



Florida Native Plant Society

Pine Lily Chapter

News & Notes
July 2019

July 27 Field Trip: Lake Runnymede Conservation Area



Are you ready for an adventure? This month's field trip will explore the beautiful 43-acre Lake Runnymede Conservation Area along Lake Runnymede and neighboring East Lake Tohopekaliga in St. Cloud.

Acquired by Osceola County with funds from the Environmental Lands Conservation Program, formally known as SAVE Osceola, the preserve has both natural upland and wetland habitats.

When you join us, you just might see some of Florida's endangered, listed and just plain fascinating species, including Sherman's fox squirrel, bald eagle, gopher tortoise, sandhill crane and various wading birds. Eleanor Foerste, our knowledgeable and very friendly Pine Lily Chapter Education and Outreach Chair, will lead the hike.

There is no charge to attend, but please let us know you'll be there by registering at this [Eventbrite page](#).

For more information on this and other events, visit the Pine Lily Chapter Facebook [events page](#).

July 25 Chapter Meeting: Getting Involved

This month, Osceola County Community Development Director Dave Tomek will share valuable information for county residents when discussing "Osceola County Planning and Development Process: How to Be Involved."

Obviously, this county is undergoing significant growth as the population increases and residential, commercial and retail areas pop up where natural habitats and rural areas once supported native species. By becoming involved, citizens and environmental organizations can be more proactive and have a voice on how our communities are being developed.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Kissimmee Utility Authority building, 1701 W. Carroll St. in Kissimmee. This is an important topic, and we hope to see you at the meeting.



What Plants Can I Find in a Scrub Habitat?

At the June 27 meeting, Pine Lily Chapter President Karina Veaudry talked about the amazing variety of beautiful native plants that live in Florida's scrub habitats. Here's a sampling of what you can find out there.



Lewton's Polygala (*Polygala lewtonii*)



Above and below: Wedge-leaved button snake root (*Eryngium cuneifolium*)



Lake Placid scrub mint (*Dicerandra frutescens*)



Lake Wales balm (*Dicerandra christmanii*)



Scrub morning-glory (*Bonamia grandiflora*)

FNPS Member Benefits

If you aren't already a member, please consider joining the Florida Native Plant Society at <http://www.fnps.org> and specify Pine Lily Chapter.

Your contribution will help us provide on-the-ground action toward native plant preservation in Osceola County. And you'll receive some great benefits, too:

- One free landscape consultation.
- Subscription to *The Palmetto*, the FNPS quarterly magazine.
- Subscription to *Sabal Minor*, a bi-monthly newsletter published by FNPS.
- Plant information, conservation news and landscape tips by the Pine Lily Chapter and FNPS.
- The ability to order native plants and have them delivered to you at our monthly meetings.

For more information, contact Membership Coordinator Tayler Figueroa at fnpspinelily@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

- July 25: Chapter meeting — Dave Tomek, Osceola County Planning and Development Process: How to be Involved
- July 27: Field trip — Lake Runnymede Conservation Area
- Aug. 22: Chapter meeting — Valerie Anderson, documentary film screening about Split Oak Forest
- Aug. 24: Field trip — Shingle Creek Regional Park, Kissimmee South Sector
- Sept. 26: Chapter meeting — Tayler Figueroa and Karina Veaudry, How to Convert Your Yard into a Native Plant Landscape

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



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!

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Florida Native Plant Society Mission

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

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

Pine Lily Chapter Leadership Team

- Karina Veaudry – President
- Emily Kelly, Treasurer
- Christi Kapp – Secretary
- Tayler Figueroa – Chapter Representative and Membership Coordinator
- Valerie Anderson – Policy/Legislation Committee Chair
- Sandy Webb – Conservation Committee Chair
- Eleanor Foerste – Education/Outreach Coordinator
- Sandra Johnson – Publicity Coordinator
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