



Dade Chapter

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

MARCH 2019

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 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.**

“Endemic Wildflowers of Florida” – Roger Hammer

There are 245 plants endemic to Florida, found nowhere else in the world. Many of these endemics are state-listed endangered and threatened species, while some are federal-listed. Unlike Florida native plants that range north into other states, or south into the tropics, if we lose an endemic species, it becomes extinct. This program features endemic wildflowers found from the far western panhandle to Big Pine Key in the lower Florida Keys.



Florida lady's nightcap (*Bonamia grandiflora*) is endemic to sand pine scrub in Central Florida

Roger Hammer is a professional naturalist and survivalist instructor for the Discovery Channel's reality television show



Naked and Afraid. He was the manager of Castellow Hammock Nature Center for the Miami-Dade County Parks for 33 years, retiring in 2010. He has received numerous awards from FNPS, Tropical Audubon Society, and the North American Butterfly Association. He has given keynote speeches at

FNPS state conferences and gave the keynote address at the 2008 World Orchid Conference in Miami. In 2012 he received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Florida International University. He is the author of several books. Roger lives in Homestead with his wife, Michelle.

April 23 (4th Tues, not last): Jimmy Lange, botanist with Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Calendar

March

- 13 (Wed.):** Broward Chapter FNPS meeting
- 16 (Sat.):** Field trip – Hillsboro Pineland (Broward Chapter)
- 22 (Fri.):** Set up for Native Plant Day – please volunteer!
- 23 (Sat.):** NATIVE PLANT DAY – sign up now to volunteer!
- 26 (Tue.):** DCFNPS meeting, Pinecrest Gardens. 7:30 pm

April

- 6 (Sat.):** Miami River Day, DCFNPS table – volunteer!
- 7 (Sun.):** DCFNPS workday, Everglades Nat. Park-volunteer!
- 13 (Sat.):** Field trip – Wetlands in Palm Beach Co.
- 23 (Tue.):** DCFNPS meeting, Pinecrest Gardens. 7:30 pm

FNPS 39th Annual Conference: "Transitions"
May 16-19, 2019, at the Plantation on Crystal River
► Register now at fnps.org for best field trip selection!

Other events of interest

- Mar:** FIU Biology lunchtime seminars, **Wednesdays**
- Mar. 13:** Broward chapter FNPS meeting
- Mar. 14:** City of Miami - Simpson Park program
- Mar. 16 (and later):** City of Miami Parks workday
- Mar. 19:** Dade Native Plant Workshop
- Apr. 6:** Plant Biologists of South Florida meeting
- Apr. 7:** Butterfly garden planting in memory of Cheryl Morgan
- Apr. 13:** Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day – register now
- Biscayne Nat. Park art exhibit:** Native plants & pollinators

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are for the study of plants and enjoyment of nature by FNPS members and their guests. Collecting is not permitted; children are welcome. Don't spend the day with no place to go - **Dade and Broward Chapter trips are open to both chapters!**

- **Saturday, March 16, 2019:** Broward Chapter trip to Hillsboro Pineland led by Chuck McCartney. <http://broward.fnpschapters.org/>
- **Saturday, April 13, 2019:** Dade Chapter trip. Details TBA. Wakodahatchee and Green Cay Wetlands in Delray Beach led by Haniel Pulido. Elevated boardwalk over freshwater slough.
- **Ideas for later?** Contact Patty (pharespl@gmail.com, 305-255-6404).

NATIVE PLANT DAY – March 23
Volunteer, spread the word, attend! See p. 2.

24th NATIVE PLANT DAY

Saturday, March 23, 2019, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Bill Sadowski Park at Old Cutler Hammock

17555 SW 79 Avenue, Palmetto Bay, 33157
(1/2 mile west of Old Cutler Road on SW 176 St.)

Enjoy a free day of learning and fun for all ages.

Rain or shine!



Co-sponsored by:

The Dade Chapter FNPS & Miami Dade County Parks

Learn about native plants, natural areas, landscaping, conservation, birds, butterflies, seeds, wildflowers, woodturning and lots more.

All in a wonderful setting for bird & butterfly watching.

- Programs and nature walks
- Special Fern Grotto tour and "Early Bird" walk
- Book, merchandise and plant sales by the Dade Chapter
- Plant sales by nursery vendors (cash/check)
- Special: kids-only plant sale!
- Hands-on take-home projects • Raffles
- Exhibits by environmental organizations • Plant clinic
- Explore the park's natural areas
- Borrow kayaks to paddle on the canal
- Food and drinks available for purchase
- **Rain Barrel Workshop - Florida Yards & Neighborhoods** (\$40, pre-register at <http://tinyurl.com/NPD2019RainBarrel>)

Contact the Dade Chapter if you need additional information.

The schedule will be posted at dade.fnpschapters.org when final.

HELP MAKE NATIVE PLANT DAY AMAZING!

As a chapter member, please help us make the day a big success! Please spread information to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, club-mates.

Also:

- **Donate raffle items and plants for the chapter sale.** We sell plants (in addition to our usual merchandise) to raise funds for the chapter. We raffle some of the best and most rare plant specimens you'll find, and also gardening or nature-related items, gift certificates, etc. Please groom your plants now. Contact Amy if you need to drop them in advance, or so we can be prepared for your donations.
- **Distribute stacks of postcards.** Pick some up (contact Amy) for stores, offices, library, local business, meetings you attend or other places (with permission, of course).
- **Forward announcements by email and social media** to your friends, clubs.
- **Help set up on Friday, March 22.** Setting up the raffle and other areas are some of the easy yet essential things you can do Friday afternoon. Contact Amy.

- **Loan display plants or items.** Share the best of your natives and show the public why they should use more in their yards.

