



Longleaf Pine Chapter

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY



AGENDA

Thursday January 14, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lucia Tryon Branch Library Meeting Room, 1200 Langley Ave., Pensacola, FL

Resolve to help our Chapter grow in 2010!
Suggestions are always welcome!

OPENING

- Call to Order (**Amy Hines**, President)
- Welcome visitors, general announcements

CHAPTER BUSINESS

- Business items (**Amy Hines**, President)
 - Longleaf Pine Chapter Facebook and FNPS web pages
 - <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?v=info&gid=252581403676>
 - <http://www.fnps.org/pages/chapters/chapterpg.php?keyword=LongleafPine>
 - Call for Chapter's historical data for FNPS Executive Director
 - Upcoming Board of Directors' meeting in February in Gainesville
 - Amy is attending and representing our chapter
 - Request membership vote to authorize \$150 from chapter funds to be spent on travel expenses to support this trip
 - Upcoming Florida Native Plant Society Conference (all are welcome to attend):
 - FNPS 30th Annual Conference, May 20-23, 2010, Tallahassee, Florida
 - See <http://www.fnps.org/pages/conference/> for more info
- Field Trip Announcements (**Leah McCue** and **Donald Ray**, Field Trip Chairs)
- Other Committee Reports/business

MAIN PROGRAM

Mike Aymond, Gulf Islands National Seashore Park Ranger, will present "Fire and Florida's Flatwoods - Our Longleaf Pine forests and the role of fire in maintaining them".

Summary: In the seventeenth century, one could travel from Virginia to Texas without leaving Longleaf Pine forest. These vast forests once covered 75 million acres in the Southeastern U.S.; today about 4 million acres remain. Mike Aymond will discuss how these forest resources have been utilized and what methods Gulf Islands National Seashore employs to maintain some of the remaining stands of this biologically diverse ecosystem.

Questions and discussion will follow the presentation.

MYSTERY PLANT

- Identification of mystery plant specimens (**James Burkhalter**)

CLOSING

- Other Announcements
- Next meeting Feb. 11, 2010
- Input? Comments? Suggestions? Reminders?

A Crop of Bad Botany Puns by cta

