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## FNPS Message from the President — Member vote requested

Greetings FNPS members,

As most of you know, as a component of our strategic plan, your board of directors (including chapter representatives) and key volunteers have been working hard to strengthen and streamline our society's infrastructure. For FNPS to make real progress in meeting our mission, we need to reduce the size of our board of directors, while maintaining and strengthening the influence of our chapters. Your board of directors is now proposing revisions to our FNPS bylaws which address both of these goals.

A summary of key elements in the proposed revisions to the FNPS bylaws is as follows:

**Reducing the size of the board:** We recommend that the board be reduced from over 50 members to a total of 17–21 members. This will enable us to have more productive meetings overseeing FNPS operations on a more frequent basis for shorter periods of time, and using online technology in addition to periodic face to face meetings.

**Maintaining and strengthening chapter influence:** A new entity, the FNPS Council of Chapters, will become official. This new council will enable chapters to collaborate with each other more productively and provide more focused, meaningful direction to the board. The council's vital role is to better coordinate FNPS' "on the ground" action through information sharing among the chapters, a critical function not supported by our current governance structure. The council will help ensure that chapter needs and ideas are addressed and not eclipsed by FNPS operations. This council has already been formed as an ad hoc committee, currently chaired by FNPS member Julie Becker. The FNPS Council of Chapters will select three of the FNPS board members from among its own members, who are the chapter representatives selected by their respective chapters. One of the three council members serving on the board will also serve on the FNPS executive committee.

**Here is where you come in.** We need your vote on these changes, preferably electronically.

At last year's annual meeting in Jacksonville, FNPS members approved an amendment to the bylaws allowing for an online/mail-in vote to amend future bylaws. This was done so that our new, streamlined governance structure could be put into operation by May 2014, with our election and meetings of the new board and council held at our annual conference in May.

I have created a discussion section within our FNPS online forum in the section titled *FNPS Reorganization - Bylaws Vote and Discussion*, located at <http://www.forum.fnps.org/index.php/topic,903.0.html>.

From this address, you can download the proposed bylaw revisions file, which is in PDF format. You will also be able to access the link to this forum from any page at [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) (lower left, immediately under "Society Resources"). You do not need to sign into the forum to download the file. We recommend that you save it to your computer or device so you can view the comments providing rationale for the changes. The FNPS forum also allows members to discuss the proposed revisions. For those of you who wish to do so, you can comment on the proposed revisions or post questions.

If you already have a forum login, use it. If not, you can sign in using username "FNPSmember" (one word) with password "2014Bylaws" (one word). Both username and password are case sensitive. If you need help with this, contact our webteam at [webteam@fnps.org](mailto:webteam@fnps.org).

We appeal to you to be relevant, professional, polite, and to use only language that you would use in public conversation. Please consider ending your post with your name and chapter. Any inappropriate posts (bad language, non-members, non-relevant subjects) will be eliminated.

If you cannot use the online forum, you can email your comments or questions to myself ([president@fnps.org](mailto:president@fnps.org)), or your chapter representative, who will then relay the information to the online forum.

Following this process, we cannot accept any further revisions to the FNPS bylaws. Voting on these changes to the bylaws will be either yes, no, or abstain. Therefore, your comments should focus on requests for clarification or your opinion about the changes rather than suggestions for revisions. This is the first substantive set of changes to address the society's strategic plan. It will not be the last, so we can use another forum topic for suggested changes or further improvements.

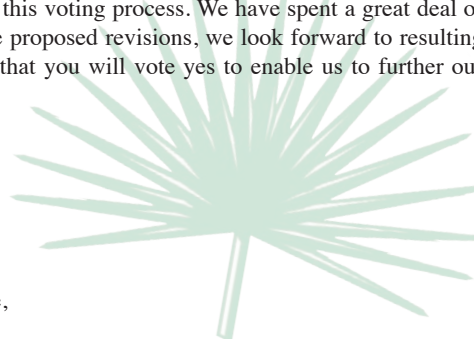
Upon request, FNPS will mail to you a copy of the proposed bylaw revisions. Requests can be made by phone to FNPS Administrative Services at 321-271-6702. Although you are well within your right to request a mailed copy of the proposed bylaw revisions, it will help FNPS financially if you download the file as described above.

