

DADE CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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Except as noted, the history applies to Dade County activities (the Keys Branch activities are listed separately).

The beginning (as related by Joyce Gann).

The Dade Chapter was founded in late 1981 or early 1982. In 1980, Dick Workman and Bill Partington sent out a call to people all over the state who were interested in native plants to come to a meeting to organize a Native Plant Society. **Joyce and Don Gann** were growing natives in their nursery and Joyce and Don attended. It was clear that FNPS would happen, and Joyce agreed to help start chapters in the southern counties. People stepped forward in several counties to form chapters, but not in Dade. Eventually, the locals asked "Why not here?" and Joyce turned her attention homeward.

In December 1981, **Dr. John Popenoe**, Director of **Fairchild Tropical Garden** (later "Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden") offered table space at its festival, the Ramble, to promote FNPS and sign up interested people in Dade County. The response was terrific. An organizational meeting was held in early 1982, filling the room (the same room filled today at chapter meetings), and the chapter was born. **Joyce Gann served as the founding president.**

Dr. Robert (Bob) Kelley, President of **Tropical Audubon Society**, gave considerable support and guidance to start the chapter. TAS donated \$50 and the use of the Doc Thomas House for board meetings. Bob helped write the bylaws and provided other organizational assistance, and gave generous moral support as well. He was a member, sometimes board member, advisor and supporter until his death in 2006.

Participants in an older organization, the **Dade Native Plant Workshop** (NPW) which has been in existence since the 1950s, also became some of the chapter's early active members. Initially, the chapter tagged along on Native Plant Workshop field trips instead of organizing chapter trips. A few years later, the chapter started organizing the field trips as FNPS / NPW trips.

In the beginning, activities included meetings, field trips (with the Native Plant Workshop), occasional community planting projects, yard visits, participation at community events, and the **annual Chapter Conferences**. The chapter's **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award** was presented at the chapter conference in 1982 to 1989. Later the conference evolved into **Native Plant Day** (beginning in 1991) and the MSD Award was suspended. The chapter also hosted the **state FNPS conference** in 1990 and 2000.

In addition to Native Plant Day (or the Chapter Conference before that), the major outreach activity has been a display and plant sale at **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's Ramble**. The chapter has been present at The Ramble every year since its inception. This involves considerable preparation for the display, coordinating plant vendors and recruiting volunteers.

In 1988, FNPS began assigning residents of the Keys to the Dade Chapter. In 1999, FNPS members in the Florida Keys formed a **"Keys Branch"** and began having meetings and field trips. Longtime member and Florida Park Biologist **Jim Duquesnel**, led the effort.

The formation of the chapter fostered connections and collaboration between residents who previously did not know each other. This soon helped reach a significant conservation achievement. In the mid-1980s, chapter member Lisbeth Britt recognized that small Dade County conservation lands were going to be lost to development. Without the help of the county government, she conceived of a way to group small parcels into what became The Tropical Hammocks of the Redland and The Miami Rockridge Pinelands for submission to the state's C.A.R.L. program. With the support from Dade Chapter FNPS and other organizations and plant surveys provided by the Native Plant Workshop, the proposals were approved funded.

Joyce Gann also remembers how in the 1980s, commercial landscaping projects succeeded because of the connections established through FNPS. One example is the Miami Beach Boardwalk, where the design team of Bill O'Leary and Associates and Landscape Architect (and chapter member) Dan Sawyer interacted with DCFNPS to develop a native plant palette for the boardwalk along the ocean front, which is today a lush and thriving landscape.

A timeline of significant chapter dates follows. Details for some items are in the Appendix.

- 1981:** ▪ Gathered named at the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Ramble in December for potential interest in forming a FNPS Chapter.
- 1982:** ▪ Organizational meeting at Fairchild
 - First newsletter (August).
 - First Dade Chapter Conference on South Florida Native Plants and Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award (1982-1989)
- 1983:** ▪ Plant raffles begin at meetings, with contributions by George Allen (Allen's Hammock Nursery), Joyce and Don Gann

(Tropical Greenery and Native Nursery), and Marty Roessler (Tropical Bioindustries). Proceeds cover the room rental.

- First pre-program mini-lecture by Rob Campbell (1883-1986 and occasionally after that)

- 1984:**
- First George N. Avery Science Fair Award for senior high and middle school students.
 - The newsletter adopts the name "*Tillandsia*" and began using the official chapter logo.
- 1985:**
- The chapter begins organizing some field trips (previously all organized by the Native Plant Workshop).
 - Participation in the annual Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Ramble begins (a large display of native plants, butterfly larvae, handouts and FNPS materials)
- 1986:**
- Pre-meeting plant ID workshop begins (discontinued a few years later due to logistical issues)
- 1988:**
- The chapter began organizing all field trips (for DCFNPS and the Native Plant Workshop)
- 1990:**
- First "Evening Summer Yard Visit and Social" at the home of Bobbe Dooley (replacing the July meeting), begins an annual tradition
 - Hosted the 10th Annual FNPS Conference.
 - Began participating in the plant sale at the Fairchild Ramble, selling native plants raised by members as well as several nurseries, and promoting natives in landscaping.
- 1991:**
- First Native Plant Day sponsored by the chapter, held at the Deering Estate (chapter conference discontinued).
- 1992:**
- Hurricane Andrew in August wiped out flora, parks, natural areas and homes in south Dade County but not the Dade Chapter.
- 1993:**
- Donations in memory of Jane Wood Reno designated to the chapter by her family to replant pines lost in Hurricane Andrew.
 - Native Plant Day was suspended until the parks and members recover from Hurricane Andrew (resumed in 1997).
- 1995:**
- Members gave input for the Dade County landscape ordinance
 - The chapter helped plant 1545 pine seedlings at Tamiami Pineland Preserve (a Global Releaf Restoration Site) in memory of Jane Wood Reno, mother of Dade County resident Janet Reno. DCFNPS donated the funds to American Forests for this purpose.
 - Began participating in the Spring Plant Sale at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.
- 1996:**
- The chapter incorporated.
- 1997:**
- Native Plant Day resumes after a four-year hiatus due to Hurricane Andrew.
- 1998:**
- The chapter obtained 501c3 status.
 - Hispanic Outreach Grant from FACEE awarded to FNPS through DCFNPS (1998-1999).
 - Green Palmetto Award to the Chapter from FNPS.
 - Hurricane Georges September 25 landfall in Key West killed many plants but spawned a renewed interest in landscaping with natives (see 1999).
- 1999:**
- Chapter Web site established, created by Greg Ballinger (who remains as co-Webmaster).
 - First Dade Chapter t-shirt (butterfly orchid and resurrection fern on oak, artwork donated by Elizabeth Smith of Naples).
 - After an organizational meeting in May, Keys FNPS members begin holding their own meetings in Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Big Pine Key and Key West, forming the "Keys Branch" of the Dade Chapter FNPS.
- 2000:**
- Hosted the 20th Annual FNPS Conference.
- 2001:**
- Coe Visitor Center, Everglades National Park, landscape project began.
- 2002:**
- Second Dade Chapter t-shirt and tote bag (*Tillandsias* and red start on a bald cypress - artwork donated by Wes Jurgens).
 - Award to the Dade Chapter from TREEmendous Miami.
- 2003:**
- "Yard Visits for New Learners" began.
- 2004:**
- Overnight strategic planning session held in the Keys for chapter board and Keys Branch committee members.
 - A comprehensive survey was sent to all chapter members. Response rates were good and comments were helpful.
 - The advent of substantial and extra-tasty refreshments by Patty Harris as refreshment coordinator -- a big hit that facilitated socializing and encouraged working people to come even if they didn't have time for dinner.
 - First almost-annual "Bring a Friend" meeting with a special speaker, renting a larger room (intended as a membership effort).
- 2005:**
- Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma inflict significant damage on our gardens and natural areas.

