



Marion Big Scrub Native Notes

Special points of interest:

What logo do you prefer?

The Serendipity Garden

Check us out on Facebook

Message from our President

FNPS Website offers many opportunities other than education. Check them out!

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Survey Results are in!

At the meeting last month our attending members had the opportunity to offer suggestions for field trips, articles for our newsletter and now we would like to create a logo for our Chapter and need your help.

Here are five logos to choose from. Please rate them from 1-5 with #1 being your first choice to #5 being your least favorite.

These are not necessarily final versions but we would like your input before moving ahead. Please email, call or send by snail mail your top choices.

So what are our members asking for?

- Field trips to native plant nurseries
- Updated membership list
- Tours by water, hiking etc.
- Demonstration garden
- Speakers/presentations about insects, growing natives, butterfly gardening and what about those weeds?

Current and Upcoming Events

- Planet (Plant-It) Earth Week 4-19-24, 2010
- Master Gardener Spring Festival 3/13-14, 2010
- Native Plant Walk-Spring 2010
- FCHP Class at CFCC-January
- BMP Schedule 2010
- Native Plant Sale?????



1 and 2



3, 4 and 5



Serendipity Garden-A Field Trip to Taryn's



Recycled yard art creates unique features in this garden. What will she think of next? We will have to wait and see!

It was a beautiful fall day with plenty of sunshine and balmy temperatures when we wandered through the myriad of plantings, dodged the hundreds of butterflies that were flittering about and gazed in wonder at the array of items that were used to create unusual flowerpots, walkways and even screened enclosures.

what was a vacant field is now filled with flowers and wonderful recycled treasures.

Using recycled items and incorporating some innovative new ideas including green roofs and solar powered irrigation as well as a very unique set up of rain barrels to water the gardens this is truly a Serendipity Garden worth visiting.

Taryn and Terry truly had a vision when they purchased this property that had once been an orange grove. Starting with just a tree or two, using trial and error, misjudging some plantings and twenty years later; once

Photos can never tell the entire story and so we encourage those of you that couldn't make it out to convince Taryn to offer another tour next spring. I promised to be there to see what else they have managed to salvage and use!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jim Buckner and his family. His mother was admitted to Hospice last week and passed away on Friday. Peace be with you and yours.....

President's Message

Welcome aboard for what we are hoping to be a successful and productive year with the Marion Big Scrub Chapter. We have a great new leadership team and a great core of dedicated members. Marion County is a great place to live and through joining the Florida Native Plant Society we have a duty to serve as stewards to help preserve the natural beauty and educate other as to the benefits of protecting native plant communities and using native plants in our landscapes.

Our chapter will also be looking to actively participate with local groups who have similar goals and objectives. A County Forum is one our chapter leadership is working diligently on. So keep an eye out for schedules of events; forums, tours, leisure trips, etc. and plan on attending one or more.

Thanks again for the opportunity to lead the Chapter. Hopefully we can make the best out of this year and demonstrate the importance of our purpose.

Jim

There will be a focus on learning about Marion County this year. The majority of members are here to learn about native plants. Some people know a lot, some a little. Brief discussions and presentations about the structure of our surrounding ecology will help create a base of knowledge for new learners to build upon. We can then pass the knowledge to the masses!

Do you know the difference?





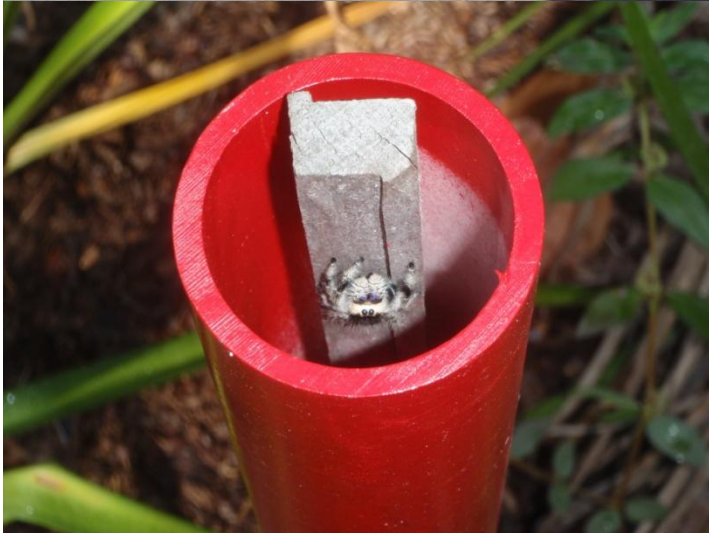
Native Notes

Member Inez Dickson presenting a Yard Recognition sign to Master Gardener Ollie Bilsten.



Solar panels are now being offered as an upgrade at On Top of the World. Cost: \$30,000.00. Rebate: \$25,000.00

*Recent
Event
Photos*



This Wolfe spider was playing hide-and-seek during the field trip visit to Taryn's garden but I still managed to get a photo.

Our Board of Directors:

President: James Couillard
Vice-President: Barb Sibila
Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Kathleen Patterson
Immediate P.P.: Liz Houck

Our goal is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:
<http://www.fnps.org/>

Social Networking How To:

To become a member of Facebook go to www.facebook.com . Click on sign up and go. Type in name, email, password, sex and date of birth. Once a member, type in Marion Big Scrub and become a fan. Also become a fan of Florida Yards & Neighborhoods for quick tips to become for environmentally conscious.

Once you have a Facebook account you can use your address book to find others currently using this tool. Quick tour of Facebook at our next Chapter meeting.



A special message from the State

The Florida Native Plant Society's 30th Annual Conference "*Rooted in History, Forever Blooming*". May 20-23, 2010

Tallahassee, Florida

A city rich in natural and cultural history hosts the 2010 Annual Conference. This will be a special 30th anniversary conference that honors our FNPS history and celebrates the plants, people and places of Tallahassee and the Big Bend Region.

<http://www.fnps.org/> for more information.



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