**FNPS is now formally announcing the vote to approve bylaws changes as recommended by your state board of directors.** On April 12, 2014, FNPS will send all members with an email address on record a message linking them to the online vote. Online voting will end at 12:00a.m. on April 20, 2014. For those of you without an email address on record, you may contact FNPS ([info@fnps.org](mailto:info@fnps.org) or 321-271-6702) by April 4, 2014, and provide an email address or request a mail-in ballot. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by April 19, 2014. The Council of Chapters will count the mail-in ballots. Only one vote may be cast per membership.

This is my final "Message from the President" in the *Sabal minor*. It may not be my most inspirational one, but its significance is paramount. For the first time in FNPS history, we will likely have the greatest representation by our members on any issue – and this is an important one. I encourage you all to participate in this voting process. We have spent a great deal of time and effort on these proposed revisions, we look forward to resulting progress, and we hope that you will vote yes to enable us to further our mission.

Best Regards,

Steven W. Woodmansee,  
President



**Lasting Legacies** by Kellie Westervelt, Executive Director

It’s always difficult to lose long-standing friends to the ravages of time. The best we can do is to remember our friends and honor their memory by continuing the good work of the society that engaged them to begin with. Sometimes, these friends honor us, as well, by remembering the Florida Native Plant Society in their wills, and other times we honor them through tributes and memorial gifts. Two recent losses to the society come to mind when speaking of the impact the society has on the lives of our members and the lasting legacy their commitment to the protection of native plants and natural communities has on the society.

When Bob Egolf passed last year, the society mourned this immense loss. An avid gardener, promoter of native landscapes, and a conservation-minded advocate for nature protection, Bob was a dedicated leader of the Florida Native Plant Society. He served the organization in so many capacities, from his position on the Serenoa Chapter board to his service on the state board as a chapter representative, Publications Chair, Vice President for Administration, and finally as President. His wonderful personality, giving nature, leadership and service to our mission has been truly missed, but it should not have been a surprise when we learned that Bob remembered us in his will. As we have honored Bob, he, in turn, has honored us.

The society faced another loss of a longtime member in 2013. Betty Wargo, a member since the society’s earliest days, passed last year to the sadness of

all who knew her. Active in her chapter on field trips, performing surveys, and photographing Florida’s native flora for publication in the Suncoast Chapter’s first book and the Atlas of Florida Plants. Betty was also a regular FNPS conference-goer, where the anecdotes are legend, such as her penchant for quietly driving the cost of auction items up to help the Society, then going home with more than she likely envisioned. There was also a time when one of the society’s conferences was faced with a financial crunch and Betty quietly wrote a check to bridge the gap. Quietly is a key to Betty’s legacy. Though she never sought an active role in leadership, she was a leader, nonetheless.

The Suncoast Chapter has established a tribute fund to honor our memories of Betty Wargo. The chapter has donated \$2,500 to the 2014 Conservation Awards in her name. For those who knew Betty and would like to add to her tribute fund, please fill out a donation form online or simply note the Betty Wargo Tribute Fund in the memo field of your check to the society.

It often happens that as we honor the memories of those we have lost, we are honored in return. It is this sense of belonging and reciprocal commitment that encapsulates what it means to be a member of the Florida Native Plant Society. And we, the society, are better for it.

