CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT., MAY 11, 2002
FNPS Executive Committee (ExComm) Meeting
Orlando area, for more information please contact your chapter representative or Kim Zarillo, FNPS President, at kearthwalke@aol.com.

WED.-SUN., MAY 15-19, 2002
André Michaux International Symposium
Celebrate the life, works, and times of André Michaux, noted French explorer, collector, and botanist. Organized by Belmont Abbey College, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, and Gaston Day School. Site: Gaston County, North Carolina. For more info, contact Michael J. Baranski, Ph.D., Program Chair, Phone: 704-637-4442 or email: mbaranski@catawba.edu

SUN.-FRI., MAY 19-24
Aquatic Plant Culture & Revegetation Short Course
Sponsored by the University of Florida's Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), at the UF/IFAS Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center and the Fort Lauderdale Marriot North. Aquatic weed control, upland and invasive weed control, aquatic plant culture and revegetation. CEs available. For more info: (352) 392-5930 or www.conferences.ifas.ufl.edu/aw

TUES.-FRI., JUN 11-14, 2002
Nature and Environmental Writers: 2nd Annual Conference & Workshop
Sponsored by College and University Educators (NEW-CUE) in honor of Rachel Carson, at the Spruce Point Inn in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Keynote speaker will be Bill Kibben, author of The End of Nature. Writers, photographers, guided hikes and more. For a brochure or other info, visit www.new-cue.org, email new-cue@care2.com, or call 845-398-4247.

SUN.-FRI., JUN 23-28, 2002
Third International Forest Canopy Conference
Sponsored by the Queensland, Australia government and the Smithsonian Institution and held at the Cairns International Hotel, Cairns, North Queensland, Australia. Combination of programs and field trips focused on canopy science and the need to influence national and international environmental and economic policies. First keynote speaker will be Dr. Stuart Pimm, FNPS 2001 conference keynote speaker. Visit this website for more information: www.premiers.qld.gov.au/about/science/canopyconference/

SAT., JUN 29, 2002
FNPS Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting
Forever Florida, south of Holopaw (Osceola County). For more info, please contact your chapter representative or Kim Zarillo, FNPS President, at kearthwalke@aol.com.

THURS.-SUN., JULY 11-14, 2002
Low-Maintenance Landscaping with Native Plants, Wild Ones 2002 National Conference
For home gardeners and landscapers of corporate and public places. Columbus, Ohio, keynote speaker: Andy Wasowski, "The Landscaping Revolution." $40-50, free parking. Detailed program information, registration form, and membership applications online at www.for-wild.org. For more info contact Clyde Dilley at dilley.26@osu.edu or (614) 939-9273.

SAT.-SUN., JUL 26-27, 2002
FNPS ExComm Meeting & "Untying Not's" Retreat
Retreat will feature speakers on environmental advocacy and leadership workshops. Please register as space is limited. Interested in being officers, are encouraged to participate. Location TBD. For more info, contact Maria Minno, FNPS Education Chair, at minno@gator.net or (352) 375-3028.

SAT., AUG. 10, 2002
FNPS BoD Meeting
Hosted by the Association of Florida Native Nurseries (AFNN) at Chiappini Farm Native Nursery, Melrose (Putnam County). AFNN board meeting same day, same location.

SAT., OCT. 26, 2002
FNPS ExComm Meeting
Fort Myers area.

FRI.-SUN., NOV. 8-10, 2002
FNPS Natural History Workshop
Three days, two nights of nature immersion with some of Florida’s best naturalists at Welaka State Forest swamp forests, pine flatwoods, and sandhill habitat. Meals & bunks provided. For more info, contact Maria Minno, FNPS Education Chair, at minno@gator.net or (352) 375-3028.

THURS.-SUN., MAY 9-12, 2003
Symbiosis: the Power of Partnerships, 23rd Annual FNPS Conference
Hosted by the charismatic Coccoloba Chapter FNPS at the Holiday Inn Bell Towers Mall & Homewood Suites, Fort Myers (Lee County). For more info, contact Carolyn Littleton at hankmax@mindspring.com.

To have your events listed, please contact the editor at (321) 951-2210 or send email to: commencedaldon@earthlink.net. FNPS bimonthly newsletter, The Sabal Minor, also publishes a calendar focused on chapter activities. Contact Peggy Taniz, editor, pegjiante@bellsouth.net or (407) 293-3676.

Chuck Salter Memorial

Lt. Col. Charles (Chuck) E. Salter, 83, forester and botanist, and member of FNPS since 1981, died March 10, 2002. Chuck Salter, known and admired statewide for his work in propagating endangered and rare native plants, may have been best known for organizing the Upsy Daisy Plant Uplift Society, whose estimated 60,000 participants rescued 200,000 plants (in 14 digs) and received national television coverage by Charles Kurault. A delightful and inspiring profile of Chuck Salter, by Fritz Wettstein, appeared in the Fall 1994 issue of The Palmetto, Vol. 14, #3 (worth retrieving and rereading!). Here we have some parting words from Larry Alsbrook, Breezy Oaks Nursery owner and Paynes Prairie Chapter member:

"When the rhododendrons bloom, I think of Chuck. It was a true joy to visit Salter's Nursery, to see the plants and hear the wonderful stories. The how and when of seed collection, the remote locations in the wild, the perilous steephead walks, the beauty of the plants, the difficulties of growing, reflected a wealth of knowledge.

A comparison to Aldo Leopold could be made, but for me, Charles Schulz' cartoon character Charlie Brown comes to mind, "You blockhead! Don't you see the futility?"

No, he didn't, he never gave up on his mission. Chuck's answer was to try to disseminate the plants through propagation and plantings, the Johnny Appleseed approach. He had an impact on many people with his steadfast devotion to the importance of our native flora. We'll miss you, Chuck."

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