

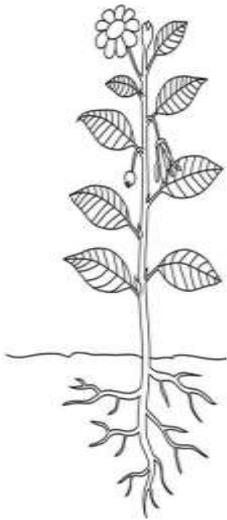


Florida Native Plant Society

Pine Lily Chapter

News & Notes
March 2019

Thursday, March 28 Chapter Meeting



Many people like to grow their own plants from cuttings. Since the best time to do this is in the spring, we are offering a native plant propagation presentation for this month's chapter meeting.

Please join us Thursday, March 28, when Pine Lily Chapter Conservation Chair Sandy Webb will discuss seed collecting and preparation for planting. Sandy is a well-known plant grower with expert knowledge of Osceola County native plants.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Kissimmee Utility Authority building located at 1701 W. Carroll St. in Kissimmee. Doors open at 6 p.m. for social time. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

- March 23: Field trip — Disney Wilderness Preserve
- March 28: Chapter meeting — Sandy Webb, Plant Propagation
- April 10: Friends of Split Oak Forest Gopher Tortoise Day, 1–5 p.m.
- April 25: Chapter meeting — Syrphid Flies: Pollination without the Sting, Plus Pest Control
- April 27: Earth Day Native Plant Sale and Peghorn Nature Park hike — *See the article on page 2*

Events are subject to change. Please confirm details prior to any activity. For additional event information, check our Facebook [events page by clicking here](#).

March 23 Field Trip: Explore the Disney Wilderness Preserve



The Nature Conservancy's 11,500-acre Disney Wilderness Preserve once was a thriving cattle ranch. In the 1990s, a proposal for intense residential and commercial development on the property was made,

but today the site is considered a national model for sustainable development. The project was created to mitigate for development impacts to wetlands at Walt Disney World, Celebration and the Orlando International Airport.

Pine Lily Chapter's March field trip to this beautiful site will have participants traveling in style as they explore the area with a buggy ride.

There is a \$15/FNPS member, \$20/non-member fee per participant. Space is limited, so make your reservation soon! Please register at this [Eventbrite page](#).

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



Celebrate Earth Day with the Florida Native Plant Society

April 27 Earth Day Celebration
Peghorn Nature Park, St. Cloud

THE EARTH DAY 2019 THEME:

Protect Our Species



Image: Earth Day Network

Join FNPS and other organizations as we celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peghorn Nature Park, 2101 Peghorn Way in St. Cloud.

In support of the “Protect Our Species” global theme for Earth Day 2019, the Pine Lily chapter will have Florida native threatened and endangered plants for sale, as well as native plants you can use to attract a wide variety of native pollinators in decline. Please note, none of the plants offered for sale were collected from the wild. They all were propagated through reputable licensed nurseries and obtained with proper permits and permissions.

The City of St. Cloud event also will feature music, food, a butterfly release, recycling crafts, face painting, tree planting, environmental exhibits, animal ambassadors and more.

“Turn your landscape into a native plant habitat for wildlife, pick up some publications on growing native plants, and get to know a little bit about Pine Lily Chapter and what we've been doing to ‘Protect our Species’ here in Osceola County,” said Chapter Representative Tayler Figueroa.

At 11 a.m., Gabriel Amonte, City of St. Cloud Natural Resources Supervisor, will lead a 45-minute nature walk through Peghorn Nature Park. Trail maps will be available on site.

Have You Registered for the 39th Annual FNPS Conference?



This year's FNPS conference will be held May 16-19 in beautiful Crystal River, where organizers have planned 20 field trips and four workshops.

For additional conference information, including how to register, [click here](#). You also can send an email to conference.fnps@gmail.com.



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](#).

Call for Volunteers, Part 1: Native Plant Rescues

Would you like to participate in one of our upcoming plant rescues? The Pine Lily chapter is in the process of lining up a few events this spring/summer.

These rescue efforts are crucial to the mission of the FNPS to preserve and protect native plant species.

By carefully removing plants from areas slated to be clear-cut and bulldozed for development projects in the fast-growing Osceola County, we can make a difference for the individual plants and plant communities, as well as support species genetic diversity.

Contact [Tayler Figueroa](#) for more information.



Wild Lupine at plant rescue site.

Photo: Laura Bennett-Kimble

Monthly Meetings

Chapter meetings held 4th Thursday of the month
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kissimmee Utility Authority Building
1701 W. Carroll Street, Kissimmee, FL

Doors open at 6 p.m. 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.

Call for Volunteers, Part 2: Chapter Help

If you'd like to learn more about how you can support the Pine Lily chapter and its mission to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida, please let us know! We're actively seeking persons interested in getting involved with the chapter, *as indicated below*, and we are always interested in hearing from folks who might be able to help out with a project or two.

Many thanks!

Pine Lily Chapter Board and Committee Chairs

- 🌿 Karina Veaudry-Hindle – President
- 🌿 Laura Bennett-Kimble – Vice President/Treasurer
- 🌿 Christi Kapp – Secretary
- 🌿 Tayler Figueroa – Chapter Representative
- 🌿 Valerie Anderson – Policy/Legislation Committee Chair
- 🌿 Sandy Webb – Conservation Committee Chair
- 🌿 Eleanor Foerste – Education/Outreach Coordinator
- 🌿 **VACANCIES** – Webmaster, Membership Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator *

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

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