**FNPS Social Media update** by Laurie Sheldon, Social Media Sub-Committee Chair

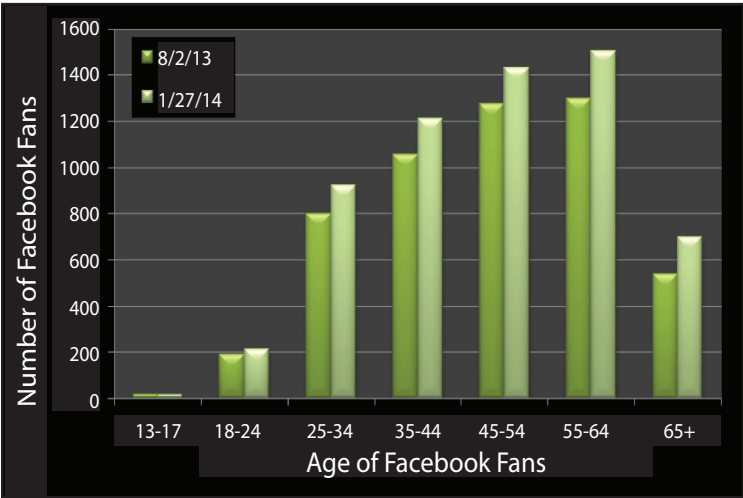
Between the FNPS Blog and Facebook, your social media team is really getting the word out about places to see natives, upcoming environmental activities, invasive species, eco-legislation, chapter meetings, and more. It bears repeating that, although we wish we could read your minds, it’s hard enough for us to read our own. Please drop us a line to brag about the events and projects your chapter has been and/or will be involved in. Think of us as proud parents—we can’t wait to share stories about how great you are, especially with a captive audience!

We truly appreciate the guest blogs that have been sent our way—especially those in which no hair-pulling was involved. Thank you are in order to **Karina Veaudry** for her blog about the importance of native plants; **Juliet Rynear** for educating us about the protocol to follow when encountering an endangered native in the wild; **Kellie Westervelt** for promoting charitable giving via EarthShare; and **Debra Klein** for recounting her trip to Welaka with FNPS. Additional props to **Anne Cox** for encouraging **Lynn Sweetay** of the Land Management Committee to write a blog about her recent Ft. Pierce site visit! **Peg Urban** has been a great resource for our Facebook posts—everyone adores her photos of natives and wildlife, and they are a huge draw to our page. As always, **Cammie Donaldson** has kept us abreast of additional fodder for Facebook, for which we are always grateful.

On Feb 1, 2013, we had 3,606 fans on Facebook. Exactly one year later (Feb 1, 2014), that number was 6,006! Yippee! Since our last article in the *Sabal minor* (six months ago), an average of 2,246 people have seen our Facebook posts every day, 7,562 every week, and 21,876 over the course of a month. The top referring external domains sending traffic to our Facebook page are (#1) Google, (#2) the FNPS home page, and (#3) the FNPS Blog. The bar chart below breaks down how our following has grown by age group over the last six months.

Our fans come from all over the state, which is yet another good reason to take advantage of our Facebook page for outreach. The cities with the largest number of fans are ranked in the chart below.

Your social media team (basically Ginny Stibolt and I) probably has the most widely heard voice of this organization. Ginny pulls more than her own weight, is an expert Facebook “sharer,” and has somehow managed to work on several books of her own and travel the world while doing so. I could not handle this position without her (nor can I walk and chew gum at the same time, let alone do the expert juggling that she has mastered). As I have recently moved and am looking for a full time job, I will not be able to handle all of the social media workload when I am gainfully employed. We would both welcome suggestions for someone who might eventually fill my shoes, or at least take one of them.



Rank		City	# of Fans	
2/1/14	8/1/13		2/1/14	8/1/13
1	1	Gainesville	274	241
2	1	Tampa	273	241
3	2	Orlando	266	232
4	3	Jacksonville	234	208
5	4	Tallahassee	192	161
6	5	Miami	159	133
7	6	Saint Pete	147	120
8	7	Sarasota	94	89
9	8	Ft. Lauderdale	77	60
10	unranked	West Palm	67	51

## Land Management Partners Committee Report by Anne Cox, LMP Committee Chair

**Danny Young**, LMP Committee Vice Chair, is still scheduling FNPS members all over the state to participate in the January–June 2014 FDEP Land Management Reviews. There are still several of the LMRs into June 2014 that may not have land reviewers scheduled. Contact Danny Young ([dyoung@zevcohen.com](mailto:dyoung@zevcohen.com)) to participate in the FDEP LMRs. Visit <http://fnps.org/lmrs> to view the schedule of review and evaluation dates through June 2014 and to get more information. The July 2014–June 2015 schedule for LMRs will be available from FDEP Division of State Lands in May.

