



PINE LILY CHAPTER
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

The Lily Pad

March Program

Our speaker this month will be Karina Veaudry. The program is *“The Importance of Native Plants and the Status of Conservation in Florida”*.



rate and we are now living with the highest extinction rates ever witnessed in human history. There are approximately 4,000 native plants in Florida. If we want to preserve the unique plants and wildlife of Florida, we need to conserve 33% of the land mass. This talk will present conservation planning techniques that can be put in place by citizens and local and state decision makers to ensure that development is balanced with conservation. You’ll learn about the importance of native plant species to support the existence of birds, pollinators and butterflies and how traditional exotic landscape are polluting our water and killing off beneficial insects.. Science tells us that unless we stop the trend of planting a large percentage of exotic species in our residential developments, the future of biodiversity in Florida is bleak.

This presentation will also give an overview of the status of conservation in Florida and what citizens and local governments can do to ensure development is balanced with conservation of natural resources and native ecosystems.

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The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

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Karina is a native plant landscape architect and has been directing projects for 27 years. She has experience in activities essential to state-wide scientific and conservation efforts and is a past Executive Director of the Florida Native Plant Society.

Native Plant landscape design and gardening tips will be presented with spectacular imagery.

In addition, learn about Florida Native ecosystems. Ecosystems in Florida are shrinking at an alarming

Visit us on the Web:

<http://www.pinelily.fnpschapters.org/>

**Meeting is Thursday
March 20th 6:30p.m.**

First United Methodist Church
101 W. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee



Central Florida Native Plant Sale

Friday April 11 from 4-7pm

Saturday April 12 from 8am-2pm

Osceola Heritage Park, 1901 Chief Osceola Trail
Kissimmee FL 34744

Are you a member yet?

Joining helps Florida
Conservation efforts

“When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.”

— Benjamin Franklin, (1706-1790),
Poor Richard's Almanac

Event Recap

by Jenny Welch

Sandy Webb and I had a great time talking with people when we worked an exhibit at **Bok Tower called Discovery Saturday**. We talked with over 100 people about Native Plants. Many were from Osceola County.

We had different displays showing Native Plants for butterfly gardens, bird gardens, gopher tortoise gardens, shade gardens, hummingbird gardens, and edible gardens.

Afterwards, we walked around the gardens. Everything was in bloom. Scrub lupine, black cherry trees, yellow jessamine, stokes aster, red buckeye tree, Chickasaw plum trees, redbud trees, walter's viburnum, native lantana, and others were in full bloom. We also got to see rare pharus grass growing in a large area. You can view a slideshow at <http://www.photoshow.com/watch/sZ4Bf6YI>

As we were packing up the car after the exhibit a guy walked up to us and asked if we would sell him all of the plants at one price. He wanted to take them to his next garden club meeting then he will plant them in his yard. We said yes and gave him a great deal along with information about how to grow the plants.

My husband was surprised when we got home and there no plants to unload!

Native Plant Trade Show April 10-11 in Kissimmee



All the plants, all the professionals, all in one place.

The second annual Native Plant Show produced by The Florida Association of Native Nurseries will be held in Osceola Heritage Park on Thursday-Friday, April 10-11, 2014. Registration required. www.nativeplantshow.com/ for details and to register.

Volunteers Needed

Pine Lily provides outreach at many of the events listed in the next section. If you can give any time to help, please call Jenny and sign up. 407-847-2488 (home) 407-319-2488 (cell)

Growing Native

Florida Native Plant Society's
34th Annual Conference
May 15-18, 2014
at
Florida Gulf Coast University
Ft. Myers, Florida



Register: <http://fnps.org/conference/registration>

FNPS Conference May 15-18

The early discount deadline is April 14. Check out this list of field trips (All field trips require registration)

