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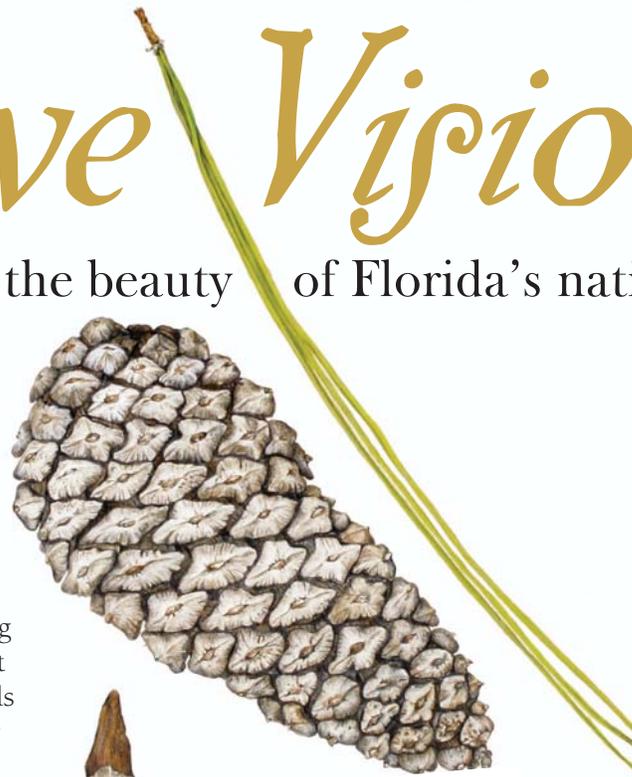
## Artists from the Florida Society of Botanical Artists celebrate native plants

Botanical art today is enjoying a renaissance, and although it often depicts far-flung marvels of the botanical world, many contemporary practitioners of this timeless art seek their subject matter in more prosaic locations, such as their own back yards.

Under the artist's brush, the complex structure of a pine cone is analyzed and delineated. A nodding ray flower visited by butterflies is captured in graceful strokes of color. A flower's anatomy is explored in cross section. Rendering plants in the classical botanical style distills the essence of each subject, making it somehow more comprehensible than a photograph. Whether created for scientific study or the contemplation of beauty, the art of Florida's flora enhances our understanding of each native plant's form and function.

Top: Longleaf Pine, *Pinus palustris*  
Medium – Prismacolor color pencil  
Artist – Gloria Markiewicz

Right: *Encyclia tampensis*  
Medium – watercolor  
Artist – Kay Adams





Top left: *Silphium asteriscus*  
with *Vanessa virginiensis*  
Medium – watercolor  
Artist – Susan Benjamin



*Jacquemontia pentanthos*

SM'D 2008

Top right: *Jacquemontia pentanthos*  
Medium – acrylic  
Artist – Susan McDonald



Bottom right: *Helianthus debilis*,  
*Bidens alba*, and *Poinsettia cyathophora*  
Medium – watercolor  
Artist – Charlotte Staub Thomas

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*Encyclia tampensis*  
Medium – graphite  
Artist – Susan Benjamin



*Bonamia grandiflora*  
 Florida lady's night cap  
 Medium – graphite.  
 Artist – Leslie Nicks Panzarella



*Asimina reticulata*  
 Medium – pen & ink on drafting vellum  
 Artist – Philip Louis Phillips

*Ipomoea pes-caprae*  
 Railroad vine  
 Medium – graphite  
 Artist – Cindy Clifton





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**The purpose of the Florida Native Plant Society**

is to conserve, preserve, and restore the native plants and native plant communities of Florida.

**Official definition of native plant:**

For most purposes, the phrase Florida native plant refers to those species occurring within the state boundaries prior to European contact, according to the best available scientific and historical documentation. More specifically, it includes those species understood as indigenous, occurring in natural associations in habitats that existed prior to significant human impacts and alterations of the landscape.

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