Visit the LMP web page at <http://fnps.org/committee/partners> for updates, as well as to view an interactive map (<http://fnps.org/lmrs>) where you will find yellow flags indicating the remainder of the UPCOMING reviews. (Zoom in on the yellow flags and set the view to either Map or Satellite in the upper right.)

Agencies often send requests for participation in land reviews, plan reviews, and meetings of interest directly to FNPS members. The committee asks that members forward the information to the LMP committee chairs so the requests can be sent out to chapters and LMP committee members for participation on these important meetings and reviews. FNPS chapters and members who receive these notices, please forward to **Gail Fishman, Danny Young, Kevin Love or Anne Cox**, so they can send out an email to the LMP distribution list and also track FNPS involvement.

FDEP Division of State Lands Award presented to FNPS at 2013 Annual Conference is being passed around to the Chapters. **Jon Pospisil**, member of both the Lake Beautyberry and Tarflower Chapters, has the FNPS Award and is taking it to chapter meetings in the Orlando vicinity to spread the word about the FNPS LMP committee and how to get involved with the FDEP land reviews, as well as serving on the 10 year management plan reviews throughout Florida. This award is a reminder of FDEP's appreciation to FNPS members for their participation in land management reviews over the past nine years. Look for a future article in the *Sabal minor* and try to figure out where the award is going next.

Danny Young continues to be in contact with Dr. Nisse Goldberg and botany student Ray Bannister at Jacksonville University. Bannister created a spreadsheet on listed and invasive species occurring in Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park for the December 3 and 4, 2013 land management review. Goldberg, along with Bannister and other students, will continue studies on listed and invasive species for state lands that are scheduled for upcoming reviews in 2014.

Kevin Love continues to coordinate the LMP's involvement with four of the five water management districts' land reviews and stakeholders meetings. Danny Young coordinates the LMP's involvement with the St. Johns River Water Management District.

Future LMP Committee actions include:

1. Working with the society's Council of Chapters on presentations and workshops relative to the Land Management Partners Committee activities.
2. Assuring that each chapter has an LMP representative to assist with obtaining reviewers and tracking chapter involvement.
3. Continuing to build partnerships with university professors and students throughout the state, to increase knowledge about the LMP and the activities involved with management on our state and private lands.
4. Promoting better use of the LMP website, including posting upcoming meetings throughout the state, and adding scientific papers of interest.
5. Establishing better communications in Tallahassee with government agencies such as Florida Department of

Environmental Protection, Florida Forest Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

6. Designing a simple evaluation sheet for tracking all FNPS involvement with local land management throughout Florida.
7. Tracking volunteer hours for LMP Committee Chairs and volunteer hours for land management reviews.
8. Updating the WIKI document on the FNPS website and assembling LMP information into another procedure manual.

**Chapters:** Please send updates on your involvement with state and local land management in your vicinity to LMP Committee Chair, Anne Cox.

**Reviewers:** Please take photos and write up your reviews for the blog, the *Sabal minor*, and the *Palmetto*. Let our members know about Florida's state lands.

**LMP committee members are available to give talks to chapters and other conservation organizations. Please contact Anne Cox ([partners@fnps.org](mailto:partners@fnps.org)), Danny Young ([dyoung@zevcohen.com](mailto:dyoung@zevcohen.com)), Gail Fishman or Kevin Love ([kllove31@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kllove31@tampabay.rr.com)) if you would like a presentation for your chapter.**



## Florida Native Plant Society 34th Annual Conference Thursday–Sunday, May 15–18, 2014 Florida Gulf Coast University Fort Myers, FL

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### Conservation Committee report *by Juliet Rynear, Conservation Committee Chair*

The Conservation Committee met in December 2013 to discuss two work plans for 2014: 1) the Conservation Grant Awards Program, and 2) the Marion County land acquisition project.

