

The Passionflower Chapter



of the Florida Native Plant Society

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coming events – details inside

Sept 8 – Gardening for Butterflies with Native Plants – Marc Minno, Cooper Memorial, 10 AM

-- **Looking for Butterflies** with Dr. Marc Minno, 1:30-3:30 at BB Brown's Scrub Jay Trail

Sep 22– Stibolt workshop: Step-by-Step to a Real Florida Yard p5

Oct 13 – The Art of Maintaining a Florida Native Landscape – Ginny Stibolt, 10 AM, probably at Cooper, but stay tuned

Nov 10 – Native Plants: A Reality Check – local native gardeners, Cooper Memorial, 10 AM

Dec 8 – Field Trip & Potluck Social for members & invited guests. Details will be provided to members. Time t/b/a.

Jan 19 – Trees, followed by picnic & field trip @Cherry Lk Tree Farm

Feb 16 – Craig Huegel !!!

Mar 16 – t/b/a

Apr 20 – t/b/a

Butterflies – Marc Minno

September 8, Cooper Memorial Library

Renowned author and butterfly expert Dr. Marc Minno will be talking about **Gardening for Butterflies with Native Plants**, 10 AM for our regular September meeting.

Did you know ? The world's largest butterfly and moth research facility in the world is right here in Florida, just a hop skip and a jump from Clermont? Yes, the McGuire Center at the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, where Dr. Minno is based for his research, recently focused on imperiled butterflies in the Florida Keys & south Florida.

Then, **in the afternoon**, come to BB Brown's where from 1:30-3:30, folks who sign in with us will be able to join Dr. Minno looking for butterflies on and around the Scrub Jay Trail. (pg 4).



It's much too early to be thinking about Santa, BUT --

Gin-ny Sti-bolt's co-ming to town

If you don't know why, you better find out
So you don't miss out an' start to pout
Gin-ny Sti-bolt's co-ming to town

October 13, our regular meeting

Important details on pages 5-8

Your Chapter at Work

Whew! Well we did it! Some of us are a bit worse for the wear, but thanks to a good response to our appeal to volunteer and to a huge amount of help from the Tarflower Chapter, over 400 native plants found homes with interested gardeners, a bunch of people learned about the virtues of going native, a number of folks asked to be added to our email lists and a few hundred dollars found their way into our treasury.

Spring Fever in the Garden



Spring Fever in the Garden is a BIG shindig, Winter Garden's annual two day outdoor garden show every April, where downtown traffic is shut down so that vendors like us can line the streets. The Bloom & Grow Garden Club which sponsors the event gave us a prime location near the Clock Tower, right in the middle of everything. The photo above must be quite old as a couple hundred booths were packed in tight, right next to each other.

Though Winter Garden is in Orange County which is Tarflower territory, last January, our friends at Tarflower encouraged us to plug into it this year, bought us a very nice canopy, helped provide some literature and set-up help as well as an experienced event staffer in the person of Jackie Rolly, currently our Society secretary, who was the real champion of the weekend.

In the end, all who participated had a real sense of accomplishment, but my oh my, was it ever a lot of work! January was spent in exploring and deciding whether or not to do it, February in planning and March in preparation. There were tables, a sign, cash box and a variety of odds & ends to be acquired & organized, canopy set-up to be practiced and a plant list to be decided upon.

Then, Friday afternoon, the day before the big even, Susan Knapp brought her trailer, Linda & Doug Welander brought their pick-up and Jon brought his car, all to load up plants for the sale that then needed to be watered that afternoon so the they'd look nice for the sale the following day.

Saturday was crazy! Around 5:30 AM, Jon, the truck and trailer were also joined by Donna Kozick who brought some things Jon had dropped off earlier, and Mike Duffy from Tarflower who helped enormously with set-up to caravan to our spot. Then --

Annual Business Meeting Report

Our Chapter's annual business meeting last April was well attended by folks willing to help out and our leadership team was expanded with a couple of new members and committee chairs. Kudo's to Jim Lobb & Melanie Simon who worked over the summer to pull together plans for this year's programs and field trips. This year's officers are –

President:	Jon Pospisil	PassionflowerFNPS@gmail.
Vice Pres:	Jim Lobb	
Secretary:	Linda Welander	
Treasurer:	Linda Heizer	
Chapter Rep:	Susan Knapp	
Planning:	Melanie Simon	
Education Chr:	Ed DuBosq	
Membership:	vacant	
At Large:	David & Karin Biega, Donna Kozick	

"The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig."

- Texas Bix Bender, *Don't Throw in the Trowel*

What do you call a stolen yam? A hot potato.

Why do cowboys always die with their boots on? So they won't stub their toes when they kick the bucket!

What vegetable can tie your stomach in knots? String beans.

