



Florida Native Plant Society



2017 Annual Report *Connections: Above and Below*

The mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.



Sarracenia rosea (Gulf Purple Pitcher Plant). Photo by Nicole Zampieri.

A Message from President Catherine Bowman

I am pleased and honored to have been President of the Florida Native Plant Society during its 38th year of working with conservation professionals, researchers, public officials, businesses, landowners, and citizen scientists through our 37 chapters and 4,000 + members. Here are some of the highlights of our exciting and busy 2017.

Our Policy and Legislation Committee worked with state and local legislators to increase awareness of the need to continue to acquire, protect and manage natural lands in our rapidly developing state. Our chapters worked with 171 conservation partners throughout Florida, including raising funds to assist with land acquisitions and providing volunteers in their local areas to identify and rescue rare plants and plant communities. Members conducted planting, monitoring, invasive plant removal events and participated with conservation land managers and public agencies' staff to enhance and restore natural lands. Since its inception in 2010, the Land Management Partners Committee has provided expert volunteers who participate on the required management plan reviews for state owned lands, including state forests, state parks, preserves, wildlife management and environmental areas. In 2017 there were 30 reviews for which we were asked to provide reviewers. Our 2017 Annual Conference was held in the midst of lands that are the headwaters of the Kissimmee River and provided some 400 participants with 4 days of amazing field trips, inspiring speakers' presentations, and workshops; and we were pleased to award 4 grants for projects that will research and conserve rare native plants and their habitats.

Thanks for sharing your care about and passion for our native plants and native plant communities with us. With your support and contributions, we are able to expand the ways in which we can promote an ecologically healthy, biologically diverse environment in our developed landscapes and continue to protect Florida's fabulous and fragile natural lands.

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Calopogon pallidus (Pale Grasspink). Photo by Roger Hammer

On the cover: Sunrise at Malabar Scrub Sanctuary (the 577 acre preserve is an ideal place for visitors to learn how wetland and upland communities interact). Photo by Stephanie Dunn.

Our Vision

- Residents and visitors know about and value Florida's extraordinary native flora and native plant communities, which are essential to the healthy ecosystems that support wildlife and people.
- Residents and visitors enjoy access to Florida's native plants in natural environments and human-made landscapes.
- The people of Florida and their elected representatives actively support the Society's mission, through education, research, advocacy, land stewardship, conservation and restoration.
- The network of managed lands comprising remaining native landscapes is strengthened and managed for the perpetuation of native flora. Native plant populations and communities are considered in future conservation and public land acquisitions, and laws are strengthened to provide protection for rare and endangered native plant populations.
- FNPS is a leader in maintaining and providing reliable science-based information about Florida native plants, plant conservation and restoration.



Cladonia Leporina (British Soldier Lichen). Photo by Peg Urban.

2017 Accomplishments

- Florida Native Plant Society won the **Conservation Organization of the Year Award** from the Florida Wildlife Federation.
- FNPS distributed more than 100,000 copies of our **new Native Landscaping brochures**. The brochures highlight easy to grow native plants in 6 different regions of our state.
- The **Dan Austin Award for Ethnobotany** received full funding.
- **Populations of more than 120 plant species, including over 25 rare and endemic species** were rescued from development sites across the state and used for restoration projects at numerous state lands and other publicly-owned preserves.
- **1,000s of Tillandsias** were rescued from downed-trees and relocated following Hurricane Irma.
- Our members donated **28,709 volunteer hours** and our Board members donated **3,586 hours of In-kind services**.
- FNPS Representative **Richard Moyroud served his 25th year** as the Chair of the Florida **Endangered Plant Advisory Council (EPAC)**. The Council meets once a year and reviews the Regulated Plant List, evaluates candidate species for addition or deletion, and uses the combined expertise of its members to address issues pertaining to endangered plants in Florida, within the scope of its mission as defined under Florida statute.
- FNPS grew its **social media** presence, adding to our library of YouTube® videos and reaching more people through LinkedIn®, Facebook®, Instagram®, and Twitter®.
- We welcomed **our newest chapter**: Big Bend Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.



