

You are invited to attend any of our monthly members' meetings or field trips whether you are currently a member or not. Our meetings are held at the Pinellas County Cooperative Extension, 12520 Ulmerton Rd. in Largo. They start at 7 pm, usually on the first Wednesday of the month unless there is a holiday or other special occurrence. Field trips are usually on the following Saturday. Please visit our website pinellasnativeplants.org for details of all events or call Bill Bilodeau, president, at 727-322-9695 or email him at billbilodeau@verizon.net.



To inquire about the benefits of membership, please call Cathy Quindiagan at 727-327-7573 or email her at CQuindiaga@aol.com. For information on recommended native plants check out our website shown above or the state organization at fnps.org.



The Mission of the Florida Native Plant Society is to preserve, conserve, and restore the native Plants and native plant communities of Florida.

2009 PROGRAM and FIELD TRIP EVENTS

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| January 7 | <u>Florida: Current & Analytical Changes & Uncertainties from Global Warming</u> | Speaker:
Dr. Thomas Crisman, Professor of the Environment, Patel School for Global Solutions, USF |
| January 10 | <i>Field Trip:</i> Old Myakka Scrub Preserve & Crawley Nature Center. Some reserve with huge diversity.
Leader: Dr. Craig Heugel | |
| February 4 | <u>Florida's Gorgeous Spring Blooming Trees</u> | Speaker:
Dr. Craig Heugel |
| February 7 | <i>Field Trip:</i> Devil's Millhopper, Gainesville, to see Redbud, Fringe Tree, Chickasaw Plums, Sparkleberry,
Leader: Dr. Craig Heugel | |
| March 4 | <u>Florida's Scrub Community:</u> What it is, how it formed, and what to see there.

Speaker: To be announced. | |

- March 21 *Field Trip: The Lake Wales Ridge: Tiger Creek, Lake June in Winter for Conradinas, Calamintha, Lyonias. Leader: Dr. Craig Heugel*
- April 1 Ecological Landscaping: An Urban Strategy for Sustainability Speaker: Claudia Lewis, environmental educator & consultant, executive director of the Plan C Initiative
- April 4 Spring Native Plant Sale at Wilcox Nursery
- May 6 The Future of Florida's Wildlife Speaker from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
- May 21-24 Florida Native Plant Society State Conference West Palm Beach
- June 3 Ferns of Florida Speaker: To be announced
- June 6 *Field Trip: Brooker Creek Preserve for ferns* Leader: To be announced
- July 1 The Value of Nature Speaker: Linda Taylor
- July 11 *Field Trip: Kayak trip* Location: tba
Leader: Lars Anderson
- August 5 Florida's Amazing Coastal Environments
Speaker: Barbara Hoffman
- August 8 *Field Trip: Snorkeling the sea grasses at a north county beach. Leader: Barbara Hoffman*
- September 2 Native Plant Landscape Tour Preview
Speakers: Landscape committee and homeowners.
- September 19 *Field Trip: Landscape tour of native plant yards*
- October 7 Sandhill Community: What is it? What is its importance? What will you see?
Speaker: To be announced
- October 10 *Field Trip: Riverside Island sandhill tract , Ocala*
Leader: Dr. Craig Heugel
- November 4 The Pinellas Chapter Highlights of the Year: a slide show retrospective
- November 7 *Field trip: The Clam Bayou House, extensive plantings of south Florida native species. Social event with pot luck. Leader: Danie Cutler*
- December Annual Conservation Celebration
Date and speaker to be chosen