- First multi-organization Holiday Picnic in December.
- 2007:**
- First annual tram tour of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden before a meeting (spring).
 - Chapter Award from FNPS.
 - Landscape Award from FNPS for the Chapter's project at Everglades National Park.
- 2008:**
- Third Dade Chapter t-shirt (*Tillandsia*, orchids, fern and butterflies - artwork donated by Wes Jurgens); also blue denim shirts with the chapter logo.
- 2009:**
- The Chapter Facebook page is created.

Significant Chapter Achievements

- Help achieve the inclusion of Dade County pinelands and hammocks in the C.A.R.L. acquisition.
- **Hurricane Andrew recovery** (August 1992). Chapter members pulled together to regroup and help each other. Only one chapter meeting, field trip and newsletter were missed, in spite of most members being significantly affected by the hurricane (for months and years to come).
- Assisted Cammie Donaldson with **Hispanic Outreach Grant** (1998-1999) awarded to FNPS for outreach through the Dade Chapter
- **Green Palmetto Award** to the Dade Chapter for its many educational activities, "ceaselessly giving out information" in the words of president Candy Weller (1998)
- **Award from TREEmendous Miami** to DCFNPS for years of providing educational activities to the public and its efforts to enhance the entrance to Everglades National Park with appropriate native plantings (2002).
- **FNPS Chapter Award** for being an active and effective chapter over many years (2007).
- **1st place in Ecosystem Restoration category**, FNPS Landscape and Restoration Awards for the chapter's project at the Coe Visitor Center, Everglades National Park (2007).
- **Chapter Web site** since 1999, with the chapter newsletter and other information, updated monthly.
- **Annual FNPS Conferences** hosted in 1990 and 2000.
- **Chapter Conference or Native Plant Day** every year since 1982 (except when hosting the FNPS Conference).
- **The Ramble at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden** - continuous participation since 1982.

Annual outreach event sponsored by the chapter

- **Native Plant Day** is the chapter's main event each year (the 15th one in 2010), held in March at a local park or institution.

Other recent / ongoing activities:

- **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's Ramble: Educational display (1982-present) and plant sale (1990-present).**
Other annual events: Spring Plant Sale at Fairchild, EarthFest, Butterfly Days, and others, sponsored by a variety of organizations.
- **Chapter project at Coe Visitor Center, Everglades National Park** (landscape enhancement and restoration). Bimonthly workdays for planting and maintenance, 2001 - present.
- **Annual George N. Avery Science Fair Awards** (1984 - present) for senior high and middle school students.
- **Annual multi-organization Holiday Picnic** with Tropical Audubon Society, Miami Blue Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, and TREEmendous Miami. (Designed as a membership-building and inter-organization networking activity, first held in 2005. This may be changed to an annual lecture/social or some other kind of event).
- **Joint butterfly garden and other projects at the Deering Estate at Cutler** (a county park) beginning in 2010.

Past community events, chapter service projects and chapter activities

- **Plantings and workdays:** Metrozoo (1986); North Beach Elementary (1987); Castellow Hammock Nature Center (George Avery Memorial planting and picnic - 1985, 1991, 1992); Exotic "Ardisia pull" workdays in Everglades National Park, with Rick and Jean Seavey (1988 - 1991); Helped plant 1545 pine seedlings at Tamiami Pineland Preserve in memory of Jane Wood Reno (1995); Tropical Ag Fiesta (1995-1999); Restoration planting at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park (1996); Wetland planting with Boy Scouts at the Deering Estate (1998); Restoration workdays at Bear Cut Preserve (2000 - 2002); Simpson Park (2001); Repair the greenhouse of Lindsey Hopkins Technical Educational Center (done by Jim Solly, 2001); Baynanza '04 Bay Cleanup Day (2004);
- **Info tables** at Wildlife Weekend (1980s and early 1990s), Tropica 1990, Baynanza "Coconuts Festival", Metropolitan Flower Show (1983-1995, not all years), Earth Day Walk for Trees (1994, 1995), Tropical Ag Fiesta (1995- 1999), Run for the Environment (1997), Preservation 2000 celebration at Boystown (1998), Royal Poinciana Festival (1999), Home Show (2000), Earth Day at MetroZoo (2000, 2002) and Books & Books (2002); Bird and Butterfly Gardening Festival at Castellow Hammock (2005-????); Back to Nature Day at the Deering Estate (2006); Lighthouse Day at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park (2007).
- **Walks and workshop for beginners:** "Basic Botany for Budding Botanists" - A series of easy, introductory, educational walks;

Native Plant Identification Workshop (\$20 for the series of 4 Saturday sessions). These were led by Tony Koop, chapter board member and Univ. of Miami botany grad student. Proceeds of the workshop covered costs and benefited the DCFNPS and UM's Gifford Arboretum. (2000-2001)

- **Occasional educational activities:** short interpretive walks (1991), wildflower workshop by Don Keller (1991).
- **"Plant a Tree for Marjory"** in honor of Marjory Stoneman Douglas's 101 birthday: a *Colubrina eliptica* planted at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (1991)
- **Nursery Retail Day sale:** Assisted with a plant sale at Tropical Greenery and Native Nursery to help make natives more available to the public. The chapter received some of the proceeds. (1991)
- **Helped members after Hurricane Andrew:** Assisted Don and Joyce Gann in straightening up their nursery; helped Terry and Barbara Glancy clear debris blown into their pineland. (1992)
- **Special lecture on butterflies by Dr. Marc Minno** hosted by DCFNPS, with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and other organizations. Free to members of the organizations. (2001).

APPENDIX

Some founding Dade Chapter members (and early members, through 1982):

This list is not completely accurate - information was compiled from newsletters and limited, somewhat imprecise membership records.

Chuck Alden, Taylor and Edith Alexander *, Henry Block, Big Pine Key Botanical Society*, Laura Brinkley, Lisbeth Britt, Joan Browder, Carl and Becky Campbell*, Rob Campbell*, Joe Cascio*, Floyd Coxe, Lisa Davis (Anness), Sam and Deborah Dawson, Bobbe Dooley, Jim Eggert, Jean and William Evoy*, Wendy Fleming (Saltzberg)*, Jon Foote, Chirley and Hugh Forthman, Priscilla Forthman, Don and Joyce Gann*, Ray Glenn, Joan Green, Joan and Hack Hackler, Bob Kelley, Oliver Kerr, Lawrence and Pamela Lahiff*, Mark McMahon, Julia Morton*, Jack Parker, Phyllis Peters*, Patty Phares, John Popenoe, Karsten and Carol Rist*, Marty Roessler, Doris Rosebraugh, Eileen Salokar, Dan Sawyer, Sue Schreiber, Donna Sprunt*, Peter Strelkow, Tom Strobel, M. Visser.

* = Joined FNPS in 1980 or 1981 (according to FNPS records), before the Dade Chapter was established (1982)

Keys Branch

In 1999, residents of the Keys began to consider whether they could form their own FNPS chapter following a successful, post-hurricane Native Plant Fair held by The Nature Conservancy at Sugarloaf Key. Everyone was impressed by the huge turnout and wanted to continue the momentum.

