



Florida Native Plant Society ~ Sea Rocket Chapter ~ Serving Central & North Brevard County

FEBRUARY 2020 HAPPY VALENTINES

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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FEBRUARY 26TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**"Attracting Birds with Native Plants"
Dr. Kate Wells**



A Rhode Island native, Dr. Kate Wells relocated to Florida in the summer of 2018. She is currently the Educational Outreach Director for Space Coast Audubon Society, as well as a member of Hundred Acre Hollows and of the Conradina chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. Kate is a lifelong birder and nature lover. She spends much of her free time outdoors getting to know the local flora and fauna.

"Attracting Birds with Native Plants" will introduce the birds that often visit yards, their basic needs, and how to create a bird-friendly habitat at home. She'll also share tips and resources for creating your own landscaping plan, including examples of Brevard County natives you can use to attract our feathered friends.



Titusville balm (*Dicerandra thinicola*)

Find us on FACEBOOK 

For a comprehensive view of Sea Rocket activities go to
<https://www.facebook.com/searocketchapter>



LET'S GO ON A HIKE!

Fox Lake Sanctuary Field Trip Saturday, February 15th, 2020 0900:1200

This sanctuary was acquired in 2007 by the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program with some additions in 2009 and incorporates about 2568 ac. Habitats include oak scrub, scrubby flatwoods, mesic flatwoods, extensive freshwater marshes, hardwood swamps, and parts of several lakes. Prescribed burning of scrub, flatwoods and marshes has been conducted since acquisition.

Directions:



The entrance to Fox Lake Sanctuary is within Fox Lake Park and the street address is 4400 Fox Lake Road. Take I-95 to St. Rt. 50 (Titusville). Exit and go east a short distance to intersection with St. Rt. 405. Turn left (north) on SR 405. Note SR 405 has sections that run North-South and East-West. Continue on SR 405 to Fox Lake Road. Turn left on Fox Lake Road and go to the end. Park entrance is at the end of the road. Take the park road to its farthest point by Fox Lake. Sanctuary entrance is near the boat ramp and the large pavilion.

Bring hat, sunscreen, water, and insect repellent.

New Polo Shirts are being ordered. Two Colors—Blue or Yellow. Be sure to contact Janina Shoemaker for details at janina13@cfl.rr.com.

NEW



Join the “Highway Squad”

The Sea Rocket Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society is performing this community service on a 1 mile section of Columbia Blvd.



Have you seen the signs?

Watch for dates!

We need volunteers to help out in keeping this section of the highway litter free.

Contact Janina Shoemaker at janina13@cfl.rr.com to volunteer and get involved in this great community service event,

Community Corner

Happenings About Town

Saturday in the Garden

Join us on Saturday, February 15th and Saturday, February 29th at 9:30 am, as we spend a few hours sprucing up the Enchanted Forest Garden. The Sea Rocket Chapter has an agreement with the EEL as part of our native plant storage to assist in making the Forest a beautiful place for all of its visitors.

444 Columbia Blvd, Titusville, FL 32780

UPCOMING DATES FEBRUARY 2020

- 2/4-6 Florida Living History, 9-2 at Fort Christmas Park (\$8)
- 2/8 Pioneer Day @ Sam's House
- 2/11 Board of Directors Meeting 5:30 pm @ LeCrave
- 2/15 Adopt a Highway—8:00 a.m.
- 2/15 Hike at Fox Lake Sanctuary 9:00 a.m.—Noon
- 2/15 Saturday in the Garden @ Enchanted Forest @ 930am
- 2/15 Orlando Wetlands Festival (Starts at Fort Christmas)
- 2/26 General Meeting @ 6:30pm Kate Wells, Audubon
- 2/29 Saturday in the Garden @ Enchanted Forest @ 930am

ORLANDO WETLANDS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
CITY OF ORLANDO

Extra fun this year:
• Environmental & craft vendors
• Food trucks
• Music
• Workshops

K&B
keep beautiful

KEEP BREVARD BEAUTIFUL PRESENTS
3RD ANNUAL PLANT SALE
April 18th, 2020
8am-2pm
Cocoa Riverfront Park
401 Riveredge Blvd

Special thanks to:
Coca-Cola BEVERAGES FLORIDA
SEMI-INDUSTRIAL LLC
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Seaside Doodleleaf

If you would like your event listed here for our members to see please email us at searocketfnps@gmail.com



\$8
ADMISSION

FLORIDA LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL

Ft. Christmas Historical Park

1300 Fort Christmas Rd., Christmas, FL 32709

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
February 4, 5 and 6, 2020
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring history to life for your students!

Experience the 1400s – 1800s!

Colonial Spanish • English Camp • Pirate Camp • Musket Drills Timucuan Indians
Florida Cow Hunters Early Skills Demonstrations • Union & Confederate Civil War Soldier
Seminole War Era • 1837 Fort and Soldiers • Cannon Firing • Blacksmithing • Gaming Area

For a small fee you can learn Native American skills!



