



PINE LILY CHAPTER  
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

# The Lily Pad

## February Program

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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.

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Our speaker this month will be Kevin Songer presenting on Green Roofs using Native Plants. Kevin is a LEED AP, Certified Arborist, green roof botanist and environmental lawyer who helps architects, landscapers and engineers design and install both nature irrigated, native

plant green roof systems and food vegetated roof creations for habitat creation, stormwater and permaculture.

Learn about this growing field and where it might fit in to your own landscape design...it's not just for the roof over your head.

## Florida Native Plant Society Landscape Awards Program

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 18, 2011**

2011 Award recipients will be honored at the Florida Native Plant Society's annual conference, held at the Sheraton Orlando North in Maitland on Saturday, May 21, 2011. Award winners will receive complimentary conference registration on Saturday. [www.fnps.org/pages/conference](http://www.fnps.org/pages/conference)

### MINIMUM CRITERIA:

- 1) 75 percent Florida native plant species
- 2) Minimum 2-year grow-in period before submittal
- 3) No plants listed on the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council's List of Invasive Plant Species, Category I or II, within the project site. [www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org)

Applications available at:

[http://fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg\\_no\\_pic.php?keyword=Landscape](http://fnps.org/pages/programs/programpg_no_pic.php?keyword=Landscape)

**Meeting is Thursday  
February 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.**

First United Methodist Church  
101 W. Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee

### New/Renewing Members

None this month

**Why not ask a friend to join!**

## What's Blooming

*Gelsemium sempervirens* (YELLOW JESSAMINE); *Sisyrinchium spp.* (BLUE-EYED GRASS); *Coreopsis spp.* (TICKSEED); *Lonicera sempervirens* (CORAL HONEYSUCKLE; TRUMPET HONEYSUCKLE); *Crotalaria rotundifolia* (RABBITBELLS); *Polygala incarnata* (PROCESSION FLOWER); *Hypericum spp.* (ST.JOHN'S-WORT)

The human spirit needs places where nature has not been rearranged by the hand of man.

— Author Unknown

# Upcoming

March - TBA

April - Terri Peitroburgo  
Subject: Paw Paws

# Community

This is the perfect time of year for our Chapter to get our message out to the Community. We have a lot of outreach events on the upcoming schedule. It also would be a great time for you to volunteer a couple of hours at a display table, speak to your HOA membership about the wildlife value of native plants, or put in some time helping to maintain the pots in downtown Kissimmee.

# Naturewise Awards Dinner

2011 Nature Wise "Defenders of the Environment" Awards Dinner will take place at the Sonesta Hotel Downtown Orlando on Saturday 5th, 2011.

You may recall that Tracy McCommon did a presentation for us showing one of the excellent films this non-profit produces.

Further details:  
www.naturewisetv.org  
Judy Bodnar, Development Director  
Nature Wise Inc.  
321-295-4630  
naturewisetv@gmail.com

# From the Home Office

FNPS has a climate change interest group that shares articles and discussion. If you're interested in joining, contact Kariena at [executivedirector@fnps.org](mailto:executivedirector@fnps.org).

## Species Spotlight

***Sambucus nigra L. subsp. canadensis* (Elderberry)**  
by Loret



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Bushy, multistem shrub capable of reaching 10-15 feet. Blooms in spring (throughout the year in Florida) when star shaped white flowers appear in clusters. Purple fruits along with the flowers have many ethnobotanical applications, including pies, jelly fritters and wine, but raw berries contain poisonous alkaloids.

source: [floridata.com](http://floridata.com)  
[usda.gov](http://usda.gov)

It prefers full sun, but can tolerate partial sun. Best in moist soil, but is drought tolerant. USDA Zone 3-11.

Grows from seed or cuttings and can be cut to the ground to promote thicker growth and to keep this wide-spreading shrub inbound. Mulching around each plant will improve seedling survival. Annual pruning will considerably improve fruit yield.

It is a member of the Honeysuckle Family (Caprifoliaceae) and an excellent provider for wildlife. The berries, flowers and leaves feed at least 50 species including song birds, game birds, deer, bear and many small mammals. It is great for soil stablation and does well along streambanks where the spreading roots will provide habitat for fish.

Download the fact sheet:  
[http://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs\\_sanica4.pdf](http://plants.usda.gov/factsheet/pdf/fs_sanica4.pdf)

# Save the Date

**Tuesday February 22, 2011**  
6 pm – 8 pm

**Public Meeting to Provide Updates on Invasive Plant Management on Kissimmee Chain of Lakes**

Osceola County Commission  
Chambers in the Administrative Building at 1 Courthouse Square  
Contact Ed Harris at 407-858-6170

**Wednesday, March 9, 2011**  
8 am – 12:15 pm

Know the Flow - a free Stormwater Management System Workshop

Osceola Heritage Park. Registration required. Seating Limited. Contact Bridgett Tolley at 407-858-6100, x3806 by March 2, 2011

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Spring Retail Day at The Natives**  
2929 J.B. Carter Road  
Davenport, Florida 33837  
(863) 422-6664

You may recall that Nancy Bissett gave a presentation last year for our group.

**Volunteers Needed**

Kowtown: ..... Mar 19 9a-3p  
 Master Gardener Plant Sale..... Apr 8-9 9a-2p  
 Dark Sky..... Apr 9  
 Kissimmee Arts/ Crafts..... Apr 30  
 Baby Owl Shower.. May 7 10a-2p  
 Education in the Park..... May 7 2p-7p  
 Kissimmee Pots Maintenance ..... ongoing  
 contact Jenny Welch



**FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
 31ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
 MAY 19-22, 2011  
 SHERATON ORLANDO NORTH HOTEL, MAITLAND, FL**

**SAVE THE DATE!  
 REGISTRATION OPENS  
 JANUARY 1, 2011**

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 and  
 Public  
 Spaces...**



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 and RICK DARKE**

- Workshops
- Guided field trips
- Research
- Landscape designs
- CEUs
- Exhibitors
- Authors' book signings
- Social events
- Native plant sales
- Youth program

**FLORIDA EXOTIC  
 PLANT COUNCIL  
 SYMPOSIUM  
 MAY 17 - 20, 2011  
 SAME LOCATION**

**Making Connections**

Information available online at [www.fnps.org/pages/conference/](http://www.fnps.org/pages/conference/)  
 For questions or to receive conference information by mail, contact FNPS at 321-271-6702 or send an email to [info@fnps.org](mailto:info@fnps.org)

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 for only \$15.00 a month.

Contact Loret via email or call (407) 433-4483 for more information.

## Pitch in and **volunteer**...it feels **GREAT!**

**Florida Native Plant Society Membership Application**

Membership in the Florida Native Plant Society enables you to receive their wonderful quarterly magazine The Palmetto. Joining the FNPS also entitles you to membership privileges in the Pine Lily Chapter of the FNPS and a subscription to their monthly newsletter *The Lily Pad*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business name or organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Check pertinent category:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit organization \$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Full time student \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Business or corporate \$125
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<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing \$75	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting \$100	

*Make check payable to: FNPS  
 Detach and mail to:*  
**Pine Lily Chapter of  
 Florida Native Plant Society  
 P.O. Box 278  
 Melbourne, FL 32902-0278**

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