



Florida Native Plant Society ~ Sea Rocket Chapter ~ Serving Central & North Brevard County

JANUARY 2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR

The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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JANUARY 22nd GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Honey Bees with Clifton Best

Join us on Wednesday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Enchanted Forest Education Building as we welcome Clifton Best. A native to Rockledge/Cocoa and a father of 2 daughters and 3 grandsons, Clifton picked up a book at the local home improvement center named "Backyard Homesteading". Toward the back of this book was Beekeeping. As he read, he became deeply interested in beekeeping. Clifton began to do more research on Honey Bees to be sure it was something he could do. The more he read, the more he learned about the trouble they are in, the more interested he became. He built a bee hive box, headed to Winter Haven, FL. and picked up his first package of bees; hived them and watched them grow. And they grew fast! Unfortunately, they were taken over by a Honey Bee pest and killed the first year. He didn't take that too well and had been reading about a program the University Of Florida offers named UF Bee College. Clifton attended twice, and learned about bee removal. Got licensed, insured, and passed out business cards, He then got a second colony of bees out of someone's wall. In a short time, his phone would not stop ringing for bee removals. So, quitting his real job, Clifton began this adventure of "Saving the Bees" from the exterminators. He feels this is a gift handed down by higher powers of which he cannot explain. All he knows, is every day he wakes up and cannot wait to get into a bee removal, or to work one of his managed colonies.

Clifton is currently president of the "Backyard Beekeepers" and sells Honey, Honey Bees, and Bees Wax. He also has a Bee-keeping Management Service for new Beekeepers, or for those who just want bees in their backyard.

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For a comprehensive view of Sea Rocket activities go to
<https://www.facebook.com/searocketchapter>



2019

**DIXIE CROSSROADS
CHRISTMAS PARTY**



Back Row: Lois & Richard
Front Row: Jeffrey & Jill and Kate & Bob



David & Mary, Barbara & Steve, and Hal & Janina

**Tasty meals
and
great company
at this years
gathering!**



Thanks, Armand, You did a fantastic job in arranging this yummy dinner!



Back Row: Mary & David, and Armand
Front Row: Paul & Laura, Martha, Marlys, and Bill

Community Corner

Happenings About Town

Saturday in the Garden

Join us on Saturday, January 18th at 9:30 am as we spend a few hours sprucing up the Enchanted Forest Garden. The Sea Rocket Chapter has an agreement with the EEL as part of our native plant storage to assist in making the Forest a beautiful place for all of its visitors.

444 Columbia Blvd, Titusville, FL 32780

UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY 2020

- 1/11 Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Field Trip @ 9:00 a.m.
- 1/14 Board Meeting @ 5:30 p.m. Le Crave @ Titus-Landing 2520 S Washington Ave #100
- 1/18 Saturday In The Garden
- 1/22 General Meeting Clifton Best—Come learn about the Benefits of Honey Bees
- 1/22 through 1/27 Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival at Eastern Florida State College Titusville Campus

23rd Annual Space Coast Birding And Wildlife Festival

January 22 - January 27

<https://scbwf.org/>



Located near Merritt Island NWR and Cape Canaveral, this six-day festival is a premier event that offers keynote speakers, spotlight presentations, workshops, pontoon and airboat activities, and a photography strand, along with over 82 exhibitors from all over the world. The festival offers over 85 field trips, including full, half-day, evening, offshore or pelagic boat trip, and visits to various habitats with excellent and experienced guides and more than 180 species possible. This region of Florida is known as "Woodpecker Wonderland," with eleven woodpecker species found breeding annually. Keynote Speaker Steve Shunk, author of the "Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America," will give a presentation on woodpeckers. For more information, call 321-268-5224 or visit our website.

If you would like your event listed here for our members to see please email us at searocketfnps@gmail.com

LET'S GO ON A HIKE!

Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary Field Trip Announcement

Saturday January 11, 2020 900 am-1200 noon

Scottsmoor Flatwoods Sanctuary. This is a 2008 acquisition by the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program with assistance from The Nature Conservancy. Vegetation is primarily scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, cypress strand, hammocks, and marshes. Prescribed burning has been conducted since acquisition.

Directions:

Meeting site is Parrish Park (Brevard County) which is about in the center of the eastern section of the Sanctuary.

Take I-95 North to Exit 231 (County Road 5A/ Stuckway Road). Go right (East) on CR-5A about 1 mile to US 1. Go right (South) on US 1 about 1.1 mile to Magoon Road. Go right (West) on Magoon Road to the end (about 0.2 mile). Parking is available at the county park.

**Bring hat, sunscreen, water, and
insect repellent. .**



NEW

New Polo Shirts are being ordered. Be sure to contact Janina Shoemaker for details at janina13@cfl.rr.com.

Join the “Highway Squad”

The Sea Rocket Chapter is performing this community service on a section of Columbia Blvd.

Have you seen the signs?



Watch for dates!

We need volunteers to help out in keeping this section of the highway litter free.

Contact Janina Shoemaker at janina13@cfl.rr.com to volunteer and get involved in this great community service event, which will bring more awareness to the Sea Rocket chapter.

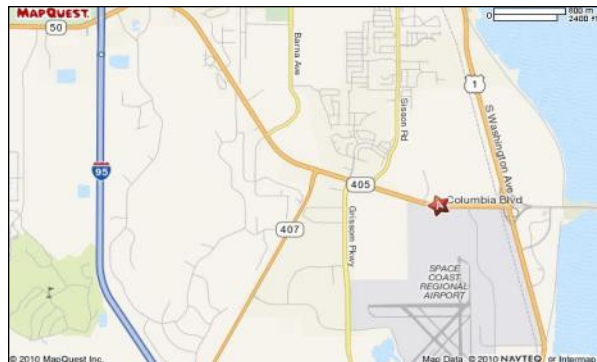


The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center
444 Columbia Blvd, Titusville, FL 32780 321-264-5185



Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

From I-95 Northbound: take SR-407 Exit 212 east 2.7 miles to SR-405 intersection. Turn right onto SR-405 and go east 1.9 miles (the Sanctuary entrance is on the left 0.4 miles past Sisson Road)
From I-95 Southbound: take SR-50 Exit 215 east. Turn left onto SR 50 and turn right onto SR-405 (2nd light) Travel 3.6 miles (the Sanctuary entrance is on the left 0.4 miles past Sisson Road)
From U.S. HWY 1: go west 0.5 miles on SR-405 in south Titusville. Sanctuary entrance is on the right.



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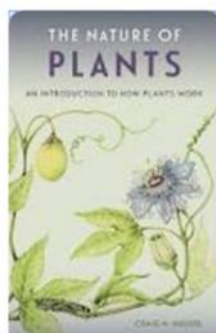
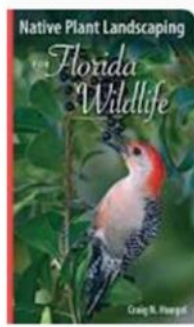
**Sea Rocket Chapter November Board meeting will be held on
January 14th at 5:30 pm.**

The meeting will be held at Le Crave in Titusville

All members are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Author - Dr. Craig Huegel **Wildlife-Plant Interactions in your Yard**



Wednesday, January 8, 2020 10 AM
Cocoa Rockledge Garden Club 1493 S. Fiske Blvd., Rockledge
Donation appreciated - \$7.00
Rsvp cdgarey@aol.com 252 626 0083

Be sure to check out the bi-monthly newsletter of the
Florida Native Plant Society
Located online at : <http://fnps.org/resources/sabalminor>

