

HIKES

9:30AM Edible Plants of Mead Garden

Did you know many of the "pesky weeds" that pop up in our yards have culinary value? Learn about the edible, medicinal and nutritional properties of some common Florida native plants found in Mead Garden.

Stacey Matrazzo, Executive Director, Florida Wildflower Foundation

10:30AM Upland Habitat Restoration and Gopher Tortoise Tour

Come along for a tour of the 100-year-old longleaf pine trees and gopher tortoise habitat to learn about this rare upland ecosystem and some of the trials and successes we have had reintroducing native xeric upland plants.

Catherine Bowman, Mead Garden Committee Chair & Florida Native Plant Society

11:30AM Pollinator Prowl

Join us for a family-friendly walk through Mead Garden looking for pollinator insects, identifying them and exploring the ways they collect and move pollen.

Mary Keim and Randy Snyder, Orange Audubon Society & Florida Native Plant Society

12:30PM Herpetology Hike

Some of the cold-blooded residents of Mead Gardens include box turtles, water snakes, southeastern five lined skinks, and even a few gopher tortoises! Join a local expert on a quest to discover and learn about these often misunderstood creatures and the role they play in our environment.

Jim Duby, Seminole County Program Manager Greenways and Natural Lands

1:30PM Medicinal Plants

On this interactive walk we will learn about the edible and medicinal plants growing around us and explore their ethnobotanical uses! Utilizing our senses, we will learn how to use our sight, taste, smell, and touch to identify plants in a fun and practical way.

Maggie O'Halloran, School of Holistic Living

SPEAKERS

10:00AM Wetlands and You

An introduction to wetlands, how to know if you have them on your property, and what steps to take if you do.

Carter Cook, Zoey Carr, William Craig & Melanie Wharton

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

11:00AM Pruning Notes for your Natives

You've planted some native plants and now you want to know how to maintain them. Amanda will discuss proper pruning habits for annual wildflowers, perennial wildflowers, flowering shrubs and small trees.

Amanda Martin

Grounded Solutions

1:00PM Invasive Plants found in our Yards

Join us for a discussion of invasive plants commonly found in our area. We will discuss how to recognize them and the best ways to deal with them.

Jennifer Elliott, M.S., Director

UCF Arboretum & Sustainability Initiatives

2:00PM Native Plants for Balconies

Growing native plants in your apartment or condo balcony can be challenging! We can help. Join us for a demonstration with tips for success and how to select appropriate native plants to grow in pots.

Shiala M. Naranjo

University of Florida, Pollinator Ecology & Conservation Lab