



Summer Doldrums Issue

Yes, the *Dahoon* is a little thin this month. But do not fret! Our newsletter will be back in full form next month, packed with interesting articles, important chapter news, photos, and so on. Speaking of next month's issue, don't forget that we are transitioning to a digital format. Please read the important announcement on the back page for more details.

Upcoming Events

August Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

Mounts Building, UF/IFAS Extension

7:30 – 9:00pm **Virtual Tour of FNPS Member Gardens**

Everyone knows it's too hot to garden in August! So join us in the cool auditorium at Mounts to enjoy a virtual garden tour. Whose garden? YOURS! Show us your favorite plants or garden niches, or take us on a tour of your whole garden. We'll bring the computer and the tech help, you bring the CD's or thumb drives. If you wish, send your digital photos to bmillis@sfwmd.gov. Make sure they are labeled and we're set to go! We've all worked hard in our gardens, so let's share! More info: 561-247-FNPS (3677)

Native Plant Workshop

Saturday, August 20

Mounts Botanical Garden, Exhibit Hall A

9:00 am—12:00pm **Go Native....Florida Natives for Your Yard**

Learn how to design and care for a low-impact garden featuring our own Florida native plants! Book author **Rufino Osorio**, Landscape Architect **Rob Hopper** and other members of the Palm Beach Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will present tips on selecting native plants for your yard and cover topics such as watering, light requirements and soil conditions. The many benefits to you such as reduced mowing, fertilizing, pest control and watering will be explained along with the benefits to our native wildlife. A guided walk to the Society's native plant demonstration garden at Mounts will give you a chance to view natives in a landscape setting and gather design ideas. Participants will be provided with materials to take home for future reference, and many of the plants presented will be offered for purchase at the end of the workshop. More info: 561-233-1757. Cost: Mounts Members \$30; Non-members \$40

Monthly Garden Maintenance

Saturday, August 20

Clayton Hutchinson Building, UF/IFAS Extension

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Get Your Hands Dirty!**

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! More info: 561-247-FNPS (3677).

September Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

Mounts Building, UF/IFAS Extension

7:30 – 9:00pm **Native and Exotic Grasses**

Dr. George Rogers of Palm Beach State College will discuss identification and the natural history of many native and some introduced representatives of the *Poaceae* in Florida. More info: 561-247-FNPS (3677).



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Important Announcement

In case you missed it in the last Dahoon or you didn't receive the email, we're on a campaign to transition the Dahoon from paper to digital. The single biggest expense for our chapter is the Dahoon, and our biggest source of income, which is membership fees, isn't enough to cover the costs. We supplement the costs by our annual native plants auction and by other events (Naturescape, Everglades Day...). In addition, it's just better for the environment.

Last month we sent out the word and asked that you let us know if you would like to receive the Dahoon electronically through email. That one time effort was a huge success, over 20% of the membership responded in the positive. But that's not enough, basically, if you have an email address, we want you to sign up. We understand that not everyone is on the "information superhighway" and we'll continue to mail out the paper copy for those that want it.

So if you want to receive the dahoon via email, please send an email to
palmbeach@fnpschapters.org

And, for those that already signed up, a big THANK YOU goes out to you!