



News from Serenoa Chapter

Happy New Year!

Our Zoom meeting this month is on Monday January 18 and the following Saturday field trip will be January 23 at Robinson Preserve in West Bradenton. FNPS will wear masks and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing.

~ Serenoa Board of Directors



Tom Heitzman and Cindy Shore Photo Credit: Sweet Bay Nursery

Aquatic Gardening: Best Practices and Butterflies

~ Sean Patton, Stocking Savvy

January 18, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Ever wondered how to landscape that pond behind your house? Sean will share best practices, limitations and benefits of aquatic and wetland gardening, and have a small focus on butterfly host and pollinator plants. He will also briefly discuss aquatic ecosystems and beneficial species that can help with your lake, pond, or rain garden.

[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

Sneak-Preview

Robinson Preserve Expansion

Field Trip, Saturday January 23

Damon Moore, Manatee County Ecological Resources Division Manager, will lead us on a tour of the newly restored Robinson Preserve Expansion. The expansion is not open to the public yet, they are still moving earth. This will be a behind-the-scenes sneak peak tour for Serenoa members.



Due to COVID-19, field trips are limited to 15 people. Registration required.

We will keep a wait list if we get more than are able to attend.

FNPS Note: wear a mask.

[Register here](#) Once you have registered we will send directions.





Serenoa Members have been offered a 22% discount with free shipping, until January 31.

Original Price: **\$28.00**
Discount
Price: **\$22.00**
Use Code AU121

The Palmetto Book: Histories and Mysteries of the Cabbage Palm

This long-awaited book by Jono Miller is almost here! Author Jono Miller will be speaking to us at our April 19 meeting. His new book will be available mid-March at Bookstore1 Sarasota. He is offering Serenoa members a discount if they pre-order before Jan. 31. The 22% discount includes FREE shipping.

Click here to pre-order
Don't forget to put in code **AU121** and **APPLY CODE**

Lawn Weeds Galore...Don't Tell the HOA

George Rogers, Treasure Coast Natives
My lawn is not the envy of the neighborhood. Actually I'm surprised the HOA has not run me out, but what I lack in turfcare pride I make up in biodiversity. Made a list today of weeds in the lawn just for kicks. Two dozen species, listed below. [READ more here.](#)



Treasure Coast Natives is a blog about flora (and occasionally fauna) found in Palm Beach and Martin Counties. These counties lie on the East coast of Florida and are north of Miami.

[Click the link](#) above to find out how to subscribe and get this blog in your inbox.



Screen shot of the new Florida Native Plant Society Website

Next month February Serenoa Program

Community Playbook for Clean Waterways

Jennifer Shafer, Science and Environmental Council

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 Ramage & Karen Willey](#)

Serenoa Chapter FNPS

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