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Meet Juliet Rynear, Executive Director of FNPS



Above: Juliet Rynear. Photo by Annie Schmidt.

This year, the Florida Native Plant Society instituted a search for an Executive Director to guide the Society into the future. After interviewing several highly qualified candidates, we are pleased to announce that Juliet Rynear has been chosen as FNPS' new Executive Director.

Juliet is a long-time advocate for Florida's native plants and native plant communities. She served as the Conservation Committee Chair for the Florida Native Plant Society from 2012 until 2018. In this capacity, she helped to reinvigorate the Conservation Grant award program, update FNPS policy in support of our mission, and developed the Citizen Science and Habitat Restoration Program to promote the restoration and management of Florida's natural resources. Ms. Rynear has extensive experience managing projects focused on habitat restoration, conservation of plant species, habitat surveys, and post-project monitoring designed to inform ongoing management.

She received a Master of Applied Science in Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management from the University of Denver and earned a Certificate in Applied Plant Conservation from the Center for Plant Conservation.

Juliet has enjoyed a lifelong love of plants and seeks to inspire others to experience the transformative power of the natural world.

Juliet's duties will include providing strategic direction to the Society and developing business, donor and membership networks for the purpose of furthering the FNPS mission. She will also work toward building stronger chapters by promoting mentorship through regional projects, expanding

partnerships and strengthening the connections of the Society as a whole.

Juliet says, "I have learned from years of building networks of collaborators for special projects that these experiences promote lasting relationships. The success of each project gives each person who contributed to it a sense of lasting achievement. I deeply believe in the mission of FNPS, and I look forward to contributing to its success."

FNPS LEGACY SOCIETY



The FNPS Legacy Society was established to thank and recognize friends and members who wish to offer their support through deferred gifts to special programs, the endowment or the permanent assets of FNPS. The following individuals have remembered FNPS in their will or estate plan and established a legacy of support for FNPS.

*Janet Bowers • Shirley Denton
Devon Higginbotham
Marlene Rodak • Anonymous
Anonymous • Anonymous*

Three popular bequest options are to leave a percentage of your estate after making provisions for family and friends; leave a specified sum of money; or leave a particular piece of property. Many other options, which provide you with numerous tax benefits, exist for legacy giving. It is important to explore options with your financial planner so that both you and FNPS receive the full benefit of a legacy gift.

If you would like to become a member of the FNPS LEGACY SOCIETY, please contact Devon Higginbotham at (813) 478-1183 or vpfinance@fnps.org