1. A Lively Walk through CREW Marsh with Roger Hammer
2. Mound House at Fort Myers Beach
3. An Ancient Indian Mound
4. Six Mile Cypress Slough
5. Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park
6. FGCU Vester Field Station
7. Barrier Island Tour
8. Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary
9. Royal Palm Hammock
10. Little Pine Island & Randell Research Center
11. Rookery Bay/Conservancy Scrubby Flatwoods
12. End of Road Ranch Landscape Tour
13. Okaloacoochee (OK) Slough State Forest
14. Cayo Costa Island State Park
15. Babcock-Webb Wildlife Management Area
16. Naples Botanical Garden
17. Edison & Ford Winter Estates
18. Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
19. Estero Bay Preserve State Park
20. Gator Hole Preserve

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council Conference

The Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council will jointly hold the annual Spring Conference on April 28-May 1, 2014 in Safety Harbor, FL. The theme for this joint conference is Breaking Bad in Florida: Gaining Ground on Invasive Plants and Animals in the 21st Century. Details: <http://www.flwts.org/new-events/2014/4/28/fl-tws-fleppc-2014-spring-conference>

In the neighborhood, Upcoming Events

by Jenny Welch

March 20, 2014 Pine Lily Chapter Meeting. 6:30p

March 25, 2014 Kissimmee Valley Audubon Society Meeting at KUA 1701 W Carroll St, Kissimmee, FL 34741

March 29, 2014 Please join us as we plant a Storm Water Pond in downtown Kissimmee

A storm water pond will be planted with native plants to bring birds and wildlife to the pond, enhance the beauty of the pond, aid in water quality by allowing native plants to filter nutrients out of the water.

April 10-11, 2014 FANN Native Plant Trade Show at Osceola Heritage Park

April 11-12, 2014 FNPS Plant Sale at Osceola Heritage Park

April 12, 2014 Kissimmee Valley Audubon Society field trip to Fort Desoto Park

April 22, 2014 Kissimmee Valley Audubon Society Meeting at KUA 1701 W Carroll St, Kissimmee, FL 34741

April 2014 Master Gardener Plant Sale at Osceola Heritage Park

May 10, 2014 Baby Owl Shower at Audubon Center for Birds of Prey 1101 Audubon Way, Maitland, FL 32751

10am-2pm Bring a gift for the shower and get in free. Visit with exhibitors and educational birds of prey.

<http://fl.audubon.org/baby-owl-shower>

May 15-18, 2014 Florida Native Plant Society Conference in Florida Gulf Coast University

Ft. Myers, Florida <http://www.fnps.org/conference>

May 17, 2014 10am-2pm Lake Louisa State Park Nature Fest

7305 US Hwy 27 Clermont, FL 34714

May 27, 2014 Kissimmee Valley Audubon Society Meeting at KUA 1701 W Carroll St, Kissimmee, FL 34741

Andrea Ayala -- Deepwater Horizon Cleanup Eyewitness!

Andrea worked to rescue oiled birds on the Gulf Coast after the massive BP Deepwater Horizon spill. She was an eyewitness to the destruction and a lot of things not reported about the spill. She will tell you what she saw.

Partial Plant List, Central Florida Native Plant Sale

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Native Plant Sale**

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from 4-7pm
Saturday April 12
from 8am-2pm

Osceola Heritage Park
1901 Chief Osceola Trail
Kissimmee FL 34744

Asclepias spp., Calamintha spp., Cercis canadensis, Chrysobalanus icaco, Diospyros, Gaillardia pulchella, Glandularia tampensis, Hamelia patens, Ilex vomitoria, Liatris spp., Lonicera sempervirens, Magnolia grandiflora, Mimosa strigillosa, Morus rubra, Muhlenbergia capillaris, Myrica cerifera, Passiflora incarnata, Penstemon multiflorus, Pinus elliotti, Pinus palustris, Platanus occidentalis, Psychotria nervosa, Quercus shumardii, Randia aculeata, Rivina humilis, Rudbeckia hirta, Salvia coccinea, Sambucus, Serenoa repens var. silver, Solidago spp., Sophora tomentosa, Stokesia laevis, Vaccinium darrowi, Viburnum obovatum, Callicarpa americana, Coreopsis lanceolata, Coreopsis leavenworthii, Amorpha fruticosa.

Don't be shut out. Come early for best selection. Like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date. <http://www.facebook.com/CentralFloridaNativePlantSale>