



Florida Native Plant Society

Pine Lily Chapter

April 2018



Photo: Laura Bennett-Kimble

Earth Day Native Plant Festival

4700 Chisholm Park Trail • St. Cloud 34771
April 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Add some beautiful Florida native plants to your landscapes from the Florida Native Plant Society Pine Lily Chapter sale at this week's St. Cloud Earth Day event. **New this year:** Pine Lily members can reserve the plants listed below and pick up the morning of the sale. Please contact Jenny Welch at 321-250-3011 or flnaturegirl@outlook.com to reserve your plants. The last day for reservations is Thursday, April 19. **Plants must be paid for and picked up at the sale on Saturday no later than 10 a.m.**

One-gallon containers:

- Swamp Milkweed, *Asclepias incarnata* \$6.00
- Aquatic Milkweed, *Asclepias perennis* \$6.00
- Dune Sunflower, *Helianthus debilis* \$5.00
- Purple Passion Flower, *Passiflora incarnata* \$5.00
- Wild Petunia, *Ruellia caroliniensis* 5.00
- Scarlet Sage, *Salvia coccinea* \$5.00
- Blanket Flower, *Gaillardia pulchella* \$5.00
- Rosinweed, *Silphium* \$5.00
- Native Bahama Cassia, *Senna mexicana* \$5.00
- Wild Sweet Basil, *Ocimum campechianum* \$5.00

We will also have three-gallon containers of Firebush, *Hamelia patens* for \$10.00 each. If you'd prefer to browse our selection, please stop by Saturday between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

- April 21: Earth Day Native Plant Festival
- April 26: Chapter Meeting—Native Plants
- April 28: Forever Florida Swamp Buggy Tour Park (reservations required)
See page 2 for more information.
- May 4–6: Split Oak Forest Bioblitz
- May 24: Chapter Meeting—Officer elections and guest speaker Dana Sussmann, Division of Forestry, on native trees of Osceola County
- May 26: Oakland Nature Preserve

For more information on these and other upcoming events, please visit our Facebook [events page](#).

Split Oak Forest Bioblitz

May 4th 7pm - May 6th 7pm

Join local experts, enthusiasts, and nature lovers in a 48 hour effort to document as many species as possible within the boundaries of Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area. To participate please visit the link below for more information and to officially RSVP!

Scan this QR code or visit www.dannygoodding.com/SplitOakForestBioblitz

Chapter Meetings

This Month: Native Plants

At the April 26 Pine Lily Chapter meeting, Grantly Ricketts, University of Florida Extension, will speak on native plants of Osceola County.

Next Month: Officer Elections

Pine Lily Chapter officer elections will take place during the May 24 chapter meeting, and all current members can vote. We have a few openings, as well. Please contact us if you're interested in serving as an officer or chairperson. Available positions are:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Coordinator
- Webmaster
- Social Media Director
- Field Trip Coordinator
- Program Coordinator
- Refreshments

For more information, contact [Karina Veaudry-Hindle](mailto:Karina.Veaudry-Hindle@ufl.edu) via email or phone, (321) 388-4781. Thank you!

Last month: A Look at Pushy Plants

Last month, Cody-Marie Miller, president of the Osceola County CF Cisma (Central Florida Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) offered her insights on "Invasive Plants of Osceola County and How to be a Citizen Scientist." She works for The Nature Conservancy at the Disney Wilderness Preserve and is in charge of Invasive Species Management there.

Pine Lily Chapter Board and Committee Chairs

- 🍃 Karina Veaudry-Hindle – President
- 🍃 Laura Bennett-Kimble – Vice President
- 🍃 VACANT – Secretary *
- 🍃 Sandy Webb – Treasurer
- 🍃 Tayler Figueroa – Chapter Representative
- 🍃 VACANT – Membership Coordinator *
- 🍃 Eleanor Foerste – Education/Outreach Coordinator
- 🍃 Jenny Welch – Native Plant Festival Coordinator

* If you are interested in serving as Pine Lily Chapter Secretary or Membership Coordinator, please contact Karina at (321) 388-4781.

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Join Us April 28!

Field Trip to Forever Florida

April 28, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Pine Lily members are invited to join Forever Florida's swamp buggy tour.

Open to the public, the event is available through other venues, which means seats may fill quickly.

There is an admission fee, and [reservations](#) are required. Call Eleanor Foerste at (407) 908-4379 with any trip-related questions.

Forever Florida is a preserve located at 4755 N. Kenansville Road in St. Cloud. The ride includes a tour of this property, as well as the adjoining Allen Broussard Wildlife Conservation Area.

For more information, visit our Facebook [events page](#).



Field Trip to Oakland Nature Preserve

May 26, 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

747 Machete Trail, Oakland, FL 34760

OaklandNaturePreserve.org

West of Orlando, just 30 minutes from the attractions and nestled between Winter Garden and Clermont in the beautiful town of Oakland lies a hidden gem—Oakland Nature Preserve.

The 128-acre site connects long leaf pine sandhill uplands to marsh at the shore of Lake Apopka and is home to a wide variety of birds, mammals, insects and more.

It also offers environmental education and ecotourism activities for visitors of all ages. Six unpaved hiking trails and a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk to Lake Apopka offer visitors a variety of terrains to explore.

Jackie Rolly, FNPS member and University of Florida IFAS Master Naturalist instructor, will lead the hike.

Monthly Meetings

Chapter meetings held 4th Thursday of the month

6:00 to 6:30 p.m. – Social and Refreshments

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. – Meeting

Kissimmee Utility Authority Building

1701 W. Carroll Street, Kissimmee, FL

We hope to see you there!

Let's keep in touch!

Click the icons below to visit Pine Lily Chapter Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.



The Pine Lily Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society serves Osceola County and surrounding communities.



Florida Native Plant Society Mission

Promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

The Society fulfills this mission through:

- Support for conservation land acquisition.
- Land management that enhances habitat suitability for native plants.
- Education.
- Public policies that protect our native flora, especially rare species.
- Research on native plant species.
- Encouragement of local landscaping practices and policies that preserve Florida's native plant heritage.

For information on FNPS activities in Central Florida and beyond, check out the [FNPS blog](#).

Supporting Split Oak

The Central Florida Expressway Authority is moving ahead with a study on putting a new road through or around Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area—but grassroots volunteers are working to keep the road out of the nature preserve.

FNPS opposes any proposed route for the Osceola Expressway Extension that would traverse any portion of Split Oak. This land serves many purposes as a natural space and should remain as such for perpetuity.

Interested in learning more about this issue? Visit [Friends of Split Oak Forest](#), or contact [Valerie Anderson](#) at (386) 852-2539.



Upcoming Events at Split Oak

April 22 — Earth Day & Celebrate 12K Hike

April 26 — The 1A Route Hike

April 29 — Middle Trail & Lake 2 Hike

May 4 — Split Oak Forest Bioblitz 2018 (see page 1)