



27th ANNUAL NATIVE PLANT DAY

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center



Sponsored by:

The Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society & Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces

8:00 am to 9:00 am	Early Birding Walk - See the birds when they're most active, with one of the best walk leaders! Joe Barros, President, Tropical Audubon Society. Bring binoculars and meet at the Nature Center
9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Programs - Walks - Raffles - Exhibitor displays - Activities - Plant, merchandise, book & art sales Live music by Grant Livingston Food trucks: The Brothers Kitchen Grill & Dolci Peccati Gelato

- **Chapter Merchandise:** Everything to help you learn about native plants and beyond! (Cash, Check, or Credit Card)
- **Plant Sales:** Great selection! Professional and member-grown stock and hard-to-find species! (cash/check/some accept card)
- **Plant holding area:** Leave your purchases or raffle winnings here while enjoying the other activities or programs.
- **Youth Booth (for learners of all ages):** Activities to learn about native plants and have fun doing it. Earn free plants!
- **Have plant questions?** Several organizations can help - Native Plant Society, UF/IFAS Master Gardeners, IRC, and others.

Enjoy original songs of South Florida's history with folk artist Grant Livingston

	Programs - Meet inside the Nature Center Building (Look for the yellow banner)		Activities - Meet for walks at the Nature Center (Look for the orange banner)
9:45 to 10:10	Creating Your Own Backyard Paradise Using Natives and Tropical Fruit Trees - Jeff Wasielewski, Commercial Tropical Fruit Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Miami-Dade County	All day	Pick up a Trail Guide & Map at the Nature Center and take a self-guided hammock walk
10:20 to 10:45	Fighting Climate Change with Butterflies - What can you do in your own backyard to help? Mary Benton, Founding Director, Bound By Beauty.	10:30 to 11:30	Pruning Tips and Techniques for the Native Plant Lover - Demonstration talk/walk. Jeff Wasielewski, Commercial Tropical Fruit Extension Agent, UF/IFAS Miami-Dade County
10:55 to 11:20	Plant It and They Will Come - The best native plants to make your backyard come to life! Joy D. Klein, Environmental Resources Supervisor, EEL, DERM & RER, Miami-Dade County.	10:55 to 11:55	Hummingbird Walk-n-Talk - Learn how Castellow Hammock's mature pollinator garden invites and supports hummingbirds, one of the park's most fascinating seasonal visitors. Led by Castellow Park staff. Feel free to join even after the start time.
11:30 to 11:55	Landscaping 101: Designing for Resilience - Landscaping techniques that can survive our changing seasons. Natalia Manrique and Mauricio Gonzalez, NaMa Native Landscapes	11:45	Meet at the Raffle tent to learn about the plants and determine which plants you need in your yard!
12:15	Raffle #1 at 12:15, you must be present to win.		Enjoy an authentic Mexican burrito, some tacos, or quesadilla, and then cool off with a smooth artisanal gelato! (vegan & vegetarian options)
1:00 to 1:25	A Botanical History of "Castellow's Hammock" - Learn how a turn-of-the-century citrus farmer unknowingly facilitated the preservation of one of Miami-Dade's most ecologically important Rockland Hammocks. Eric King, Interpretive Programs Supervisor		
1:35 to 2:00	Invaders in Our Midst - Did you know that many of our worst invasives were once prized landscape components? Learn to spot invasive plants in your backyard or at a big-box store. Gwen Burzycki, Native Plant Enthusiast and DCFNPS member	1:45 to 2:45	EEL Preserve Hammock Hike - Venture into one of Miami-Dade's largest preserved Rockland Hammocks and learn what makes this imperiled habitat so important and unique. Led by Castellow Park staff No strollers or wagons, closed shoes recommended.
2:10 to 3:10	Rain Barrel Workshop - Discover the benefits of water conservation and how to make a rain barrel. Barbara McAdam, Urban Horticulture Program Specialist, UF/IFAS MD Extension. Registration is required, walk-ups are welcome if space is available, workshop is free. Register here with the option to purchase. (\$100)	3:00	Meet at the Raffle tent to learn about the plants and determine which plants you need in your yard!
3:30	Raffle #2 at 3:30, you must be present to win.		

The Florida Native Plant Society and the Dade Chapter are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations whose purpose is to champion Florida's native plants and their habitats
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Thanks to our participating organizations, exhibitors, artists, plant & food vendors!

Miami-Dade County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program
 Pro Native Consulting - Flora Of Miami - Tropical Audubon Society
 Miami Blue Chapter of NABA - Kim Heise Art - Casey's Corner Nursery
 Frost Science MUVE - Everglades National Park - Native Plant Network
 Deering Estate, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces
 The Brothers Kitchen Grill - Blue Scholars Initiative - Florida Butterfly Botanicals
 Grant Livingston - South Florida Woodturners Guild - Dolci Peccati Gelato
 UF IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County Master Gardeners
 Coastal Cleanup Corporation - Zoe Madison Orndorff - Friends of The Underline
 Institute for Regional Conservation - Pelican Harbor Seabird Station
 Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA)
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