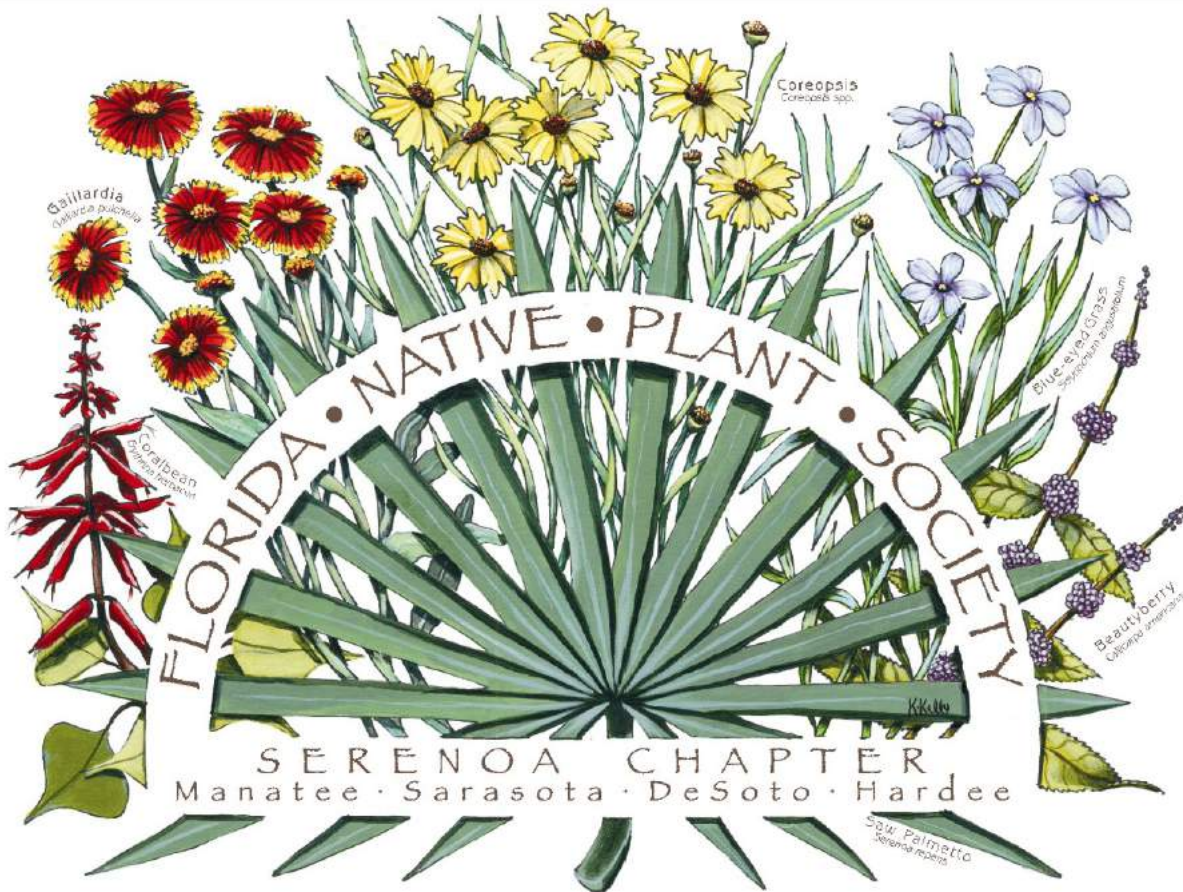


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## News from Serenoa Chapter

### November 2022

Our monthly meeting (via Zoom) is  
Monday, 21st, 7pm.

Our Field trip this month is to  
South Venice Lemon Bay  
Preserve, Sarasota County,  
Saturday, 26th, 9am.

Our first Coffee and  
Conversations (an in person meet  
and greet), is Saturday 12th, at the

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**See below for all the details!**

photo: Simpson's stopper (*Myrcianthes fragrans*)

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**We're continuing to have our monthly meetings on Zoom this year.**

**Next year we're hoping to be back at Selby Gardens for each meeting.**

~ Serenoa Board of Directors

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Wild coffee (*Psychotria nervosa*)



Doughnuts (Breadus deliciousa)

## **Seasonal Serenoa FNPS Coffee & Conversations November 12, 9:00 am**

**Find us at the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center picnic tables. Bring your favorite mug, pour some joe, and talk about Native Plants with fellow members. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. No registration needed. Hope to see you there!**

Location: 999 Center Rd, Sarasota, 34240





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## **Noteworthy Plants of Southwest Florida**

**Jeff Weber, Environmental Specialist with Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department**

**Southwest Florida is a botanically rich and unique location, with a local flora that features a number of noteworthy plant species. Jeffrey Weber's presentation will focus on some of our endemic plants, several of our area's threatened and endangered species and a few of our noteworthy non-natives. Register below to learn about some of the plants that make Southwest Florida botanically unique.**