An organizational meeting was held and the Keys residents decided to remain part of the Dade Chapter (as they had been since 1988), but to organize local activities. For several years, "Keys Branch" meetings were held in November to April, rotating among Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, Big Pine Key and Key West, often jointly with other organizations. In particular, the Audubon Society of the Florida Keys, Key West Botanical Garden Society, Big Pine Botanical Society, and Marathon Garden Club each co-hosted meetings several times. Eventually it became more manageable to hold meetings only in Key Largo, Marathon and Key West. Later, Key West meetings were discontinued due to lack of a coordinator for activities in Key West. Field trips are usually held the weekend following meetings.

Currently, the Branch activities are planned and executed by Mary Baker, Jackie DeGayner, Janice Duquesnel, Jim Duquesnel, Lisa Gordon, Barbara and Martin Moe. Initial organizers and subsequent contributors in earlier years also included: Chris and Beth Bergh, Joan Borel, Margaret Braisted, Tina Henize, Mary-Alice and Richard Herbert, Alison Higgins, Sue Miller, Steve Ng, Barbara Smith, Cynthia Snell, Hallett and Linda Douville, Joy Tatgenhorst and Michael Welber. Support has also come from Florida Park Service District Biologist Renate Skinner (in the founding years), the Key Largo Hammocks nursery volunteers, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, and Marathon Garden Club. Jim Duquesnel has been the unifying figure in the Keys Branch and led the planning for the initial years. Chapter Board members Mary Ann Bolla and Mark Bolla (who were residents of the Keys) served as liaisons with the Keys Branch.

For many years the KLH Nursery volunteers and Jim Duquesnel have represented FNPS along with the state parks at events such as The Florida Keys Birding and Wildlife Festivals, Green Living and Energy Expo, TNC's Annual Florida Keys Native Plant Festivals, Earth Day events at John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Bahia Honda State Park. They have also given programs and promoted FNPS membership at the grand opening event of the Key West Botanical Garden, judged butterfly gardens at the Upper Keys Montessori School, assisted St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church staff with native plant selections and placement, assisted Key Largo Public School with a "Why Plant Natives" display and garden, and other activities.

Chapter Board Members (year of election, as best as can be determined in 1983-1984)

Note of interest: Of the 11 past chapter presidents, 9 still live in Miami-Dade County and are active members of the chapter.

1982: Joyce Gann (Pres), Dan Sawyer (Tres), Joan Hackler (Secr), Joe Cascio (Assisting Tres) - founding officers as the chapter was getting organized

1983: Joyce Gann (Pres), Jim Eggert and Wendy Fleming (VPs), Lis Britt (Tres), Doris Rosebraugh and Aileen Salokar (Secr); Directors: Marty Roessler, Rob Campbell, Chirley Forthman(?), Joe Cascio

1984: Marty Roessler (Pres), Wendy Fleming (VP), Molly Feltham (Secr), Lis Britt (Tres); Directors: Carl Campbell, Kathryn Drinkhouse, Joyce Gann, Colleen Spencer, Peter Strelkow, Barry Webster

1985: Wendy Fleming (Pres), Peter Strelkow and Colleen Spencer (VPs), Patty Phares (Tres), Molly Feltham and Mary Ann Crowe (Secretaries); Directors: Joyce Gann, Don Gann, Marty Roessler, Lisbeth Britt

1986: Peter Strelkow (Pres), Patty Phares and Colleen Spencer (VPs), Tom Layman (Treasurer), Laurie Spear (Secr); Directors: Don Gann, Joyce Gann, Lisbeth Britt, Marty Roessler, Wendy Fleming

1987: Peter Strelkow (Pres), Lisbeth Britt and Patty Phares (VPs), Barbara Layman (Treasurer), Bobbe Dooley (Secr); Directors: Colleen Spencer, George Gann-Matzen, Marty Roessler, Doren Moore

1988: Patty Phares (Pres), Gwladys Scott (VP), Barbara Layman (Tres), Bobbe Dooley (Secr); Directors: Peter Strelkow, George Gann-Matzen.

1989: Patty Phares (Pres), Gwladys Scott (VP), Jim Miley (Tres), Bobbe Dooley (Secr); Directors: George Gann-Matzen (State Board rep), Joyce Gann (Conservation Chair), Peter Strelkow

1990: Patty Phares (Pres), Gwladys Scott (VP), Jim Miley (Tres), Phyllis Lerner (Secr); Directors: George Gann-Matzen (State Board rep), Joyce Gann (Conservation Chair), and Peter Strelkow, Don Keller, Rick Cohen.

1991: Patty Phares (Pres), Rick Cohen (VP), Gwen Burzycki (Tres), (Secr); Directors: Joyce Gann (Conservation), George Gann-Matzen (State FNPS rep), Don Keller.

1992: Patty Phares (Pres), Rick Cohen (VP), Gwen Burzycki (Tres); Directors: Joyce Gann (Conservation), George Gann-Matzen (State board Rep.), Don Gann, Barbara Glancy, Don Keller, Manny Lorenzo

1993: Patty Phares (Pres), Rick Cohen (VP), Gwen Burzycki (Tres), Phyllis Lerner (Secr); Directors: Barbara Glancy, Don Keller, Manny Lorenzo, Nancy Masterson. George Gann-Matzen (State board rep)

1994: Gwen Burzycki (Pres), Rick Cohen (VP), Patty Phares (VP), Linda McDonald (Secr), Becky Centoducati (Tres); Directors: George Gann-Matzen (State Board rep), Dena Garvue, Nancy Masterson, Barbara Glancy

1995: Gwen Burzycki (Pres), Linda McDonald (VP), Patty Phares (VP), Henry Block (Secr), Becky Centoducati (Tres); Directors: Jim Duquesnel, George Gann-Matzen (State Board rep), Dena Garvue, Barbara Glancy, Nancy Masterson, Steve Ng

1996: Gwen Burzycki (Pres), Linda McDonald (VP), Becky Centoducati (Secr), Don Jones (Tres); Directors: Jim Duquesnel, George Gann (State Board rep), Dena Garvue, Barbara Glancy, Nancy Masterson, Steve Ng. Patty Phares (Past-Pres)

1997: Linda McDonald (Pres), Keith Bradley (VP, State Board rep), Becky Centoducati (Secr), Gwen Burzycki (Tres); Directors: Carrie Cleland, Don Jones, Nancy Masterson, Diane Otis

1998: Keith Bradley (Pres, State Board rep), Diane Otis (VP), Becky Centoducati (Secr), Sam Dawson (Tres); Directors: Chuck Alden, Carrie Cleland, Carol Farber, Tony Koop, Susanne Travis. Linda McDonald (Past-Pres)

1999: Keith Bradley (Pres, State Board rep), Diane Otis (VP), Carol Farber (Secr), Sam Dawson (Tres); Directors: Carrie Cleland, Alma Dean, Tony Koop, Lee Massey, Karsten Rist.

2000: Keith Bradley (Pres, State Board rep), Carrie Cleland (VP), Carol Farber (Secr), Sam Dawson (Tres); Directors: Alma Dean, Tony Koop, Lee Massey, Bob Mihm, Karsten Rist.

