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The LOUISIANA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

ANNUAL SUMMER MEETING SET FOR JUNE 7TH & 8TH

The summer '86 meeting of the LNPS will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th in the Slidell-Washington Parish area. Please note that this is a two day meeting this year with the business meeting and a field trip on Saturday, and a field trip on Sunday. The agenda is as follows:

- Saturday, June 7
- 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Business Meeting at the Louisiana Nature and Science Center.
 - 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Tour of the wildflower gardens at the Louisiana Nature and Science Center.
 - 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM
Lunch (pick up something close to the Louisiana Nature and Science Center or bring your own).
 - 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Tour of Slidell area bogs and coastal region with trip leader and fellow LNPS member Julia Sanders.
- Sunday, June 8
- 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Meet at the intersection of La. 21 and La. 436 near Varnado, La. in Washington Parish. This is north of Bogalusa. We will tour the area with trip leader Dr. Charles Allen. We hope to see Mountain Laurel as well as many other plants of that particular area. (SEE ATTACHED MAP FOR DIRECTIONS).

DIRECTIONS TO THE LOUISIANA NATURE AND SCIENCE CENTER

The LNSC is located in New Orleans-East at 11000 Lake Forest Blvd. Take the Read Blvd. exit, and drive by the Plaza Shopping Center. Turn left at Lake Forest Blvd. Turn right through the iron gates at Waterford Street.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

Members are responsible for their own sleeping arrangements. Many hotels/motels can be found in New Orleans-East as well as in Slidell. The Days Inn

in the vicinity of the Nature Center offers a \$25.00 per night rate if you mention that you are attending a meeting at the LNSC. Their address is 5801 Read Blvd. and their phone number is 1-504-241-2500. Camping is available at two state parks north of Lake Ponchatrain:

Fairview State Park
P.O. Box 97
Madisonville, Louisiana 70447
Phone 1-504-845-3318
(located 2 miles east of Madisonville in St. Tammany Parish on La. 22).

Fontainbleau State Park
P.O. Box 152
Mandeville, Louisiana 70448
Phone 1-504-626-8052
(located southeast of Mandeville in St. Tammany Parish on U.S. 190).

CONFERENCE ON LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Don Bagwell of Knoxville, Tenn. writes:

"The third annual conference on "Landscaping With Native Plants" is scheduled at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, August 7-9."

Cosponsored by Western Carolina University and TVA, the conference is open to anyone with an interest in using native plants but is geared towards professionals and the serious gardener. Past participants have included landscape architects, commercial nursery operators, garden club members, and botanists and horticulturists from state highway departments, universities, native plant societies, botanical gardens, and arboretums."

This year's program will highlight propagation techniques and methods of using native plants within the landscape. Featured speakers will include Darrell Morrison, Dean of the School of Environmental Design, University of Georgia; Cole Burrell, curator of native plants, United States National Arboretum; Charlotte Jones-Roe, North Carolina Botanical Gardens; and Richard Lighty, director, Mt. Cuba Center, Greenville, Delaware."

Conference registration fee is \$30 and advance registration is necessary. Additional information on registration may be obtained from:

Dr. James Horton
Department of Biology
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina 28723
Phone: 1-704-227-7244"

TREE SEEDLINGS AVAILABLE

Mr. Dewey Simms, Nursery Superintendent for our state Department of Natural Resources, Office of Forestry writes:

"The Louisiana Office of Forestry operates three tree seedling nurseries in Louisiana. The nurseries are located in Columbia, Oberlin and DeRidder."

The Columbia Nursery is managed by LNPS member Tony Simms and produces loblolly pine and various hardwood species. The Oberlin Nursery and Beauregard Nursery are primarily pine."

The seedlings are available to any Louisiana landowner during the months of December, January and February. The seedlings are one-year old, bare-rooted, packaged and sold in minimum quantities of 100 each species.'

Seedling applications will be available after July 15th and may be found at any state forestry office, Louisiana Extension Service and SCS offices.'

Applications are accepted after August 1, and you should send in your request as soon as possible after this date due to the limited supply of some species. Seedlings are sold on a first-come first-serve basis. Production figures at the nursery are estimates based on inventory data, so you should plan to pick up your order early in the season to avoid possible cancellation.'

For the upcoming season the following native species and possibly others will be available:

Cow Oak (*Quercus michauxii*)
White Oak (*Quercus alba*)
Shumard Oak (*Quercus shumardii*)
Nuttall Oak (*Quercus nuttallii*)
Water Oak (*Quercus nigra*)
Live Oak (*Quercus Virginiana*)
Willow Oak (*Quercus phellos*)"

Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)
Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)
River Birch (*Betula nigra*)
Dogwood (*Cornus florida*)
Blackgum (*Nyssa sylvatica*)
Tupelo Gum (*Nyssa aquatica*)

LOUISIANA NATURE CENTER OFFERS SEEDS AND MORE!

The Louisiana Nature Center (located in New Orleans) is now offering wildflower mixes as well as packets of individual species of wildflowers for sale. You can write them at the address below for more information. Additionally, if you send them a self-addressed, stamped (39 cents) legal size envelope, you can receive your choice of the following "FLORAL & FAUNAL NOTES":

1. Wildlife Habitat Enrichment Bibliography.
2. Louisiana Native Plants: A Selected Bibliography.
3. Pedro J. Urbina Wildlife Garden.
4. Landscaping with Louisiana Wildflowers.
5. Soil Types for Louisiana Wildflowers.

