

# Folsom Native Plant Society

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April 2014



Next Meeting Date: Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

**Archbishop Hannan High School**

**Corner of Hwy 1077 and Bootlegger Rd (Hwy 1085), Covington, LA**

From the south, take I-12 west towards Hammond. On the western edge of Covington, take the Goodbee / Madisonville exit (Hwy 1077). Go north (right) towards Goodbee. The high school is on the right, just past the first red light. There is parking in the front.

## *From the President's Corner*

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to new members and thanks to old members who helped at the plant show booth. We will be giving the free tree rewards at the April meeting. We were successful and had a great time except for the Saturday rain.

The April meeting will also be our annual plant swap. Please feel free to bring any extra native plants and/or seeds that are in need of new homes. It would be helpful if you could label them with (at least) the common name.



The cool wet spring has presented us with an abundance of violets and lyre leaf sage. Please bring your unidentified blooms to the April meeting for discussions. Yvonne has pictures and bloom times for our parish on our website ([folsomnps.org](http://folsomnps.org)).

Jenny will be giving us a tour of the native garden the students have created at Archbishop Hannan High School.

We will be having our usual potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share, and join us for a tour of natives. Thanks aj

## Plant of the Month



### **Grancy Graybeard tree (*Chionathus virginicus*)**

The lovely silvery-white scented blossoms of grancy-graybeard (aka fringe tree) shimmer and wave in the mid to late spring breezes, making it a wonderful addition to the landscape. Both male and female trees have blossoms, but only the female bears the black olive-like fruit which is eaten by song birds and mammals. The male flowers are usually larger and showier. Flower buds form on last year's twigs.

In the wild, it is an understory large shrub or small tree occurring in mixed pine and hardwood forests. It grows well in moist, well-drained soil, but tolerates dry conditions as well. It is a slow growing tree, but will bloom when it is only a few feet tall. Companion plants include red maple, flowering dogwood, blackgum, native azaleas (*Rhododendron* spp.), blueberries, possumhaw and sassafras

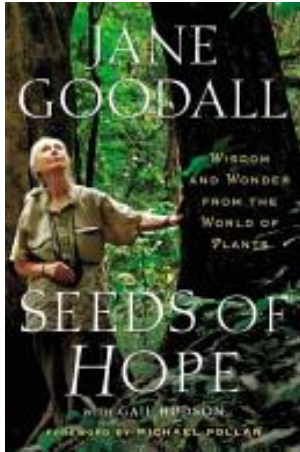
Propagate from seed or seedlings found around the female trees. Also try layering, grafting, budding, and softwood cuttings.



Pink honeysuckle azalea (*Rhododendron canescens*) and the other native azaleas are excellent companions for fringe tree. The lovely, fragrant flowers are visited by hummingbirds and other pollinators such as this tiger swallowtail butterfly.

*Photographs and story by Yvonne L. Bordelon*

## Book Corner



Fellow member, JoAnn Dupree shared a great new book with us, **Jane Goodall's, Seeds of Hope: Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants**. The following paragraph was taken from the book jacket. It describes part of the wealth of information that can be found in this jewel.

"An enthusiastic supporter of the sustainable gardening movement, Goodall gives us hope for the future and she describes some of the simple ways in which we can all help protect and nurture plant life, including transforming the massively fertilized grass lawns of yore into sanctuaries for native plants and wildlife or organic food gardens."

### Folsom Native Plant Society MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

It's time to pay your FNPS dues. Please complete the following and return with your check.

There are two types of membership, family and student. You will receive the FNPS Newsletter by one of two methods, email and snail mail.

<u>Type Membership</u>	<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Check One</u>
Family	Mail	\$18.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Email	12.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student	Mail	\$ 9.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Folsom Native Plant Society Facebook Page –**

<http://www.facebook.com/FolsomNativePlantSociety>

**Statement of Purpose:** The purpose of our group is to protect, perpetuate and propagate the abundant native plants of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, and adjacent areas, focusing primarily on our native wildflowers, which are fast disappearing; and to discourage pollution of our water and ground so basic to their survival.

**Our Board for 2014**

**President:** A.J. Bailey  
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**Dates to Remember**

April FNPS Meeting - Apr. 27, 2014  
Plant Swap at Archbishop Hannan HS

May FNPS Meeting – May 18, 2014  
Place: Markey Barre, Tangipahoa Parish

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