2001: Carrie Cleland (Pres), Tony Koop (VP), Carol Farber (Secr), Sam Dawson (Tres); Directors: Bob Mihm, Manny Pomares, Karsten Rist, Jerry Russo, Lynka Woodbury; Keith Bradley (Past-Pres)

2002: Carrie Cleland (Pres), Jerry Russo (VP), Gail Romero (Secr), Sam Dawson (Tres); Directors: Bob Kelley, Karsten Rist, Jonathan Taylor, Lynka Woodbury, Steve Woodmansee; Keith Bradley (Past-Pres)

2003: Steve Woodmansee (Pres), Bob Kelley (VP), Gail Romero (Secr), Jonathan Taylor (Tres); Directors: Amy Leonard, Diane Otis, Phillip Percy, Gwladys Scott, Lynka Woodbury (State Board rep); Carrie Cleland (Past-Pres).

2004: Steve Woodmansee (Pres), Amy Leonard (VP), Lynka Woodbury (Secr, State Board rep), Jennifer Possley (Tres); Directors: Mary Ann Bolla, Patty Harris, Bob Kelley, John Lawson, Phillip Percy, Jonathan Taylor. Carrie Cleland (Past-Pres).

2005: Steve Woodmansee (Pres), Amy Leonard (VP), Jonathan Taylor (Secr), Jennifer Possley (Tres); Directors: Mary Ann Bolla, Patty Harris, John Lawson, Jan Kolb, Suzanne Koptur, Lynka Woodbury (State Board rep). Carrie Cleland (Past-Pres).

2006: Amy Leonard (Pres), Robert Harris (VP), Jonathan Taylor (Secr), Jennifer Possley (Tres); Directors: Mary Ann Bolla, Patty Harris, Jan Kolb, Suzanne Koptur, Ted Schaffer, Lynka Woodbury (State Board rep). Steve Woodmansee (Past-Pres).

2007: Amy Leonard (Pres), Robert Harris (VP), Jonathan Taylor (Secr), Mark Bolla (Tres); Directors: Mary Ann Bolla, Patty Harris, Jan Kolb, Ted Schaffer, Susan Walcutt, Lynka Woodbury (State Board rep). Steve Woodmansee (Past-Pres).

2008: Robert Harris (Pres), Ted Schaffer (VP), Jonathan Taylor (Secr), Mark Bolla (Tres); Directors: Keith Bradley, Patty Harris, Jan Kolb, Jose Luciani, Susan Walcutt, Lynka Woodbury (State Board rep). Amy Leonard (Past-Pres).

2009: Robert Harris (Pres), Ted Schaffer (VP), (Secr vacant), Mark Bolla (Tres); Directors: Amida Frey, Patty Harris, Jose Luciani, Gita Ramsay, Vivian Waddell, Susan Walcutt, Lynka Woodbury (State Board rep). Amy Leonard (Past-Pres).

Membership

July 1984: 68 voting members

July 1986: 147 individual and family, 3 organizations

July 1988: Keys FNPS members are assigned to the Dade Chapter

March 2006: 293 (all categories)

March 2010: 283 (all categories)

A peak of over 300 was reached some time before 2006 but has leveled off since then.

Members are diverse in age, professions, interests and backgrounds: Miami-Dade Parks and National Parks naturalists and biologists; county and city environmental agency employees; professional growers, horticulturists and arborists; landscape designers and Landscape Architects; biologists in academia and consulting; educators of all ages; architects of "green" buildings; as well as "back-yard" growers; excellent amateur horticulturists, naturalists, photographers and botanical artists; and native plant gardeners -- the backbone of all FNPS chapters.

Some members began participating as children in the Dade Native Plant Workshop and followed as adults into the FNPS (Rob Campbell, George Gann). Some high school students became active chapter members on their own (Robert Harris, Chapter President, 2008-2010, whose father was an earlier member; Wes Brooks, now a graduate student).

Chapter Meetings in Miami-Dade County

Meetings are held 10 times a year in Miami-Dade, nine at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (in the same room where it started in 1982), with one summer meeting being an evening yard visit and social. No meetings are held in August and December.

Programs cover a wide variety of topics, with a target of 1/3 landscape-oriented, not more than 1/3 technical and research-related, and the rest general interest. Occasional special speakers are brought from out of town.

Every meeting ends with a raffle of plants and other items donated by members. There are occasional "auctions" for very special plants. The raffle/auction proceeds cover the room rental.

Discussion of the raffle plants provides some landscaping and plant information at every meeting. In the early years, a "mini-lecture" by Rob Campbell before the main program served this function.

Sales of books and other merchandise at meetings make a modest contribution to the chapter treasury but are considered mainly a service.

While there is good attendance by members, there are many guests, often including students attending for specific programs topics. Attendance is usually 70-80, sometimes higher.

Field trips

At the beginning, the chapter was invited along for trips organized by the Native Plant Workshop. The first field trip organized by the chapter (instead of the Native Plant Workshop) was to Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park in June 1985. The Native Plant Workshop continued to organize most of the trips.

The first field trip coordinator (beginning in about 1988) was Carol Lippincott (with continued assistance by Alan Herndon of the Native Plant Workshop, though the NPW was no longer planning the trips).

Other field trip coordinators: Sura Seliger (1991-1992); Rick Cohen (1993-1995); Marty Roessler (1995-1996); Keith Bradley (~1998-2000); Steve Woodmansee (~2003-2008); at other times through 2010 the field trip committee has usually been Gwen Burzycki, Chuck McCartney, Patty Phares, Marty Roessler and Steve Woodmansee.

Trips are on Saturdays or Sundays and scheduled to suit the chapter calendar and schedules of leaders instead of a fixed day each month. Occasional trips are followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant, and late-afternoon trips have also been held. Field trips are for members and their guests and are not announced to the general public.

Destinations range from as far away as Archbold Biological Station, the Okaloacoochee Slough and Naples to the Lower Keys but are usually shorter and close to home in hot months. Special trips: "Botanize by bike" at Shark Valley (ENP) on full moon nights; overnight trips to Archbold, Jonathan Dickinson State Park and the Florida Keys; boat trips to Elliott Key; a botanical and geologic tour by airboat of tree islands in an Everglades Wildlife Manage Area.

Official field trip "cheap cookie" contributor: Chuck McCartney

Yard Visits

Several tours or "open yards" at members' homes were always held each year as extra activities or as field trips. In 2003 Gwladys Scott instituted "Yard Visits for New Learners" several times a year. This was born from her concern that "newbies" needed to learn about natives in a hand-on manner and to see them in various settings, formal and informal, and to learn about the property owner's successes and failures at growing them.

Since 2003, Gwladys has scouted for yards with good opportunities for landscaping instruction (not just a "native jungle". The property-owner and Gwladys both contribute to the tour. While the intent is still to introduce people to natives and landscaping, "for

New Learners" has been dropped, reflecting the diverse experience of the attendees and the fact that even old hands can always learn something. Yard visits are generally for members and their guests.

Chapter newsletter (*Tillandsia*)

The newsletter began in mid-1982 and is published 10 times each year. In 1984 the newsletter adopted the name "*Tillandsia*" and began using the official chapter logo. As of February 2010, this is exclusively a print newsletter but most of it is also posted on the chapter Web site. The newsletter contains chapter announcements and details of activities; activities of interest by allied organizations; field trip reports with list of plants in bloom (regular feature until 2009, occasional after that); plant and conservation-related articles.

Editors: Laura Brinkley, Wendy Fleming and Tom Strobel (Founding Editors, 1982-1984); Lisbeth Britt (1985, 1987); Patty Phares (1986, 1988-2010).

