

THE COONTIE CRIER

Newsletter of The Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society
Dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Native Plants!

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MAY 2012

COONTIE CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, May 9th (2nd Wed.)

Agriculture Extension Service, 3245
College Av, Davie

7:00p – 7:30p Snack & Chat
7:30p – 8:30p **GUEST SPEAKER**

Dr. Michael Orfanedes,
"Hurricane Preparedness
for Native Trees

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LOOKING FORWARD

May 9 Board Meeting, contact GoNative@NPSBroward.org or Kay Taylor for details of time and place

May 9 BACKYARD CHALLENGE

Venture out into your backyard, side yard, or patio and list all the unique natives you have growing. Submissions must be made in person at the May 9th Meeting. The winning entry will be based on the number of natives. (see page 3)

May 12, 9-12 noon – Super Science Saturday at Pioneer Middle School

May 12 All Day - Birch State Park Earth Day celebration

May 12, 9am -1 pm LauderScape (Holiday Park Gym)

May 27 Loxahatchee Nat'l Wildlife Refuge (see page 2)

June 13 Annual Pot Luck & Election

The Broward Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society takes a summer hiatus during July and August. We will return with a full program at our first meeting after summer on September 12th.

Michael Orfanedes, PhD

Dr. Orfanedes serves as a Commercial Horticulture Agent IV for University of Florida-Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences (UF-IFAS) Broward County Extension in Davie, FL. Since 2005 he has been responsible for coordinating educational outreach and Continuing Education Unit (CEU) programs for Broward County's diverse nursery, landscape, and pest control industries. He recently received tenure and promotion from UF- IFAS.

He is an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified arborist, directs Broward County's tree trimmer licensing program, provides pesticide applicator training, and Green Industry Best Management Practices (GI-BMP) certification programs. In 2009, his tree trimmer education program received the Outstanding Public Educational Award from the Florida Urban Forestry Council.

Dr. Orfanedes was recently named the 2011 Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association's (FNGLA) Outstanding Educator. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Landscape Inspectors Association of Florida (LIAF) and is past chair of the Ornamental, Lawn and Garden Section of the Florida State Horticulture Society. Don't miss it.



May Field Trip: Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

Date: Sunday, May 27th

Time: If carpooling, meet at IFAS at 12:00 noon; if meeting at Loxahatchee, walk begins at 1:30pm sharp!

Level: Easy boardwalk – all ages and skill levels

Bring/wear: Drinking water, hat, sunscreen, camera (people get fantastic shots there!)

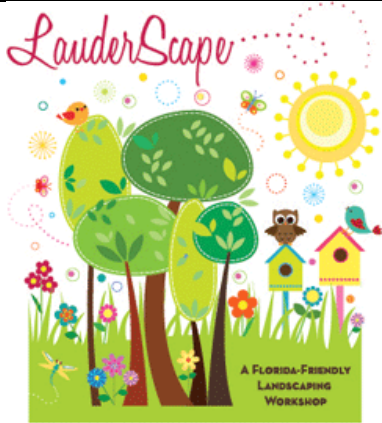
Hike Leader: Loxahatchee volunteer, Lew Hecker

FEE: \$5.00 per car entrance fee to the Refuge. Carpooling would be wise. We are aware of no other fees.

Website: <http://www.fws.gov/loxahatchee/>

Address: 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33473, Tele: 561-734-8303

Directions: The Refuge is located about 10 miles west of Boynton Beach, Florida. It is accessible from Interstate 95 and the Florida Turnpike by going west on either Boynton Beach Blvd or Atlantic Ave in Delray Beach, until you reach Highway 441/State Road 7. From Boynton Beach Blvd., proceed south on Hwy 441/SR7 for two miles and turn west (right) onto Lee Road. From Atlantic Ave, proceed north on Hwy 441/SR7 for two miles and turn west (left) onto Lee Road. The Refuge Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 - 4:00. There is a \$5.00 entrance fee per vehicle.



The City of Fort Lauderdale is pleased to present the second annual [LauderScape Florida-Friendly Landscaping \(FFL\) Workshop](#). Lauderscape is a well-rounded workshop designed to provide our neighbors with valuable tools and a good foundation to jump start their green thumbs so they may create beautiful, Florida-friendly Lauderscapes. This event is free. Lauderscape will be held inside the Holiday Park Gym, located at 1200 G. Harold Martin Drive, May 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (The Holiday Park Gym is just east of the Holiday Park Social Center, which is where last year's workshop was held).

At this year's conference, you'll get to know the flora of the *Natural Heart of Florida*, and help to celebrate preservation of irreplaceable landscapes. Through sessions on current conservation issues, we will think deeply about their future. The Society continues to play a central role in Florida conservation, because we are the only organization dedicated specifically to the preservation, conservation and restoration of native plant communities. Registration is ONSITE at Red Rose Inn (Wed-Thurs, May 16-17) & Trinkle Center (Fri-Sat).



Send corrections, photos, ideas concerning local native plants, or general feedback to GoNative@NPSBroward.org.



BACKYARD CHALLENGE



Here's the chance to show everyone that Native Plant People live what they "preach"! Venture out into your backyard, side yard, or patio and list all the unique natives you have growing. List each type of plant only once (ie: I happen to have 4 bald cypress, but will list it only once). Submissions must be made **IN PERSON at the May Meeting**. Winning entry will be based on the **number** of natives. In case of a tie, we will take into account rarity. Winner will be announced at June pot luck. **Prize will be awarded!** And, no, we won't come and validate your count, but it may warrant a field trip!

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Florida Master Naturalist Course: Sign Up

Nine places are still left in our upcoming Florida Master Naturalist Course. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn natural resource best management practices with cutting edge techniques!

After having completed one set of core courses, and the first of the second set, we can report well in excess of 12,000 volunteer hours donated to nonprofit, MUNICIPAL, County, State and National Parks, Nature Centers and natural areas, over 60 projects completed and fantastic reception from parks staffs, volunteer groups, school children and a myriad of others.

Please go directly to <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/fw12-07.htm> where you can review our award-winning curriculum, exciting venues, field trips, hands-on activities, labs, lectures, videos and more!

Questions? Please contact course Principal Instructor, Kristen Hoss, at kristenhoss@yahoo.com or John J. Pipoly, Extension Agent, 954-357-5270.