At left, the endangered *Polygala lewtonii* (Lewton's Milkwort) at an authorized FNPS seed-collection site. At right, member Theresa Lutz places seed-collection bags over racemes of *Polygala lewtonii*. All seed collection was performed under a permit from the State of Florida and seeds were used to grow plants for restoration projects on nearby public lands. (Photos: Juliet Rynear)

Research and Conservation Grant Awards

Together, these programs have provided more than \$100,000 for research and conservation projects in Florida. In addition, more than 45 peer-reviewed journal articles have been published as a result of projects funded wholly or in part by FNPS grant programs.

Research grants provide funding for research leading to the conservation of Florida native plants. Conservation grants provide funding for applied plant conservation projects that protect, conserve and restore Florida's rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities.

2017 Research Grants

- * Andre Naranjo (Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, 2017)
Understanding the evolution of narrow endemics for conservation

- * Lydia M. Cuni (Florida International University, Department of Earth and Environment, 2017)
Drivers of species composition and diversity in pine rockland-hardwood hammock ecosystem transitional gradients: Implications for restoration efforts of fragmented communities

- * Iwan E. Molgo
(University of Florida, Department of Biology, 2017)
Determining the origin of two recently discovered Florida endemics: Tetraploid and hexaploid *Callisia ornata* (Commelinaceae)



Callisia ornata. Photo by Juliet Rynear.

2017 Conservation Grant

- * Dr. Gary Knox, Gardening Friends of the Big Bend
"Exploration into the biology and ecology of the Florida-endangered *Magnolia ashei* (Ashe's magnolia)." Researchers will study the biology and ecology of the Florida-endangered Ashe's magnolia (*Magnolia ashei*) in its native habitats. The study will address pollination, seed predation, plant injury, and potential disease threats of *M. ashei*. These key factors collectively determine Ashe's magnolia survival, fecundity and reproduction, and may impose significant negative pressures on *M. ashei* populations resulting from conditions such as few or inefficient pollinators, excessive seed damage from common seed pests, excessive plant injury from antlered white-tailed deer, and opportunistic pathogens invading injured trees. Effects may be compounding and likely contribute to *M. ashei*'s overall limited range and low population levels. Impacts to *M. ashei* associated with these risk factors will be quantified using passive insect traps, programmable digital photography, and traditional and DNA-based disease diagnostics. Data will be incorporated into management tools which will be vital to conservation efforts for this relic tree species.

Policy

Despite a concerted effort by FNPS and other conservation organizations to secure an increase in funding for Florida Forever, the legislature completely eliminated Florida Forever funding from the 2017-2018 budget. In response to this setback, the FNPS Policy Committee decided to take a more proactive approach in preparation for the 2018 legislative session. Coordination with Senator Robert Bradley resulted in his crafting and sponsorship of a bill (SB 370) that would dedicate at least \$100 million annually to the Florida Forever Trust Fund.

Representing an even more ambitious and potentially far-reaching effort, FNPS proposed a constitutional amendment that was developed in coordination with a member of the 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC). Proposal 46 was sponsored by Commissioner Jacqui Thurlow-Lippisch and would have required a minimum of 1/3 of annual Amendment 1 revenues, or approximately \$300-\$400 million per year, to go directly to Florida Forever. Unfortunately, opponents stymied that effort early in the CRC process.

The Policy Committee also challenged the Chapters to attend local meetings of their legislative delegations and to invite their legislators to attend field trips with them. Many members responded to the call for action by attending delegation meetings, and the Pawpaw Chapter successfully organized a field trip that was attended by their local House member. This was the initial year of what we hope will be a continuing effort to promote ongoing interaction between our members and their elected officials.



Citrus Chapter members are shown receiving a proclamation designating October as **Florida Native Plant Month**. From left to right: Donna Suresch, Ruth Dittmar, Theresa Waldron, Sue Wasserman, Jodi Lanier, Deb Daniels, Gail Taylor, Ben Berauer, and Citrus County Commissioners Scott Carnahan and Brian Coleman.