*Event coordinated by Jim Sawgrass
Florida Muskogee*

*Mingle with Pirates and buy
goods at the Trading Post.*

Sponsored by Orange County Parks and Recreation
and Fort Christmas Historical Society



407-254-9312 • OrangeCountyParks.net



We embrace the power of diversity. Orange County Parks and Recreation does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of age, race, gender, national origin or disability. ANY SPECIAL NEEDS PLEASE CALL.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Pine Island Preservation Society,
in partnership with Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program,
proudly present the

9th Annual Pioneer Day

Saturday, February 8th, 2020 • 10 am - 4 pm

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Sams House/Pine Island Conservation Area



1990 - 2020

This year we celebrate two milestones - the 30th anniversary of
Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands Program,
and the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment
which gave women the right to vote



Honoring Brevard's Suffragists

Step back in time as we celebrate Brevard's early settlers at two historic sites

St. Luke's Events

5555 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island • (321) 452-5260

Guided Cemetery Tours

- 10:15 am "Founding Families"
- 10:45 am "An Archaeologist's Perspective"
Molly Thomas, Local Archaeologist
- 11:15 am "Boot Camp Tour: Veterans from the Civil War to Vietnam"
- 2:30 pm "Women of Brevard"

Pioneer Music in the 1888 Chapel at 11:45 am

Cemetery Stroll

- 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Meet historic figures found in this early Merritt Island Cemetery

Featured Presentation

- 11:00 am St. Luke's Church: "Grace Taylor: Bringing Culture to Brevard"
Learn about Grace Taylor, a prominent philanthropist and one of the founders of the Cocoa Public Library who also helped to start the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science
Holly Baker, Manager, Brevard Museum of Science and Natural History

Homemade
Soups \$5



St. Luke's famous homemade
soups available at 11:45 am

Sams House/Pine Island Events

6195 N. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island • (321) 449-4720



Florida Living History Demonstrations • Guided Trail Hikes
Live music: *Celery City String Band, Chris Kahl, Pine Trio & Boylston Fish*
Exhibitors: History, Nature, Wildlife, Anthropology, & Archaeology
Crafts Fair & Farmer's Market • Children's Games & Crafts • Petting Farm
1888 Sams House Tours • Pioneer "Parade" at 11 am • Food Trucks



FREE Admission • \$2 Suggested Donation For Parking • FREE Shuttle Service Between Venues
www.mipioneerday.com • FB: Merritt Island Pioneer Day

VOTING – February 26th, 2020

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Sea Rocket Active Members

Remember our General Chapter meeting on February the 26th is when YOU have a chance to make changes in the direction and leadership of YOUR chapter.

Sea Rocket has several positions open on the board and as Committee Chairs.

As a Board Member or Committee Chair, you will have the opportunity to move Sea Rocket into new areas of community involvement and outreach activities.

No prior experience needed to apply. All you need to serve is a desire:

- To see Native Plants become more prevalent in our community.
- If you are interested in “the Preservation, Conservation, and Restoration of the Native Plants and Native Plant Communities of Florida.” (FNPS Goal).
- If you would like to learn more about natural Florida.
- If you love plants and gardening.
- If you have an Email address.

If you can answer yes to one of more of the above, you have all the qualifications needed to serve on the Board.~

SEA ROCKET NEEDS YOU!



Sea Rocket runs on Volunteerism. Without volunteers stepping up to bring in new ideas, by “thinking outside the box”, the chapter will suffer for lack of energy, ideas, excitement, and innovation. We have several openings for new officers and leadership in Sea Rocket that we need volunteers to fill.~

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Education Center
444 Columbia Blvd, Titusville, FL 32780 321-264-5185

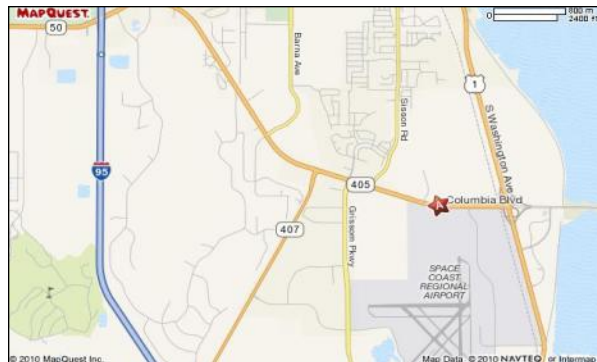


Driving Directions to the Sanctuary:

From I-95 Northbound: take SR-407 Exit 212 east 2.7 miles to SR-405 intersection. Turn right onto SR-405 and go east 1.9 miles (the Sanctuary entrance is on the left 0.4 miles past Sisson Road)

From I-95 Southbound: take SR-50 Exit 215 east. Turn left onto SR 50 and turn right onto SR-405 (2nd light) Travel 3.6 miles (the Sanctuary entrance is on the left 0.4 miles past Sisson Road)

From U.S. HWY 1: go west 0.5 miles on SR-405 in south Titusville. Sanctuary entrance is on the right.



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Sea Rocket Chapter November Board meeting will be held on

February 11th at 5:30 pm.

The meeting will be held at Le Crave in Titusville

All members are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.



Titusville City Council Approves New Environment-Friendly Resolution Supporting KBB's Lagoon Friendly Lawn Program and Similar Programs

"Resolution No. 33-2019 was adopted by the City Council supporting Keep Brevard Beautiful's Lagoon Friendly Lawn program and similar programs aimed at reducing nutrient pollution and stormwater runoff. KBB's Lagoon Friendly Lawn program awards unique lawn signs to homeowners for incorporating certain lawn care designs and practices, such as reducing turf area, fertilizer use, and impervious surfaces to improve water quality."

"Lagoon Friendly Lawns also offers a county-wide certification system for lawn-care contractors, developed in partnership with the City of Satellite Beach Sustainability Board. Contractor certification applications and any violation reports are handled by a review board of scientists, business owners and municipal officials. Any homeowner who utilizes a Lagoon Friendly Lawns contractor is automatically qualified for the "member" level of lawn certification in the areas of service provided by that contractor."

From the City of Titusville website: <https://www.titusville.com/News.asp?NewsID=1430>

Be sure to check out the bi-monthly newsletter of the
Florida Native Plant Society

Located online at : <http://fnps.org/resources/sabalminor>

