



Serenoa Chapter - 1981 - 2021

This is our 40th year as a chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.

A peek into our history will be included in each newsletter this year. We have members who were here at the beginning! If you have a story to share, contact newsletter editor, Susie Venters. [Contact Susie.](#)



One of the last rainbows of the 2021 rainy season. Goodbye humidity! See you soon.

Our Zoom meeting this month is Monday, Nov 15, 7pm.

Field trip: Saturday November 20: Archbold Biological Research Station, Venus, FL (Highlands Co.)

Details and registration links are below.

~ Serenoa Board of Directors

Florida Scrub Life

Archbold Biological Station and the Lake Wales Ridge
November 15, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom



Archbold's Director of Education, Dustin Angell, will present a slide show on Archbold Biological Station's research and management of the rare Florida scrub habitat found on the Lake Wales Ridge. Dustin will give an overview of the ridge geology and scrub ecology, and then focus on plants, highlighting both rare plants fighting to survive and common plants with extraordinary stories.

[Click here](#) to visit Archbold Biological Station's website.

[Meeting Registration](#)

If you want to practice connecting to Zoom, Karen Willey can help. [Contact Karen](#) for a quick practice session.



Dustin Angell is an environmental educator and conservation photographer living and working in the headwaters of Florida's Everglades. As the Director of Education at Archbold Biological Station in Venus, FL, he builds community relationships and interprets ecological research for audiences of all ages. Dustin holds a Bachelors of Fine Arts from Alfred University. As an artist, he uses photography to document the science and conservation challenges of the region and the people trying to solve them. Dustin is the Past President of the League of Environmental Educators in Florida.



Field trip: Saturday November 20 to Archbold Biological Station, led by Dustin Angell. Archbold Biological Station

of the most distinctive natural habitats in the United States.

[Field Trip Registration](#)





CELERY FIELDS SUSTAINABILITY DAY NOV. 11 9am - Noon

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WORKSHOP

Tours, solar power, pond solutions and more
eventbrite.com [celery fields](#)

999 Center Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240

Come out and meet the organizations that are bringing Sarasota County to the forefront of sustainability as part of the [Sustainable Communities Workshop](#). Stocking Savvy will be selling native plants! Learn about solar power, pond management, vegan alternatives and more!

Four-part tour includes:

1. Certified LEED GOLD Nature Center - with Sarasota Audubon and Brilliant Harvest Solar. The LEED Gold certified Nature Center achieved net zero energy from Day 1. Learn about solar power, water/energy efficiencies, eco-friendly building design.

Special note: The Nature Center has undergone a Covid retrofit to minimize the spread of viruses and other airborne pathogens, HEPA filters, air ionizers, quality AC filters and other measures have been installed for the safety of docents and visitors.

2. Native Gardens at the Nature Center - with Selby Eco Flora, a citizen science project. Florida native plants bring beauty and life to the landscape with birds and pollinators.

3. The Micro-Forest at the Celery Fields -with START/Florida Veterans for Common Sense. Learn how carbon sequestration impacts climate change. (START = Solutions To Avoid Red Tide)

4. The Palmer Blvd. Boardwalk, with Audubon Bird Naturalists. At least 247 species of birds have been recorded at the Celery Fields. Visitors are likely to find egrets, blue herons, roseate spoonbills, limpkins, osprey, kingfishers and more in November.

Tours will be held in four 20-minute segments and will last over a period of 1 hour and 20 minutes. Registration highly suggested.

[Celery Fields Sustainability Day Tickets, Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)



Sat. Nov. 13 – Fall Wildflower Tour
 Sat. Feb. 12 – Florida Prairie Tour
 Sat. March 5 – Pioneer History Tour

8:30am – 12:30pm
 Cost: FREE

Reservations required
 Tickets available 3 weeks prior
 941-704-4325 or

<https://manatee-fish-game.ticketleap.com>

Discover the 21,000 acres of Duette Preserve from a covered wagon. With a Master Naturalist guide and a County Park Ranger – maybe spot a Scrub-jay!

Hosted by the Manatee Fish and Game Association, Inc.
 in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources

Duette Wagon Tours are back! Join Manatee Fish & Game with hosts Karen Willey and Russell Owens on Saturday November 13th at 8:30am.

Don't miss this FREE tour! Registration is easy:

<https://manatee-fish-game.ticketleap.com/duette-wagon-tour---nov-13/>



Board Election Next Month

We will be voting in December. Nominations are open! If you are interested, please reply to the newsletter. Members vote on the four officers. The board positions are appointed (they are selected from those who volunteer).

Slate for the December election:

President: Erin Schoenberg

Vice-president: Erica Timmerman (previous President)

Treasurer: Leah Wilcox (re-elect)

Secretary: Cindy Watts (re-elect)

Board positions:

Field Trips: open

Memberships: open

Programs: open

Newsletter - Susie Venters

Website- Yiwen Chow

Zoom - Karen Willey/Erin Schoenberg

Directors at Large - Ryan Inskeep, Lee Breyer, Cathy Page, Nancy West, Tom Heitzman

If you are able to assist on our informal, working board please volunteer!

1. Program Director: Contact and schedule speakers and field trips for the upcoming season. The board assists with suggestions and Fran Palmeri already has a list for next year! We will create a committee to assist you to contact speakers.

2. Field Trip Coordinator: This is a desk job! Using Google Drive and Mail Chimp send out field trip notices, keep track of registrations, send out confirmation e-mails and monitor wait list. About 10 hours

3. Membership Coordinator: Also a desk job, this person maintains the chapter membership rosters, sends reminders for expiring memberships, completes reporting requirements on the FNPS website.

[Click here to inquire further or volunteer](#)

Save the Date!

December 20, 2021

We're hoping to have the annual chapter holiday dinner outside, in person.



In every newsletter for the rest of our 40th season, we'll include a glimpse into Serenoa's past.

We received some early chapter documents from Wilda Meier - thank you!

A list of the field trips for Spring 1985 shows that Florida State Parks have been a bargain for a long time - admission then was 50 cents! Our favorite places now were also our favorite places then. Trips to Archbald Biological Station, Oscar Scherer SP, Crowley Nature Center and Highlands Hammock SP were on the list.



***Our membership meetings are via Zoom,
3rd Monday of the month, September - April.***

[Click here](#) for this year's amazing lineup of speakers!

Previous Programs on YouTube:

October 18, 2021: [Climate-Wise Landscaping with Ginny Stibolt](#)

September 20, 2021: [Uncovering the Mysteries of Herbaria](#)

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

March 15, 2021: [Old Growth Forests with Kate Borduas](#)

Jan. 11, 2021: [Climate Change with Tim Rumage & Karen Willey](#).

Nov. 16, 2020: [Florida Native Gardening with Tom Heitzman](#)

Oct. 19, 2020: [Conservation Lands with Debi Osborne](#).

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<https://serenoa.fnpschapters.org>

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