Co-editors: Ray Boegen (1988); Pete Button (1992); Phil Valla (1995-1997); Jeff Wasielewski (2001); Karen Griffin (2003-2007).

Production: Lisa Davis (Anness) (1983-1985), John Pancoast (1986-1987); **Typing:** Mary Ann Crowe (1986-1988), Dell Reich (1987), Monique Novales (1988), Lori Yanoshik (1989-1994).

Photocopying: donated at various times by General Development Corporation (through employee Lisa Davis Anness), Richard Lyons, and Bill Mills (Copymills).

Folding and mailing: Gwladys Scott (forever), Jan Kolb, Patty Phares, Jim and Lois Higman, Donna Rich; others in early years.

Mailing database and labels: Joyce Gann (early years), Hal Peters and Patty Phares (1996-2010)

Major newsletter contributors:

Marty Roessler: Almost 20 years of field trip reports (Oct 1987 - Aug 2009); Bloom Briefs (October 1984 to May 1988); uncountable book reviews, plant profiles and other articles still continue.

Don Keller: Frequent native plant quizzes and feature articles, especially on ferns and orchids and "nature adventures"

Roger Hammer: A contributor since the beginning, near-monthly articles in some years, always with a large dose of humor and well as facts - plant profiles, what's happening in nature this month, "is it native" discussions, memorials

John Pancoast and Wes Jurgens: Author and illustrator of the series "One Man's Weed" (1985 through the 1990s and occasionally after that). This column usually featured small, less common natives, including those sprouting in the cracks of sidewalks which Wes spied on his lunchtime strolls on Brickell Avenue. Wes and John were coworkers of Lisa Davis (Anness) who was a member of DCFNPS. Through Lisa, Wes was enlisted to design the chapter logo and illustrate articles written by John.

Rob Campbell: Has shared his vast knowledge of propagation and horticulture through newsletter articles as well as programs. His humorous tales of his experience tromping in the wilds of South Florida have also entertained readers and audiences.

Chuck McCartney: Articles on many topics, especially orchids and wildflowers, with a healthy dose of technical information accessible to a general audience

Steve Woodmansee: Many plant profiles (especially "on demand" when the editor is desperate for an article!) and advocacy articles.

Nursery News: 1997-2000 with articles by Joyce Gann of Tropical Greenery and Native Nursery, continuing intermittently after that with contributions from most member nurseries about specific plants, or highlights of upcoming plant sales.

Other major contributors of articles: Center for Tropical Plant Conservation at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (especially Jennifer Possley and other DCFNPS members); Keith Bradley (The IRC); Jim Duquesnel (Keys Branch of the Dade Chapter), Karen Griffin (co-editor).

Chapter Web resources

The Chapter Website was designed by member Greg Ballinger in 1999. Greg has been the Webmaster continuously, updating each month with the newsletter and for special events (Native Plant Day). The site also contains information, resources and links. The site generates many calls from the public wanting information about plants and nurseries. In 2009 Haniel Pulido became co-Webmaster and is ready to launch a new design.

In 2009, the chapter started a Facebook page, maintained by Amy Leonard.

George N. Avery Science Fair Awards (South Florida Science and Engineering Fair)

This award, given in honor of George N. Avery, a self-taught native plant expert who was a mentor and friend to many local enthusiasts. Lisa Davis (Anness) was the founder of the award. The awards consist of a \$50 bookstore gift certificate and a one year student membership in the Florida Native Plant Society. The Avery prize is awarded to one or more high or middle school students annually for outstanding projects that enhance the student's understanding of Florida's native plants or plant communities. Coordinators for the award have included Alma Dean, Allyn Golub, Jennifer Possley, Lynka Woodbury and Gita Ramsay; Gwen Burzycki makes the certificates.

1984: Jennifer Hoffman (South Dade High, Senior). Relative habitat value of mangrove fringes and sea grass beds for a species of commercial shrimp.

1985: Alissa Grand (Highland Oak Junior High, 9th Grade). Effects of environmental conditions on microfauna in the soil.

1986: Michael Fleming (Southwood Junior High). Allelopathy in South Florida exotics.

- 1987: none awarded
- 1988: Michael Liberman. Castellow Hammock - a 50-year study.
- 1989: Jeff Tompkins. Effects of tropical and subtropical climates on plants (part 1 of a 2-year study).
- 1990: (1) Michael Brooks. Saltwater intrusion effect on freshwater plants.
(2) Jeff Tompkins. Effects of tropical and subtropical climates on plants (part 2 of 2-year study).
- 1991: none awarded
- 1992: (1) Virginia Dunn (Palmetto Middle School). Do mangrove shoreline restorations enhance water clarity in shallow bays?
(2) Emilio Travieso (Pinewood Acres). Does the near-endangered Florida silver palm absorb water from sea spray through the undersides of its leaves?
- 1993: (1) Joshua Rosen (Glades Middle School). For the birds - recreating a backyard biome.
(2) Genie Oppenheimer (Carver Middle School). Trees that survived Hurricane Andrew.
- 1994: none awarded.
- 1995: James Hutson. Survival of South Florida Slash Pine seedlings.
- 1996: none awarded.
- 1997: Arielle Castillo (Carver Middle School). Natural pesticides from native plants.
- 1998: Rebecca Panko (Coral Reef Senior High). Pineland thousand hour fuels: How accurate are computer models?
- 1999: (1) Kelley Lee. (Coral Reef Senior High, 10th Grade). Salinity effects of salt water stress and UVB radiation on the flotation angle of the Red Mangrove propagule.
(2) Lashunda Lynch (Miami Edison Middle School, 7th Grade). Stomatal adaptations in xeriphytic plants in the sand pine and scrub communities.
- 2000: Marilyn Lindsley (Westminster Christian School, 11th Grade). Do temperature effects prevent turtle grass colonization?
- 2001: (1) Nicholas Detrio (Hammocks Middle School, 7th Grade). Differences in host plants for the giant swallowtail butterfly larvae.
(2) Michael Garcia, Vartan Pogharian, Eduardo Saverin (Gulliver Preparatory School, Seniors). Evaluation of the biodiversity present within the lichen community of the Florida Everglades ecosystem.
- 2002: none awarded
- 2003: Carli Koshal, Lucia Goyen (Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School, 12th Grade). Discriminant Analysis of Mitigated vs. Unmitigated Red Mangroves: The Effect of Turbidity on Growth Rates.
- 2004: none awarded
- 2005: (1) Sarah Bartleson, Evan Downs (South Miami Middle School, 8th Grade). The Genetic Diversity of Red Mangrove, *Rhizophora mangle*, in Southern Florida.
(2) Ethan Addicot (Highland Oaks Middle School, 7th Grade). Do Beaches Need Veggies Too?
- 2006: none awarded
- 2007: Nia Brisbane (Felix Varela Senior High, 12th grade). Tiny Seeds Present the Big Picture for Everglades Restoration.
- 2008: none awarded
- 2009: (1) Christopher Allen Sanchez (Felix Varela Senior High School, 12th grade). Interpreting the hydrological history of an Everglades wetland through microscopic characterization of phytoliths.
(2) Rafael David Moas (Christopher Columbus High School, 10th grade). Growth analysis of *Jacquemontia reclinata* using various substrates.
(3) Victor M. Moas (Christopher Columbus High School, 12th grade). "Are the seeds of Small's milkpea (*Galactia smallii*) candidates for frozen storage?"
- 2010: (1) Jonathan Prendergast (Felix Varela Senior High, grade 12). Interpreting the nutrient limitations, salinity, and seasonal variations of Florida Bay in order to analyze shifts in species and biomass productivity.
(2) Victor Moas, Jesus Melendez, and Robert Wollberg. (schools TBA) Breaking the Dormancy of *Senna mexicana* var. *chapmanii* seeds.

