1998 Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards Program
Announcement by Nadja Chamberlain, Landscape Awards Program Chairperson

1998 Landscape Awards Program Committee looks over sample projects. From left: Dorie Faulkner, Nadja Chamberlain (Chair), and Rob Hopper. Photo provided by Nadja Chamberlain.


The committee is working on categories but all individual FNPS chapters are urged to submit their own chapter projects plus sponsor at least one commercial, residential,

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and may have learned uses of tropical hammock species. Drainage and subsequent development forced them to retreat, once again, into the Big Cypress. The Seminoles also survived in scrub and in temperate forests. Today, they have little contact with upland plants and their knowledge of these resources is particularly vulnerable to extinction. Through efforts such as the construction of the Ah-tha-thi-ki Museum, the Seminoles are attempting to preserve the wisdom of their ancestors. Though much remains to be learned, much has been lost forever.

EDITOR: Bennett will describe the Seminole's plant uses in Part II, to be published in the next issue of The Palmetto.

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“A weed is a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Quote found in SOUTHERN LIVING magazine by FNPS member Sharon Dolan.

Call for Papers
Florida Native Plant Society • 18th Annual Spring Conference
June 4-7, 1998
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The 18th Annual Spring Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) will be held jointly with the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (EPPC). We solicit presentations and technical papers covering a wide range of topics including habitat restoration, land management, horticulture, landscaping, and other aspects of native plant biology. Publication of papers is optional; presentations submitted with an abstract only (no paper) are welcome. Joint session technical papers with EPPC will be published as proceedings.

Abstracts of 100 words or less must be received by March 20, 1998, in order to be considered for the conference program.

Manuscripts must be submitted by January 23, 1998, in order to be published.

If you have any questions, please contact David Black at (561) 687-6721 or via electronic mail at david.black@sfwmd.gov, or Dan Boyar at (561) 687-6973.

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or institutional project in their region that they think best represents their regional landscape and the land ethic that FNPS members support.

While members of the landscape committee agree that professionally designed projects are highly visible, educational, and help the public understand and accept landscape design with an ecological approach, we want to emphasize the importance of the grass roots movement in the use of natives in home landscapes. In 1998, we will be giving special recognition to native landscapes that are not professional designed but are simply created by individuals on their own properties. Therefore, there will be both profession and non-professional designed award categories.

A site that has been carefully planned to retain existing natives is just as eligible as a site that has been planted with natives. We are concerned with human use of the land that considers the natural, native ecosystems.

The landscape committee members are excited and enthusiastic about their charge. They are fine-tuning their guidelines and criteria, designing an entry form, and adding sub-categories. This information will be next issue of The Palmetto. Fliers will be mailed as well to native nurseries and all FNPS chapter newsletter editors and Chapter Directors.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Nadja Chamberlain at (561) 833-4547 or write her at 415 27th St, West Palm Beach, FL 33407. To request landscape award program applications, please write PO Box 4455, West Palm Beach FL 33402.

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