

Folsom Native Plant Society

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From the President's Corner

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Hi Everyone, Thanks to all who made our booth a great success at the plant show. Mother Nature was unable to squash our success with her weather tantrums. We recruited new members as well as some renewals. We gave away the majority of the native trees and we outreached to about 2000 people total.

Our April meeting will be a native plant swap at the Lee Road Library. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We will also have our regular plant ID session for anyone needing help. Seeds are welcome at the swap also. The purpose of these plant swaps is to encourage people to use our natives in their landscaping. Since most natives are not available in the retail outlets, this makes our swaps special. Please label with latin names your contributions. Help will be available to ID the specimens if needed. Lastly, no poison ivy. This is a great way to meet your fellow gardeners and increase your plant collection. We will also continue to ask attendees what they would like to learn from our plant society. Participation will continue to be a priority for this year.

Now is the time to go outside and practice recognizing seedlings. We will have some samples for show and tell. The roadsides will be sprouting with plants needing to be rescued. Shovels in hand and wading in ditches, we will continue to rescue the flora of Saint Tammany.

See you in the trenches

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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. Also you can 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	
	Email	12.00	
Student	Mail	\$ 9.00	
	Email	6.00	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Favorite Quotes

from Famous Seed Snatchers:

Weezingreens: "Sometimes the best way to snatch is to just walk up... and look like you're supposed to be doing it."

Ginnylynn: "I'm beginning to notice a definite tendency to judge the quality of my surroundings by the level of seed snatchin' possibilities I can see there."

Pixydish: "I snatched a handful of it on principle alone, since I really don't know where I'm going to put it."

Mail to: Folsom Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 1055, Folsom, LA 70437

PLACES To Go To See Native Plants

[Fontainebleau State Park](#)

Fontainebleau State Park is located on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The park is 2,809 acres in size and was once the site of a sugar plantation. This is a 4.8 miles hiking trail and a 1.2 miles nature trail. The nature trail includes a boardwalk into the marsh. The visitor center highlights the history of the adjacent ruins of the sugar mill built in 1829 by Bernard de Marigny de Mandeville. The wealthy Marginy named his large holding Fontainebleau after the beautiful forest near Paris France. Fontainebleau is surrounded on three sides by water, Lake Pontchartrain, Bayou Cane and Bayou Castine. The park has a multitude of habitats for birds. It is [located](#) in St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, on the outskirts of the town of Mandeville, LA.

[Bogue Chitto State Park](#)

The new **Bogue Chitto State Park** will include an entrance station, visitor center, 4 two-bedroom cabins and a 4-bedroom lodge, all overlooking a 200-foot bluff, day-use facilities (beach pavilions, canoe launch, amphitheater, play area, interactive water features, and viewing decks), bottomland and upland RV camping, a group camp and over 7 miles of equestrian trails.

The park is *projected* to be open to the public by late spring 2010. It is [located](#) on Fisher Road, off LA Hwy. 25 in Washington Parish, approx. 10 miles south of Franklinton.

[New Orleans City Park](#)

City Park is 1300 acres of year-round family fun located in the heart of New Orleans.

[Botanical Gardens](#)

Within City Park, the **Botanical Gardens** encompass 10 acres, and is a tropical conservatory including a water lily pond, formal rose garden, azalea, camellia gardens and a horticultural garden. The site contains the recently renovated Conservatory of the Two Sisters, several theme gardens containing aquatics, ornamental trees and shrubs, perennials, and the New Orleans Historic Train Garden. The garden also encompasses the Pavilion of the Two Sisters, the Garden Study Center, and the rebuilt Lath House. An Event Calendar can be found [here](#).

Location

The Botanical Garden's entrance is [located](#) at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters on Victory Avenue in City Park, behind the New Orleans Museum of Art.

PLACES To Go????

Do you have any ideas for suggestions that we can add to our "**Places To Go**" List. Send an email or call Nick. This can be somewhere you have been, heard about or just want to go. We will do all the research if it is needed. Share your good times with other club members.

MORE ON THE BOTANICAL GARDENS:

Throughout there are fountains and sculptures by world renowned artist Enrique Alferez (a New Orleans local). The New Orleans Botanical Garden has its roots in the Great Depression as a project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Originally known as the City Park Rose Garden, the garden opened in 1936 as New Orleans' first public classical garden. It is one of the few remaining examples of public garden design from the WPA and Art Deco Period, remaining today as a showcase of three notable talents: New Orleans Architect Richard Koch, Landscape architect William Wiedorn, and [Artist Enrique Alferez](#).

Next Meeting Date: Sunday, April 18, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

The [Lee Road Branch Public Library](#) 79213 Hwy 40, Covington, LA 70435 (985) 893-6284. From the south, you take Hwy. 190 north into Covington. At second red light past overpass turn right on Hwy 437 (Lee Road). Go 8 miles to an all-way stop at Hwy 40 and Lee Road. Proceed through stop. Lee Road Branch Library is the first building on the left after passing Lee Road Junior High School.