Hispanic Outreach Program "La Flora de la Florida"

A grant for \$30,000 was awarded to FNPS for an Hispanic outreach program through the Dade Chapter in early 1998. The award was from FACEE (Florida Advisory Council on Environmental Education). Cammie Donaldson from FNPS worked with the DCFNPS board and other interested members to write the proposal. Board members and other interested chapter members and residents met several times with Cammie to plan activities.

While Cammie shouldered the burden of making arrangements and preparing materials, the chapter assisted her in carrying out activities over the following year. Activities included gardens and educational activities with two schools, community events, special events in conjunction with DERM and Citizens for a Better South Florida, focus groups for professionals, native nursery tours for landscape professionals, a demonstration planting with bilingual signage (at the veterinary clinic of Dr. Ted Sanchez), developing bilingual handouts (still in use in 2010) and a bilingual display board.

FNPS Conferences in Miami-Dade

May 11-13, 1990 (10th annual) - "Living with Nature in the 21st Century" - Committee: Leo Alvarez (FIU), Laura Brinkley, George Gann, Joyce Gann, David Lee (FIU), Jack Parker (FIU and DCFNPS), Patty Phares. Held at and co-sponsored by Florida

International University.

May 4-7, 2000 (20th annual) - "Living with Nature in the 21st Century" (recycling works!) - Committee chairs: Keith Bradley, Gwen Burzycki, Patty Phares. Also Rick Cohen, Tiffany Gann, Stinger Guala, Joy Klein, Suzanne Koptur, Tony Pernas, Karsten Rist, Gwladys Scott, Kristine Stewart. Held at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel. Highlights included a 3-day field trip to the Florida Keys and social event at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Major collaborators: The Institute for Regional Conservation, Florida International University, Miami-Dade DERM, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Chapter Conferences and the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Awards.

From 1982 to 1989, the Dade Chapter presented the annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award, in conjunction with Ms. Douglas, to persons who contributed to the knowledge or preservation of native plants above and beyond their regular professional duties. The award was named in honor of a person who was inspirational in her lifelong devotion to South Florida's environment. The chapter hoped that the award would inspire others to continue in their efforts to preserve our natural heritage. The proceeds of each conference enabled the chapter to sponsor the award. The granting of this award was suspended when chapter conferences were no longer held but may be revived.

Chapter conference committees:

1982: Jon Foote, Priscilla Forthman, Joan Green

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1984 - 1986: Jon Foote (chair)

1987-1989: George Gann-Matzen (chair) with the chapter board

1982 (Oct 2): At Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

MSD Award: Roger Hammer - Teaching the public about South Florida's native plants.

1983 (Oct 1-2): At Florida International University.

MSD Award: Dr. Taylor Alexander - Contributing to the understanding of South Florida's flora and ecology.

1984 (Oct 6-7): At Florida International University.

MSD Award: the late George Avery (accepted by his friend Conrad Bird) - Contributing to the knowledge of South Florida's common and rare plants. The monetary award was donated to plant a biome at Castellow Hammock Nature Center as a tribute to Mr. Avery.

Speakers: Roger Hammer, Lance Gunter, Rob Line, Julia Morton, Alan Herndon, Nat Reed.

Workshop/tours: Peter Strelkow, Jim Watson, Chris Migliaccio.

1985 (Nov 16-17): At the Tropical Audubon Society's Doc Thomas House.

MSD Award: Drs. Donovan and Helen Correll - Contributing to the understanding of Florida's flora.

Speakers: Rob Line, Joyce Gann, Jon Foote, Peter Strelkow, Larry Harris (U.F.- panther preservation)

Field trip: Lignumvitae Key by bus

1986 (Nov 11-12): At Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

MSD Award: Gov. Bob Graham (accepted by former Miami Commissioner Alice Wainwright) - Promoting legislation to protect Florida's environment. Gov. Graham donated his award to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's efforts to publish *The Flora of Florida*, edited by Dr. Helen Correll.

1987 (Oct 31-Nov 1): At Miami Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus.

MSD Award: Don and Joyce Gann - Inspiring us to learn about native plants and to love them.

1988 (Nov 19): At Kenwood Elementary School.

MSD Award: Henry Block - Creating an outdoor classroom with native plants.

1989 (Nov 18): At Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden

MSD Award: Rick and Jean Seavey - Volunteer work to control exotics in ENP.

Native Plant Day

Native Plant Day is the chapter's major public outreach effort. It was created in 1991 when Marianne Olsen, Director of the Deering Estate, asked the chapter to have an event at the park. This replaced the more formal annual chapter conference. Activities include programs and hands-on activities for all ages, nature walks, plant sales by the chapter and nursery vendors, chapter book sales, displays by other organizations, and raffles. The event is cosponsored by a park (a Miami-Dade County park in all but two years) or institution where it is held. It is free, unless the park requires an entrance fee. Attendance has reached as high as 700.

The current chair of the coordinating committee is Amy Leonard (2007-2010). Other committee chairs and key players have included: Keith Bradley, Gwen Burzycki, Rick Cohen, Jan Kolb, John Lawson, Linda McDonald, Phillip Percy, Patty Phares, Mary Rose, Gwladys Scott, Ted Shaffer, Matthew St. Aubin, Jonathan Taylor, Lynka Woodbury, and Steve Woodmansee (chair 2004-2006), and all the members of the chapter boards. But the overwhelming participation and donations by chapter members (and their students, coworkers, friends and families) and community friends (especially the numerous organizations bringing displays, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Miami-Dade Parks, Miami-Dade DERM and other parks departments) have determined the success of the event.

March 9, 1991 - The Deering Estate at Cutler
March 28, 1992 - The Deering Estate at Cutler
1993-1996 - No event due to Hurricane Andrew damage
March 22, 1997 - Bill Sadowski Old Cutler Hammock Park
March 28, 1998 - Bill Sadowski Old Cutler Hammock Park
March 27, 1999 - Gifford Arboretum, University of Miami
2000 - No NPD because the state FNPS conference was held in Miami
March 24, 2001 - Castellow Hammock Nature Center
March 9, 2002 - Castellow Hammock Nature Center
March 9, 2003 - The Deering Estate at Cutler (the only time on Sunday)
March 20, 2004 - Castellow Hammock Nature Center
March 5, 2005 - Crandon Park and Marjory Stoneman Douglas Nature Center
March 4, 2006 - The Deering Estate at Cutler
March 17, 2007 - Bill Sadowski Old Cutler Hammock Park
March 15, 2008 - Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park (City of North Miami)
March 14, 2009 - A.D. Barnes Park
March 27, 2010 - Bill Sadowski Old Cutler Hammock Park (15th Native Plant Day)

Everglades National Park Ernest Coe Visitors Center project (2001- present)

Chapter project at Visitor Center, Everglades National Park (landscape enhancement and restoration).

Bimonthly workdays are held for planting and maintenance, 2001 - present.

The first workday in January 2001 drew 40 volunteers.

An Open House was held in February 2007 to introduce the park visitors to the plantings and encourage them to try using the concepts and native plants in their own gardens.

