



Florida Native Plant Society Serenoa Chapter

2021-22 SCHEDULE SPEAKERS & FIELD TRIPS

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Serenoa Chapter is up and running. Our meetings will be on Zoom UNLESS CDC recommends otherwise. *For the best experience we recommend you download the Zoom app ahead of time at <https://zoom.us>

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Field trips are outdoors as usual. You will be sent address and directions once you register to join us. Each trip will be open for registration 3 weeks prior to the date.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sept. 20 General Meeting 7pm Uncovering the Mysteries of Herbaria
Zoom Registration Link: [Meeting registration](#)

Elizabeth Gandy, Curatorial Assistant for Botany, and Bruce Holst, Vice President for Botany, both of Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

The what, how, when and why of preserving plant collections in a herbarium. We'll learn about how plants are collected, prepared, and added to the Selby Gardens' herbarium, as well as what stories a specimen can tell us, and the importance of preserving collections into the future.

Sept. 25 Field Trip 9am Marie Selby Botanical Gardens Herbarium Sarasota

Field Trip Registration Link: [Field Trip Registration](#)

Bruce Holst and Elizabeth Gandy will lead us on a tour of the herbarium. We'll walk through the preserved collections in the herbarium at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens. Some of our most interesting and significant specimens will be highlighted, and we'll learn what makes them special.

Afterwards we can walk the gardens.

OCTOBER 2021

Oct. 18 General Meeting 7pm Climate Wise Landscaping
Zoom Registration Link:

Ginny Stibolt, botanist and prize-winning Florida garden writer
It's not just digging in the dirt these days. Ginny will tell us how to garden for the future.

Oct. 23 Field Trip 9am Lifelines Project, Sarasota
Field Trip Registration Link:

Pam Callender, Eco-artist, curator and educator will lead us on a tour of her yard and "Lifelines" project which restores and connects native habitats in folks backyards to larger areas. Learn how YOU can become the solution!

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov. 15 General Meeting 7pm Rare Endemics of the Florida Ridge
Zoom Registration Link:

Dustin Angell, Director of Education, Archbold Biological Station, Venus Florida
How Archbold researches and works to protect rare and endangered plants in the scrub.

Nov. 20 Field Trip 9am Archbold Research Station or Placid Lakes Subdivision Highlands County
Field Trip Registration link:

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Weekend Field Trip 9am Gopher Trail at Lake Manatee State Park, Manatee County
Walk the scrub and pine flatwoods. Picnic afterwards.

DECEMBER 2021

Dec. 20 General Meeting 7pm Horticulture for the Holidays! (IN PERSON???)

JANUARY 2022

Jan 17 General Meeting 7pm Florida's Rare Biota: the Known, the Lost, the Obscure, the New and the Unknown

Dr. Alan Franck, Curator, Wertheim Conservatory Florida International University
The human impact on Florida's plants and animals dating from our arrival, 14,500 years ago. What's gone, what's new, what remains plus innovative new ways to protect this treasure house that is Florida.

Jan 22 Field Trip 9am Erica Timmerman's Yard, Braden Pines, Bradenton

Serenoa's President will show us how she designed and planted her large landscape

FEBRUARY 2022

Feb 21 General Meeting 7pm Suncoast Waterkeeper: Protecting Florida's Waterways

Justin Bloom, Founder and Member of the Board, Suncoast Waterkeeper
How Suncoast Waterkeeper protects and restores waterways through enforcement, field work, advocacy and education to benefit the communities that rely on these precious coastal resources. Included will be a tour through our local waterways.

Feb 26 Myakka State Park River Walk

Chris Oliver, Environmental Specialist II, Myakka Wild and Scenic River Program will tell us what grows alongside and in the Myakka River.

MARCH 2022

Mar 21 General Meeting 7pm Good Bugs & Bad Bugs

Kate Borduas is a self-described "Adult-onset" Naturalist. A transplant from coastal Maine, she is trained as a Florida Master Naturalist and as a nationally Certified Interpretive Guide. As a naturalist and guide, Kate is committed to sharing with others the hidden wonders of nature all around us.

Mar 26 Field Trip 9am Lemon Bay Conservancy's Wildflower Preserve, Charlotte County

Jim Cooper, President of the Lemon Bay Conservancy Board, will show us how a golf course has been transformed into a wildlife refuge.

APRIL 2022

Apr 18 General Meeting 7pm Planting for Wildlife

Katherine Clements, Ecology and Natural Resources Educator, IFIS/UF
Wildlife needs us more than ever. How to do our part to prevent extinctions.

Apr 23 Field Trip Serenoa Day at Sweet Bay Nursery

No limit to this one – all are welcome – no registration necessary. Tom Heitzman will give a tour of the demonstration gardens just after 9am and will repeat if there are too many to join. Serenoa Chapter will have a booth and distribute information and sign up new members. Members receive 15% off plant sales! A portion of proceeds will be donated to the Serenoa Chapter grant fund. Come join us and refresh your garden!

MAY 2022

May 16 General Meeting 7pm The Dirt on Dirt

Dr. Lucas Majure, Assistant Curator, University of Florida Herbarium
A plant systematist and avid gardener, he will tell us how to design, plant and compost to create sustainability and biodiversity in a Florida garden.

May 21 Field Trip: Garden Tour The White Garden, Sarasota

Erin Schoenberg, Serenoa board member and passionate gardener expresses her love of white flowers in her yard, carrying on a centuries-old tradition.