

July 2023



Hello Chapter members, we hope you are sitting back and enjoying the efforts of a busy Spring planting season. A few notes for July: We are planning to order t-shirts that represent FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter. Please be sure to give your size and quantity to Beverly Lewis at our August 23rd General Membership meeting. We meet at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 444 Columbia Blvd., Titusville. We have a social time from 6:00 until 6:30pm when the meeting begins. The Chapter's last plant sale until Fall will be held July 8th, a Board meeting will be held July 11th. Finally, our annual picnic is July 15th and will serve as our General Membership meeting for the month of July. Please see flyers for dates, times, places, and contact information.



**Florida Native Plant Society
Sea Rocket Chapter**

Plant Sale

July 8, 2023

9:00AM – 1:00PM

**Enchanted Forest Sanctuary
444 Columbia Blvd.
Titusville, FL**

Come early for best selection!

Please Join Us!!!!

**FNPS Sea Rocket Chapter
Annual Bring-a-Dish Summer Picnic**



Saturday, July 15, 2023

11:00AM – 3:00PM

Dining begins at Noon

Frog Pavilion (#10)

Fox Lake Park

**4400 Fox Lake Road,
Titusville, FL 32796**

RSVPs requested by Monday, July 10th

Please contact Elizabeth Bishop

*izbet@aol.com or text to 321-452-1579 to let her know
how many in your party and what you plan to bring.*

July 2023 Events at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

Native Plant Sale

Sat., July 8th, 9:00 a.m.

Come and support the Sea Rocket Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society's native plant sale. Find an assortment of native plants to beautify your yard and support wildlife!

Nature Storytime

Wed., July 12th, 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Geared towards ages 5 years and under. Theme: Hatching hatchlings! Join us as we learn about what it is like to be a hatchling and do a sea turtle craft! Registration required, please call 321-264-5185 to sign up.

Nature Themed StorySongs with Laura and Friends

Sun., July 16th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join Laura ~~Covel~~ and Melanie ~~Howarter~~ at the Sanctuary for nature ~~StorySongs~~ puppets and crafts. After the craft do not miss out on popsicles and refreshments with Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc.! Registration required, please call 321-264-5185 to register. ****Spots limited****

Sanctuary School

Wed., July 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Geared towards ages 6 through 12. Theme: Nesting turtles! Join us to learn about the types of sea turtles that nest on our local beaches. Registration required, please call 321-264-5185 to sign up.

Garden Workdays (Summertime)

There will not be workdays during the summertime due to high heat and humidity. Workdays will resume once it starts to get cooler again.

Tai Chi at the Forest

Every Sat. in July 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Join instructor Kate Perez for a beginner level class on the porch! Loose-fitting clothing and a water bottle are recommended. Registration required no later than the day before class, please call 321-264-5185. SPACE LIMITED. NO SAME DAY SIGN UPS.

Yoga in Nature

Every Sun. in July 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Join local yoga instructors for a traditional class for all levels on the porch! Wear loose-fitting clothing and do not eat anything an hour before class. Bring water and a mat. Registration required no later than the day before class, please call 321-264-5185. SPACE LIMITED. NO SAME DAY SIGN UPS.

Guided Hikes

Openings Sundays in July at 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy a 45-minute guided hike. Please bring a hat, water, and walking shoes. Registration required no later than the day before the hike, please call 321-264-5185 to sign up. NO SAME DAY SIGN UPS.



***Coreopsis leavenworthii*
blooms.**

**Species
Spotlight:**
*Coreopsis
leavenworthii*
*Coreopsis
lanceolata*



***Coreopsis lanceolata*
blooms.**

Did you know that *Coreopsis* is the Florida State Flower and there are 21 species?
Coreopsis leavenworthii, commonly known as Tickseed, can frequently be seen growing along roadsides and in shallow depressions. It's an annual, which means it generally lives one year, but it also reseeds easily and can show up in the same place year after year without replanting.
Coreopsis lanceolata, is a perennial, which means it can live for a few years. It also reseeds easily and has even recruited into a couple of pots we had in our yard where other plants had been removed for replanting.
Both species will be available at our plant sale on July 8th.
Article and photos by Laura Covell



**Foliage of both plants prior to blooming.
Left- *Coreopsis leavenworthii*,
right- *Coreopsis lanceolata*.**



***Coreopsis leavenworthii* growing in
small patches alongside roadway.**

We have several openings on our Board of Directors. If you have an interest in serving our Chapter in this capacity, contact any Board Member or email srsecretary@fnps.org.

Sea Rocket Chapter Board Members

President: Paul Schmalzer, Ph.D.

Vice- President: OPEN

Treasurer: Patti Larson

Secretary: Laura Covel

Chapter Representative: Kim Gibbs

Membership: Beverly Lewis

Education/Outreach: OPEN

Gardens/Plant Sales: Paul Schmalzer, Ph.D. acting

Hospitality: Elizabeth Bishop

Newsletter: Brittany Bayliss

Field Trips: Paul Schmalzer, Ph.D.

Social Media: OPEN

At Large: John Stiner

July 2023 Calendar Events

↑	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	Jun 25, 2023	26	27	28 5pm Plant Sale and General M	29	30	Jul 1
27	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9am Sea Rocket Chapter PLA
28	9	10	11 6pm Sea Rocket Board Meeti	12	13	14	15
29	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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July 8th- Our final plant sale will be held at Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 444 Columbia Blvd. Titusville from 9am- 1pm. Feel free to come on down and prepare your gardens for a real Florida Fall planting season!

July 11th- Our July Board meeting time was agreed to occur on July 11th from 6:00 pm- 8pm at Enchanted Forest Sanctuary, 444 Columbia Blvd. Titusville. All members are more than welcome.

July 15th- Our annual Summer Bring-a-Dish Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15th from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Fox Lake Park, in Titusville. The Chapter will provide chicken, water, and tea as well as plates and napkins. We'll have fried chicken from Popeyes again this year along with a variety of sides which will be provided by our members. Please consider bringing your own reusable drink cup. RSVPs are requested but not required. Contact Elizabeth Bishop at izbet@aol.com by Monday, July 10th, to let her know what type of dish you would like to bring and how many people will be in your group.

T-Shirts- T-shirt will feature the Sea Rocket Chapter logo and the cost is \$10.00. Be sure to pick one up for yard work! Beverly will have additional information at our next meeting.