



FNPS Conference is THIS WEEKEND!



News from Serenoa Chapter
Spring is in the air!
Our Zoom meeting this month is on
Monday May 17 and the following
Saturday field trip will be May 22: Two
Gardens off Bee Ridge in Sarasota, FL.
FNPS Conference is VIRTUAL this
weekend! (Don't miss it).

~ Serenoa Board of Directors



Advocacy: Phosphate Mines & Wildflowers

~Brooks Armstrong, People for Protecting the Peace River
~Stacey Matrazzo, Florida Wildflower Foundation

May 17, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

We can't leave you feeling bad! So after a presentation on Phosphate Mining, we will learn about some lovely wildflowers with the Florida Wildflower Foundation and how you can advocate for them.



Brooks Armstrong, former Serenoa Board member, 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.



Stacey Matrazzo is the program manager for the Florida Wildflower Foundation. She is an environmental educator with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and a master's degree in liberal studies from Rollins College, where she is also an adjunct professor. A native Floridian, Stacey is a certified Florida master naturalist. She will connect us to Florida wildflowers and suggest ways to advocate for them.

[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



Two Landscapes by Florida Native Plants Nursery, Inc.

May 22, 2021 9am - Noon

Visit two gardens designed by Annie Schiller that are in the process of converting to native habitat. One yard was started a year ago, the other only six months ago. See what the transformation looks like and learn about the process as it unfolds. Annie is unable to join us, you will be guided by Cathy Page.

Limited to 15 people

[Register here](#) You will be notified if you are on the list of 15, we will start a waiting list if necessary.



Screen shot of the new Florida Native Plant Society Website

**This is the final program of the season for
Serenoa Chapter we will be back in October.**

[Click here](#) for a preview of next year's

amazing [lineup of speakers!](#)

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](#)
- 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](#)
- April 19, 2021: [The Palmetto Book with Jono Miller](#)

Serenoa Chapter FNPS

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