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President's Message

As November rolls around we will be looking ahead to a rather busy season. With nearly a dozen events ahead of us, we will be counting on our members to step forward as volunteers to support these efforts.

Your first opportunity will be on November 18th at the annual Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival. If you missed the sign-up sheet circulated at the October membership meeting, there is still time to sign up, either at the November 14th meeting, or simply email birderlois@hotmail.com or ahsquires1@comcast.net.

We typically need people to help with setting up; bringing plants; hanging out at our booth to interact with visitors, hand out literature, and provide information; help with plant selections; and taking down our displays at the end of the event. Thanks for your help and support.

Lois Cantwell

FNPS Mangrove Chapter Field Trip, November 25, 2017

The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society invites the public to join in a field trip at 9 am on November 25, 2017 at Old Miakka Preserve located at [251 Myakka Road](#) in Sarasota, Florida 34240.

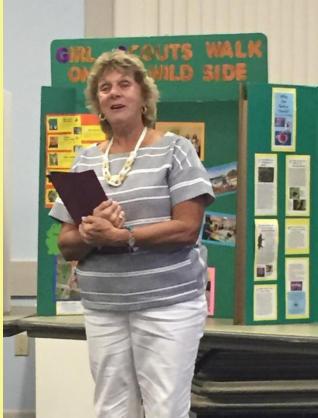
Jeff Weber, site manager for the Preserve, has assured us that trail conditions will be excellent by November 25 when we plan to strike off with Trail Guide, Al Squires on a leisurely walk to search out area wildlife and seasonal blossoms. For more information you may contact Al at [941-769-3633](tel:941-769-3633) or email him at ahsquires@embarqmail.com.

DIRECTIONS: Take I 75 to the Fruitville Rd exit. Drive East on Fruitville Rd (Rt 780). When you reach the end of Fruitville Rd, go straight ahead onto the dirt road. The parking area is a short distance in on the right. We will meet you there in the parking area at 9 am.

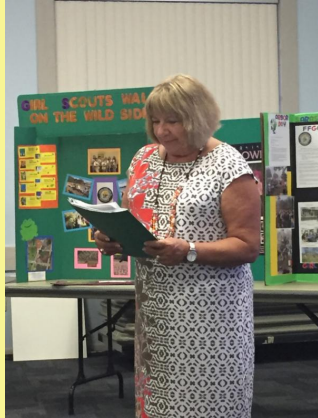
The Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. More information about the Mangrove Chapter of FNPS can be located on their website: mangrove.fnpschapters.org. Meetings, field trips and special events are free and open to the public.

The Mangrove Chapter GardenKeepers are sending out a call for volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about native plants and would like to garden with an interesting and fun group of people, join us at the Cedar Point Demonstration Garden on Monday mornings from 9-11.

Highlights from the October Meeting



Sue Killion introduces her power point presentation of the garden project.



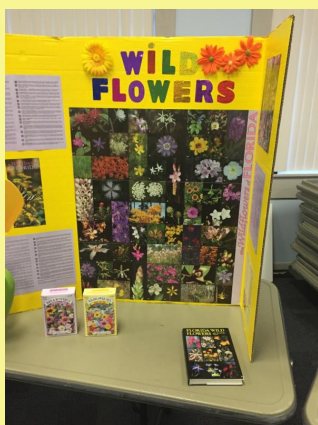
Barb Rao describes the numerous activities that the Girl Scouts completed during the garden project.



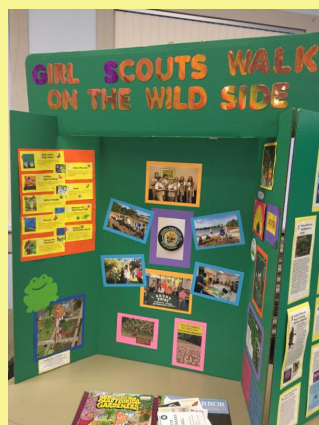
The Girl Scouts display their new badge.



Wildflower badge created by Sue Killion and Barb Rao. The badge is used by both the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts throughout the state of Florida.



One of the displays created by the group of Girl Scouts who created the Wildflower garden in Broadmoor of Rotonda West.



Girl Scouts name their project

Lemon Bay Garden Club's Fall Garden Tour

Lemon Bay Garden Club's Fall Garden Tour will include a native yard this November! Our Mangrove Chapter member, Susy d'Hont has been selected to participate in this annual event. The tour takes place on November 17th and 18th, from 9 AM to 3 PM and there could be up to 500 visitors to each yard during the 2-day event. Watch the local newspapers for details.