Also in the policy spotlight: FNPS is proposing additions to the Noxious Weed List and is coordinating with

researchers at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), and others, to secure funding and outline a constructive course of action to address the emerging threat of Texas Phoenix Palm Decline (aka Lethal Bronzing) to the cabbage palm – our state tree!



Volunteers, land managers, and staff from Green Isle Gardens are shown planting nearly 1,000 rescued Sandhill plants at a restoration site managed by St. John's River Water Management District.

Conservation, Restoration and Citizen Science

2017 was a year of plant rescue, restoration, and monitoring. Throughout Florida, FNPS worked to conserve our plants and plant communities, many of which are endangered or threatened by development, non-native invasive species, fire suppression or altered hydrology. Our statewide efforts included mapping and monitoring projects for rare plant species and *Asclepias* (Milkweed) species.

Members of 10 FNPS chapters teamed up for a massive emergency rescue of Sandhill species from the Castle Hill site, a property that languished on the Florida Forever land acquisition list for more than 30 years. In all, 121 species of plants were represented in the rescue. Among those species, 23 are endemic to Florida (occurring only in our state) and 9 are state and federally listed as imperiled.

Thanks to the outpouring of financial and volunteer support, we rescued more than 4,800 plants and many pounds of seeds and stem cuttings! At the time of this report, all of the plants have been relocated to nine restoration sites managed by our partners and many more are being propagated from the seeds that were collected. Help us thank our conservation partners: Greens Isle Gardens, Mister Landscaper Drip Irrigation and Micro Spray, Oakland Nature Preserve, Lake Louisa State Park, St. John's River Water Management District, Lake County Water Authority, and Lake County Parks and Trails.

Land Management

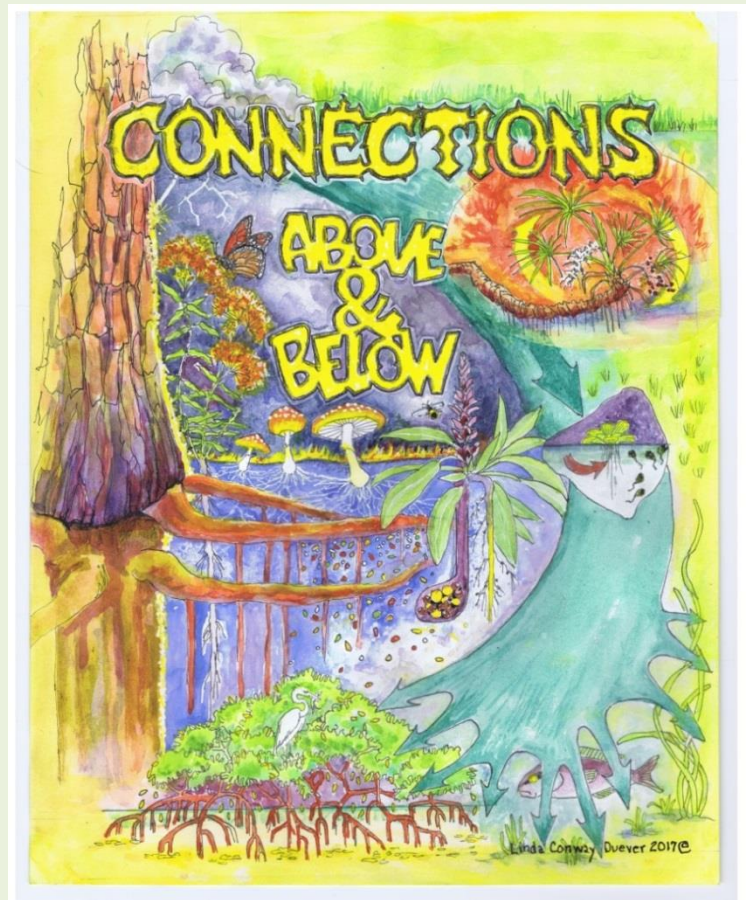
FNPS provided expert assistance to Florida's land managers through our participation in 5-year and 10-year land management reviews. The FNPS Land Management Partners Committee worked with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to schedule local FNPS members for each review. Each land management review requires between 20-25 hours in preparation and on-site participation. The onsite land management reviews ensure that the each property is being cared for in accordance with approved management plans. In fiscal year 2017-2018 FNPS members participated in 28 reviews - 93% of all land management reviews for the fiscal year.