The Committee is seeking to increase the amount of funds available each year for the Conservation Grant Awards and is also requesting approval from the FNPS Board to allow for more flexibility in the award process. Instead of the current language “...up to three (3) Conservation Grants annually with up to \$1,500 available for each grant,” the committee would like to be able to award the total amount of grant funding available in any given calendar year to a single project. The committee believes that these changes will help FNPS better support work that preserves, conserves and/or restores rare or imperiled native plant taxa and plant communities in Florida.

Committee members also discussed challenges involving land acquisition in Marion County. After reviewing maps of rare plant occurrences and considering future management issues, a preliminary acquisition plan was formulated and committee members outlined the next steps needed to move the project forward, including outreach to numerous project partners with expertise in land acquisition, funding, county government, and land management.

### FDOT signs Wildflower Management Program

Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad recently signed the department’s new Wildflower Management Program Procedure, which will allow more of the state’s native wildflowers to flourish along roadsides through reduced mowing and other management practices.

FDOT state transportation landscape architect Jeff Caster said, “Roadsides are the state’s most visited and visible landscape. The department is committed to increasing the visibility and enjoyment of native wildflowers.”

“We salute the department in enacting this forward-thinking program,” said Vince Lamb, Florida Wildflower Foundation board chairman. “In Florida, wildflower tourism is building as its own brand of ecotourism, as is exemplified in the eastern Panhandle. There’s no doubt that FDOT’s new statewide procedure will help preserve native wildflowers, the most beautiful roadside assets of all.”

Not only are they beautiful, wildflowers provide habitat for the pollinators vital to Florida’s agricultural success. Together, they are essential to the production of every third bite of food we eat.

On Jan. 28, the **Florida Wildflower Foundation** and the **Magnolia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society** hosted a meeting of more than 100 Panhandle Wildflower Alliance members in Tallahassee to introduce the new program. Established in 2012, the Florida Panhandle Wildflower Alliance is an informal network of regional wildflower enthusiasts that advocates for conservation of wildflowers in the state’s Eastern Panhandle. To view the Wildflower Management Program Procedure, visit <http://flawildflowers.org/resources/pdfs/2014/FDOTWFPProcedures650030001.pdf>. Learn more about the Panhandle Wildflower Alliance at [www.flawildflowers.org/fpwa.php](http://www.flawildflowers.org/fpwa.php). Learn more about Florida’s wildflowers at [www.flawildflowers.org](http://www.flawildflowers.org).



*Wildflowers blooming along SR65.  
Photo by Eleanor Dietrich*

### Conference field trip preview—Mound House

*by Marlene Rodak, Conference Committee Chair*

*One of the best ways to learn about the ancient mounds of Florida is to visit one. Mound House is Estero Island’s oldest standing structure and sits on an ancient Calusa Indian Mound. On Thursday, May 15, you’ll have the opportunity to experience 2,000 years of island life and learn from the experts on this fascinating conference field trip which will include the rare opportunity to walk inside the mound.*

Several Coccoloba members met at the Mound House on Fort Myers Beach on Friday, December 6, for a plant ID exercise. We were joined by about a dozen Mound House volunteers wanting to learn more about the native vegetation around the property.

Parke Lewis, the Cultural Resources Environmental Coordinator, gave a brief overview of the current plans which included an explanation of the three facets of the property’s plantings: scientific and medicinal; coastal dune hammock; and a 1921 garden (since the house is being restored to its 1921 condition).

Jim Rodwell led the tour of this three acre site, starting near the parking lot and describing each native plant. Gayle Edwards discussed the butterfly properties of each plant, if applicable, and Dick Workman discussed the history and uses of the plant. Then, the group provided feedback in response to specific questions such as pruning techniques, lifespan of the plant, etc.

It was a lively bunch with a lot of interaction—particularly when critters joined the party. There were crabs climbing a tree along the water and an invasive iguana that popped out for a closer look.

