

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
The Living Earth
Environmental Study I
March 3-5, 2008

Plantation Inn
9301 W. Fort Island Trail
Crystal River, Florida 34429

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March 3rd Registration 8:00 – 9:00 AM

Class Schedule – March 3rd

Ecology and Environmental Science

9:15AM – 12:30 PM

Instructor Kristine Switt holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Florida in Environmental Engineering Sciences with an emphasis in environmental hydrology. Mrs. Switt is also a Biology graduate of the University of Washington in Seattle, where she carried out basic research in comparative protein biochemistry in the laboratory of Nobel Laureate Edmond Fischer. She later engaged in pharmaceutical research at Merck, Sharpe & Dohme Research laboratories in New Jersey. Since coming to Florida, Mrs. Switt has served in various management positions related to water and wastewater treatment. Mrs. Switt is currently an instructor at Central Florida Community College, teaching Environmental Science and Earth Science. She is a member of the Florida Native Plant Society. She and her husband are slowly reforesting a part of their farm with native Florida plants and trees, one 50 x 50 plot at a time.

Urban Forestry

1:30- 2:30 PM

Instructor Betty Young received a Bachelor of Plant Science from the University of Florida in 1984. She has a wide range of experience in the plant industry including management positions in wholesale nursery and as a horticulturist and arborist to the City of Ocala. She received the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Arborist Certification in 2001 and is a member of the American Society of Consulting Arborists (ASCA). She is currently a consultant with Arbor Plan consulting.

Earth Stewardship

Instructor to be announced

10:00 – 11:00 AM

First Day Exam (57 Question)

3:45-4:30 PM

Environmental Education is aimed at producing a citizenry that is
Knowledgeable concerning the biophysical environment and its associated problems,
Aware of how to help solve these problems, and
Motivated to work toward their solution.

Quote from The University of Michigan School of Natural Resources

Class Schedule – March 4th

Backyard Wildlife Habitat

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Instructor Dr. Sydney Park Brown is the Extension Specialist for Consumer Horticulture with the University of Florida/ IFAS. She is also teaching faculty with the Environmental Horticulture Department and is housed at the Plant City campus – UF's newest satellite campus. Sydney was a horticulture Extension agent and Master Gardener coordinator for many years in Hillsborough County before assuming her new role.

Plant Biodiversity

10:00-11:00 AM

Instructor Linda Conway Duever is President/Principal Ecologist of Conway Conservation, Inc. She specializes in vegetation history, characterization, and classification, strategic vegetation management and green infrastructure evaluation and design. Linda's professional career began in 1970 with the University of Georgia Institute of Ecology and her work in the field and as an expert witness includes vegetation/hydrology relationships, plant and habitat illustration and descriptions, greenway planning and trail routing, and wetland and strategic ecosystem delineation.

Nature Discovery Fieldtrip Includes Lunch

11:30 – 4:00 PM

The Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1943 primarily for the benefit of waterfowl. Today, although waterfowl numbers in Florida have declined, the refuge is an important habitat for the endangered manatee. The 31,000 + acres of saltwater bays, estuaries and brackish marshes have a fringe of hardwood swamps along the eastern boundary.

Optional Florida Fish Fry Begins at 6:00 Reservation Required

Historic Environmental Actions & Leaders with a Focus On Florida

7:30 -9:00 PM

Keynote Speaker, Guy Marwick has 30 + years experience educating young and old about the natural environment. He began his career in public education and spent the last 13 years as Director of the Silver River Museum and Environmental Education Center that he conceptualized, planned, and raised funds to build. Guy is affiliated with a wide range of citizen organizations dedicated to the preservation of natural resources in Florida. His most recent honors include: the Guy Bradley Award 2007 from Audubon of Florida, the 1,000 Friends of Florida Conservation Award 2007, and the PIEC Unsung Hero Award 2007.

Class Schedule – March 5th

Networking & Outreach

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Speaker Ann Taylor Moore received her BA from Stetson University and a BS in Nursing at Columbia University. In 2004, she received her Masters in Liberal Studies, writing her thesis on "A Layperson's Guide to Permitting at the St. Johns Water Management District." Ann is currently a board member of the St. Johns Water Management District and has been active in the Arts, Special Olympics, Scouting, Environmental Lake Watch Program, and Hospice. She is a recipient of a Jefferson Award for Public Service from the American Institute for Public Service Sponsored by WESH-TV.

Environmental Study Course Review & Last Exam (43 Questions)

10:15- 11:30 AM

Accommodations

A Block of Rooms has been reserved at the Plantation Golf Resort and Spa. The group rate is \$124 plus Tax per night for a single or double occupancy standard room. Register on or before **February 2, 2008** and identify yourself with the FFGC to assure this rate. Call 1-800-632-6242. Visit the Plantation Inn website at www.plantationinn.com

Directions

From I-75 get off at Exit 329 at Wildwood. Proceed west on SR 44 to Crystal River. Turn south (left) on US 19 to West Ft. Island Trail (2nd traffic light). Turn right, go .8 miles, the Plantation Resort is located on the right side.

Registration Form The Living Earth Environmental Study I

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Name _____ Affiliation _____ District _____

Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

E-Mail/Phone _____

Send Reservations Post Marked before February 2, 2008

\$70 Registration on or before February 2nd Registration includes fieldtrip with lunch.

\$80 Late Registration after February 2nd

\$25 Florida Fish Fry per person # Reservations _____

Total Amount _____ Ck# _____ **No Refunds after February 11, 2008**

Make Checks Payable to District V Environmental Study 2008.

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