37th Annual Conference

Connections: Above and Below

For the past 37 years, FNPS has hosted an annual conference in every region of the state. The conference attracts a diverse group of people including conservation professionals, researchers, public officials, businesses, landowners, and citizen scientists. These four-day events feature world class speakers, 20 field trips, lectures, workshops, panel discussions, author book signings, FNPS committee and Annual Membership meetings, vendors/exhibitors, a silent auction, a native plant sale, and three breakout-tracks highlighting 1) Conservation and Ecology, 2) Current Issues, and 3) Research.

This year, the conference was held May 18-21, at Westgate River Ranch in the heart of the historic Everglades watershed. Four featured speakers spoke on topics that covered sea-level rise and its effects on our natural communities (Dr. Tonya Clayton), wildflowers of the Kissimmee Valley (Roger Hammer), the roles of mycorrhizal fungi in ecosystems (Laura Super), and the history and current restoration efforts of the Everglades (Dr. Thomas Lodge).



Conference artwork by Linda Conway Duever.



Dr. Tonya Clayton kicked off the conference with a presentation on sea level rise and its effect on our natural areas.

The Current Events track of the conference focused on restoration projects in the Kissimmee River Valley, comprehensive Everglades restoration, the history of land conservation in Florida, the Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative, and programs on preserving Florida's natural lands and connective corridors. Five of the speakers in this track participated in the panel discussion "Conservation Connections in Florida," which was moderated by FNPS Past President Dr. Anne Cox.

Chapter Highlights

Citrus – rescue of *Stylisma abdita* (Showy Dawnflower).

Coccoloba - Milkweed monitoring, Tillandsia rescue and weekly plant sales at Koreshan State Park.

Magnolia, Sarracenia, Sparkleberry - plant rescues, milkweed monitoring and seed collection, propagation and surveys.

Lake Beautyberry, Tarflower, Passionflower, Pine Lily, Heartland, Naples, Suncoast, Pawpaw, Marion Big Scrub, and Magnolia – seed collection, massive Sandhill rescue (over 4,800 plants) and restoration projects on nine properties.

Palm Beach County – Go Native initiative.

Pinellas – habitat restoration.

Suncoast – herbarium specimen collection, cataloging and annotating.

Mangrove Chapter – Phenology Study

In January of 2012, members began participating in monthly plant surveys at Cedar Point Environmental Park. The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) is located in this park in the Englewood area. This is “home base” for chapter meetings, outreach events, and a native plant Demonstration Garden.

The original idea for the monthly surveys was to produce data that would predict when a particular plant would be expected to be in bloom, fruiting or seeding, or otherwise dormant. This falls into the simple definition of “phenology,” which is the timing and sequence of seasonal biological events and the study of this timing and sequences.

With five full years of data collection, the Chapter answers questions for park visitors and provides information to CHEC and other interested parties. CHEC has shared these data, in part, with Charlotte County Parks Department for their annual report. There have been inquiries from other outside entities in which these data were very helpful in answering their questions.

Our 37 chapters were very busy!

- Field trips suitable for all ages and fitness levels
- Educational programs and events
- Habitat restoration on public lands
- Native plant sales
- Designed landscape plans, supplied and installed native plants at schools, city streets, libraries, parks, natural areas and restoration projects, including wetlands and littoral zones
- Native demonstration gardens and plantings in community spaces
- Invasive plant removal
- Rescued plants from development sites
- Developed new plant rescue methods
- Collected native seed for restoration projects
- Created native plant lists for parks and natural areas
- Gave awards for native plant use to businesses
- Formed partnerships with cities to start native plant nurseries
- Led native yard tours
- Created native plant lists for use by homeowners, home builders, Master Gardeners
- Environmental film festivals
- Helped pass landscape ordinances
- Guided walks at events and festivals
- Community awards for excellent use of native plants
- Newspaper articles and publications
- Grants to schools and students
- Presentations for public education



Asclepias incarnata (Swamp Milkweed). Photo by Shirley Denton.



