



Florida Native Plant Society

Pine Lily Chapter

January 2018



Learn about urban forestry at the next chapter meeting: Thursday, Jan. 25

Photo: Laura Bennett-Kimble

Next Chapter Meeting: Urban Forestry

Please plan to join us Thursday, Jan. 25, when Osceola County Urban Forester Chris Kincaid will speak about the new Urban Forestry division, future mapping of natural resources, tree protection and tree mapping programs.

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!

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 the surrounding communities.

Upcoming Field Trip

Feb. 24: Catfish Creek Preserve State Park

See page 2 for more information.

Split Oak Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

At a Jan. 18 Florida National Scenic Trail ribbon-cutting ceremony at Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area, Florida Native Plant Society members joined local officials and others to recognize the beautiful section of the 1,000-mile-plus trail.

District 4 Commissioner Jennifer Thompson and District 5 Commissioner Emily Bonilla attended, as well as representatives from the Parks, Planning and the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Florida Fish and Wildlife and other environmental groups.

Potential development threatens the forest—and it needs your support. To learn more, visit [Friends of Split Oak Forest](#), and please sign [this petition](#). FNPS opposes any proposed route for the Osceola Expressway Extension that would traverse any portion of Split Oak.



Photo: Dave Wegman

Beautiful Day on Turtle Mound Trail



The Jan. 13 field trip to Turtle Mound Trail, located at Canaveral National Seashore south of New Smyrna Beach, was a delight, with sunny skies and plenty of interesting native plants and wildlife to see.



Photos: Tayler Figueroa



Florida Native Plant Society Mission

The Mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to 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](#).

Join Us Feb. 24!

Field Trip to Catfish Creek Preserve

Ready to explore some beautiful Florida terrain? Join Pine Lily members Feb. 24 for a hike through the [Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek Preserve State Park](#).

Located along the Lake Wales Ridge near Haines City, the state park covers more than 8,000 acres of scrub, sandhill and flatwoods land.

Rare plants at the site include the scrub morning glory, scrub plum, pygmy fringe tree and cutthroat grass. And several protected animal species—Florida scrub-jays, bald eagles, gopher tortoises and Florida scrub lizards—call the park home.

Erik Egensteiner, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Park Biologist, will lead the field trip, which will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. The degree of difficulty for this hike is moderate, with sandy areas in the scrub.

Contact Eleanor Foerste (407) 908-4379 with questions on the day of event.

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



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