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Newsletter of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

Garden Maintenance Party

Saturday, June 25

9am—12pm
Clayton Hutcheson Building



Come help us tidy up our native display garden. Bring your hat, gloves, water, and hand tools.

Sneak Preview of Coming Attractions

Jul 19 — *Lessons From a Prairie Restoration*

Jul 30 — *Field Trip - Pine Jog Environmental Education Center*

Aug 16 — *Virtual Tour of FNPS Member Gardens*



June Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, June 21

7:30 – 9:00 pm (doors open at 7)

Palm Beach County Extension—University of Florida/IFAS
Mounts Building Auditorium
531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415

Inspirations for Native Landscaping

Carl Terwilliger,
Owner, Meadow Beauty Native Nursery

When seeking inspiration for native landscape design, Carl Terwilliger of Meadow Beauty Nursery, often looks to nature. In his 30-minute slide show, Carl will share photographs of Florida natural areas, from the Keys north to Gainesville, to demonstrate ways to take a beautiful piece of nature and duplicate it in your own yard. A variety of plant community types will be shown, including wetlands, pine flatwoods, scrub, natural springs, streams and rivers and of course the coastal hammocks. These are all natural landscapes that Carl keeps in mind when developing his landscape plans.

*Free Admission • Refreshments • Native Plant Raffle
Public Welcome • No Reservations Needed*

The Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation of our native flora through education and conservation. To attract wildlife, promote water conservation and prevent the further introduction of non-native pest plants, the society encourages the cultivation of nursery-propagated Florida native plants and promotes their use as ornamentals in public and private landscapes.

2011 Native Yard Tour

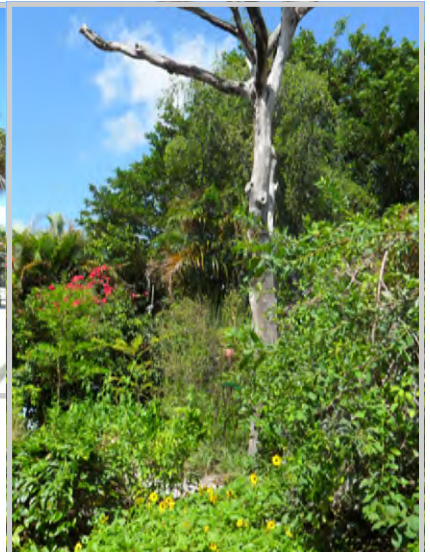
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There were around 50 people that visited the 11 sites. This was a perfect number to allow the hosts time to talk with everyone and not be overwhelmed. The yards were all in great shape with healthy plants.

I especially want to thank all of the hosts for the time that they took for this and the efforts that they made to make their yards extra beautiful. When your native yard looks good, it inspires others to try this new look for their yards too.

Carl Terwilliger



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2011 Native Yard Tour

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Special thanks to this year's yard tour hosts!

- Billy Cox*
- Fred & Nancy Davis*
- Matt Fetick*
- Cecily Hangen*
- Jorge & Gloria Hernandez*
- Alwynne Lamp*
- Law Office of Bergin & Glatthorn*
- Ken Leiberman*
- Lynne & Sandra*
- Brian Paegel & Jeremy Pyle*
- Jennifer Podis*





Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 25

Clayton Hutchinson Building, UF/IFAS Extension

Get Your Hands Dirty!

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Come and learn from experts as you help us maintain our Native Plant Demonstration Garden. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, identify plants, and take home cuttings for your garden. Drop by anytime between 9:00 am and noon to learn, socialize, and enjoy brunch in the open air. Don't forget to bring your garden tools if you have them! For information call 561-247-FNPS (3677).

Tuesday, July 19

July Chapter Meeting

Mounts Building, UF/IFAS Extension

7:30 – 9:00pm Lessons from a Prairie Restoration - Kristi Moyer, Facilities & Land Manager, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center. For information call 561-247-FNPS (3677).

Saturday, July 30

Pine Jog Field Trip

Pine Jog Environmental Center

Kristi Moyer, Facilities & Land Manager, Pine Jog Environmental Education Center will lead a field trip through Pine Jog's property. For information call 561-247-FNPS (3677).

Tuesday, August 16

August Chapter Meeting

Mounts Building, UF/IFAS Extension

7:30 – 9:00pm Virtual Tour of FNPS Member Gardens – members contribute favorite photos showcasing their green thumbs – Brenda Mills, Principal Program Specialist, SFWMD. For information call 561-247-FNPS (3677).

