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Earth Day Celebration Abuzz with Plants, Pollination at Gillespie Museum

DELAND, Florida, April 4, 2019 – Earth Day has been educating communities about environmental protection in the United States for nearly 50 years and internationally since 1990.

In DeLand, young environmental scientists can experience the **annual Earth Day celebration** and final Science Saturday during the spring semester at [Gillespie Museum](#) on [Stetson University's](#) campus, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m.-noon.

This free, eco-friendly event will feature a rock and mineral swap and two workshops, including **Pollination 101**, where student interns from the Volusia Sandhill Ecosystem and Stetson Beekeeping will provide hands-on activities on how to think like plants and pollinators. Members of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will provide guidance on how to select, plant and propagate flowers that are attractive to native pollinators. Native Florida plants and seeds will be available for home gardeners.

Besides the bees, birds and pollinating insects that inhabit the museum's native landscape, visitors will have the chance to study reptiles and amphibians with naturalists from the Lyonia Environmental Center.

In the [Hatter Harvest](#) garden, undergraduate students from Stetson's sustainable food systems program will collaborate with representatives from Imagine Our Florida to present **Make It Grow**, which will include gardening tips for summer vegetables and herbs.

Gillespie Museum's collection and earth science displays also will be available to view during self-guided tours, including the Spring 2019 exhibit, "**Florida Calcite: Rare Specimens of a Common Mineral**," which features striking calcite specimens from the personal collection of Tom Scott, Ph.D., P.G., emeritus assistant state geologist of the Florida Geological Survey.

About Stetson University

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