Deeringothamnus rugelii (Rugel's Pawpaw). Photo by Shirley Denton.

Pawpaw Chapter – Rugel's Roundup

Rugel's pawpaw (*Deeringothamnus rugelii*) is a Volusia County endemic plant and is a member of the pawpaw/ custard apple family (ANNONACEAE). Its only known occurrence in the world is in eastern Volusia County within Immokalee soils. This diminutive little pawpaw is both state and federally endangered and grows in mesic to scrubby fire-maintained flatwoods. The Volusia County chapter of FNPS is the Pawpaw Chapter named after Rugel's pawpaw. In 2011, Pawpaw Chapter members discussed the idea of conducting annual surveys for their namesake and in 2012 the Inaugural Rugel's Roundup kicked off. The Roundup is a citizen science project where teams of citizen scientists ranging from high school students to interested citizens and chapter members are divided into teams with one plant expert on each team. These teams are directed on where to go based on soil map units and existing occurrence reports. While in the field the teams fill out Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) reporting forms. After each season the data are scanned and emailed to FNAI for incorporation into their statewide database of rare and imperiled species. The Roundup has increased awareness of this rare endemic species and its obligatory fire and disturbance requirements. Fortunately, most populations occur on publicly owned and managed lands including Tiger Bay State Forest and several Volusia County owned and/or managed properties. Volusia County and the Florida Forest Service have been actively involved in the surveys resulting in a positive partnership and positive results for the species. The Roundup has also acted as a positive way to recruit members into the Society. In 2016 the round up was conducted as a field trip at the 36th Annual Conference in Daytona. 2017 marked the sixth year of data collection for this project.

Our Business Members

Biotechnical Support Services	http://www.biotechnical-services.com/
Native Green Cay	http://www.nativegreencay.com/
Sweet Bay Nursery	http://www.sweetbaynursery.com/
Maple Street Natives	http://maplestreetnatives.com/
Springer Environmental	http://springerenvironmental.com/
Green Isle Gardens	http://www.greenislegardens.com/
Wilcox Nursery	https://www.wilcoxnursery.com/
Raymond Jungles Inc.	http://raymondjungles.com/studio/
Dr. Jay Seber	no information given
Aquatic Vegetation Control Inc.	https://www.avcaquatic.com/
All Native Garden Center	http://www.allnative.biz/
Perkins Nursery, Inc.	http://www.perkinsnursery.com
Environmental Consulting Group, Inc	no information given
Hickory Hammock Native Tree Farm	http://www.floridanativenurseries.org/professionals/detail/141
Meadow Beauty Nursery	http://meadowbeautynursery.com/
Anderson Lesniak Limited, Inc.	http://www.andersonlesniak.net/
Environmental Consultants LLC	no information given
Native Tree Nursery	http://www.nativetreenursery.com/
Colony Hotel & Cabana	http://colonyflorida.com/
Central Florida Lands and Timber	http://www.cflatnursery.com/
Chiappini Farm Native Nursery	http://www.floridanativenurseries.org/professionals/detail/18
Ecolo-G, Inc	no information given
Four C's Nursery	http://www.fourcsnursery.net/
Falling Creek Nursery	https://www.plantant.com/nursery-availability/1005975
Hackberry Hammock Wholesale Nursery	http://hackberryhammock.com/
Southern Horticulture	http://www.southern-horticulture.com/
Sebastian River Farms	http://www.sebastianriverfarms.com/
Runway Growers	http://runwaygrowers.com/home.htm
Natural Habitats Inc.	http://www.naturalhabitatsinc.com/
Reflections of Nature	http://rnlNursery.com/
Muni Farms	http://www.munifarms.com/
Quest Ecology	https://questecology.com/

