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Magnolia Chapter Happenings August 2013

A belated note – In July, Travis and Karen MacClendon and Dr. Loran Anderson discovered a population of gentian pinkroot (*Spigelia gentianoides*) in southwest Calhoun County. This was a new record for the MacClendon's county herbarium. Dr. Anderson reported this federally endangered, inconspicuous plant to Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) for formal tracking.

Magnolia Chapter President Leigh Brooks met with Florida A & M University (FAMU) Green Coalition representatives to explore possibilities for collaboration and diversifying Chapter participation. One possible project is improving GreenCo Park on FAMU's campus.

FNPS Land Management Partners Committee (LMP) update - Mike Jenkins, Chapter Board member, participated in the Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Recreation Masterplan External Stakeholder meeting. The purpose was to gather input on public access improvements. The WMA has rare plants, primarily in sloping temperate hardwood forests.

-Brad Hartman attended the Acquisition and Restoration Council meeting to hear about the state land surplussing (sales) process. There will be a public workshop on surplussing the Wards Creek parcel prior to final decision by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

-Bob Farley, also a Chapter Board member, attended a Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) meeting to learn about the draft update to the Maclay Gardens State Park management plan. He requested that the native garden be included in the plan as well as the partnership with FNPS to maintain it.

-Brad Hartman, Gail Fishman, Scott Davis and Leigh Brooks attended DEP's state lands assessment meeting. DEP is evaluating state conservation lands for potential sale. There are several sites in Magnolia territory. Magnolians are encouraged to review the site list and maps and submit informed comments. For more information see www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/assessment.

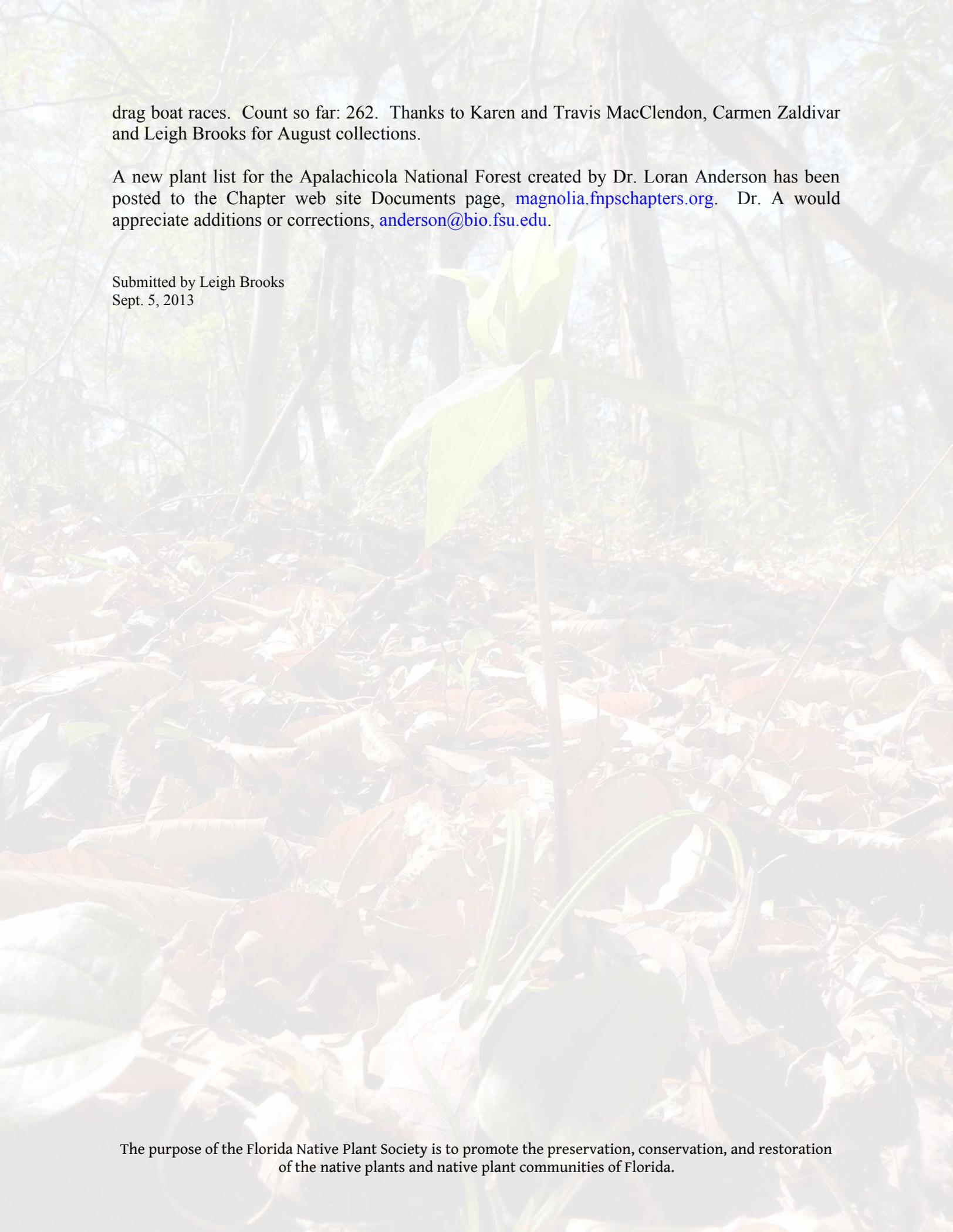
The Calhoun-Liberty Journal printed a beautiful spread of wildflower photos from State Road 65 courtesy of Eleanor Dietrich.

At the Wolf Creek Trout Lily Preserve exotics workday Chapter Board member Beth Grant was assisted by Bill Stinson. Great progress has been made removing large privets by the stream.

The Board of Directors met on August 23. Actions taken include donating \$300 to the Florida Water and Land Legacy Campaign. If you haven't yet signed a petition to get this constitutional amendment on the ballot, please visit floridawaterlandlegacy.org. Please consider donating too.

Magnolians continued to gather signed petitions for the Legacy ballot initiative. Petitions were collected at the Scallop and Music Festival in Port St. Joe and at the Chattahoochee Thunder

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drag boat races. Count so far: 262. Thanks to Karen and Travis MacClendon, Carmen Zaldivar and Leigh Brooks for August collections.

A new plant list for the Apalachicola National Forest created by Dr. Loran Anderson has been posted to the Chapter web site Documents page, magnolia.fnpschapters.org. Dr. A would appreciate additions or corrections, anderson@bio.fsu.edu.

Submitted by Leigh Brooks
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