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Florida Lake Management Society  
Supporting Aquatic Sciences & Resources Since 1987

## Message from the President



The call for this year's symposium on "*Turning the Tide: From Springs to Estuarine*" will be at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs, FL. Several pre-symposium workshops and excellent technical presentations are planned. Of course, we will also have great networking opportunities for diversifying membership...and YOUR portfolio! We will be introducing our inaugural H2-Olympics! Want to know more? Then come visit in August!

It is no mistake that the Florida Lake Management Society is **turning 35 years old** with an incredibly strong membership. This membership is comprised of individuals who have dedicated their lives in improving Florida's aquatic environment. Adding, many of our members have moved on to represent other great states in our Nation yet, in the end, we remain United and committed to the mission of supporting aquatic science and resources in Florida since 1987.

Your President,

*Gloria Eby*

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
FLMS!!**

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## ***Pond Watch Update***

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On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Lee County Hyacinth Control District hosted the Pond Watch Annual Workshop. This event was sponsored by the Florida Lake Management Society and the following lake management companies: Advanced Aquatic, Clarke, Aquagenix, The Lake Doctors, Solitude and Community Environmental Services. This workshop has taken place for the last 30 years making it possible for volunteers of the program to review sampling protocols, discuss their annual results, and converse about the latest threats on their stormwater ponds in their communities. Some of the highlights presented were focusing on the importance of littoral plants in storm water ponds. These plants become a major factor controlling the erosion on the banks, water quality, presence of unwanted microscopic algae, wildlife enhancement, and the overall aesthetics of the so-called “lakes”. The exchange of information was the most valuable benefit of the meeting, where homeowners were able to converse with representatives of companies and other homeowners who may have had similar problems in their communities.



*Pond Watch volunteers and Intern Abby Gansen at the Lee County Hyacinth Control District Training Center.*

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## ***FLMS Love Your Lake & Shoreline Grants Program***

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Each year, FLMS offers cost-share grants for the restoration of Florida’s shorelines. Two types are available. The first is for large, public access lake projects with a grant award of up to \$5,000. This must be used for plants, signage and other restoration materials. The deadline for these grants is December 1 each year. The second, offered year-round is, our “Shoreline” grant. This is intended to provide individual homeowners with up to \$200 for the planting of appropriate natives along a shoreline. Homeowners can combine efforts with their municipality or homeowners’ association to request reimbursement of up to \$1,000 total. At the end of March 2022, residents from the Town of Montverde in Lake County along with 30 students from Montverde Academy planted 1,300 *Sagittaria lancifolia* along the shoreline of Lake Florence.



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## ***Turning the TIDE! FLMS Symposium in Bonita Springs this Summer***

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### **From Springs to Estuarine, and everything water in between!**

Our theme this year honors all the precious water resources in our unique state. We'll be discussing everything from changing technology, monitoring, climate fluctuations, and water control structures that affect the future of our states most valuable resource. We'll also be including special Florida springs and Ocklawaha sessions! What are some projects, advancements, or challenges you've noticed in your job or research? Come share them with us in Bonita Springs this summer!

## **FLMS 33rd Annual Technical Symposium**

Theme: *Turning the Tide: From Springs to Estuarine*

August 30 to September 2, 2022

[Hyatt Regency Coconut Point](#)

5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, Florida

### **Key Symposium Dates:**

[May 1 – Placeholder abstract & bio due](#)

[June 1 – Full abstract due](#)

[August 1 – Early bird registration ends](#)

[August 9 – Hotel room block rate ends](#)

August 30 – Pre-symposium workshops

August 31 – September 2 – Technical sessions



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## Notes

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Check out our career page! We update it regularly with positions from around the state. Submit your opening to Maryann@FLMS.net  
<https://flms.net/announcements-2/job-openings/>

Welcome to our newest corporate members. Thank you for your support! Corporate members receive recognition in the FLMS newsletter *and* a discount on exhibit booths at the annual technical symposium. Become a corporate member today! <https://flms.net/the-society/membership/>



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## Our Mission

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*The mission of the Florida Lake Management Society is to promote protection, enhancement, conservation, restoration, and management of Florida's aquatic resources; provide a forum for education and information exchange; and advocate environmentally sound and economically feasible lake and aquatic resource management for the citizens of Florida.*

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