



2011 Wildflower Symposium
Saturday, Oct. 15
Wekiwa Springs State Park Youth Camp
1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka

Recreation Hall

Annual FWF Membership Meeting: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

10:15-11 a.m.: Happy Trails: Where the Wildflowers Are – Jeff Norcini

Beginning in 2009, the Foundation sponsored Jeff Norcini and Gil Nelson to trek across Florida to define routes where motorists, cyclists and hikers can view showy stands of native wildflowers and native wildflower communities typical of a region. Jeff will show off the Panhandle, Big Bend, Central and Southwest Florida routes then review plans to publicize them while engaging stakeholders and managing and enhancing wildflowers for Florida's 2013 Quincentennial celebration.

Dr. Jeff Norcini is a consultant (OecoHort, LLC) specializing in establishment of sustainable landscape plantings, propagation and production of native wildflowers, and seed dormancy and germination issues of native wildflowers. As a consultant to the Florida Wildflower Foundation, he serves as the La Florida, "Land of Flowers," Community Grants program administrator. Before establishing OecoHort, Jeff was a faculty member with the University of Florida/IFAS at the North Florida Research & Education Center in Quincy from 1987 through March 2009.



11:15-noon: Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants Web Site – Alan Franck

The Atlas of Florida Vascular Plants Web site (florida.plantatlas.usf.edu) offers a variety of information on the flora of Florida. Its resources are utilized daily by wildflower and native plant enthusiasts, citizen scientists and researchers throughout Florida and the Southeast. Alan Franck, USF Herbarium assistant, will familiarize attendees with this wonderful tool, including what it offers and how to use it to identify plants and flowers.



*Alan Franck is a doctoral candidate at University of South Florida studying the flora of Florida and the cactus genus *Harrisia*.*

LUNCH BREAK in Dining Hall (Noon-1:15 p.m.)

- Announcements/Silent auction/sales/lunch
- Outside: Plant and seed sale

1:30-3 p.m. Workshops

Native Landscaping for Fall – Craig Huegel (Dining Hall)

Fall is perhaps the best time to view and plant wildflowers in Florida. In most years, soils are still receiving regular rains and temperatures are starting to moderate. Dr. Huegel will discuss fall planting techniques and highlight many of the best wildflower species for fall gardens, with an emphasis on wildlife. He'll draw upon his many years of Florida gardening and his wildlife background to showcase species that do it all.

***Craig Huegel, PhD**, is a naturalist, author and educator who has devoted much of his professional career to teaching the public about wildlife and native plant communities. He received his BA in Zoology and MS in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin and his PhD in Animal Ecology from Iowa State University. He co-founded the Cooperative Urban Wildlife Extension Program at the University of Florida in 1987, has produced a series of videos on Florida wildlife and ecosystems, and is an adjunct professor at St. Petersburg College. He has authored several books for the Florida Native Plant Society. His most recent book is *Landscaping for Wildlife with Florida Native Plants* (University of Florida, 2010). Look for his next book, *Native Wildflowers and Other Ground Covers for Florida Landscapes*, in spring 2012.*



Wildflower Propagation for Home Gardeners - Claudia Larsen (Screened Pavilion) Limit: 25 participants

Learn to start your own wildflowers using seeds, division and cuttings - it's easy and fun. A short presentation will describe the seed collection, cleaning and planting processes. Claudia's hands-on demonstration will follow, showing the procedures with different fall wildflower species.

***Claudia Larsen** is the grant administrator for the Foundation's Seeds for Schools grant program, which provides Florida wildflower seeds and educational materials to schools throughout the state. She recently retired from the University of Florida's Environmental Horticulture Department where she was a Senior Biological Scientist. Claudia, who earned a Plant Science degree from the University of Florida, has a long love of Florida native plants. She has received both the Mentor and Green Palmetto service awards from the Florida Native Plant Society. She is a long-time resident of Micanopy, where she operates Micanopy Wildflowers Nursery.*



Selecting and Preparing Herbarium Specimens – Alan Franck (In field – meet in front of Dining Hall) Limit: 25 participants

