreen, closed toed shoes and water. Don't forget to wear your FNPS t-shirt to show our support.

To sign up for either day contact Karen Malo ASAP at

<http://www.islandparks.org/worksignup.htm> or [Karen.malo@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Karen.malo@dep.state.fl.us)

(727)469-5942, ext. 6 or (727)469-5943



### ***T.R.E.E. Inc. Silver Anniversary, Tree Planting Project Little Bayou Park, St. Pete.***

**Sat. Feb. 9 (Rain Date February 16, 2008) Start time: 10:00am**

Twenty Five years ago, five people had a dream to plant trees in the Tampa Bay area. So, 47,000 trees and 300 planting projects later, we invite you to share in our Silver Anniversary Planting Celebration! Bring a shovel, gloves and sunscreen as we plant for the next quarter century.

Free lunch will be provided. For more information, email Jennifer L.

Moore at [pr@treeinc.org](mailto:pr@treeinc.org) or call 813-514-3941. See you there!

## **UF Florida Master Naturalist Program-Uplands**

**Feb 22 to Mar 21, 2008**

**at the Pinellas County Extension in Largo**

Step into Florida's upland ecosystems with the Florida Master Naturalist Program. The class includes indoor learning and regional field trips with an opportunity to trek through remote upland habitats. Prepare to learn about upland pinelands, hardwood forests, scrub and prairies, and their related plants and wildlife inhabitants. Interpretative speaking techniques, conservation issues and human ethics are also woven into course material. This program is for any adult, novice to knowledgeable, who enjoys learning and experiencing nature.

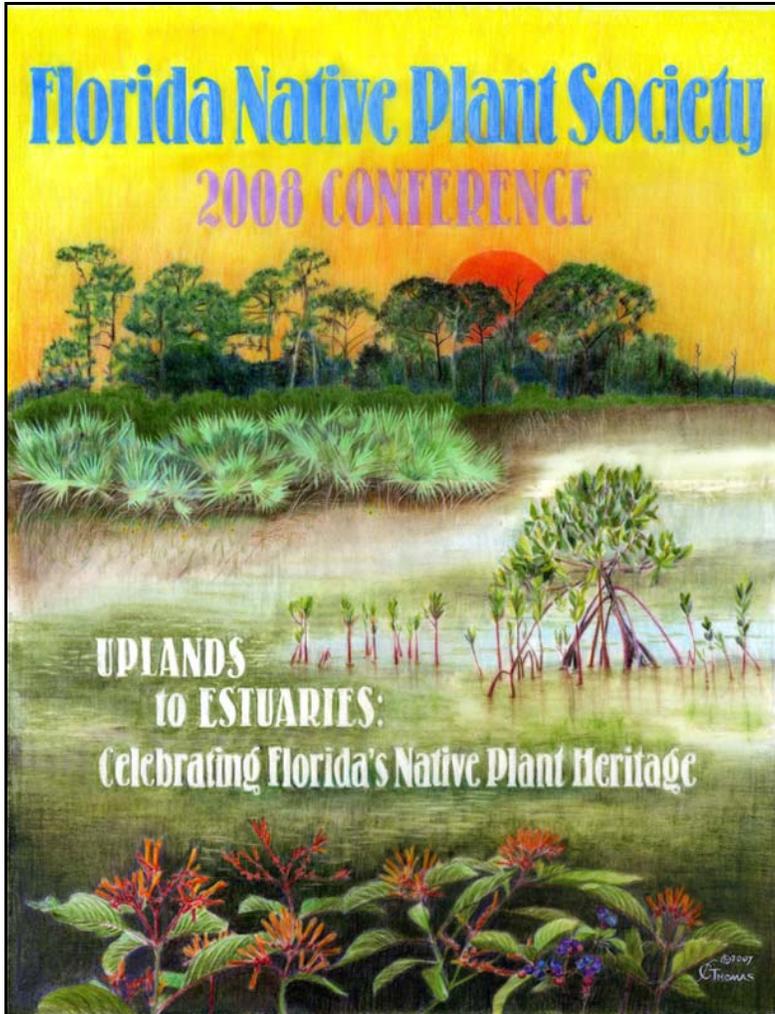
Daytime Classes-Mondays and Fridays, 40 Contact Hours with Classroom and Field Trips, Limited Space Available, Cost \$225

For Registration-[www.masternaturalist.org](http://www.masternaturalist.org)

**Registration deadline: Friday, February 1, or When Roster Filled**

Call Jeanne Murphy at 727-582-2461 for additional information,

or visit <http://pinellas.ifas.ufl.edu/wildlife/fmnp.shtml>



## **28th Annual Conference**

May 15-18, 2008

Manatee Convention Center

Palmetto, Florida

*Hosted by the Mangrove, Pinellas,  
Serenoa & Suncoast Chapters*

### Purpose of Conference:

To provide educational programs to FNPS members and the general public about the planting, preservation, conservation and restoration of Florida native plants and their associated plant communities.

For registration information visit  
[www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)

### **Notable conference activities:**

- Field trips to over 20 locations highlighting native plant communities, native trees, shrubs and wildflowers led by botanists and local plant specialists.
- Native plant sale providing locally grown trees, shrubs and wildflowers throughout the event. Hundreds of new native plants for home landscapes!
- Educational exhibit tables; many vendors.
- The latest news in conservation, preservation and restoration of Florida native plant communities.
- Workshops for landscape design, making plant specimens, nature photography, scientific information regarding the "Real Florida" and much more.
- Social and networking events.

### **For information about sponsorship opportunities and benefits, please contact:**

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