Detail Divas Landscape Gardeners	http://www.2detaildivas.com/
CPWG Engineering Services	http://www.cpwgengineering.com/
Dixie Landscape	http://www.dixielandscape.com/
Flatwoods Natives	http://www.flatwoodnatives.com/about-us
Law Office of Thomas G. Tripp	https://thomastripplaw.com/ (under chapter website)
Heartwood Preserve Conservation Cemetery	http://heartwoodpreserve.com/
Twigs & Leaves	http://www.twigsleaves.com/
Tom's Ponds	http://www.tomsponds.com/
The Natives	http://www.thenatives.net/
Lee Bloomcamp	no information given
Hoffman Architects	http://www.hoffmanarchitects.net/
Karen's Wildflowers	https://karenswildflowers.com/
Alexander Landscaping & Plant Farm	http://www.alexfarm.com/
Basecamp Apalach	https://www.facebook.com/Basecamp-Apalach-548234161961328/
Bloomin' Crazy LLC	http://www.plantrealflorida.org/professionals/detail/landscape-associates/bloomin-crazy-llc/1267-14th-st
Ecotech Environmental LLC	https://www.plantant.com/nursery-availability/1007361/ecotech-environmental
Deep South Native Nursery	http://www.floridanativenurseries.org/professionals/detail/28
The Desoto Beach Development Co.	no information given
Two Tired Services	http://www.twotiredservices.com/
Sunset House and Garden	https://www.sunsethouseandgardens.com/
Boylan Environmental Consultants	http://boylanenv.com/
Boylan Environmental Consultants	http://boylanenv.com/
Darotek	https://www.yelp.com/biz/darotek-sanford
Gilkey Organization	http://www.gilkeyorganization.com/
Greenscape Landscape Maintenance Corp	http://greenscapelandscape.org/
Butterfly Flowers	https://www.nativebutterflyflowers.com/
Festival Park Community Garden	https://www.facebook.com/Festival-Park-Community-Garden-304018652455/
Jacksonville Zoological Society	http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org/
Rainbows End Native Plants	http://www.renativeplants.com/
Allison Sakara	
Sandhill Native Growers	http://sandhillgrowers.com/
Town of Ponce Inlet	https://www.ponce-inlet.org/

Our Conservation Partners (A through Sh)

Working with us to conserve and restore our native plants and plant communities, and preserve the lands they inhabit

7 Pines Native Plant Nursery	Enchanted Forest Sanctuary	Lee County
AD Barnes Park	Erna Nixon Park	Lemon Bay Park
Alderman's Ford County Regional Park	Everglades National Park	Lettuce Lake Regional Park
Atlantic Center for the Arts	Fl. Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commiss.	Leu Gardens
Audubon Park , Deltona	Flatwoods Park	Lilian Place Heritage house
Audubon, Halifax River	Florida Association of Native Nurseries	Lindley's Nursery
Audubon, Orange	Florida Botanical Gardens	Little Salt Springs Preserve, North Port
Audubon, Southeast Volusia	Florida Caverns State Park	Lower Green Swamp Preserve
Audubon, Tampa	Florida Department of Transportation	Mackay Gardens & Lakeside Preserve
Audubon, Tropical	Florida International University	Mackenzie Park Panama City
Audubon, West Pasco	Florida Power & Light	Maclay Gardens
Baldwin Park	Florida State Parks	Maple Street Natives Nursery
Balm Boyette Scrub Preserve	Florida State University	Mead Gardens
Baptist Hospital Miami	Florida Wildflower Foundation	Medard Park
Bartow Public library	Gasparilla State Park	Melbourne Public Library
Bell Creek County Preserve	Gholson Nature Park	Moccasin Lake Nature Preserve
Bill Frederick Park	Golden Aster Preserve	Morris Bridge Park
Bing House Museum	Graham Swamp Preserve Conserv. Area	Munn Park in Lakeland
Birdsong Nature Center	Green Isle Gardens	Oakland Nature Preserve
Buchan Family Park	Gulf Coast university Panama City	Ocala National Forest
Buffer Preserve, Port St. joe	Habify of Miami	Orange County Governmental Center
Bulow Plantation Ruins State Park	Habitat for Humanity	Ormond Beach
Caloosahatchee River Park	Heart Island Conservation Area	Ormond Beach library
Canaveral National Seashore	Heartwood Preserve	Panacea Welcome Center
Cedar Point Environmental Park	Heritage Park and Gardens	Panama City Bay Conservation area
Circle B Bar Reserve	Hickory Park	Panama City Beach
Citrus County	Hillsborough Community College	PEAR Park, Leesburg
City of Daytona, Park of Honor	Hillsborough County	Perico Preserve, Manatee County
City of Lakeland	Hillsborough County Extension Center	Piggotte Community Center
City of Orlando, Bill Frederick Park	Hillsborough County Parks	Pine Jog Environmental Education Center
City of Port Orange	Hillsborough River State Park	Pinecrest Gardens
Clearwater Lake Recreation Area	Indian River Lagoon Park	Ponce Inlet Preserve
Cotton Club Museum and Cultural Center	Jelks Preserve	Ponce Preserve
Crystal River Preserve State Park	John Pennekamp Park	Port St. joe
Dade City	Jordan's Scrub Park	Rainbow's End Native Plant Nursery
Daytona State College Campus	Koreshan State Park	Rock Ponds Restoration Area
Deep Creek Preserve	Lake Ashby County Par	Rotary Riverfront Park
Deer Lake State Park	Lake County	Satellite High School
Dicerandra Scrub Sanctuary	Lake County Parks & Trails	Schecter Community Center
Disney Epcot Flower and Garden Festival	Lake County Water Authority	Science and Discovery Center of NW Florida
Don Pedro State Park	Lake Louisa State Park	Seffner Extension Center
Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve	Lake Sumter State College	Seminole State Forest
Econfina River State Park	Land O Lakes Community Center	Shadow Bay Park
Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park	Largo Botanical Gardens	Shamrock Park

