



# Florida Native Plant Society

## Pine Lily Chapter

News & Notes  
May–June 2019

### June 22 Field Trip: Camp Lonesome Conservation Area

Join us June 22 for a special hike at Camp Lonesome Conservation Area, a beautiful example of “old Florida” located south of St. Cloud.

Acquired in 2007 by Osceola County with funds from the Environmental Lands Conservation Program, formally known as SAVE Osceola, the 2,400-plus acre property offers 5.5 miles of hiking and horse trails.

The property supports several imperiled or rare ecological communities and wildlife species, and its diverse terrain features mixed hardwood wetland swamps, wet prairies, cypress ponds and pine flatwood communities.

For safety and security purposes, Camp Lonesome is accessible by reservation only.

Please let us know if you’ll be attending by registering at this [Eventbrite page](#).



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



Pine Lily Education/Outreach Coordinator Eleanor Foerster, center, offered shoppers information on the importance of Florida’s native plants.

### Thank You, Lucky’s Market!

The Impact Day at Lucky’s Market Vineland on April 23 was a hit, with 10% of the day’s sales donated to the Pine Lily Chapter. The grocery store is one of several Lucky’s Markets in the area, all of which support local non-profit organizations through this program. A huge THANK YOU to Lucky’s Market for supporting our mission to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of Florida’s native plants!

### Website Under Construction

To better serve our members, we are updating the Pine Lily Chapter website. While you may notice a few outdated postings on our current site, that will soon change. In the meantime, you can find accurate, up-to-date information on our Facebook page [@PineLilyChapterFNPS](#).

## Earth Day a Success!

On a hot and steamy April day, the crowds were out for an Earth Day celebration at Peghorn Nature Park in St. Cloud. Pine Lily Chapter was there, too, and we met so many great folks who were interested in incorporating native vegetation into their landscapes and increasing their knowledge about Florida's beautiful native plants.



Pine Lily Chapter volunteers Taylor Figueroa, above right, and Eleanor Foerste, below right, assist visitors looking for native plants and native plant information.



## Thursday, June 27, Chapter Meeting Beneficial Insects and Florida's Native Plants: The Keys to a Sustainable Landscape

How well do you know the beneficial insects in your garden? What is their role in a healthy, environmentally sound landscape?

This month's program by Taryn Evans addresses these questions while giving you a crash course in identifying just a few insects that may be visiting your garden. It's interactive and fun — and you will learn a lot, too!



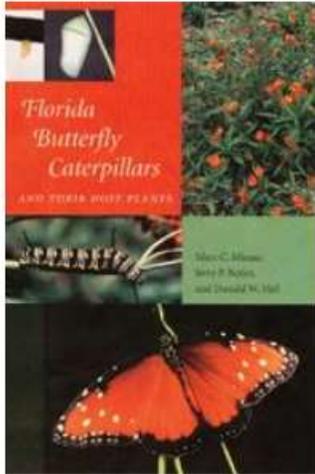
Taryn has long been a proponent of native plants and sustainable landscapes. A former president of the Marion County Chapter of the FNPS, she recently completed a course on the principles of sustainable landscaping offered by the U.S. Botanic Garden and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Taryn and her husband own Serendipity Garden Nursery, a small retail garden shop that specializes in helping homeowners create backyard habitat. They also sell native plants and bee, bird, and bat boxes and maintain a demonstration garden on an acre of land in Marion County.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Kissimmee Utility Authority building, 1701 W. Carroll St. in Kissimmee. Doors open at 6 p.m. for social time. Please join us!

## Presentation Rescheduled to July 25

Dave Tomek, who was scheduled to present at our May chapter meeting and subsequently unable to attend, has rescheduled his talk for July 25. He will share valuable information for county residents when discussing "Osceola County Planning and Development Process: How to Be Involved." It's an important topic, and we hope to see you at next month's meeting.

## Butterflies Galore



Looking for a butterfly reference book that focuses on native plants? Check out **Florida Butterfly Caterpillars**, available from the University of Florida Press. In addition, the Pine Lily Chapter is working on a "Butterflies of Osceola County" booklet listing all butterfly species in Osceola County, along with associated native plants and photographs.

## 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!*

## Support Pine Lily Through AmazonSmile

Please consider choosing **Florida Native Plant Society Pine Lily Chapter Inc** as your charity when placing Amazon orders through AmazonSmile. Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

**Thanks!**

## 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.

## National Pollinator Week

Did you know June 17–23 is **National Pollinator Week**? According to the Pollinator Partnership website, 12 years ago the U.S. Senate unanimously approved designating one week in June to honor and recognize the tiny creatures that mean so much to our shared ecosystems. Addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations, the event has grown into an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles.



## Upcoming Events

- June 22: Field trip — Camp Lonesome Conservation Area
- June 27: Chapter meeting — Taryn Evans, Beneficial Insects and Florida's Native Plants: The Keys to a Sustainable Landscape
- 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
- 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](#).

## FNPS Member Benefits

Not a member yet? Please join 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*, the 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 the monthly meetings.

For more information, contact Membership Coordinator Tayler Figueroa at [fnpspinelily@gmail.com](mailto:fnpspinelily@gmail.com).



Photo: The humble, yet environmentally important, frogfruit (*Phyla nodiflora*), a larval host of the white peacock butterfly, nectar source for various pollinators and an attractive ground cover.



### 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](#).

## Chapter Conservation and Outreach

### Conservation Issue

The Pine Lily Chapter will be writing a letter to Osceola County commissioners regarding the lack of onsite preservation for the historic oak trees on the East Lake Fish Camp property. Chapter President Karina Veaudry was interviewed by Channel 9 News for the native habitat perspective. If you would like to send your own letter, contact Karina at [kveaudry@nfclandscape.com](mailto:kveaudry@nfclandscape.com) to learn more about the development planned at this location.

### Native Plant Education

The Pine Lily Chapter will be supplying the City of St. Cloud Summer Camp with speakers, hands-on activities and interpretive hike field trips. The children will learn the importance of native plants and biodiversity and how conservation can positively affect wildlife, as well as our own lives.

### What Are Florida Native Plants?

They are plants naturally adapted to Florida's often extreme weather and environmental conditions. "Florida native plant" refers to species occurring within the state boundaries prior to European contact, according to best scientific and historical documentation. This includes species understood as indigenous, occurring in natural associations in habitats that existed prior to significant human impacts and alterations of the landscape.

— **Definition adopted by Florida Native Plant Society**

### Pine Lily Chapter Leadership Team

- Karina Veaudry – President
- Laura Bennett-Kimble – Interim Treasurer
- 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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