Spring Fever (cont'd from prior page)

Finally we were given the all clear and could put up the canopy and start to position the plants for display. Jackie brought her wonderful plant signs and worked the whole day. By closing time, we were all tired, but due to weather forecasts, lowered the canopy and tied down the corners.

There was quite a storm Saturday night, so when Jackie was the first to arrive Sunday morning, she ended up giving herself a shower as she pushed up on each section of the canopy to drain the water that had puddled on the top of the tent. The fun part was telling folks who were interested about our plants, our chapter and our mission. Surprisingly, there was far more 'traffic' on Sunday than there'd been on Saturday.

By 4 pm on Sunday we were all exhausted. Doug Welander with his pickup, and Joe Knapp helping Susan with their trailer were a sight for sore eyes as the work of taking things down and packing them up began.

Special thanks to those who did the most; Jackie Rolly & Mike Duffy from Tarflower, Sue & Joe Knapp, Linda & Doug Welander, and a great big thank you to all who worked the booth; Jim Lobb, Linda Heizer, Melanie Simon, Ed DuBosq, David & Karin Biega, also to Pete Dunkelberg who brought literature from Tarflower, and our own Donna Kozick whose help with set up was invaluable. I think the consensus of our folks was that next year, we'll try to find a suitable one day event for outreach. And hopefully, someone will remember to take pictures too.

Field Trip

Saturday September 8th

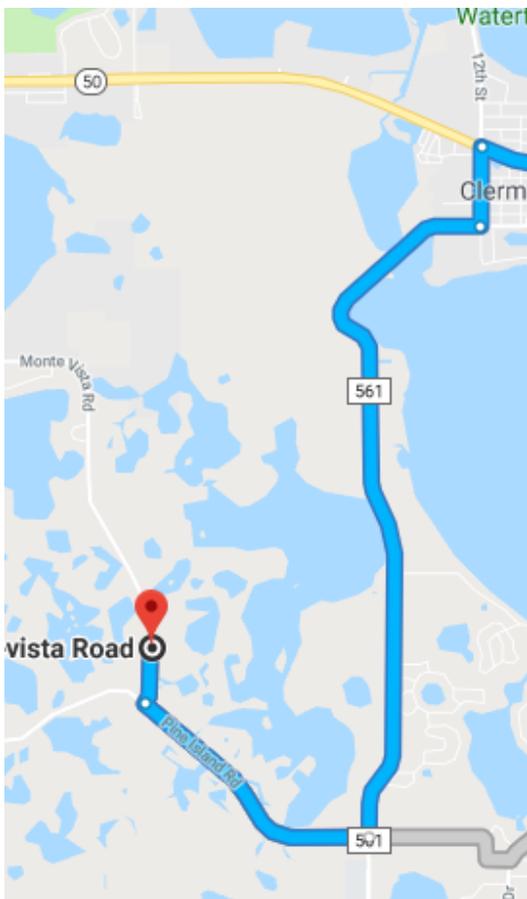
Looking for Butterflies with Dr. Marc Minno

Following our morning program at Cooper and a break for a quick bite, try to get to the Scrub Jay Trail a bit early to sign our Field Trip Release Form. Then at 1:30, Dr. Minno will lead us in looking for butterflies.

Bring binoculars, and water. Close toed shoes are recommended for field trips.

About two years ago when Dr. Minno visited Scrub Jay Trail, he spotted **25 species** of butterflies as well as a couple of dragon flies and some other interesting insects. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from an expert!

BB Browns & the Scrub Jay Trail are at 11490 Montevista Rd, Clermont, 34711



From the library or downtown Clermont, go west on SR-50 to 12th street, turn LEFT & follow 12th street about 0.4 mile to CR-561/Minnehaha Av & turn RIGHT onto 561.

Follow 561 for about 3.9 miles to the intersection of Pine Island/Log House roads.

Turn RIGHT onto Pine Island Road for about 1.5 miles then RIGHT on Montevista Rd. In about 0.3 mi, the Trail will be on your right.



The mission of the Florida native Plant Society is the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida

Ginny Stibolt



Ginny has been very active in FNPS for a number of years and deserves much of the credit for the wonderful pages on specific native plants on the FNPS website, a colossal undertaking and a wonderful resource for both the experienced native gardener and folks who are just learning about our precious Florida natives.

She began her professional life as a teacher and over the years has taught math, science, business, and computer courses at levels from 7th grade through college. A life-long gardener with a Master of Science degree in Botany from the University of Maryland, she moved to Florida in 2004.

Since then, The University Press of Florida has published all four of her peer reviewed books on Florida gardening, all based on the latest research from here in Florida and research faculties from universities around the country. Her most recent is Climate-Wise Landscaping, published this year by New Society Press.