Much of the knowledge about plant species is based on dried, pressed specimens stored at various herbaria. A herbarium specimen ideally provides as much information about the plant as possible while simultaneously being as compact as possible. This workshop will train participants

to make high-quality specimens that can be of value to a herbarium. *Bring a notebook, plant press, water, bug spray and sunscreen.*

Wildflower and Nature Photography* – Vince Lamb

(Rec Hall and In Field) Limit: 25 participants * This workshop will begin at 1 p.m.*



Participants will view a slideshow of photography concepts and suggestions for wildflower photography then venture outside to find and photograph wildflowers in bloom. After an hour in the park, everyone will return to the meeting room to view some of the photos taken and share enthusiasm for capturing images of natural beauty. *Bring any type of digital camera and come prepared to sit or kneel on the ground. Also bring a notebook, water, bug spray and sunscreen.*

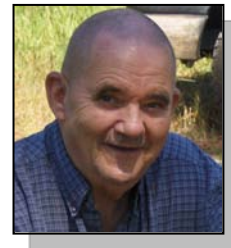
Vince Lamb is a Florida Master Naturalist and an experienced nature photographer who is an active member of the Florida Wildflower Foundation and Florida Native Plant Society. Charlie Corbeil, also a Florida Master Naturalist and experienced photographer, will assist.

Wildflower Walk – Walter Taylor

(In field – meet in front of Dining Hall) Limit: 25 participants

A walk in the woods with “Sweetpea” is always a treat. He never gets far without sighting a flower to identify. Participants will learn about the park’s various ecosystems and their wildflowers and grasses. *Bring a camera, notebook, water, bug spray and sunscreen.*

Dr. Walter Taylor served the University of Central Florida's biology department for 35 years. In 2004, he was named a Professor Emeritus. He is author of The Field Guide to Florida Wildflowers (1992, Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas), Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities (1998, UPF, Gainesville), Andre Michaux in Florida, An 18th-Century Botanical Journey (2002, UPF), and A Guide to Florida Grasses (2009, UPF). His recognitions include UCF's 1999 University for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching award and the Florida Native Plant Society's 2006 Mentor Award. He also is a Florida Wildflower Foundation board member, representing FNPS.



Natural Resources Management – Paul Lammardo, Wekiwa Springs State Park biologist

(In field – meet in front of Dining Hall) Limit: 25 participants

Learn about the use of prescribed fire as a tool to manage park lands, as well as other methods used to meet Wekiwa Springs State Park resource management objectives on more than 40,000 acres. Paul will show participants areas in the Youth Camp that provide excellent examples of recent and past prescribed fires and talk about the benefits to the resource, including fuel reduction and native plant propagation.

3-5 p.m. in Dining Hall

Awards ceremony; refreshments; silent auction and door prizes; plant and seed sale outside.

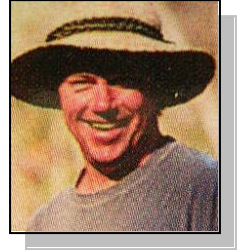
SUNDAY, Oct. 16

Rock Springs Run Paddle with Lars Andersen of Adventure Outpost

Cost: \$39, or \$29 with own boat

Reservations only – contact Adventure Outpost: (386) 454-0611; riversguide2000@yahoo.com

This stream's cool, clear flow meanders through a lush, semi-tropical forest of cabbage palm, cypress, maple and other bottomland species that don't mind having wet feet once in a while. In many sections, the towering overstory provides a loosely closed canopy allowing just enough light for photography while blocking out mid-day heat. Intermittent areas of open sunshine spawn dense groves of showy aquatic plants that provide home and groceries for myriad wildlings. The trip takes about five hours. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, bug spray and a swimsuit.



Lars Andersen's lifelong love of the outdoors began during his childhood explorations of Paynes Prairie's most remote areas. Today, he guides native and history tours for Adventure Outpost, High Springs (www.adventureoutpost.net). He is the author of Paynes Prairie: A History of the Great Savanna (2001, Pineapple Press) and The Paddlers Guide to the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail (2009, Suwannee River Water Management District). He guides regular tours of more than 40 Central and North Florida waterways.