



Pinellas Chapter Florida Native Plant Society 2020 PROGRAM SCHEDULE



Chapter programs are generally held the first Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

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DATE	LOCATION	SPEAKER	TITLE
1/8/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	Florida Native Palms Jan Allyn, Past President, PCFNPS	Jan Allyn will present a program on Florida's native palm species, including information about how/whether to trim palms, and about lethal bronzing, a growing threat to native and exotic palms. In her former life as a book publisher, Jan wrote and published "A Guide to Landscape Palms" which describes the most common native and exotic palms used in Florida landscapes.
2/5/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	The Enclave Restoration Project. Gary Cox, Enclave Resident Explore the FNPS Website Ginger Brengle, Communications Committee	We have a double feature in February! Gary Cox will lead us through how he, and a team of condo owners, are transforming 3-5 acres of wetlands and oak hammock, from invasive species to a natural and native preserve. A tour of this area is scheduled for February 22nd. Let's Explore! Ginger Brengle takes us through the resources available on the FNPS web site. Learn how our Society works to preserve Florida's native flora and what you can do to help. A few surprises await you! A printed list of other useful Florida native plant websites will be provided to attendees.
3/4/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	Lawn to Wildflowers Project Dr. Nash Turley, UCF Department of Biology	Dr. Nash Turley co-founded the "Lawn to Wildflowers" project, which engages the public to convert lawns to pollinator-friendly wildflower habitat. By working with people around the country, the project is growing a movement that makes the places where we live more beautiful and more environmentally friendly. In the process, we will learn how to best create habitats that promote native biodiversity.
4/1/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Online via Zoom	Florida Master Naturalist Program, Jeanne Murphy, Wildlife Biologist, Sensing Nature LLC.	The Florida Master Naturalist Program is an adult education program developed by the University of Florida and provided by the Pinellas County Extension Service, and participating organizations throughout the state of Florida. FMNP training will benefit persons interested in learning more about Florida's environment or wishing to increase their knowledge for use in education programs as volun-teers, employees, ecotourism guides, and others. Jeanne will share her experience with the program and how you can participate.
5/6/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Online via Zoom	Selection, Planting and Care of Florida Native Trees Erik Nobs, ISA Certified Arborist, O'Neils's Tree Service	Erik Nobs, ISA Certified Arborist with O'neill's Tree Service, will present a program on Florida native trees. Erik will guide you through the process of selecting the right trees for your site, planting, water management, proper pruning, maintenance and care. On Saturday, Erik will lead a tree walk through Phillipe Park with an emphasis on Florida native trees.
6/3/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Online via Zoom	Landscape Invaders: Common Invasive Plants and How to Control Them Tracy Muzyczka, Environmental Specialist, Terra Ceia Preserve State Park	Learn about the most common invasive plants in Pinellas County, how they threaten our native environment, and how to control them in your landscape.
7/1/2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Online via Zoom	Florida Friendly Yard Advisor Program Maridell Hahn, Master Gardener	Learn how this program can help you plan a Florida Friendly yard using native plants. The Florida Friendly Yard Advisor Program offers free landscape design and help to Pinellas County homeowners.
8/5/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	Converting Turfgrass to Florida Native Habitat Professor Craig Huegel, Author & Environmental Consultant Owner - Hawthorne Hill Plant Nursery	In 2019, Professor Craig Huegel, environmental consultant and author of numerous books on Florida native plants, moved into a new home with a traditional turfgrass lawn. In the period of just one year, he converted that lawn into a living habitat filled with native wildflowers and shrubs. Butterflies, pollinators and birds quickly followed. Craig will share how he made that happen, step by step, with lots of before, during and after photos.
9/2/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	Edible Native Plants and How To Prepare Them, Hillary Edenfield & Davis Birkit, Wilcox Nursery and Landscape	Florida has some incredible wild edibles! Greens for salad or the pot, nuts and berries, edible flowers, roots and shoots. Hilary Edenfield and Davis Byrkit of Wilcox Nursery & Landscape will give a program on Florida native plants that are edible.
10/7/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	The Fun of Grasses Stefan Babjack, Vice President, Pinellas Chapter Florida NPS	Florida has the third greatest diversity of native plants of any state in the U.S., including dozens of ornamental bunchgrasses. Learn how to identify native grasses, which ones to select for your growing conditions, and how to establish and maintain them for aesthetics and wildlife benefits.
11/4/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Moccasin Lake Nature Park, 2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759	To Be Announced	To Be Announced

