



# Florida Native Plant Society

## Pine Lily Chapter

News & Notes  
June 2018

### June 28 Chapter Meeting: Creating a Roadside Wildflower Program

This month's meeting will feature guest speaker **Lisa Roberts**, Florida Wildflower Foundation Executive Director, who will share how to create a roadside wildflower program in Osceola County.

The meeting will also include information on 10 native plants and helpful native plant gardening tips. Please join us!

#### Recent chapter meeting speakers



Grantly Ricketts, University of Florida Extension, and Dana Sussmann, Florida Forest Service, shared their knowledge of native plants and how to care for them at the April and May meetings, respectively.

### Upcoming Events

- June 23: Field trip—Bok Tower Gardens
  - June 28: Chapter Meeting—Roadside Wildflowers
  - July 26: Chapter Meeting—Krista Stump, Osceola County Extension Service: Native Plants for Osceola County
  - July 28: Field trip— Green Isle Gardens Nursery
- See page 2 for more information.**

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

### Bok Tower Gardens Field Trip!

Saturday, June 23, 2018



**Bok Tower Gardens**, located north of Lake Wales, is well known for its gardens designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr. and a singing carillon tower. Join us at this beautiful location to learn about their extensive conservation efforts to preserve natural Florida. The Bok Tower Garden's nursery has been able to grow many of central and north Florida's globally endangered rare plant species – plants that grow in a few locations in Florida and nowhere else in the world. Cheryl Peterson, Rare Plant Conservation Director, will lead the tour.

All-day entry and the guided field trip are \$17 per person and collected at the entrance. Please register (free) on our [Chapter Eventbrite page](#) so we know who plans to attend.

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## Rescuing Plants from Development



June 16, Pine Lily Chapter volunteers rescued 79 state threatened *Sacoila lanceolata* (ladies' tresses orchid) and many other beautiful native plants from a site in Kissimmee.

Chapter members who gave their time and energy to participate were President Karina Veaudry-Hindle, Conservation Committee Vice Chair Tayler Figueroa, Education Committee Chair Eleanor Foerste and Policy Committee Chair Valerie Anderson. We were also lucky to have the assistance of Council of Chapters Chair and Naples Chapter Representative Kara Driscoll and incoming Cuplet Fern President Mark Kateli.

A huge thanks to everyone who made the day a success. We will be planning another work day at the site in the coming weeks and will share more information as details are finalized.



If you are interested in helping or have plastic pots to donate, please email [Tayler](mailto:Tayler.Figueroa@pfl.org).

## July 28 Field Trip: Green Isle Gardens Nursery

**Green Isle Gardens** specializes in Florida native plants and wildflowers, with a focus on upland plant species. The nursery, located in Groveland, has eight acres under production and features more than 150 species of native plants.

Green Isle Gardens' plants are grown without using pesticides with the goal of preserving nature and all its critters.

We will be able to view and purchase native plants with a FNPS discount, as well as have the unique opportunity to gain some behind-the-scenes access of the nursery, including viewing the greenhouse.

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### Pine Lily Chapter Board and Committee Chairs

- 🍃 Karina Veaudry-Hindle – President
- 🍃 Laura Bennett-Kimble – Vice President
- 🍃 VACANCIES – Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator \*
- 🍃 Tayler Figueroa – Chapter Representative
- 🍃 Valerie Anderson – Policy and Legislation Committee Chair
- 🍃 Sandy Webb – Conservation Committee Chair
- 🍃 Eleanor Foerste – Education/Outreach Coordinator
- 🍃 Jenny Welch – Native Plant Festival Coordinator

\* If you are interested in serving in one of these roles, please contact Karina at (321) 388-4781.

Newsletter Editor: Laura Bennett-Kimble

## 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!*

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### Let's keep in touch!

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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](#).