

### 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.](#)



*Florida's fall colors are here!*

**Our Zoom meeting this month is Monday October 18, 7pm.**

**Field trip: Saturday October 23, to Pam Callendar's yard and the Lifelines native habitat project in Sarasota.**

~ Serenoa Board of Directors

## **Climate-wise Gardening for Florida**

**Ginny Stibolt, Botanist and award-winning author asks "What can we do, right now, in our own landscapes, to help solve climate change?"**

**It's not just digging in the dirt these days. Ginny will share practical actions for a sustainable future.**

**This presentation takes an active and optimistic approach to dealing with our changing climate by summarizing some of the actions that property owners or managers (homeowners, communities, and municipalities) can take now to become more Earth-friendly.**

**In general, each action suggested accomplishes at least one of three objectives:**

- 1) to help the landscape survive climate change,**
- 2) to help wildlife survive climate change, and**
- 3) to help to actually mitigate climate change.**

**This presentation is inspired by the book "Climate-Wise Landscaping: Practical Actions for a Sustainable Future," coauthored by Ginny Stibolt,**

Doug Tallamy wrote the foreword, which ends with this message, "Read this book carefully. Everything you need to know to help heal our relationship with planet earth and empower you to make a much-needed difference is within these pages."

October 18, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

### Meeting Registration

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



Ginny Stibolt is a botanist and a garden writer. She wrote "Sustainable Gardening for Florida" (2009), "Organic Methods for Vegetable Gardening in Florida" with Melissa Contreras (2013), "The Art of Maintaining a Florida Native Landscape" (2015), and "Step by Step to A Florida Native Yard" with Marjorie Shropshire(2018)--all published by University Press of Florida. Also she co-wrote the award-winning "Climate-Wise Landscaping: Practical Actions for a Sustainable Future" with Sue Reed (2018) published by New Society Press. In addition, she manages a "Sustainable Gardening for Florida" Facebook page and writes for her own blog, [www.GreenGardeningMatters.com](http://www.GreenGardeningMatters.com)





curator and educator having roots to Sarasota, Florida from 1972. Her artistic career has evolved from dance to Eco Art with concentration on wildlife habitat restoration. Pamela serves the community with volunteer work as Art Curator for Fogartyville Arts Center, and Osprey Junction Trailhead Sarasota County Park Visitor Center. She is an adjunct professor of Eco Art History at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, and 2019 recipient of the John Ringling Towers Grant earning Fellowship with The Hermitage in Englewood, Fl. Pamela completed a Visual Art degree from Eckerd College in St. Pete, Fl. and Master of Fine Art in Interdisciplinary Art from Goddard College in Plainfield, Vt.

“When one hugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world.” John Muir

life·line /'lɪf, lɪn/ *noun* 1. a thing on which someone or something depends or which provides a means of escape from a difficult situation. *Oxford languages*

The image below was taken before the Lifelines project began. At the field trip - you'll see how it looks now!



***Field Trip***  
***October 23, 2021***  
***Lifelines Eco Art project***  
***Sarasota***

Pamela's Eco Art project is called, Lifelines. Eco Art is work that combines the science of ecology with art making processes that address solutions to environmental concerns. Lifelines maps out and transforms outdated landscapes with a contiguous installation of local indigenous plants through urban and suburban communities.

This FNPS yard tour presents the first model Lifelines, and will take you through the transformation of an approximate 600' private road that begins at Pamela's home and connects to a county stormwater ditch, a golf course fence-line, and into a community of six homes. Participating homeowners have worked relentlessly over the past year to present their yards. The future of this Lifeline has been approved by connecting neighborhoods with plans to begin in January 2022.

Space is limited. You will be notified if you are on the list for the field trip. We will start a waiting list if necessary.

[Field trip Registration](#)



In every newsletter for the rest of our season, we'll include a glimpse into Serenoa's past. This month, we go to November, 1992. The newsletter from that month includes an article thanking the helpers at the Landscaping With Native Plants Symposium. Sort of ho-hum, by the title, but noooo! It was reported that the committee began the six months of planning meetings in Clare Herzog's office at Selby Gardens when her office was "covered with pupating Monarch butterflies! " Picture this: "You had to watch where you sat, leaned, or otherwise situated yourself. There were chrysalises everywhere." Can you imagine? How fantastic.

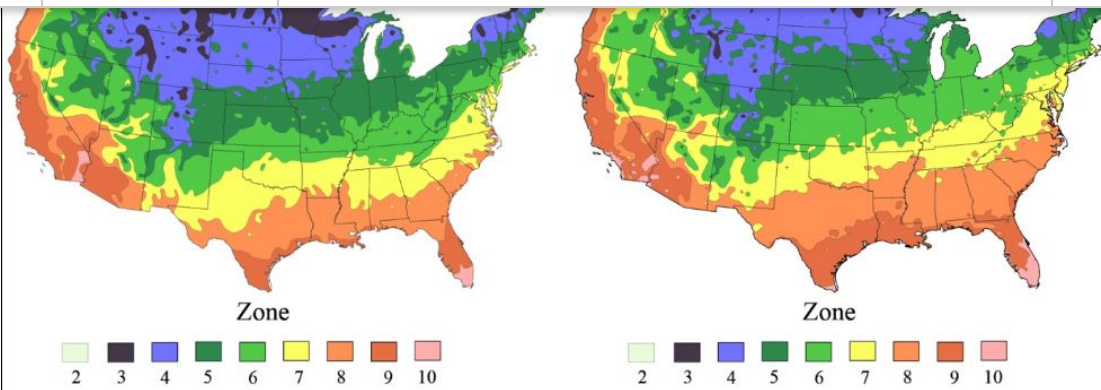
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### OIT (Other interesting things)

What's on your search engine these days? Here's some links suggested by members this month that might be of interest to you, too. If you have an idea for this space - send to newspaper editor Susie Venters. [Contact Susie](#)

Nighttime Streetlights are Stressing Out Our Urban Insects; Sept. 17, 2021 <https://www.sciencefriday.com/segments/streetlights-insects/>

USDA Hardiness Zone Changes, Animations shows the change from 1990 to 2006. Maps on the site show changes from 2006-2015. [Hardiness Zone Changes - This animation illustrates the general warming that has occurred from 1990 to 2006. \(arborday.org\)](#)



The USDA hardiness zones were updated in 2015.



## Join Us on the Board!

**Our invitation to join the Board remains open!**  
**We have several positions open at this time, if you are able to assist on this informal, working board please volunteer:**

- 1. Vice President:** Assist the President and learn the ropes.  
Sit in if the President is unable to participate.



Fran Palmeri already has a list for next year! We will create a committee to assist you to contact speakers.

**3. 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 per month Sept - May – on your own time.

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



***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:**

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](#)



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

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