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FIELDTRIPS & WORKSHOPS ARE USUALLY HELD ON SATURDAYS WITH OCCASIONAL OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIPS

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DATE	LOCATION	PROGRAM
1/11/2020	Gizella Kopsick Palm Abroetum	cycads representing some 150 species from around the world. Its development is supervised by the City Beautiful Commission in cooperation with the St. Petersburg Parks and Recreation Department. More information about the park: http://www.stpeteparksrec.org/gizellakopsick/ Bring a bag lunch and a blanket to spread out on the grass, and after our tour we'll find a good spot for a picnic. Please RSVP by
2/22/2020 10am-12pm	The Enclave. 9100 9th St N., St. Petersburg, FL	Tour of Enclave Condo Restoration Project. Gary Cox, FNPS member and Enclave Condo owner, will lead us through how he, and a team of condo owners, are transforming 3-5 acres of wetlands and oak hammock, from invasive species to a natural and native preserve. Park in front of clubhouse.
Cancelled	Caladesi Island Ferry Dock, Honeymoon Island State Park, 1 Causeway Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698	Spring Lupines at Caladesi. A guided native plant walk through Caladesi State Park, led by Park Ranger Dan Larremore, in search of the gorgeous blue Lupines which bloom only in spring. We will be walking from the Caladesi marina to the shop compound, and back, on a circuitous route not more than 2 miles. 3 hours max of leisurely walking. Dress comfortably for the forecast, including closed toe shoes. The terrain will be stable, but sandy in places. Wear close-toed shoes as burrs and poison ivy are abundant. Bring your water and be prepared for sun and bugs (not likely). No restrooms on the walk. We hope to find Tillandsia utriculata, Encyclia tampensis, and blooming Lupinus diffusus. \$14 pp cash for ferry. Carpool at 8:45 from McDonalds, 2618 Bayshore Blvd, Dunedin, FL 34698, or pay \$8 to enter park. If you are not carpooling meet at Caladesi Island Ferry at 9:30 for 10:00 departure.
Cancelled	Phillipe Park 2525 Philippe Pkwy. Safety Harbor, FL 34695	Fieldtrip: Florida Native Tree Walk With A Certified Arborist Erik Nobs, ISA Certified Arborist with O'neill's Tree Service, will lead a walk through Phillipe Park to view Florida native and other species of trees. Erik will talk about the role of trees in the park's ecosystem, the wildlife value of trees and common threats to tree health. Meet at 8:00 am. Wear closed toed shoes, bring water, sun and bug protection.
Cancelled	Upper Tampa Bay Trail Nature Center 8001 Double Branch Rd. Tampa, FL 33635	Native Plant Walk at Upper Tampa Bay Conservation Park. Guided hike on nature trails and boardwalks through wetlands and oak hammocks with focus on Florida native plants species, and how to cultivate them in your landscape. View an abundance of wildlife including gopher tortoises, zebra swallowtail butterflies, red shouldered hawks, bald eagles, roseate spoonbills, ospreys, otters, bottle nosed dolphins, and manatees. Meet at Nature Center at 8:00 am. Wear close toed shoes, bring water, sun and bug protection.
Cancelled	Wilcox Nursery 12501 Indian Rocks Rd, Largo, FL 33774	Plant Propagation Workshop - Learn how to get more plants! Learn to grow plants from seeds, start cuttings, and grow ferns from spores. Bring your lunch, gardening gloves, trowel and a pair of clippers. Other materials will be provided. Fee \$10. RSVP by March 31 to reserve your spot. RSVP@pinellasnativeplants.org
8/8/2020, 8:00 am - 11:00 am	Boca Ciega Millennium Park 12410 74th Ave N, Seminole, FL 33772	Native Plant Walk at Boca Ciega Millennium Park. Guided hike on nature trails and boardwalks, through seven natural communities: pine flatwoods, coastal oak hammock, mangrove swamp, salt marsh, bay head and wetlands. The first Pinellas County Park to have opened using only native plants throughout the parks formal landscaping. This "Great Florida Birding Trail" attracts shorebirds, waterfowl, wading birds, birds of prey and a myriad of upland birds. Meet at Shelter 3 at 8:00 am. Wear close toed shoes, bring water, sun and bug protection.