After the plant tour, the group, under Dick’s leadership, measured the massive strangler fig on the property for “champion” status. Then, they headed to the underground exhibit to see the new presentation being developed.

We found the exhibit tremendously interesting as we sat beside the cutout of the shell mound while the film explained what we saw. The underground area also provided a damp, cool, cave-like environment on the warm, sunny day. There were color-coded lights to “point out” the various areas of the mound being discussed in the film. Theresa Schober narrated the presentation which provided a fabulous and educational archaeological view of the mound.

We finished the day with a stop at the meadow planting areas in the back. We discussed options for plant diversity and ways to reduce the weeds as the wildflowers got established.

**Everybody enjoyed the event and agreed it will be a fabulous field trip for the afternoon of Thursday, May 15 at the 2014 Conference.** For more information on the Mound House, visit their website at [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).



## Chapter Happenings...

**Conradina Chapter** hosted Dr. Walter Kingsley Taylor at their general meeting on January 13. Dr. Taylor discussed the revised plant taxonomy which led to his new book, *Florida Wildflowers—a Comprehensive Guide*. This is a vastly expanded update of his book, *Florida Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities*, and nearly doubles the number of species included by extending coverage into wetlands.

**Hernando Chapter** members are participating in the Chinsegut Conservation Center's Nature Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival, beginning March 20. Chapter members will provide presentations on natives and lead nature walks to showcase the native and exotic plants on the property. The three county festival features four days of birding field trips, kayak trips, birding workshops, educational programs, exhibits, and guest speakers including Greg Miller of "The Big Year" and Jeff Klinkenberg, Florida author and journalist of the *Tampa Bay Times*.

The chapter is sponsoring a **plant sale on April 19** at the historic Chinsegut Hill site. All three prominent native plant nurseries in the area will be displaying and selling a variety of plants.

Chapter members and friends are assisting Hernando County update the plant list for Cypress Lakes Preserve, one of the county's Environmentally Sensitive Lands. On January 20, a group of members scouted a portion of the preserve, kicking off the year long effort. Such surveys are important to help measure the success of habitat restoration, detect rare or endangered populations, and catch infiltration by exotic invasive plant species. They're also a great experience for the participants!

**Naples Chapter** held their annual banquet in February, with keynote speaker Dr. Doug Tallamy. The theme was "Are Alien Plants Bad?"

Topics for upcoming Naples Chapter programs include "Florida Panthers of Southwest Florida and Their Habitat" followed by a field trip to Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge; "Are All Wetlands the Same? Wetland Delineation in SW Florida"; and "How Different Heterotrophic Lineages Evolved into Algae (and Eventually Plants) by Endosymbiosis with Cyanobacteria and then with Other Photosynthetic Organisms."

**Nature Coast Chapter** will hold their **Spring Native Plant sale on Saturday, March 29** from 10a.m. until 2p.m. at Harvester United Methodist Church in Land O'Lakes. They will have a variety of quality, nursery grown native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, vines, grasses, and groundcovers, as well as books for sale. Visit [www.pasconativeplants.org](http://www.pasconativeplants.org) for more information.

**Pawpaw Chapter** held its annual plant auction and Christmas dinner as a fundraiser in December. Members brought in plants that they propagated as well as covered dishes for dinner. Plants were explained and suggestions given as to successful placements in the landscape.

In November, the chapter participated in Tomoka Fest at Tomoka State Park in November. Members manned a table with information and provided a children's activity of making a seed ball with clay and dried seeds. The entire seed ball was ready to plant or just toss where needed!

Sea Oats and Pawpaw Chapters have been combining field trips. In October, a kayak trip was offered from Ripple Effects Eco Tour at Marineland. In January, the chapters got together for a field trip exploring the River to Sea Preserve.

Pawpaw Chapter meetings now feature a rolling library where members can check out favorite titles and take them home to read for a month.

**Paynes Prairie Chapter** will hold its **Spring Native Plant Sale** at the Morningside Nature Center in Gainesville. The sale is open to the public on **Saturday, April 5** from 8:30a.m. until 12:30p.m., with a **preview sale for FNPS members on Friday, April 4** from 4:30p.m. until 6:30p.m. For more information, visit [www.natureoperations.org](http://www.natureoperations.org).