In the meantime, we will need at least 4 volunteers to assist with the tour at Susy's yard. If we can cover 4 shifts for the 2 days, from 9 AM to Noon and then Noon to 3 PM, there will be someone there to assist her with hosting the tour. This would involve walking among visitors as needed and explaining about native plants. Plants will be labeled. She will also have a table with a display and pamphlets and other information as hand-outs. If you can help, please email Susy at dhont@embarqmail.com.

This an opportunity for us to shine and promote "the natives" to an audience that is typically interested in common garden varieties of plants. The yard tour is like an outdoor workshop, so here is a chance to walk the walk and talk the talk. Please pitch in to help the cause.

The Maori & Aborigine Cultures - Life at the Bottom of the World"

Join **Kate Borduas**, Florida Master Naturalist and World Traveler, at a lecture, "The Maori & Aborigine Cultures - Life at the Bottom of the World", at Bayshore Live Oak Park on November 1 at 10:00 am

. Kate will explore the differences between the historic Maori and Aborigine societies and the possible implications once the modern world descends upon them.

New Zealand was geographically isolated for 65 million years and, with no land mammals, was home to an amazing host of bird life – much of it flightless. New Zealand was the last major land mass on earth to be populated – around 1200 AD – when the Polynesian voyageurs completed their Pacific Expansion. The Maori were in many ways very western: warriors who traded, built forts, made marriage alliances, had a social hierarchy that included slaves.

The Aborigine people lived in complete isolation for 60,000 years before encountering the west – in the person of famed explorer, James Cook. Their culture, while a miracle of adaptation in harsh terrain, was as unlike western civilization as can be imagined. Stasis, rather than change, was cultivated.

This free program is made available in cooperation with Charlotte County Parks & Natural Resources, and is coordinated by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC). Bayshore Live Oak Park is located at [23157 Bayshore Rd, Pt. Charlotte, FL](https://www.google.com/maps/place/23157+Bayshore+Rd,+Pt.+Charlotte,+FL). For information and/registration for this FREE program, call [941-475-0769](tel:941-475-0769).

FNPS Mangrove Chapter meeting November 14, 2017

Alyssa Vinson, “Mangroves: Their Importance, Identification and Protection”

On Tuesday evening, November 14, The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will present Alyssa Vinson, an environmental specialist with Sarasota County's Environmental Protection Division, working specifically on the newly delegated mangrove program. Alyssa holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Florida in Environmental Science and Policy and is currently pursuing her M.S. of Ecological Restoration from the University of Florida. The meeting will be held at Lemon Bay Park, [570 Bay Park Blvd](https://www.google.com/maps/place/570+Bay+Park+Blvd,+Englewood,+FL) in Englewood, Florida. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for set-up, conversation, and snacks. Alyssa will begin her presentation at 7 p.m.

We encourage Floridians and our winter visitors to learn more about the importance of Florida's native plants and communities by becoming a member of the Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. The Florida Native Plant Society promotes the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. To learn more about the Mangrove Chapter or the Florida Native Plant Society, visit mangrove.fnpschapters.org

Chapter speaker programs, field trips and special events are free and open to the public.

Free Programs in November 2017.

Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department will be conducting the following free programs in **November 2017**. All programs can be found at www.ChecFlorida.org

Unless noted, all walks begin at **9:00 AM**. For directions or further information, call Cedar Point Environmental Park at [941-475-0769](tel:941-475-0769)

Wednesday November 1 Explore the “**Maori and Aborigine Cultures – Life at the Bottom of the World**” with **Kate Borduas** at **10 AM** at **Bayshore Live Oak Park** in Port Charlotte. Kate will explore the differences between the historic New Zealand Maori and Aborigine societies and how the modern world may impact them. **Reservations advised.**

Sunday November 5 Join **Greg Brezicki** on a guided walk through the old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre **Oyster Creek/Ann Dever Regional Park** in Englewood. Meet at the San Casa entrance.

Tuesday November 7 Join **Kate Borduas** on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Cape Haze. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

Friday November 10 Join **Denise Hart** on a guided walk through the 81-acre **Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve** in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

Sunday November 12 Join **Al Squires** on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Cape Haze. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

Monday November 13 Join **Jim Knoy** on a guided walk through **Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve** in Port Charlotte. This 150 acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the

parking lot.

Tuesday November 14 Join **Kate Borduas** on a guided walk through 308-acre **Tippecanoe Environmental Park**. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.

Wednesday November 15 Join **Dave Clayton** on a guided walk through the 81-acre **Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve** in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

Thursday November 16 Join **Al Squires** on a guided walk through the old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre **Oyster Creek/Ann Dever Regional Park** in Englewood. Meet at the San Casa entrance.

