

The Lily Pad

October Program

Our speaker this month will be David L. Schroeder, Associate ASLA at Evolving Landscapes LLC. David will cover his master's thesis topic of Nature Preserve Cemetery Design entitled "Death Matters". His thesis was cited in LA Magazine.

He worked in Reno, Nevada for a Design-Build company called Interpretive Gardens. He moved to Florida in 2005 and started Evolving Landscapes, located in DeLand. His company offers design, installation and gardening services with a focus on unique designs, lawn-eliminations/reductions, Florida native and other Florida friendly plants, permaculture, and outdoor living.

David has his BLA from the University of Georgia (2000) and his MLA out of North Carolina State University (2002).

This looks to be a very interesting program, please be sure to join us.

Editor's Note

My apologies for the late and abbreviated edition of *The Lily Pad* this month. I took some vacation time and lost track of the dates, thinking the meeting was two weeks away instead of this Thursday.

I hope to be back on track next month! --Loret

From the Home Office

Call for Research Track Papers and Poster Presentations Florida Native Plant Society 2013 Conference

The Florida Native Plant Society annual conference will be held at University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, May 16-19, 2013. The Research Track of the Conference will include presented papers on Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18. The poster session will be on Saturday May 18.

Researchers are invited to submit abstracts on research related to native plants and plant communities of Florida including preservation, conservation, and restoration. Presentations are planned to be 20 minutes in total length (15 min. presentation, 5 min. questions).

Abstracts of not more than 200 words should be submitted as a MS Word file by email to Paul A. Schmalzer paul.a.schmalzer@nasa.gov by February 1, 2013. Include title, affiliation, and address. Indicate whether you will be presenting a paper or poster.

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Also see announcement at the end of our newsletter for more important Home Office news.

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**Meeting is Thursday
October 18th 6:30p.m.**

First United Methodist Church
101 W. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee

Ask a friend or a
neighbor to join and
help preserve more
natural areas

"A Healthy Ecology is the Basis for a Healthy Economy"

— Claudine Schneider, U.S. Representative
in *The Green Lifestyle Handbook*

New Eagle Nest

by Jenny Welch

Exciting news!

Osceola County School District now has 3 schools with active bald eagle nests! Narcoossee Middle School has joined Highlands Elem. and Partin Settlement Elem. Schools to become the third Osceola County School to have an active bald eagle nest.

Narcoossee's eagle nest is located at the top of a communication tower. These eagles chose prime habitat next to East Lake-great fishing. I visited the site yesterday and saw both eagles at the nest.



Photo © Jenny Welch

FWC and Audubon Center for Birds of Prey are aware of this nest now. This is an undocumented/new nest according to FWC.

This will be another wonderful educational opportunity at a third school.

Plant Sale Results

by Jenny Welch

The Master Gardener Plant Sale went well. We had a lot of people asking for native plants. Many regulars visited the plant sale looking for Pine Lily and buying the native plants we brought.

On the non-native side, I spotted up for sale, 8 plant species listed on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) Invasive Plant Lists as well as in the IFAS list of non-native plants not recommended to plant. When contributing plants for sale, Pine Lily recommends that you check the available invasive listings for Florida to ensure that plants you provide on not listed. These plants can affect the natural areas that Osceola is privileged to have and can ultimately damage the habitats required for our wildlife to flourish.

I recently visited Hillsborough River State Park and all along the river's edge was Mexican Petunia to the extent that nothing else could grow. I also saw taro all along the water's edge. What use is taro to our wildlife? What butterfly is going to lay their eggs on Mexican petunia?

It is sad to see these invasive plants instead of our native scarlet hibiscus, lizard's tail, buttonbush, pickerel weed, yellow canna which can provide what our native fauna needs.

A very special thank you to Susan Parent, Sandy Webb, and Amy Johnson for helping out at the sale.

An extra special thank you to Susan Parent who donated so many plants to the sale, to Bridget who is always a great supporter, and to Michael Johnson an Audubon member who donated 50 milkweed plants for the butterflies. Loret we missed you but we know it could not be helped. [Ed. note: awwwww ☺]

Now the good news you've been waiting for! Pine Lily sold \$1,162.00 worth of native plants which gives Pine Lily \$581.00 and Master Gardeners \$ 581.00.

Volunteers Needed – Contact Jenny Welch	
New Beginnings School..... Wednesdays	Highlands Elementary Wildflower Garden help..... tba
Church of the Nazarene Fall Festival..... Oct 27, 10a-4p	

September recap

Pine Lily President Jenny Welch provide a beautiful presentation on native grasses, groundcovers and other plants. Her slideshow consisted of breathtaking photos of Florida Native Plants as she outlined the conditions that they would do well in. She also brought in samples of many of our native grasses so we could see them first hand. If you missed the meeting, there will be a copy of her powerpoint presentation posted on the chapter website sometime next week.

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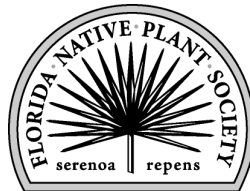
Upcoming

November– Heron Elliott Subject: Benefits of Native Aquatic Plants in the Pondscape

December– NO MEETING. Happy Holidays

January–Reed Noss Subject: Forgotten Grasslands of the South

February–Mike Wacht, Subject: Sunrail Public Involvement



Announcement:

FNPS 2013 Endowment Grant Research Awards and Conservation Grant Awards

The Florida Native Plant Society maintains an **Endowment Research Grant** program for the purpose of funding research on native plants. These are small grants (\$1500 or less), awarded for a 1-year period, and intended to support research that forwards the mission of the Florida Native Plant Society which is "to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida."

FNPS **Conservation Grants** support applied native plant conservation projects in Florida. These are small grants (\$1500 or less) awarded for a 1-year period. These projects promote the preservation, conservation, or restoration of rare or imperiled native plant taxa and rare or imperiled native plant communities. To qualify for a Conservation Grant, the proposed project must be sponsored by an FNPS Chapter.

Application guidelines and details are on the FNPS Web site (www.fnps.org), click on 'Participate/Grants and Awards'. Questions regarding the grant programs should be sent to info@fnps.org.

Application deadline for the 2013 Awards is March 1, 2013. Awards will be announced at the May 2013 Annual Conference in Jacksonville. Awardees do not have to be present at the Conference to receive award.