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## **News from Serenoa Chapter December 2022**

This month we meet in person for a holiday dinner on Monday December 19. There will be no Zoom meeting. See below for all the details!

Sadly, Myakka River State Park remains closed at this time due to damage from Hurricane Ian. Our trip there planned for December 10 is cancelled. We hope to reschedule after the park opens, and will let you know as soon as possible.

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**Please join us...**

**Serenoa Holiday Potluck Dinner**

**Monday, December 19, 6-9:30p. Dinner at 6:30p**

**Audubon Nature Center, 999 Center Rd, Sarasota**

**We'll gather to celebrate the holiday season and the joy of nature. Bring a dish to share, your own plate, glass & utensils. BYOB. The chapter will provide turkey, water, tea and ice.**

**We will play a gift exchange game; if you want to participate, bring a wrapped, nature-oriented gift (up to \$20 value). Expect a lively game of exchange and re-exchange!**

**Please RSVP for our planning purposes. [Click here to RSVP](#)**

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**Our Grants team has been busy!**

Recently grants have been approved for the following sites. Stay tuned - we will post photos of their gardens next year.

- Braden River Library: Sensory Garden
  - Manatee County Agricultural Museum: Re-planting of the Sensory garden
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**From the Manatee Audubon Society:**



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## Winter Gardening Tips:

- *Do your final clean up (weeding, mulching) before you take your winter break.*
- *Prune beautyberry after they lose their leaves and berries. Cut them back to 12-24" height if you want to have your plants bushy and under 5' height. Otherwise, let them go and they will grow to about 8'.*
- *Newly planted trees and shrubs should be watered at least once a week to keep them from drying out. This is the dry time of year here, and even native plants need to be watered until they are well-established, for optimum health.*



**Volunteers needed for the Serenoa table at Sarasota County  
FireFest**

**Serenoa Chapter will have a tent and table at the Firefest. We provide information to people about planting natives and the benefits of FNPS membership. There are lots of other vendors, displays and activities at Firefest. It is a fun family event. Volunteers usually work 3-4 hours, and will have time to enjoy the festival. [Here is a link](#) to the Firefest information from the Friends of Carlton Reserve website.**

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve, Sarasota County**

**8:00am - 2:00 pm.**

**[Please click here if you would like to volunteer.](#)**







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:**

[Treasure Coast Natives | Facts about flora found in our part of Florida](#)

[\(wordpress.com\)](#) **This blog provides fascinating information about the historic uses of Florida Native plants, planting information and humor. The most current article is about the coontie, and includes vintage photos.**

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**Assistant Zoom Meetings: Open**

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*If you are interested in joining the board - please send us an  
email: [srepens@gmail.com](mailto:srepens@gmail.com)*

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