**General meeting Monday November, 7pm, via Zoom.**

**Meeting registration**



JEFF WEBER, Environmental Specialist with Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department

Jeff is a semi-native transplant from western New York state and has lived in Florida since he was 8 years old. He grew up in Pinellas County, graduated from Seminole High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. After college, he landed a job as a Florida State Park Ranger and was later promoted to a district biologist position at Oscar Scherer



### November Field Trip: South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve Saturday November 26th, 9am

Chris Meyer will lead our field trip to South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve. With more than 19 acres of land, this preserve includes scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, tidal strand and marsh. The area protects the water quality and estuary of Lemon Bay, a State Aquatic Preserve. It also provides habitat for many wading birds and game fish, as well as significant areas of scrub habitat and supports families of the endangered Florida Scrub Jay.

Space is limited on the field trips. After you register, we'll email you with the directions and other information closer to the event.

**Field trip registration**

### More Advice for Tree Repair



**Extension Service. This guide is much more detailed than the articles we had in the newsletter last month. It is very helpful for all year - but especially now when so many plants are damaged.**

### **Assessing Damage and Restoring Trees After a Hurricane**

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## **City of Holmes Beach Grant Follow up**

**Earlier this year, the City of Holmes Beach received a grant from us, Serenoa Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, to assist in the creation of this beautiful space at their community gardens site.**

**These pictures were taken before Hurricane Ian. With such a great start, we have confidence that any damage in the storm will be overcome with a little help from the gardeners and time.**





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## **Call for Research Track Papers and Poster Presentations Florida Native Plant Society 2023 Conference**

**The Florida Native Plant Society 2023 Annual Conference will be held as a virtual meeting, April 29 and 30, 2023. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers and a virtual poster session using the Whova platform on April 29 and 30. Poster presentations will be uploaded to the Whova site one week prior to the meeting (April 21, 2023)**

**Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presented papers are planned to be 20 minutes in total length (15 min. presentation, 5 min. questions).**

file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer [paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov](mailto:paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov) by January 15, 2023. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate whether you will be presenting a paper or poster. Details on preparing and uploading a virtual poster will be provided when the abstract is accepted.

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## FNPS 2023 Awards Announcement

### Endowment Grant Research Awards, Conservation Grant Awards, the Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany, and Cornelia McNamara Grant

The Florida Native Plant Society maintains an **Endowment Research Grant** program for the purpose of funding research on native plants. These are small grants (\$2500 or less), awarded for a 1-year period, and intended to support research that forwards the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society which is "to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida."

**FNPS Conservation Grants** support applied native plant conservation projects in Florida. These grants (\$5000 or less) are awarded for a 1-year period. These projects promote the preservation, conservation, or restoration of rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities. To qualify for a Conservation Grant, the proposed project must be sponsored by an FNPS Chapter.

The **Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany** will provide up to \$1500 to graduate or undergraduate students who are studying Florida ethnobotany – i.e., the study of the relationship between peoples or cultures with plants native to Florida or Florida ecosystems. These can be current uses or historic uses.

The Florida Native Plant Society has established a **Cornelia McNamara Grant** program for the purpose of funding applied research on native plants and habitats, particularly those that are rare or imperiled. These are small grants (\$1500 or less), awarded for a 1-year period, and intended to support research that will yield data to inform the management for or restoration of native species and habitats.

Application guidelines and details are on the FNPS website ([www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org)), click on 'What We Do/Awards and Grants.' Questions regarding the grant programs should be sent to [info@fnps.org](mailto:info@fnps.org).

**Application deadline for the 2023 Awards is March 3, 2023. Awards will**



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## Monthly Lunch and Learn from FNPS

[The Florida Native Plant Society website](#) includes a link to all the monthly Lunch and Learn programs. This month the program is on November 4, and the topic is "Nature Journaling and Self Care," with Marjorie Shropshire.

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Check out the [Florida Wildflower Association](#) website. They are asking for you to tag where and when you have seen wildflowers in bloom on their interactive map. The site also has some recommended driving routes to see wildflowers and other interesting articles.

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Erin Schoenberg will have a limited supply of "vintage" Serenoa T-Shirts available for purchase at the upcoming field trips. They're \$15 (cash, check, or Zelle accepted) While supplies last.

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## Interesting Links

[Here is the link to the Florida Environmental Film Festival site.](#) To follow up from a discussion during last month's program about fire, here is the link to a film that was mentioned, ["Elemental: Reimagining Our Relationship With Fire"](#)

[Video of Rare Atala butterflies in the Sarasota County UF/IFAS garden](#)

[Archbold Research Station](#) Fire Ants, Cowboys...good stuff!

[Sarasota County Extension Service programs and classes](#)

[Manatee County Extension Service programs and classes.](#)

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