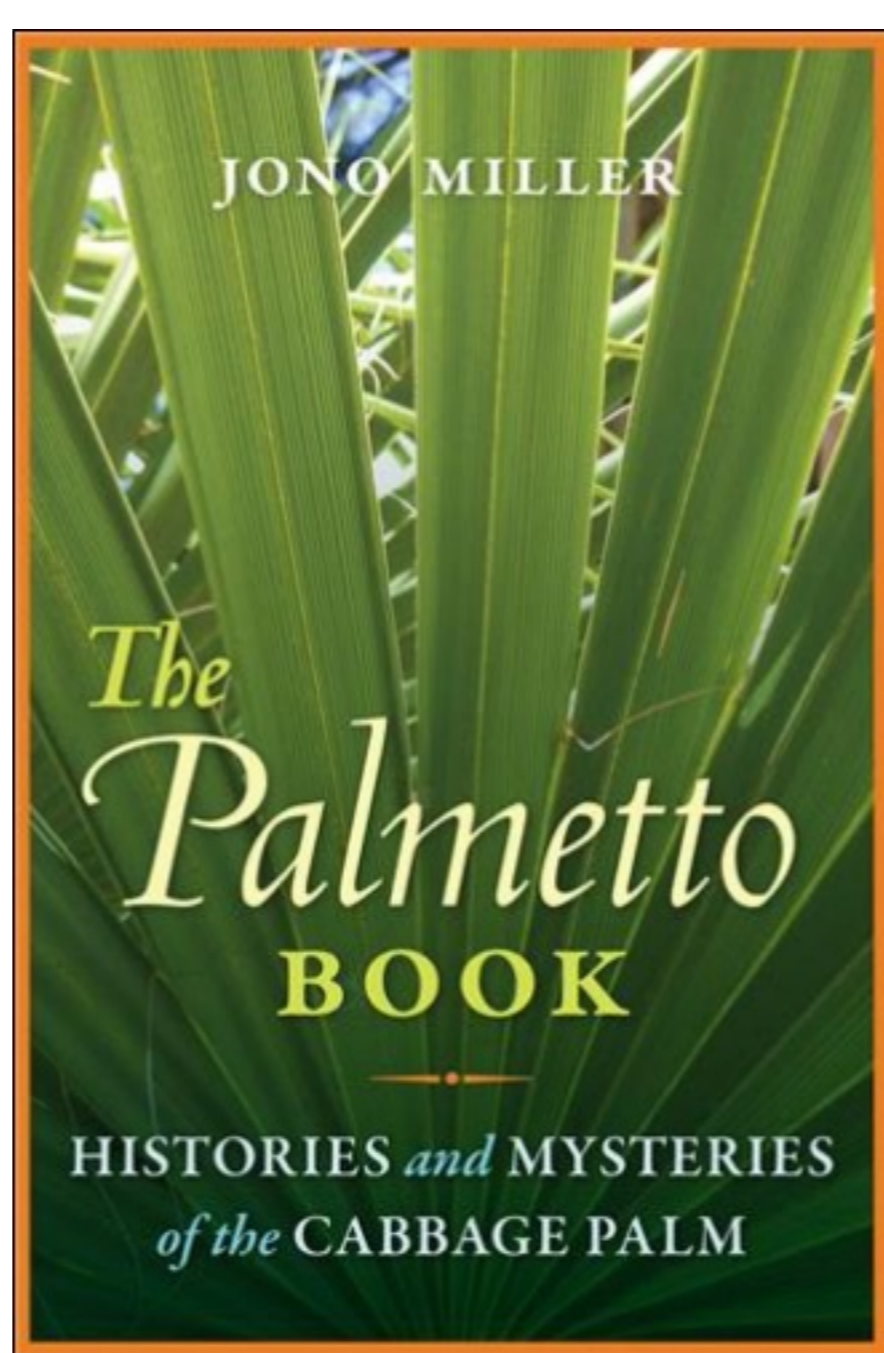




News from Serenoa Chapter
 Spring is in the air!
 Our Zoom meeting this month is on Monday April 19 and the following Saturday field trip will be April 24: Serenoa Day at Sweet Bay Nursery in Parrish, FL. FNPS members are required to wear masks and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing.
 ~ Serenoa Board of Directors




April Topic: The Florida Tree, *Sabal palmetto*

~ Jono Miller, Educator and Natural Historian
April 19, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Jono Miller has written the latest word on *Sabal palmetto* in his book entitled The Palmetto Book. He will offer surprising facts and dispel common myths about this often-misunderstood native plant. The book itself is very readable and fascinating, don't miss his talk on Zoom! The book is available at local bookstores and through the University Press of Florida.

[Register here](#) Once you have registered you will receive a confirmation with the link from Zoom.
 ***If you want to practice with Karen Willey on connecting to Zoom, [Contact Karen](#) for a quick practice session



FNPS  Serenoa Day at Sweet Bay Nursery
April 24, 2021 9am - Noon

No limit to this one – all are welcome – no registration necessary. Tom Heitzman will give a tour of the demonstration gardens just after 9am and will repeat if there are too many to join.
 Serenoa Chapter will have a booth and distribute information and sign up new members.
 Members receive 15% off plant sales! A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Serenoa Chapter grant fund. Come join us and refresh your garden!

At Sweet Bay Nursery, masks are required for checkout.
 On the tour since we will be close, masks are required. Thank you.