Saturday November 18 Guided walks at 10:30 am by **Bill and Margaret Dunson**, 12:00 pm by **Denny Girard & Al Squires** and 1:30 pm by **Jim Knoy** at the Annual **Charlotte Harbor Nature Festival** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Charlotte County Sports Park. ALSO: food, music, numerous vendors, and more! Info at www.chnep.org

Monday November 20 Join **Al Squires** on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Cape Haze. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

Tuesday November 21 Join **Kate Borduas** on a guided walk through the 81-acre **Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve** in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

Wednesday November 22 Join **John Phillips** on a guided walk through **Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve** in Port Charlotte. This 150 acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot.

Saturday November 25 Join **Kate Borduas** on a guided birding walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Rotonda. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd. **Walk begins at 8 am.**

Tuesday November 28 Join **Kate Borduas** on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Cape Haze. Meet in the parking lot at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

HMS Training- Cedar Point Park, Charlotte County

[by Florida Public Archaeology Network- Southwest Region](#)

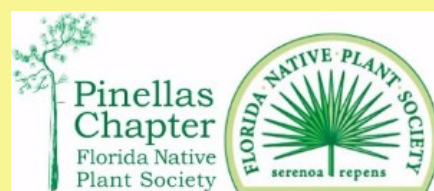
Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida) is a public engagement and citizen science program focused on tracking changes to archaeological sites at risk, particularly those impacted by climate change in the form of erosion and sea level rise. Join Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) staff for this full day training session to become a heritage monitoring scout. The morning will be spent inside the facility, covering threats to archaeological sites, how to identify some common site types and artifacts, and the best way to record and monitor them. The afternoon will be spent visiting and monitoring the site!

This event is free and open to the public!



Register Now for Fall Weekend at Archbold

- Who: Pinellas and Citrus FNPS Chapters are hosting, all are welcome
- When: Fri., Nov. 10-Sun. Nov. 12
- Where: Archbold Biological Station,
- 123 Main Drive, Venus, FL [DIRECTIONS](#)
- Cost: \$97 for two nights' lodging (double occupancy) and 3 meals. We will be staying in the Adrian



Archbold Lodge, constructed in 2011. The Lodge provides overnight accommodations for up to 41 guests within the 14 bedrooms. Each dorm-style bedroom overlooks the native landscape of the Florida scrub to the northeast - a beautiful view. There are short [self-guided trails](#) accessible from the lodge.



Join the Citrus and Pinellas chapters of FNPS on a field trip to learn about the endangered scrub habitats of the Lake Wales Ridge at Archbold Biological Station in Venus, FL (about 20 miles south of Sebring) on Nov. 10-12. There is a limit of 25 people.

On Friday, Nov. 10th, we will meet for dinner at Casa Tequila Mexican restaurant in Lake Placid, then continue to Archbold.

Our trip will include a Saturday morning tour, guided by Archbold's education director. We will stop for a box lunch and then may hike another trail.

On Sunday morning, we plan to stop for breakfast on our way to visit Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park, an 845-acre preserve that has a half-mile nature trail and is home to some of Florida's most endangered plant and animal species. Please register and pay using the online form at the link below and sign the Release of Liability form. The cost is \$97 per person and includes 2 nights in dormitory-style rooms (double occupancy), and 3 meals on Saturday including continental breakfast, bag lunch and a hot dinner. (The form allows you to specify a roommate and to request a vegetarian meal.)

Friday dinner and Sunday breakfast are "dutch", not included in the \$97 price.

Registration link:

[Registration Link](#)

For questions, contact:

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The Importance of Native Plants An evening Lecture by Craig Huegel, Ph.D.

January 23, 2018 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC)
Cedar Point Environmental Park
2300 Placida Rd. Englewood FL

Craig Huegel, Ph.D. is a wildlife biologist with a special interest in the interaction of wildlife and habitat, especially as it relates to developed landscapes. He is a founding member of the Pinellas Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, writes a popular blog about Florida native wildflowers, and operates a small native wildflower nursery from his home in Seminole.

Dr. Huegel has written five books about native plants. His sixth, a book about "How Plants Work" is due to be published spring 2018 by the University of Florida Press. Currently he serves as an adjunct professor at St. Petersburg College in the Biology Department and as a consultant on a wide variety of native plant projects.

Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife, 2016

Native Florida Plants for Shady Landscapes, 2015

Native Wildflowers and Other Ground Covers for Florida Landscapes 2012

Florida Plants for Wildlife: A selection Guide to Native Trees and Shrubs, 1995

Butterfly Gardening with Florida's Native Plants, 1991

In addition to the lecture, the evening will include:

Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres

Music by Gottfried Creek

Book signing by Dr. Huegel

Silent Auction

Your donation to this CHEC fundraiser provides educational environmental programs to local adults and students with in the Englewood area. Your attendance will help all.

CHEC members only \$8.00 per person

Non-Members \$12.00 per person

Become a member today

For information and/or reservations, phone 941 475 0769

Space is limited

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