Received the FNPS Landscape Award in 2007 (Ecosystem Restoration Category, 1st place)

Committee: Gwen Burzycki, Mary Collins, Patty Phares, Jonathan Taylor (Jeff Blakley and Carrie Cleland also served in the early years).

Star participants: Mary Barfield, Ellen Barrett, Carl Barta, Mary Rose, Donna Rich, Jeanne Rothchild, Gwladys Scott

Frequent speakers or trip leaders, from the ranks of the membership (current or past)

Keith Bradley, Rob Campbell, Gwen Burzycki, Jim Duquesnel, Juan Fernandez, Don and Joyce Gann, George Gann, Roger Hammer, Don Keller, Suzanne Koptur, Robin Luker, Chuck McCartney, Jack Parker, Wendy Saltzburg, Steve Woodmansee ... to name a few!

Members serving on the FNPS board or committees

Joyce Gann (1981-1986): SE Area Director or Dade Chapter rep.; coordinator for chapter formation in south Florida (Naples, Martin, Dade)

George Gann (1987-1997): VP for Finance (1996-1997); Dade Chapter rep..

Keith Bradley (1997-2003): Dade Chapter rep.

Lynka Woodbury (2003-present): Director at Large; Dade Chapter rep. (2006-present); Membership Co-Chair (2007-2008)

Steve Woodmansee (2001-present): VP for Finance (2008-2010), Dade Chapter rep. (2003-2006); Conservation Committee member (2001- 2008)

Mary Ann Bolla: Membership Co-Chair (2007)

FNPS Awards to Individuals (Dade Chapter members and others)

Nonmember:

1986: ▪ FNPS Green Palmetto Award to Georgia Tasker for her book *Wild Things*

Dade Chapter members:

2000: ▪ Mentor Award to Don and Joyce Gann for Lifetime Achievement: their many years of helping and teaching others about all aspects of native plants, founding the chapter, efforts to preserve and promote the use of natives.

▪ Green Palmetto Award to Patty Phares for service to the Dade Chapter

2002: ▪ Green Palmetto Award to Chuck McCartney (Broward and Dade Chapters) for his service and educational zeal (countless programs, articles, photography, field trips)

▪ Mentor Award to Dr. Taylor Alexander, Professor emeritus of Botany at the Univ. of Miami, teacher, mentor, colleague and friend to many members of FNPS and Florida's environmental community - one of Florida's outstanding and earliest environmentalists

2003: ▪ Green Palmetto Award to Roger Hammer for his contributions as naturalist, author of many articles and his first book (*Everglades Wildflowers*), and service in the areas of education, research, promotion and preservation of native plants South Florida.

Awards to the Dade Chapter (by FNPS and others)

- 1998: ▪ FNPS Green Palmetto Award for the chapter's many educational activities, "ceaselessly giving out information"
2002: ▪ Award from TREEmendous Miami to the chapter for years of providing educational activities to the public and its efforts to enhance the entrance to Everglades National Park with appropriate native plantings .
2007: ▪ FNPS Chapter Award to the Dade Chapter for being an active and effective chapter over many years.

FNPS Landscape Awards for projects in Miami-Dade County and the Keys

(Note: The agencies/institutions/parks/firms receiving awards are not members of FNPS but support DCFNPS and are associated with FNPS members. The others were Dade Chapters members at the time of the award.)

- 1990: Henry Block's home, 1st place, residential category
1991: Terry and Barbara Glancy's pineland, "Overall" winner for their pineland preservation and restoration
1994: Chuck Alden, ASLA (with FL Dept. of Transportation) - "Chairman's Grand Choice Prize" for his Gratigny Expressway interchange wetlands creation.
1996: Kenwoods Learning Center at Kenwood Elementary School, 1st place, school category. (Submitted by Henry Block; this project also won a state and national "Take Pride America" award in 1988)
1998: Steve Crebbin and Richard Brown (Brown and Crebbin Design Studio, Tavernier) - 1st place professional/residential category (landscape and restoration on Lower Matecumbe Key)
1999: Steve Crebbin and Richard Brown (Brown and Crebbin Design Studio, Tavernier) - Best Overall professionally designed project (Mariners Hospital, Tavernier)
2000: (1) Miami-Dade DERM, 2nd place, Upland Restoration category (Andrew Dodge New Pine Preserve);
(2) Miami-Dade Public Schools, 2nd place, Schoolyard category (Kenwood Elementary School Annex Project). The impact of 13 years of encouraging native plants at this school had positively influenced decision making for the new Annex project.
2001: (1) Miami-Dade Parks Natural Areas Management (restorations at Matheson Hammock and Richmond Pinelands)
(2) Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park restoration
(3) Patricia Mull's residence in the Keys
2002: (1) Miami-Dade Parks Natural Areas Management (restoration at the Deering Estate at Cutler)
(2) The Botanical Garden at Tropical Audubon Society
(3) David Goodin and the City of South Miami for Fuchs Park
(4) Marjory Stoneman Douglas Key Biscayne Nature Center
(5) Geomantic Designs, Inc., for the Florida Keys Arboretum at the University of Miami
2003: City of Coral Gables Maintenance Facility - award in the Institutional/Professional design category to establish a "naturalistic" landscape on a canal bank.
2004: Richard Brown, Brown and Crebbin Design Studio in Tavernier - Founder's Park in Islamorada
2007: (1) Ivan Felton's yard - Homeowner Design category
(2) The Dade Chapter's project at the Coe Visitor Center in Everglades National Park - 1st place, Ecosystem Restoration category.
2008: Wes Brooks - Residential Homeowner Design ("mini-restoration" of his mother's yard)

Endowment Awards to Miami-Dade / Keys researchers:

- 1998: Annemarie Jameson (student at Univ. of Miami) - Host plant useage of Schaus' swallowtail butterfly
2001: Elena Pinto-Torres (student at FIU and FTBG) - Pollination and conservation of *Jacquemontia reclinata*;
Hannah Thornton (student at FIU and FTBG) - Investigating variation within populations of an endangered plant.
2002: John Geiger (student at FIU, chapter member) - Biology of *Ipomoea microdactyla*
2004: Brian Sidoti (student at FIU, chapter member) - Systematics of *Tillandsia fasciculata*
2006: John Geiger (student at FIU, chapter member) - Biology of *Ipomoea microdactyla*
2007: Dr. John Pascarella (Valdosta State Univ.), with Dr. Joyce Maschinski (Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and chapter member) - Population structure and dynamics of *Jacquemontia reclinata*
2008: (1) Tania Weiss (student at Univ. of Miami) - Mycorrhizal fungi and *Pinus elliottii* seedlings
(2) Beyte Barrios (student at FIU) - Effects of seasonal fire on the reproductive biology of pineland allamanda.

Conservation Grant awards (sponsored by the Dade Chapter, conducted by the awardees):

- 2007: Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and The Institute for Regional Conservation - reintroduce two species of endangered strap fern to Timms Hammock in Miami-Dade Co. (project by George Gann, Keith Bradley and Steve Woodmansee, all chapter members)
2008: Wes Brooks (student at Rutgers, chapter member) - Establishing an experimental hammock community at Kendall Indian Hammocks

2009: Key West Tropical Forest and Botanical Garden (Stephen Hodges, resident botanist) - Population monitoring of *Linum arenicola* in the Florida Keys

In Memoriam (Dade Chapter members or special contributors to south Florida botany) - from the chapter newsletter

George N. Avery (1983): Although not a member of FNPS, George was the primary mentor and friend to those in the South Florida botanical community, especially those in the Native Plant Workshop. He devoted his life to the knowledge of South Florida plants and made great contributions to plant science. He was the third recipient of the chapter's Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award.