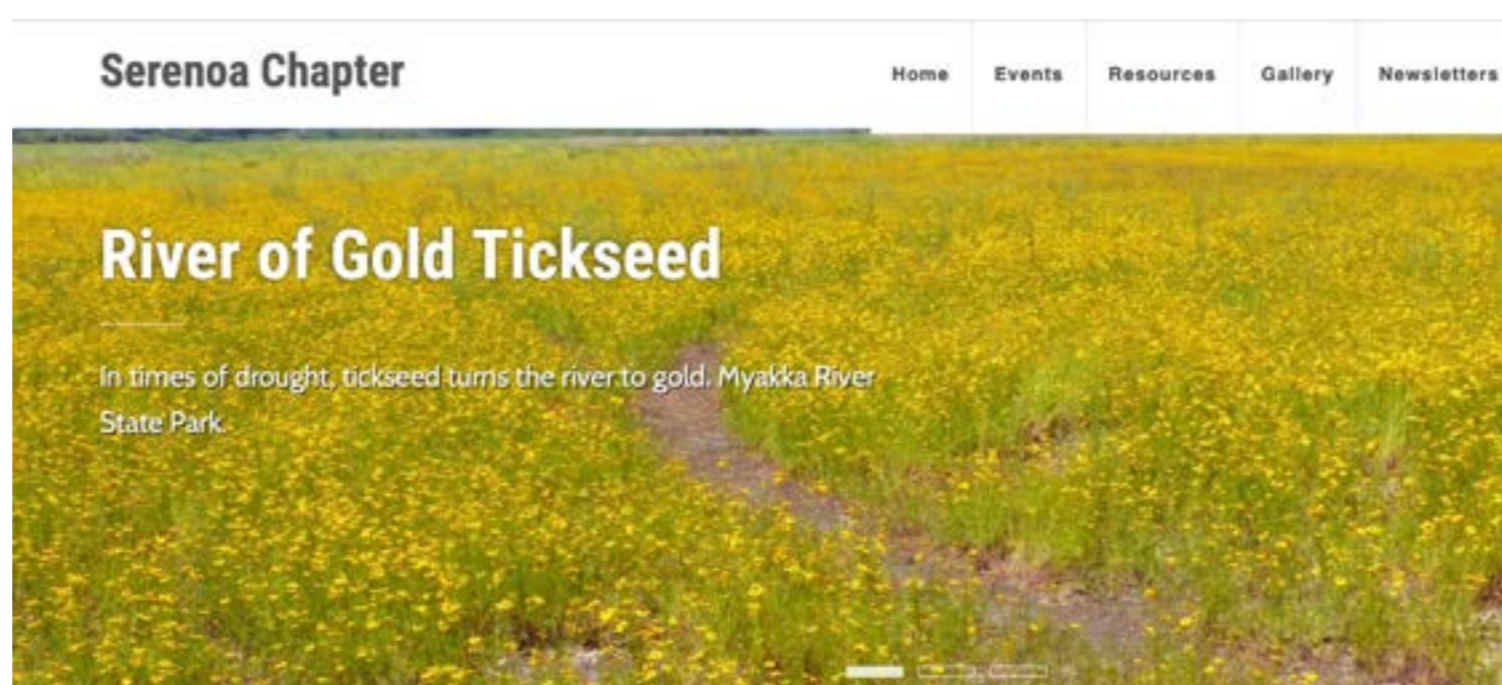
Save the Date(s) - May is Conference Time!



“The Sarasota Manatee EcoFlora Project: A Worldwide Conservation Effort Locally”

With more than 2,000 native plant species in Florida, many are rare, understudied, or endangered and actively need conservation. The Sarasota Manatee EcoFlora Project aims to help protect and understand our native flora, monitor invasive species, provide information to scientists worldwide, and engage the public in citizen science. Join a talk by Sean Patton, iNaturalist of the [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens EcoFlora Project](#), to learn from a scientist how you can participate in citizen science and join the project with only a smartphone or camera.

This is a paid Zoom with the Bishop Museum in Bradenton.
 think + drink/science is sponsored by WUSF
[Register Here](#)



Serenoa Website has a Makeover!

Big thanks to our webmaster Yiwen Chow and to photographers Fran Palmeri, botany and Nancy West, field trips!
 Check it out at <https://serenoa.fnpschapters.org>
 You will not be disappointed!



Screen shot of the new Florida Native Plant Society Website

Next month: May 17th Serenoa Program

Phosphate Strip Mining, Fertilizer Production and What It Means for Floridians – Brooks Armstrong is president of People for Protecting Peace River, or 3PR, a non-profit group of citizens who seek the long term preservation of the quality of life and health in the rural and coastal areas of central Florida. 3PR believes that we must end the damage being done to our lands by phosphate strip mining and fertilizer production.
 To that end, we endeavor to educate all concerned of the full truth of the harms caused by the phosphate industry. [Zoom Registration](#)

Previous Programs on YouTube:

- Oct. 19, 2020: [Conservation Lands with Debi Osborne](#)
- Nov. 16, 2020: [Florida Native Gardening with Tom Heitzman](#)
- Jan. 11, 2021: [Climate Change with Tim Rummage & Karen Willey](#)
- Jan. 18, 2021: [Aquatic Gardening with Sean Patton](#)
- Feb. 15, 2021: [The Clean Water Playbook for SW Florida](#)
- March 15, 2021: [Old Growth Forests with Kate Borduas](#)

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