



PINE LILY CHAPTER
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

The Lily Pad

February Meeting

Beth Jackson will do a presentation on Ecological Corridors and Land Management and the role native plants play. Beth is the Environmental Program Supervisor of the Green PLACE (ParkLand Acquisition for Conservation and Environmental Protection) program in Orange County Government. She has a BS from Western Carolina University in Environmental Health and a BS from Florida Atlantic University in Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Marine Biology.

This program was originally scheduled to be presented at the 2011 Conference.

From the Home Office

Kellie A. Westervelt has been named as the Executive Director of The Florida Native Plant Society. Kellie has worked within the conservation community for the past 20 years. Her prior experience includes Program Specialist with the Florida Park Service, Project Director with the American Littoral Society, Habitat Director with the Delaware Estuary Program, and Development Director with the Wildlands Network. Pine Lily Chapter welcomes Kellie and looks forward to working under her new leadership.

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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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**Meeting is Thursday
February 16th 6:30p.m.**

First United Methodist Church
101 W. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee

New/Renewing Members

Patricia Titer R
Ray Robida & Eleanor Foerste R

National Invasive Species Awareness Week February 26 – March 3, 2012

Ten Ways to Observe National Invasive Species Awareness Week
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1. Do some research
2. Join in an eradication effort
3. Become a citizen scientist
4. Visit a garden, park or nature center
5. Read a book
6. Donate
7. Start a garden
8. Legislate
9. Take the invasive species challenge
10. Spread awareness

Get details on these ideas at: http://www.nisaw.org/2012/ways_to_observe.pdf

“Native is beautiful. We don’t have to be reaching out for exotic plants for some excitement in our lives.”

—Cara Armstrong, Curator of Education at Fallingwater

Losing Ground

by Lorel

When some of the outdoor planters needed to be relocated within downtown, Kissimmee Mainstreet opted to fill them with exotic plants. Since this is directly in opposition to our mission, The Pine Lily Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will no longer be able to provide the maintenance. Our President, Jenny Welch should be commended for the two years of effort she put into the partnership and hands on work. Many others donated plants and provided muscle to keep the planters in the best possible condition for a proper urban wildlife corridor. It is sad when aesthetic perceptions outweigh the needs of our dwindling wildlife.

Plant Rescue

Due to the efforts of Jenny Welch and Bridget Murdock, Pine Lily was given a last minute chance to rescue some plants from the construction location of the new hospital in Poinciana. Helped by teachers and students from Discovery School more than 50 native plants were salvaged.

Upcoming

March - Jessica Sullivan
Subject: Residents' Rights to Florida Friendly Landscaping.

April - Mark B. Bush, Ph.D
Subject: Climate and its affects on Native Plants

May – TBA

Save the Date

February 10-19th
<http://www.osceolacountyfair.com>
Osceola County Fair
Osceola Heritage Park
1911 Kissimmee Valley Lane

Saturday, February 18
10:00am – noon
Companion Planting
Peghorn Nature Park & Trail
Saint Cloud, FL
The City of St. Cloud Urban Agriculture Program will be offering this class to adults (18 years old and up). Cost: \$5 per person, includes all materials. Questions: (407) 957-7243

Monday, February 20
7:00pm – 8:00p
GROW! (documentary—FREE!)
Harmony Banquet Hall
7251 Five Oaks Drive

Tuesday, February 21
6:30pm
Intro to Vegetable Gardening
Harmony Banquet Hall
7251 Five Oaks Drive

Saturday, February 25
10:00am – 3:00p
Healthy Living Festival
Town Square at Harmony, FL

Volunteers Needed – Contact Jenny Welch

Osceola County Environmental FairFri: Feb 24th	Education In The Park Apr 28
St Cloud Business and Community ExtravaganzaMar 3	Lakeview Elem School Nature NightMay 3, 6-7:30p
New Beginnings School..... Wednesdays	Highlands Elementary Wildflower Garden helptba