Louisiana Nature & Science Center, Inc.
11000 Lake Forest Blvd.
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127-2816

ANNETTE PARKER WRITES

Annette Parker writes members of the LNPS: "I am writing to let you know my last day of work as botanist with the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program is to be May 15, 1986.....I want to thank you for your assistance and encouragement. I hope that you will continue to support the Heritage Program and my successor in his/her attempts to gather information concerning Louisiana's rare plants. I can be reached at the following address after May 15:

Annette Parker
P.O. Box 55
Simpson, Louisiana 71474

NEED HELP LOCATING A PARTICULAR PLANT?

Stephen Rusbar of Natives Landscape Corporation would like all LNPS members to know that Natives has on hand a reasonable amount of many interesting and unusual native plants. His mailing address is:

Stephen Rusbar
NATIVES LANDSCAPE CORPORATION
P.O. Box 2355
Covington, Louisiana 70434

PLANTSEARCH

Stephen Rusbar (see address above) has a request for "a zone 9-10 terrestrial herb called Gunnera manicata ." Steve says he would be happy with either a piece of root or some seeds.

SOWING SEEDS OF WILDFLOWERS

by David Heikamp

LNPS member Phyllis Wells of Alexandria, Louisiana wrote a while back for advice on sowing wildflower seeds. Unfortunately, the letter was misplaced, and only recently resurfaced. Since this is a question that often comes up, I thought it would be a good idea to address this question in the Newsletter.

Broadcasting wildflower seeds is a good way of feeding the birds, but not very economical. A better way to go about establishing a large wildflower garden, or wildflower meadow, is to first plant the seeds in flats, then plant them out when they get to the stage where they can be transplanted. For obvious reasons, this works better with packets containing seeds of an individual species than it does with mixes, where you will have seeds germinating at vastly differing rates. Note that there are some species that don't transplant well, or will not transplant at all. While this method cannot be used on such species, they are the exception rather than the rule. A little research will tell you which ones they are.

Once you have planted the seedlings out into their desired locations, they will have a good chance at establishing themselves if you pay a little attention to their needs - water during droughts, pests, etc. You can harvest some of the seeds produced, allowing the remainder to self sow. In this manner, you can establish as many wildflower areas on your property as you desire.

SEED EXCHANGE NEWS

It is once again time to start collecting seed for the coming year's seed exchange program. There's no time like now to get started.. Last year's exchange was a big success, and with more cooperation, this year will be even better. Pay attention to where various wildflowers are blooming, and keep notes as to where they are. If you can somehow mark the spot, or tag the plant with a weather-resistant tag, so much the better. Even in a big city there are many opportunities to collect seed. Some of your neighbors may have trees, shrubs, etc. growing in their yards, and be willing to share some with

ou. When to go out and collect the seed depends on both the species involved, and the weather that particular year. As a general rule, annuals will mature their seeds faster than perennials. If the plant is an annual, you can take the whole plant. If it is a perennial, cut off the portion of the plant with the seeds, being careful not to disturb the rest of the plant. In any case, never take all the seeds of a particular species from a given area. Always see to it that enough is left to continue the species in that spot.

Put the seeds in paper bags, label carefully as to the date collected, species (or a good description of the plant), your name for future reference, and where it was collected. When you get home, store the seeds in a cool, dry place. It is generally not necessary to refrigerate them, and in no case store them in a sealed container or plastic bag, as they will mold. Clean the seeds as much as possible. A regular sieve from the kitchen is very good for this.

Finally, send the seeds you collect to Mr. Larkin, our Seed Exchange Chairman, at the address below. Do not send them in an envelope, the post office will crush the vast majority of them if you do - use a small box!

Mr. John Larkin
Rt. 4, Box 189 B
Mockingbird Hill Rd.
Franklinton, Louisiana 70438

DON'T FORGET OUR NEW TREASURER'S ADDRESS!

Don't forget we have a new treasurer, so if you have to renew your dues, or know someone that would like to join the LNPS the place to send your \$5 is:

Bill Gebelein
11128 Woodmere Drive
Shreveport, Louisiana 71115

A FEW ADDITIONAL SEEDS AVAILABLE

Mr. Larkin, our Seed Exchange Chairman writes: "I still need some help with the seed collecting. Some of the seeds ran out early in the season. Even so, I doubt if any of the seeds left are viable, as they have been stored for a good while now. I expect to be at the upcoming summer meeting, so if anyone has seeds already collected, they can give them to me at the meeting. I do have a few new things that are still viable if anyone is interested in them, they can send their 25 cents per packet, and I'll mail them some seeds. Please order by name and number:

76. Cornus florida, white Flowering Dogwood
77. Solidago tenuifolia, Goldenrod, 24" to 30" tall
78. Phlox pilosa, Downy or Prairie Phlox
79. Penstemon canescens
80. Rhodendron canescens, Wild Azalea
81. Gelsemium sempervirens, Carolina Jasmine
82. Ipomopsis rubra
83. Coreopsis lanceolata