**Tell us what YOUR chapter is up to.**

**Send your Chapter Happenings to [Sabalminor@fnps.org](mailto:Sabalminor@fnps.org).**

The deadline for the May–June 2014 issue is April 1, 2014.

## Suncoast Chapter to host field trip to Torreya State Park, Mar 28–30

by Devon Higginbotham, Suncoast Chapter President

Last October, the Suncoast Chapter went on an impromptu field trip to Kissimmee Prairie Preserve. Our plan was to camp for two nights and explore the park, searching for the infamous celestial lily. We ended up with 11 intrepid participants (two were not even members of our chapter) who spent three days hiking, camping, and buggy riding across a beautiful oasis of Florida prairie. Our guide, Paul, one of the preserve biologists, was a goldmine of information. The weather was incredible and the flowers were in full fall bloom. After an evening of stargazing with amateur astronomers, we were lulled to sleep by yipping coyotes.

Feeling full of ourselves following our Kissimmee success, we have planned another camping trip for the last weekend in March, when we will head to Torreya State Park in the panhandle for three nights of camping, hiking and botanizing. Hoping to catch some early spring bloomers, we have reserved the cabin, the yurt and several camp sites for the event and enlisted several guides to assist in showing us the area. If you wish to join us, reserve yourself a campsite or local hotel for March 28–30. Or, if you live nearby, just come for the day, but plan to stay for dinner! For more information, contact Devon Higginbotham at 813-478-1183 or [archiveproperties@gmail.com](mailto:archiveproperties@gmail.com).



*Suncoast Chapter members botanizing at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve*



## 2nd Annual Native Plant Show, April 10–11, 2014

FANN will host their 2nd Annual Native Plant Show on Thursday and Friday, April 10–11, 2014 at the Osceola Heritage Park Exhibition Building in Kissimmee. This wholesale trade-show for industry professionals includes over 50 exhibit booths and an all-new slate of continuing education courses for landscape architects, designers, installers, maintenance staff and arborists. More information about the show and registration can be found online at: [www.nativeplantshow.com](http://www.nativeplantshow.com)

Immediately following the Native Plant Show, FANN and Central Florida FNPS chapters will host the Central Florida Native Plant Sale (find on Facebook!) for the retail public.



## FNPS on NPR

Magnolia Chapter members **Austin Mast** and **Bill Stinson** were interviewed on NPR's All Tech Considered earlier this month for a piece on citizen scientists and their efforts to help university researchers catalog their collections. Listen to the full interview (or read the transcript) at <http://news.wfsu.org/post/evolved-science-crowdsourcing-makes-cataloging-bugs-faster>.

### 2014 BOD and Ex-Comm Meetings

**April 5, 2014:** Ex-Comm teleconference

**May 15, 2014:** BOD meeting

2014 Annual Conference, Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers

**Check the Society Calendar at [fnps.org/events/eventlist](http://fnps.org/events/eventlist) for updates.**

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Beginning with the next (May-June) issue of the *Sabal minor*, FNPS will **no longer be mailing printed copies** to members with an email address on file. If you have an email address on file, you will receive only the emailed edition. This will help significantly reduce the cost of printing and mailing.

### Change is happening on our website!

The FNPS webteam has been hard at work, updating and streamlining our website. Here's a few of the recent changes:

- Hitting the FNPS logo will always get you to the home page.
- Mobile-friendly. Access any page with the header that you see on the home page on your table or smart phone.
- Simplified menu. You can go straight to native plant links; all internal society links are in the footer.
- The menu also now focuses on the links that you use — we read the stats!
- You can now make comments on the "Native Gardens," "Interpretive Trails," and "Botanical Hot Spots" sections. We will use those comments to keep our information on these wonderful places up to date.
- The "Plants for Your Area" section has been updated. It remembers better and is mobile- and tablet-friendly.

More changes are to come. Check back at [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) to see what's happening!

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