Ginny Stibolt will be in our area for two events --

Sept 22 – an all morning workshop at the Ag Center in Tavares based on Ginny's book, **Step-by-Step Guide to a Florida Native Yard**, details on next page, sponsored by our friends at Lake Beauty-berry FNPS

Oct 13 -- **Maintaining a Florida Native Landscape**, our regular program at Cooper (probably, but watch for possible last minute change of location)

AND Ginny is giving our chapter members and friends a chance to buy any or all of her books at a discount !!!

Here's How

See pages 7 & 8 for the books and prices, choose the one or ones you want, print & fill out the order form for multiple books, mail it with a check to Ginny, and pick up your book(s) on October 13th when Ginny comes to do our program.

If you only want one book, just send a check & a note. If you'd like Ginny to sign your book(s), please let her know with your order so she can sign them before she comes & not get a sore wrist from signing them at our program.

Step by Step to a Real Florida Yard

*Sponsored by Lake Beautyberry,
FNPS*

September 22, 9:00am – Noon

Lake County Extension

1951 Woodlea Rd, Tavares Fl. 32778

Botanist and Author **Ginny Stibolt** will take you step by step through a hands on workshop with the why and the how to change your landscape into a native Florida yard
A happy place for you and nature too.

Followed by a **native plant sale**

with plants from

Green Isle Gardens. Open to the public 12:30–2:00pm

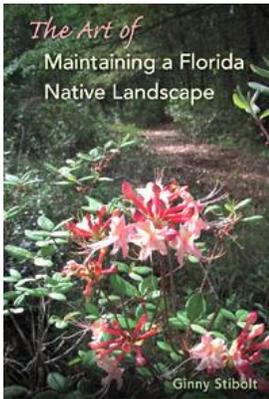
Registration:

Non-members \$20.00 (includes \$5.00 gift certificate for a free plant).

FNPS members/Master Gardeners \$10.00 (includes \$5.00 gift certificate for a free plant).

Registration on Eventbrite or mail a check to Lake Beautyberry, c/o Nadine Foley, PO box 88, Umatilla Fl. 3278

Here are the books and prices. **Important note:** even at list price, you are saving money since Ginny is covering the sales tax and you don't pay anything for shipping. Ordering more than one book? Take another 10% off your total order!



The Art of Maintaining a Florida Native Landscape

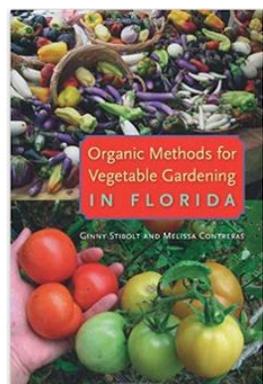
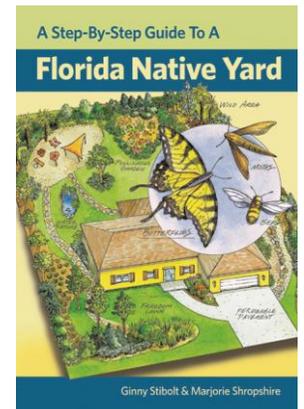
List price: \$24.99 You pay: \$22.00

In this easy-to-read, practical, and honest approach to native plant landscaping, Ginny shares techniques for living with a native landscape and personal lessons learned over the years.

"A great resource for learning some of the best approaches to gardening with natives."—Steven W. Woodmansee, biologist & past President of FNPS

Step-by-Step to a Florida Native Yard List:\$21.99 You:\$19.00

Just what the title says, how to assess what you have, decide what to keep & remove, how to decide what to plant, what to plant first, and how to do your yard in pieces so the conversion doesn't kill you



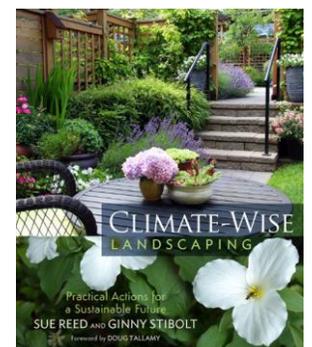
Organic Methods for Vegetable Gardening in Florida List: \$24.99, You: \$25.00

"If you want to grow your own vegetables organically but are unsure how to get started—this is the book for you."—Steve Christman, Floridata.com

Climate-Wise Landscaping

List: \$29.95 You pay: \$20.00

If like Ginny, you are among the folks who still think that CO2 is threatening our environment, then you probably want to do everything possible to reduce your carbon footprint. This book is an incredibly comprehensive guide on how to do so in your gardening, and how wise gardening can help you do the same for other aspects of your life.



Sustainable Gardening for Florida

List: \$24.99 You pay: \$25.00

"Tells us how to manage our gardens, yards, landscapes, and water with the least possible adverse impacts on the environment. It explains why sustainability is important in a crowded world, and how we can use basic ecological principles to live with, not against, nature."--Steven P. Christman, editor, Floridata.com

Also recommended by noted FNPS stalwart Dr. Gil Nelson, author of Florida's Best Native Landscape Plants.