Contributions Wanted

Your suggestions for content are welcomed.

We are always interested in original native plant articles, essays, field reports, photos, event announcements, or other content suggestions.

If you would like to contribute to our chapter newsletter, please email LeRoy and Shari Rodgers at

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Membership Update

Our chapter has **160** members as of June 3rd. We have five new memberships this month. Warm welcomes to **RUSSELL HUNT, BUFFIE JUDD, DAVID KUZMENKO, SIGRID LIUM, and DAVID & CATHY WEST!**

Twenty one memberships renewed or rejoined in May. **SALLY MARKS & ROSS DUBIN, CATHIE TONKINS, and MARGARET SHORE-DUBIN** renewed as a contributing members. Renewing or rejoining individual members are **DEBORAH CRAWFORD, PHYLLIS ASHLEY, STEPHANIE DUNCAN, CHRIS LOCKHART, GEORGE MCNAMARA, WILLIAM SKINNER, NANCY SMOAK, ELLEN TANNEHILL, TERRY WALKER, HERBERT ZEBUTH.** Our renewing family members are **MICHAEL MANNA & KARIE BLISS, LEE & SCOTT MASSEY, ALICE BOJANOWSKI & MICHAEL SOBCZAK, NANCY SLOANE & MYRNA SOSSNER.**

Our renewing business members **FOUR JAYS CONSULTING INC. (Jamie Rothenberg), MESOZOIC LANDSCAPES INC (Richard Moyroud), and SUSTAINSCAPE INC. (Dennis de Zeeuw).**

Membership at a Glance

Business	7
Contributing	10
Donor	1
Family	30
Individual	97
Library	1
Life	2
Not for profit	4
Student	4
Supporting	4
Total	160

Thank you all for your continued support of FNPS!

Gardening with the Natives

by Jeff Nurge

Buccaneer Palm (*Pseudophoenix sargentii*)

When looking for the right palm to place in the landscape, the number one concern is how tall will it ultimately top off. A predictable choice for shorter statured palms would be the buccaneer palm. This slow growing palm, which usually produces up to only two fronds a year, grows to 10-12 feet. Known as the “baby royal,” this elegant palm displays light brown rings around its swollen green trunk. The palm fronds are dark green above and silvery underneath. The inflorescence produces greenish-yellow flowers on and off throughout the year. The flowers are followed by green fruit, which turn orange-red with age and persists over a long period of time. The flowers and fruit are relished by a wide range of wildlife species.

Plant buccaneer palms in groupings of three or use as a single specimen for that special location. This palm does very well in patio containers and with its slow growth will maintain its appearance for years. In some circles, the buccaneer palm is also known as Sargent’s cherry palm. The specific epithet, *sargentii*, honors the American botanist Charles Sprague Sargent (1841-1927).

Native to the Florida Keys, the buccaneer palm is right at home in a coastal environment. It grows very well in full sun and is extremely drought and salt tolerant palm. Buccaneer palm will flourish in nutrient-poor soils. However, in residential landscapes it is quite adaptable to a variety of soil types as long as they are well drained.

Most literature regarding the buccaneer palm makes reference to its intolerance of near freezing weather conditions. This is true of most palm species but experience from the last couple of winters in Palm Beach County has proved that the buccaneer palm is up to the task of shaking off the cold weather conditions this far north. Before the buccaneer palm found its way into cultivation, it was aggressively poached from much of its natural range to the point now it is listed as federally endangered.

This plant is available at native nurseries. Visit the



Buccaneer palms may occur in a variety of coastal habitats, including open fields, coastal scrub, and dense rockland hammocks. This species was the focus of a successful rare plant reintroduction effort in the Florida Keys during the 1990’s. Today, self-sustaining populations exist at many locations where the plants were reintroduced.

Photo by Jeff Nurge

Association of Florida Native Nurseries at www.afnn.org, but don’t stop there. The site provides only a snapshot of the offerings at local nurseries, so call around.

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of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida*



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FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
MEETS

**3rd Tuesday of the month
7:30 P.M.**

(doors open at 7:00)
Mounts Building Auditorium
University of Florida/IFAS Extension
531 North Military Trail
(1/4 mi north of Southern Blvd.)
West Palm Beach, Florida

**Meetings are free and open
to the public.**