



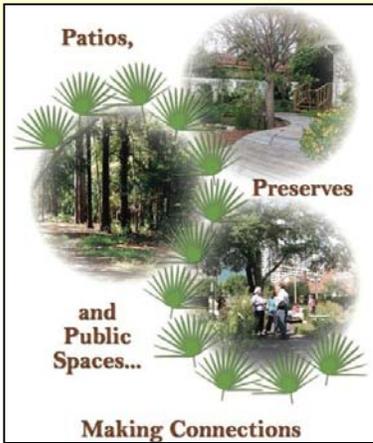
FNPS Mission: The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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## 2011 FNPS Conference Registration Is Now Open

Registration is now open for the Florida Native Plant Society 31st Annual Conference. It will take place at the Sheraton Orlando North on May 19-22. This year's theme, *Patios, Preserves and Public Spaces: Making Connections*, will feature over 50 expert speakers, researchers and workshops focused on the connection between native plants and conservation of Florida's native habitats to the landscapes that we create in our personal and public environments.



The keynote speakers include Dr. Rutherford H. Platt, Professor of Geography and Planning Law Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Cities, and Rick Darke, a widely published author, lecturer and consultant who focuses on native regional landscape design, planning and conservation. Also speaking will be Mari Margill from the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund who will be introducing the concept of Earth Jurisprudence—the emerging field that promotes the idea that nature has a right to exist in a court of law. Evening social events, field trips led by experts, vendors, exhibitors and the native plant sale will round out the comprehensive four day event and make this an unforgettable experience.

Visit [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) for more information and registration.

### Thanks to Volunteers at the Florida Wildflower Foundation Booth at the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival

The Florida Wildflower Foundation had a booth in the exhibits area at the Birding Festival held at the BCC North campus near Titusville on January 26-30, 2011.

Barb Peterson, Beth Glover, Liz and Shaw Frederick, Martha Steuart, Suzanne Valencia volunteered to help Lisa Roberts, Executive Director of the Florida Wildflower



Foundation, to staff this exhibit.

More than 4000 persons attended this festival. Many expressed their support of the Florida Wildflower Foundation.

### Volunteer Appreciation and Learning Garden in Viera Regional Park

The major activities at the Viera Garden during January included a Sunday with the Sheriff's work crew spreading mulch and a Monday morning with volunteers

Robert Wicker, Kari Ruder and Vince Lamb applying herbicide—mostly to the walkways. The plants are largely dormant due to cold weather, so no other work was needed.



Thanks again to the BCC students for donating the proceeds of their bake sale to the garden.

Kari Ruder prepared a plant "wish list" for the Viera Garden that appears later in this newsletter.