

**FAESS Annual Business Meeting Florida Keys
November 11-13/14, 2010
Agenda**

Thursday, November 11, 2010 (Veterans Day):

Drive & Check-in. Happy Hour 6:00 PM at the Tiki Bar, Coral Bay Resort (75500 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL – 305-664-5568) – Mile Marker (MM) 75.5 . <http://www.coralbayresort.com>

Friday, November 12, 2010:

7:30 AM-NOON - Field Trip. Meet in Coral Bay Resort parking lot @ **7:30 AM.** We will drive to Robbie's of Islamorada (MM 77.5) to board a 43' Hobbie Cat to Lignumvitae Key (guided tour with our own Dr. John 'Poison Wood' Tobe narrating); snorkel off boat and lunch @ the Hungry Tarpon Restaurant included. <http://www.robbies.com> (trip+ lunch sponsored by FAESS: individual contributions welcome – RSVP to Greg Sawka at gsawka@juno.com by **FRIDAY OCTOBER 29, 2010** so we can plan accordingly).

2:00 PM - Business Meeting & Presentation(s). In the Gazebo @ Coral Bay Resort .

2:00 – 2:15 – Welcome to the Keys by Christine Coffin, *DC Miami-Dade and Monroe Co.*

2:15 – 4:00 – FAESS Business Meeting

4:00 – 4:30 – Presentation on invasive snakes by Alison Higgins, *The Nature Conservancy*

Saturday, November 13, 2010:

9:30AM- 12:30 PM - Field Trip. Big Pine Reference Wetland Sites from *Florida Wetland Delineation Manual* - including FOLIST & MARL SOILS. Meet in parking lot of Coral Bay Resort @ **9:00 AM** . Lunch at No Name Pub (MM 33). The evening will be on-your-own. Key West is just a stone's throw for a great sunset.

Sunday, November 14, 2010:

On the way back to civilization you might enjoy stopping @ Gilberts in Key Largo to hear Rex Ellis talk about his subaqueous soils research (if you buy him a beer), AND/ OR at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Miami for a tour by John Tobe. <http://www.fairchildgarden.org>

The Lignumvitae State Botanical Site, located Bayside at MM 78.5 on 280-acre Lignumvitae Key, boasts the highest point above sea level in the Keys at 18 feet. The virgin hammock boasts more than 133 species of trees, including its namesake, the lignum vitae tree which often grows more than 1,000 years old. The wood of this tree (wood of life trees which rank among the world's hardest woods) is so dense that it has been known to outlast steel and bronze when used to outfit boats.