

# Folsom Native Plant Society

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*From the President's Corner*

*A. J. Bailey*

Hi Everyone, Spring is almost an afterthought. We have one more meeting in May before we break for the summer. The attendance at the April plant swap meeting was great. Everyone left with rooted friend or two or ten. I took the extras and planted them at the new Recreation Center on Hwy 1129. There was even one uninvited guest in a plastic bag. Poison Ivy was its name. I itch just thinking about it.

This has been an unusually dry spring. Transplanting has been difficult. Seeds have not been germinating in abundant numbers so at our next meeting we will talk about the flowering plants and their seeding and then in the fall. We will have a talk from Rod Downie about rescuing plants and their care before replanting especially trees and shrubs. Please bring plants for id and any questions you may have to the next meeting. Remember to visit our website to help with your identification problems. Keep your shovel handy and try not to slip when you climb into the ditches for a living treasure. aj

PS: I also found a power point to present to the group on seed production of wildflowers and native species from Ohio state university. I will provide the projector and screen. aj

Editor's Note: A.J. planted some of the remaining forestry service trees at the new Lee Road Recreation Center on Highway 1129 in Covington. It has no trees other than what we planted. The FNPS donated sweet bay, mayhaw, crab apple, two oaks, catalpa and black cherry trees. The Pentecostal church on Highway 40 volunteers, Lee Road volunteer fire department members and myself planted the trees on Saturday April 24th. We will add more trees as they are available.

Maybe we could ask her to tell us more about it at our next meeting. This is in addition to being a Librarian, Master Gardner, Chairperson for the Northshore Spring Plant Show, and being our President.

HAVE YOU RENEWS  
YOUR FNPS

**Next Meeting Date: Sunday, May 16, 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.*

## [Bogue Chitto State Park](#) - UPDATE

FNPS contacted the Louisiana Office of State Parks about the opening of this new park. We were told that they were delays with constructing the road into the park. It seemed that once this was finished the park would be ready, late May 2010!!?!!

Among the many features of the [Bogue Chitto State Park](#) are the park entrance station, bottomland and upland (lakeside) RV campsites, tent pads and a comfort station. There will be large and small camp assembly buildings, and vacation cabins and lodges built on bluffs.

Some of many elements of the day-use area include the water playground's slide, a boardwalk/boat launch on the Bogue Chitto River, many places to set out in a canoe or kayak, and a fishing pier.

One of the river overlooks, part of the boardwalk system that will wind through the park. The hillside boardwalks will lead visitors through the rolling terrain of the area.



Part of the boardwalk trail system will lead down the side of a bluff from the Visitor Center area. Location of the Interpretive Center is overlooking one of the dozen lakes within the park boundaries. An outdoor amphitheatre can also double as an outdoor classroom for students' field trips. Part of the nature trail boardwalk will go through Fricke's Gorge. There will also be over 7 miles of equestrian trails.

The **Bogue Chitto State Park** is [located](#) on Fisher Road, off LA Hwy. 25 in Washington Parish, approx. 10 miles south of Franklinton.



# The purpose of the Folsom Native Plant Society

is to protect, perpetuate, and propagate the abundant native plants of Northwest 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.

## Dates to Remember

- May 15**, [LNPS](#), Cajun Prairie Meeting. Eunice, LA
- May 16**, Hilltop Arboretum SPRING GARDEN TOURS
- May 16**, [May's FNPS Meeting](#) – Sun., April 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lee Road Branch Library Late spring, due to open. - [Bogue Chitto State Park](#)
- June 6**, Hilltop Arboretum SPRING GARDEN TOURS

[Hilltop Arboretum](#) will sponsor garden tours in Baton Rouge on May 16, June 6 and June 27. The focus is not necessarily on native plants, but there should be lots of ideas on garden restoration – Baton Rouge was pretty badly beaten up by Hurricane Gustav in 2008. (One of the houses on the June 6 garden tour was designed by A. Hays Town. )

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