Contact Patty.

- **Volunteer at Native Plant Day.** On March 23 we will need about 40 volunteers. Give us part of your morning or afternoon, and you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy the event. Please contact Gita (now, please!) if you, family/friends, or young people you know might be able to help.

Contact information:

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Thank you for your help in making this year's Native Plant Day exceptional!



DADE CHAPTER and FNPS NEWS

Welcome new members! Jean Anne Davis, John Shaffer, Ayla Shove. Welcome back to Donna Sprunt, a founding FNPS member in 1980-1981!

Broward Chapter FNPS meeting, March 13, 2019.

Chuck McCartney – "Aliens Among Us: South Florida's Non-Native Wildflowers". <http://broward.fnpschapters.org/>

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 1-6 p.m. 23rd Annual Miami RIVERDAY at Lummus Park (250 NW North River Dr.), hosted by the Miami River Commission. Free, activities for kids/adults, free parking. www.miamirivercommission.org

DCFNPS will have a display! Please contact Jeanne Rothchild to volunteer with her. 305-562-2365 (c)

The Dade Chapter honors its founders, Joyce and Don Gann, by supporting FNPS Conservation Grants each year. You are invited to contribute at a meeting, mail a check to DCFNPS (note "Gann Conservation Fund" in the memo line), or contact Susan Walcutt (walcutts@bellsouth.net, 305-297-7757).

Chapter workday, Everglades National Park

SUNDAY, April 7, 2019, 9 a.m.-noon – Volunteer!

Help us enhance the native habitat at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. We will be pruning and weeding. Contact Patty (305-878-5705, pharespl@gmail.com) with questions or if the weather is very bad.

Butterfly Garden in memory of DCFNPS member Cheryl Koenig Morgan will be planted on April 7 at her church, with friends from all parts of her life. Please

see <http://tinyurl.com/ckmgarden> to learn how to make monetary or plant donations and to participate. The plant list may include non-native butterfly plants as well as natives.

Florida Native Plant Society 39th Annual Conference

May 16-19, 2019 in Crystal River. It's the easiest way to get a taste of nature in a different part of Florida!

Field trips Thursday and Sunday, workshops Thursday and Saturday, programs Friday and Saturday. There is an impressive list of presenters, social events, vendors and a variety of field trips (you'll find some to fit your interests and energy level).

Check out information at fnps.org and register early to get your pick of field trips. Make lodging reservation by April 21 for the special conference rate.

Support the Dade Chapter FNPS by using Amazon Smile!

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

FEBRUARY 11, 2019 PROCLAIMED AS DON AND JOYCE GANN DAY

Congratulations to FNPS and Dade Chapter founders Don and Joyce Gann for their recent honor from the Board of County Commissioners! Besides being among the first to provide native plants for Dade County landscapes through their nursery, Don and Joyce each have played separate and important roles in county environmental efforts which we feel the impact of today. **Please read the complete proclamation at the link below.**



Left to right: County Commissioner Levine Cava, Joyce Gann, Don Gann, Janet Gil and Joy Klein

Miami-Dade County Commissioner Daniella Levine Cava presented a proclamation to Homestead couple Don and Joyce Gann, in recognition of their many years of service and dedication to the protection and preservation of native plants and natural areas. The Miami-Dade County proclamation designated February 11, 2019, as Don and Joyce Gann Day.

"I am humbled and honored to recognize such an extraordinary couple that tills the soil, our souls and shares their love for native plants in a way that has transformed our county," said Commissioner Levine Cava when presenting the Ganns with the proclamation at their daughter's home on Feb. 8. "I'm delighted that we could honor Don and Joyce Gann with their own special day."

Complete proclamation:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/district08/releases/2019-02-11-don-joyce-gann-day.asp>

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. www.nativeplantworkshop.com or contact Steve Woodmansee at steve@pronative.com. Bring at least three cuttings or pots, which need not pertain to the topic. **All levels are welcome!**

Mar. 19: Ferns (by popular demand)

Do the Shore Thing! 37th Annual Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day, April 13, 2019, 9am-noon. Help Miami-Dade County keep the beaches and shorelines along Biscayne Bay clean with thousands of other volunteers at 22 cleanup sites. [Register online](#) through March 15 or call 311.

FIU Biology Department's informal and entertaining lunchtime seminars, some Wednesdays, noon-1 pm, WC 130. Schedule: <http://faculty.fiu.edu/~kopturs/planttalk18.html> For reminders, contact Dr. Suzanne Koptur (kopturs@fiu.edu).

City of Miami Parks environmental events. See Eventbrite or contact Gloria Antia (gantia@mianigov.com, 305-416-1317).

Mar. 14, 7 pm: "Rare Plants of Brickell Hammock and their Conservation", presentation by FTBG botanist Jimmy Lange. See [Eventbrite](#) for more details. Free!

Mar. 16: Workday at Virginia Key (+ more dates/places later)

Biscayne Nat. Park art exhibit: Native plants and their pollinators, Tropical Botanic Artists of S.Fla, **through May 5. March 30:** Artists' reception, 6-8 pm; Elliott Key boat trip for a botany walk (\$44 or go in your own boat). Info/book trip [here](#). Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/238437520365328/

Plant Biologists of South Florida meets April 6, 2019, 9 a.m. at the Deering Estate in Miami. <https://pbsf.org/> Join with others who love and work with plants in an informal meeting where all kinds of botanists share their work and come to meet folks from other parts of South Florida with similar interests. Also a tour of the natural area after lunch.

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Dade Chapter – FNPS Council of Chapters: vacant

Refreshment coordinators: **Volunteers needed**

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Please contact the editor if you would like to join the Tillandsia staff!

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