Conservation Partners (Si through W)

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Sierra Club, Central Florida	Tavares Ag. Center Discovery Gardens	University of South Florida
Sierra Club, Volusia/Flagler	Ted Moorhead Lagoon House	University of South Florida Botanical Gardens
Sierra Club, Greater Charlotte Harbor	Terra Ceia Preserve State Park	University of South Florida herbarium
Sierra Club, Manatee/Sarasota	Three lakes wildlife Management	Vineland School, Englewood
Sierra Club, Tampa Bay	Tiger Bay State Forest	Volusia County Agricultural Center
Silver Springs State Park	Timucuan Oaks Garden	Waste Management
Southwest Florida Water Management Dist.	Tomoka State Park	Wekiwa State Park Youth Camp
Spruce Creek High School	Topsail State Park	Wellington Garden Club
St. John's River Water Management District	Trout Lake Nature Center	Westgate River Ranch Resort & Rodeo
St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge	Turkey Creek Sanctuary	Wildflower Preserve, Englewood
Sweet Bay Nursery	Turkey Creek Wildlife Sanctuary	Withlacoochee Forest Fire Training Center
Tallahassee International Airport	University of Central Florida	Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve
Tall Timbers Research Station	University of Florida	Wuesthoff Park

Palmetto Awards

Green Palmetto Awards for Service: Scott Davis, Sharon Dolan, and Marjorie Holt.

Silver Palmetto Awards for service on the Board of Directors: Lassie Lee, Marlene Rodak, Anne Cox, and Juliet Rynear.

Outstanding Chapter: Pawpaw Chapter.

Mentor Award (our highest honor): Sonya Guidry of the Pawpaw Chapter.



Sonya Guidry is shown above (left) receiving the prestigious Mentor Award from Pawpaw Chapter President Douglas Hunt (center) and FNPS President Catherine Bowman (right).



Scott Davis (above left) is shown receiving a Green Palmetto Award for Service from President Catherine Bowman.

Landscape Awards

Each year FNPS recognizes exceptional landscapes that showcase Florida's native plants. Applications are received from landscape architects, restoration specialists, government entities, transportation departments, churches, homeowners, and home owners associations. Landscaping award categories are single-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, institutional, transportation, restoration, mitigation, and wildflower/butterfly garden.



Award of Merit, Residential Single Family

Kisida Garden, Norma and Kenneth Kisida, Serenoa Chapter (shown above).



Award of Honor, Residential Single Family

Courtyard Villa, Georgette Gerry, The Villages Chapter (shown at right).



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