



## Earth Week Events, Spring 2017

**Thursday, April 20**                      **Science Café: “Pollinator Project at the Volusia Sandhill Ecosystem”**  
7:00 – 8:30 pm                              A presentation and discussion of faculty and student pollinator research  
Gillespie Museum                              Cultural Credit

The conversation will provide an update on current research in the Volusia Sandhill Ecosystem, a restoration project on the museum grounds (<http://www.stetson.edu/other/gillespie-museum/vse/pollinator-project.php>).

As part of a larger comparative study, Stetson biology professors Cindy Bennington and Peter May are measuring pollinator visitation rate and species composition in this campus restoration, acquiring baseline data to be built upon as the site matures.

A related project—a feasibility study of citizen-generated data for pollinator monitoring—has been completed by Sarah Garcia, a senior environmental sciences major.

**Friday, April 21**                              **Earth Fair**  
1:00 – 4:00 pm                              A showcase of environmental projects and earth-friendly activities  
Sage Science Center Lawn                      Cultural Credit

Stetson University’s 47th celebration of Earth Day. Join Stetson Environmental Club, Sustainability Fellows, the Environmental Studies Program, Gillespie Museum, Volusia Sandhill Ecosystem, Stetson Recycles, Kappa Pi and an array of community groups with an environmental mission.

There will be live musical performances by Stetson students; a showcase of environmental projects; local food vendors; and games, art projects and more.

**Friday, April 28**                              **Arbor Day Celebration**  
2:00 – 3:30 pm                              A tour of the Native Plant Landscape at the Gillespie Museum  
Gillespie Museum Grounds                      Cultural Credit

Twenty years ago the first trees of the Florida Native Plant Landscape went into place on the grounds of the Gillespie, a reimagining of the museum’s mission and the beginning of a native tree initiative on the Stetson campus which eventually led to a 2000 Landscape Award from the Florida Native Plant Society.

To commemorate two decades of native plants on campus, and to acknowledge funding support from the Lyonia Chapter of FNPS, the museum will unveil 56 new plant identification signs and a newly designed walking tour of these now mature specimens, from American Hornbeam (*Carpinus caroliniana*) to Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*). Join us for lemonade under the shade of these beautiful trees and mature shrubs.