Phyllis Lerner (1994): Phyllis was the chapter "butterfly lady" and ardent educator for public schools and DCFNPS. She was an enthusiastic chapter member, providing larvae and adults butterflies for displays and serving on the board.

Bruce Healy (1996): He regularly contributed ferns and other rare plants to the raffles and sales, helped at almost all chapter functions and rarely missed a meeting or field trip. As a transplant from New Zealand, Bruce truly embraced the South Florida environment.

Dr. Julia Morton (1997): She was well-known internationally and locally for her writings and studies of native and non-native flora and the problems of invasive exotics. Although not a member of FNPS, she was a most accessible source of valuable information for plant experts and the general public.

Joan and Hack Hackler (1997): Founding members of the Dade Chapter and regular participants of the Native Plant Workshop before that. Joan had a great enthusiasm for natives that she spread to others at a time when few were actively learning about native flora.

Chirley Forthman (1997): Interest in natives was a family affair. She and her husband landscaped their yard with natives before it was common to do so and later built a home, preserving the surrounding native hammock. They founded native Tree Nursery and led their son into the business.

Steve Crebbin (1999): A member of FNPS in the Keys and a landscape architect with Brown and Crebbin Design Studio. He and Richard Brown won landscape awards from FNPS in 1998 and 1999.

Dr. Helen Correll (2000): Noted South Florida botanist, recipient of the chapter's 1985 Marjory Stoneman Douglas Award.

Roy Orlo Woodbury (2002): Prominent botanist, Professor at Univ. of Miami and Univ. of Puerto Rico, and an early botanist in Dade County. He compiled the first comprehensive botanical survey of Castello Hammock in 1937.

Lisa Davis Anness (2005): Lisa was a founding member and originator of the chapter's Science Fair Award. She was the entire production staff of the newsletter in the early years and responsible for bringing her colleagues Wes Jurgens and John Pancoast into our circle of newsletter friends (*One Man's Weed* series).

Dr. Taylor Alexander (2005): A founding member of the chapter, Professor emeritus of Botany at the Univ. of Miami, teacher, mentor, colleague and friend to many members of FNPS and Florida's environmental community - one of Florida's outstanding and earliest environmentalists

Dr. Robert Kelley (2006): A founding member of the chapter and key person in facilitating its establishment; an occasional chapter board member; expert on birds, butterflies and spiders; a champion of the environment, especially in his numerous roles in Tropical Audubon Society.

Dr. Carl Campbell (2006): A founding member of the chapter; Professor Emeritus in the University of Florida Tropical Research and Education Center in Homestead; best known for his expertise on tropical fruit production, but we also knew him as one of the first experts on native plants, supporter of environmental causes and a mentor to many.

Dr. Mary Ann Bolla (2008): A South Florida naturalist in the 1970s, active in the native plant workshop for many years and later in the Dade Chapter. Professionally, she specialized in horticulture, but after retiring, her business of finding and selling botanical books (including out-of-print) helped enlighten many. She was a Dade Chapter board member and co-chair of the FNPS membership committee. She and her husband Mark hosted an annual party for all her "plant friends" (a tradition from pre-FNPS days), including all of DCFNPS.

Other key organizations for DCFNPS

Numerous organizations or agencies assist DCFNPS and publicize its activities. These are some who are especially active in promoting and assisting DCFNPS over many years, providing support with field trip locations and leaders, speakers, conference committee members, plants, information, meeting space, publicity and moral support.

▪ Dade Native Plant Workshop (NPW)

The NPW was formed many years before FNPS and many of its members were the founding DCFNPS members. In the early years of DCFNPS, the NPW provided field trips for both groups. Throughout the years, DCFNPS members have attended the NPW to learn and have taken the leadership roles in NPW. The two organizations are distinct, but DCFNPS members are the major attendees at NPW and benefit from the educational experience, and NPW is promoted widely by DCFNPS.

▪ Everglades National Park

The park provides speakers and field trip leaders (especially from the research center) and exhibits at Native Plant Day, and the chapter has an ongoing project in the park.

▪ **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**

FTBG has rented meeting space to DCFNPS since the beginning of the chapter and promotes the organization in many ways. FTBG biologists from the Center for Tropical Plant Conservation provide speakers, advice, newsletter articles, science fair judges, exhibits at events. The nursery often donates plants for Native Plant Day raffles and raises some plants for the DCFNPS project at Everglades National Park (from seed collected in ENP). The herbarium (virtual and physical) is a resource for numerous members who are the plant experts in DCFNPS. Many departments at FTBG are staffed with DCFNPS members who lend their expertise to FNPS and DCFNPS. FTBG was a major sponsor of the 2000 FNPS conference. The chapter participates in events at FTBG (The Ramble, Spring Plant Sale, Butterfly Days)

▪ **Florida International University**

FIU faculty and graduate students have presented programs, served on the FNPS conference committees, written newsletter articles. Many graduates in the Masters and PhD programs later have become contributors to DCFNPS in their jobs. FIU was a major sponsor of both the 1990 and 2000 conferences.

▪ **Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park native plant nursery.**

Started in 1991, this State Parks nursery is now run by volunteers and is a major source for native plant raffles and restoration projects throughout the Keys. The nursery distributes thousands of native plants annually to non-profit organizations including FNPS. Nursery volunteers represent FNPS at Keys environmental events along with their own outreach activities for the park and are also the main coordinators of the Keys Branch activities in Key Largo.

▪ **Miami-Dade County Parks**

Miami-Dade Parks naturalists and Natural Areas Management staff lead field trips, present programs, bring exhibits to Native Plant Day and provide technical guidance. They assisted greatly with the Hispanic Outreach literature and programs.

▪ **The Institute for Regional Conservation**

The IRC Website was launched in 2001 with the Floristic Inventory of South Florida Database, and in 2005, "Natives For Your Neighborhood" (NFYN) listing plants by zip code with detailed descriptions and landscaping use information. This is a significant and beneficial event for the chapter because the information on the Web site has provided a comprehensive, authoritative, readily-accessible source of information for many important chapter needs -- plant display/sale signs, newsletter articles, photographs, horticultural and gardening information, plant lists for plantings and field trips. Several FNPS members contributed photographs and information. The Dade Chapter made a monetary contribution to the IRC to support development of NFYN.

The IRC was a major sponsor of the 2000 FNPS conference. Over the years it has provided speakers, exhibits, plants, trip leaders and plant knowledge to DCFNPS on countless occasions, as well as chapter board members.

▪ **Tropical Audubon Society**

TAS supported the formation of DCFNPS from the start and has provided space for board meetings for much of the life of the chapter. TAS has provided programs at monthly meetings and participates at Native Plant Day with an exhibit, programs and a bird walk.

Other major supporters:

- Citizens for a Better South Florida
- City of Miami Parks
- Miami Blue Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association
- Miami-Dade College
- TREEmendous Miami

Cooperating nurseries and businesses who have supported DCFNPS by participating at events, donating plants to projects or loaning plants for displays (* no longer in business):

- Casey's Corner Nursery
- The Institute for Regional Conservation
- Pro Native Consulting
- Robin's Tree Service
- Veber's Jungle Garden

In years past:

- Allen's Hammock Nursery *
- Florida Keys Native Nursery
- Gann's Native Tropical Greenery *
- Native Tree Nursery
- Plant Creations
- Tropical Bio Industries *