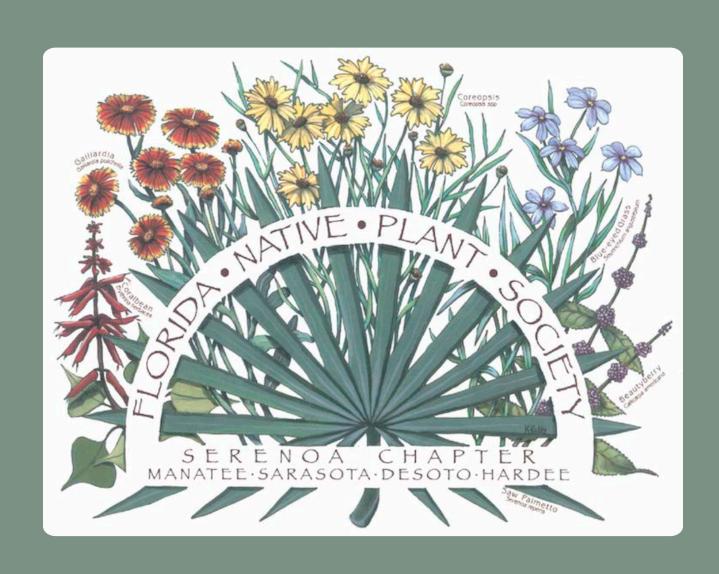
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## **News from Serenoa Chapter**

We have been missing our members, but Florida is blooming despite our lack of meetings! We hope you enjoy this newsletter packed full of good information.

As you know, we take summer off anyway, more news to follow in the fall.

Stay safe! ~ Serenoa Board of Directors



Williams Elementary Butterfly Garden Photo Credit: Norma Kisida

#### Grants Galore in 2019 and 2020 ~ Erica Timmerman

You may wonder what happens to the money we collect from memberships and our plant sales. We use that money to support organizations that are working to keep Florida's ecosystems alive and well. Since January of 2019 we have given out almost \$8000.00 in grants and donations. Read all about it!



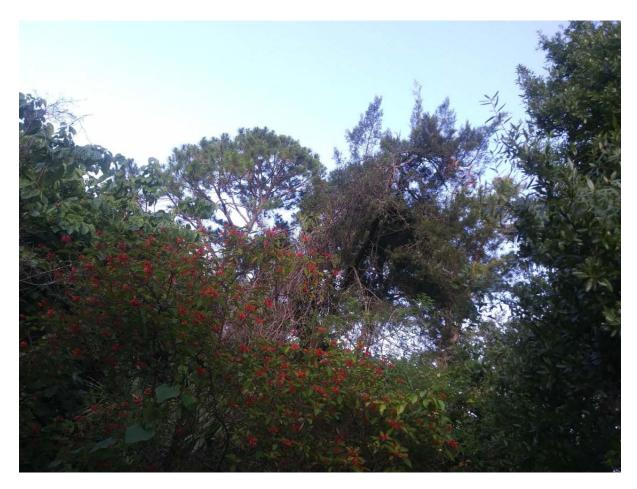
Thistle with Pollinators. Below Red Shoulder Hawk and Milkweed. Photo Credits: Fran Palmeri

# Nature follows its normal spring patterns even as humans deal with a deadly virus

## ~ a photo essay from The Sarasota News Leader by Fran Palmeri

Travel with Fran south to north and through the seasons in this wonderful photo essay. <u>View it all here.</u>





Pines and Firebush Photo Credit: Leah Wilcox

#### Native Plants and the Pandemic ~ Leah Wilcox

I have had a wildlife-friendly native yard for many years now. I started planning and planting in the early 1990's. My goal was to attract birds and butterflies. It worked. They now come regularly, some even completing their life cycles using the food and shelter offered by the native plants which thrive here. Full story.



Black-winged Dahana moth on Jamaica Caper. Photo Credit: Nancy West

# What's Bugging You?!?

## ~ by Tom Heitzman, Sweet Bay Nursery

Discover why we want insects in our garden, and how to control them naturally. Full story here.





#### The Lawn to Wildflowers mobile app is out now!



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