Northshore Plant Show Revisited

Real troopers manned the FNPS booth at the Northshore Plant Show this year. Everyone needs to thank the people who volunteered. They braved the cold and the wind on our behest. They were Nick Blady, Margaret Breaud, David Campbell, Billie Deckert, Jo Dupre, Barbara Hargrove, Peggy and Kevin Janneck, Cathy Reams, Jim Russell, Kraig Stutes, Tag Taglauer, and David and Candyce Scherer, and Dot Wood, . We should also thank Al and Yvonne Bordelon for creating the attractive and informative display boards. A.J. Bailey took the trees over to the event and helped us set up...and this was besides her duties as the Plant Show Chairperson. Best news is that we have 27 new members and several renewals from the show.

Congratulations to all.

St. Tammany's Native Wildflowers That Bloom in the Spring

[American Beautyberry](#) (*Callicarpa americana*)
[Green Fruit](#)
[Arrowhead](#) (*Sagittaria*)
Azalea, [Honeysuckle Azalea Flower](#) - HB
[Azalea, Flame](#) (*Rhododendron austrinum*)
Baptisia, [White False Indigo](#) (*Baptisia alba*)
[Blue-eye Grass](#) (*Sisyrinchium capillare*)
[Blue Phlox](#) (*Phlox divaricata*)
[Bluets](#) (*Houstonia caerulea*)
[Buttercup, Early](#) (*Ranunculus fascicularis*)
[Candy Root](#) (*Polygala nana*)
[Pink Candyroot](#), (*Polygala cruciata*)
[Carolina Allspice](#) (*Calycanthus floridus*)
[Carolina Yellow Jessamine](#) (*Gelsemium sempervirens*)
Chickasaw Plum (*Prunus angustifolia*)
[Coral Bean](#), Mamou (*Erythrina herbacea*)
[Crossvine](#) (*Bignonia capreolata*),
[Daisy Fleabane](#) (*Eigeron phitadelphicus*)
[Day-flower](#) (*Commelina erecta*)
[Climbing Day-flower](#) (*Commelina diffusa*)
[Eastern Redbud](#) (*Cercis Canadensis*)
[False Flowering Spurge](#) (*Euphorbia pubentissima*)
[Florida Anise](#), Star-anise (*Illicium floridanum*)
[Flowering Dogwood](#) (*Cornus florida*)
[Fringe Tree](#), Grancy-graybeard (*Chionathus virginica*)
Huckleberry / [Wild Blueberry](#) (*Vaccinium* spp.)
[Indian Pink](#) (*Spigelia marilandica*)
[Iris, Southern Blue Flag](#) (*Iris virginica*)
[Iris, Red](#) (*Iris fulva*)
[Iris, Zig-zag-stemmed](#) (*Iris brevicaulis*)
[Jack-in-the-pulpit](#) (*Arisaema triphyllum*) [Potato Dwarf](#)
[Dandelion](#) (*Krigia dandelion*)
[Virginia Dwarf Dandelion](#) (*Krigia virginica*)
[Leather-flower, Clematis](#) (*Clematis crispa*)
[Lyre-leaved Sage](#) (*Salvia lyrata*)
[Mayhaw](#) (*Crataegus opaca*)
[Oak-leaved Hydrangea](#) (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)

Orchid, [Rose Pogonia Orchid](#), Snakemouth Orchid
(*Pogonia ophioglossoides*)
[Oxalis, Common Yellow](#) (*oxalis stricta*)
[Parsley Hawthorne](#) (*Crataegus marshallii*),
[Red Buckeye](#) (*Aesculus pavia*)
[Red Trillium, Mississippi Wake-robin](#) (*Trillium foetidissimum*)
Rose, [Cherokee Rose](#) (*Rosa laevigata*)
Ruellia, [Wild Petunia](#) (*Ruellia caroliniensis*)
[Violet Wild Petunia](#) (*Ruellia nudiflora*)
[Sassafras](#) (*Sassafras albidum*)
[Self-heal, Prunella](#) (*Prunella vulgaris*)
[Service Berry](#) (*Amelanchier arborea*)
[Silver Bell](#) (*Halesia diptera*)
[Snowbell, Big Leaf](#) (*Styrax Americana*)
[Skullcap](#) (*Scutellaria* spp.)
[Skullcap, Rough](#) (*Scutellaria integrifolia*)
Smilax, [Sarsaparilla Vine](#) (*Smilax pumila*)
Dwarf Green Briar
[Southern Crabapple](#) (*Malus angustifolia*)
[Spider-lily](#) (*Hymenocallis occidentalis*)
Spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginia*)
[Spring Helenium](#) (*Helenium vernale*)
[Stokes' Aster](#) (*Stokesia laevis*)
[Sunbonnet](#) (*Chaptalia tomentosa*)
[Yellow Pitcher-plant](#) (*Sarracenia alata*)
[Yellow Star-grass](#) (*Hypoxis hirsuta*)
[Virginia Sweetspire](#) (*Itea virginica*)
Violets (*Viola*), [Early Blue Violet](#) (*Viola palmata*)
[Langlois Violet](#) (*Viola langloisii*)
[Birds-foot Violet](#) (*Viola pedata*)
[Primrose-leaved](#) violet (*viola primulifolia*)
[Water Lily, white](#) (*Nymphaea odorata*)
[Yellow Top](#) (*Senecio glabellus*)
[Yellow Hawkweed](#) (*Hieracium pratense*)

The April 18 FNPS meeting will be a plant swap!!! This is your chance to bring in plant which you have in excess and see what everyone else has brought for distribution. There will be some of the trees from the Plant Show to give away. Well worth your dues.