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### **Registration for May 2011 Native Plant Conference is Open**

Registration is now open for the Annual Conference of the Florida Native Plant Society. It will take place at the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland, Florida on May 19-22, 2011. Patios, Preserves and Public Spaces: Making Connections represents the 31st conference for the non-profit organization. This exciting and comprehensive event offers workshops and lectures featuring expert advice in connecting Florida's natural habitats and conservation with the landscapes that we create in our personal and public environments. The conference is hosted by four Central Florida Chapters representing Lake County (Lake Beautyberry Chapter), Orange (Tarflower), Osceola (Pine Lily) and Seminole (Cuplet Fern).

The keynote speakers for this year include Dr. Rutherford H. Platt, Professor of Geography and Planning Law Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Cities, City University of New York, and Rick Darke, a widely published author, lecturer and consultant who focuses on native regional landscape design, planning and conservation. There will be over 40 additional speakers, workshops, social events, field trips, research presentations, poster exhibits and a lecture on Earth Jurisprudence. In addition, vendors will offer opportunities to buy plants native to and appropriate for the Central Florida locale.

The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Additional information, including schedules and author book signing events can be found at [www.fnps.org/pages/conference](http://www.fnps.org/pages/conference). For sponsorship opportunities or to receive information by mail, contact FNPS at 321-271-6702 or email the organization at [info@fnps.org](mailto:info@fnps.org).

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