



Dade Chapter

# TILLANDSIA

Newsletter of the Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Inc.  
- For Miami-Dade County and the Florida Keys -

MAY 2019

## MONTHLY MEETING

**Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Pinecrest Gardens, 11000 SW 57 Ave. (Red Road), Miami**  
**Free and open to the public**

Refreshments begin at 7:15 p.m., merchandise sales before and after the program. The raffle follows the program. Contributions of **raffle items** (native plants, books, etc.) and **refreshments** are greatly appreciated. **Please label your raffle plant donations.**

A short Annual Chapter Meeting will be held before the program to elect certain board positions and conduct any other chapter business as needed.

**“Weedology 101:  
History, Science, Technology & Philosophy of Weeding”**  
- Janine Griffiths

Weedology 101 is an exploration of a topic few are brave enough to tackle. Janine is excited to share her knowledge of the history, science and techniques of weeding, as well as her expertise and experiences with the psychological and spiritual aspects of the task we all love to hate – WEEDING!



Janine Griffiths is (practically) a Florida native who enjoys working with native and Florida-Friendly plants, helping to support wildlife, butterflies and pollinators in their natural habitats as well as created habitats in people’s homes all over Broward, Palm Beach, and north Miami-Dade counties. She is passionate about educating the public about native and Florida-Friendly plants and how to use them effectively in their home landscapes.

Janine is the landscape designer/owner of [www.GreenThumbInc.com](http://www.GreenThumbInc.com), a native and tropical landscape design/install/maintenance and interior plantscape firm in Fort Lauderdale. She is an ISA certified arborist, FNGLA horticulture professional, Florida Advanced Master Naturalist, a

## Calendar

**FNPS 39th Annual Conference: "Transitions"**  
**May 16-19, 2019, at the Plantation on Crystal River**

See [fnps.org](http://fnps.org)

**Registration: online until May 8, closed May 9-14, onsite starting May 15 at 4:30 pm with increase of \$25 per day.**

### May

**28 (Tue.): DCFNPS meeting & Annual Chapter Meeting,**  
Pinecrest Gardens. **7:30 pm**

### June

**8 (Sat): Chapter workday,** Everglades Nat Park, 9am-noon  
**25 (Tue.): DCFNPS meeting,** Pinecrest Gardens. **7:30 pm**  
**[Date TBA]: Field trip**

### July

**20 (Sat): Evening yard visit & potluck social** (no Pinecrest meeting)

### Other events of interest

**May 8 & June 12:** Broward chapter FNPS meetings

**May 11:** EEL workday, Rockdale pineland

**May 21:** Dade Native Plant Workshop

member of FNPS, and serves on the Florida Association of Native Nurseries board. Janine is also a Naturescape Broward Habitat Steward and Broward County Master Gardener volunteer.

**June 25 program:** “The Imperiled Flora and Fauna of the Pine Rocklands of Zoo Miami” - Frank Ridgley DVM, Zoo Conservation and Veterinary Services Manager, Zoo Miami (There will also be a **field trip** in the pine rockland around the zoo. Date TBA.)

## DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

**Welcome new members!** Jessica Anderson, Susan Cumins, Donna Piper

**Broward Chapter FNPS** - [broward.fnpschapters.org/](http://broward.fnpschapters.org/)

Secret Woods Nature Center, Dania Beach

• **May 8, 2019, program:** Naturalist Kelli Whitney Talks of Plants and Wildlife

• **June 12, 2019:** Broward Chapter Potluck

**Sabal Minor** (bi-monthly newsletter from FNPS) May-June. 2019, Volume 21, Number 3 is now in your email inbox, or will be available at [fnps.org/resources/sabalminor](http://fnps.org/resources/sabalminor).

**Thanks to April outreach volunteers. You can do this, too!**

Susan Walcutt, Jeanne Rothchild and Gayle Kolasa introduced students to native plants and butterfly caterpillars at **Key Largo School's Earth Day** celebration. Jeanne did the same for visitors at **Miami River Day**. As always, everyone was eager to see the caterpillars up close. **Events like these are an easy way for any chapter**



**member to help us reach people who don't come to Native Plant Day and Fairchild events.** Probably most of the visitors know little if anything about native plants and wildlife. When opportunities are announced in the future, please consider volunteering! It's only a little investment of your time, and it's a good cause.

**Support the Dade Chapter FNPS by using Amazon Smile!**

Register for Amazon Smile and then always start at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases. *Every little bit adds up!*

**WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE DOING**

*More opportunities to learn about, enjoy and help native plants and natural areas.*

**Dade Native Plant Workshop:** MDC Kendall Campus Landscape Technology Center, third Tuesdays, 5 pm. [nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/](http://nativeplantworkshop.ning.com/) or contact Steve Woodmansee at [steve@pronative.com](mailto:steve@pronative.com). Bring at least three cuttings or pots, which need not pertain to the topic. **All levels are welcome!**

*Note: we're switching back to the ning.com website.*

**May 21:** The genera *Eugenia*, *Myrcianthes*, and *Mosiera* (stoppers)

**Miami-Dade Environmentally Endangered Lands Program**

[www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands-volunteer.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands-volunteer.asp)

• **May 11 Sat.:** Rockdale Pineland (planting) - near SE 152 St and US1

**"Tickseed"  
By Marge Brown**

*Coreopsis  
leavenworthii*



## Florida Monarch Research

The Florida Monarch Research and Educational Project is conducting research on the Florida Monarchs and to explore the reasons for their rapid decline. The project will provide education to schools, communities and the general public on how to provide safe chemical free habitats that will provide healthy and necessary larval and butterfly plants.

The project's initial study will focus on *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* ("OE"). OE is a protozoan parasite that larvae ingest on milkweed and is spread through microscopic spores.

The project's research will include; the testing and tagging of both wild and farmed butterflies, the documenting of wild born and farmed larvae, the species of milkweed used to raise the larvae, and the location. **The entire state of Florida will be encompassed to determine if this is a specific "zone" issue.** See [florida-monarch-research-and-educational.business.site/](http://florida-monarch-research-and-educational.business.site/).

**If you would like to participate in this research as a volunteer or have questions, please contact Joyce Samsel at [florida.monarchreproject@gmail.com](mailto:florida.monarchreproject@gmail.com)**

*This research includes caterpillars feeding on any milkweed, including non-native species used in this area.*

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## Schaus' Swallowtail Butterfly Monitors Needed on North Key Largo

The first month of this year's survey has been exciting, with numerous sightings of this Federally Endangered butterfly. **However, more pairs of eyes are needed as "snowbirds" leave.** The survey runs through late June. Other species seen are also recorded. You don't need to be able to identify everything yourself. You will walk through beautiful hammocks normally not ready accessible.

**Please contact Scott Tedford for more information ([scott.tedford@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:scott.tedford@dep.state.fl.us), 772-402-9467).**



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**Refreshment coordinators:** **Volunteers needed**

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