09/19/20 & 9/20/20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Members Only Landscape Tour	Members Only Landscape Tour, Pinellas Chapter FNPS members open their private landscapes and gardens to current FNPS members and guests. Hosts will be scattered around the county, so visit in any order you choose between 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Tour map will be published on September 1st, so save the date and watch for more information. If you are interested in adding your landscape to the tour, email RSVP@pinellasnativeplants.org or call Rebecca Wellborn at 727-320-5135.
10/10/20, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Brooker Creek Headwaters Nature Preserve 18102 Ramblewood Rd, Lutz, FL 33558	Native Grasses Walk at Brooker Creek Headwaters Guided hike on nature trails through a mosaic of forested swamps, floodplains and low-lying uplands, with focus on Florida native grasses. The uplands include pine flatwoods, xeric oak hammocks, and mixed hardwood and pine prairies. The largest area of contiguous natural habitat remaining in northwest Hillsborough County, public ownership of this preserve ensures protection of important wildlife habitat and the site's wetlands, which serve as the headwaters of the Brooker Creek system. Meet at trail head parking lot at 9:00 am. Wear close toed shoes, bring water, sun and bug protection.
Oct. 23, 4:00 pm Oct 24, 10:00 - 2:00	Riverwoods Field Lab. 100 Riverwoods Circle Lorida, FL 33857 Phone: (863) 462-0025	Kissimmee River Restoration Boat Tour and Glamping. Get a first-hand view of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project, the largest river restoration project in the world. 43 miles of river and floodplain. Friday, March 20th, 4:00 pm - until "Glamp" overnight in the student dormitory, hike the grounds and share dinner and stories around the campfire. Bring your own bedding, food and drinks. \$10 pp. Saturday, March 21st, 10 am – 2 pm 4 hour interpretive boat tour of the old river, the channelized C-38 canal and into the restored Kissimmee River. Get the "big picture" of the importance of the Kissimmee River Restoration to the Greater Everglades watershed with special focus on native plants used in restoration efforts. Bring a bag lunch. \$25 pp. Maximum of 17 guests. Trip is sold out. To be added to the waitlist RSVP to RSVP@pinellasnativeplants.org .
11/7/2020 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, 1101 Country Club Way S, St. Petersburg, FL 33705	Fall Wildflower Walk at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve. Join us as we enjoy fall wildflowers at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve in south St. Petersburg, on the shore of Lake Maggiore. The preserve has a variety of natural communities, including scrub, pine flatwoods, hardwood hammock, willow marsh, lakeshore, and swamp woodland. A special treat will be viewing two fall-blooming endangered scrub species: Nuttall's rayless goldenrod (<i>Bigelovia nutallii</i>), found only at the preserve and in Washington County, and Florida goldenaster (<i>Chrysopsis floridana</i>), a central Florida endemic. We will spend a couple of hours walking the trails at the preserve, then break for a brown-bag lunch at noon. Anyone who wishes to can stay to take the regularly-scheduled guided tram tour at 1 p.m. Wear close toed shoes, bring water, sun and bug protection.
December TBD	Local Brewery TBD	Blooms & Brews The Pinellas Chapter Florida Native Plant Society presents the third annual Blooms & Brews event, a casual evening for adults 21 and older. Craft brew sampling, complimentary snacks, plant identification contest, door prizes and great conversation.... all set in a local brewery. Awards will be presented to our volunteers. Location TBD.