

February 2017



FOURTH ALACHUA AUDUBON
BACK YARD BIRDING TOUR 2017
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017, 9 AM – 3 PM

Explore six of Gainesville's premier backyard birding
habitats* on a self-guided tour



LEARN HOW TO ATTRACT BIRDS TO
YOUR YARD!

- See brightly colored winter visitors such as Baltimore Orioles, Goldfinches, Hummingbirds and many others
- Discover the secrets of how the masters attract unusual birds to their backyard habitats
- Find out how to keep squirrels and other varmints under control and off your feeders
- Learn how to choose and present foods that attract a wide variety of birds and keep them healthy
- Figure out what vegetation to plant and where to plant it in your own yard to attract more species of birds
- Learn how to provide water so birds can quench their thirst and bathe in safety
- Educational Displays and Bird Experts at each tour stop to answer all your questions
- Tickets are \$12.00 for all six houses and will be available after January 1 at
- Wild Birds Unlimited, 4121 NW 16th Boulevard, next to The Flying Biscuit

* Alan Shapiro is in charge this year. He has become quite the avid birder! It will include 6 wonderful gardens that are very successful at attracting birds. It is a self guided tour. The Shapiro's house as well as the Schoellhorn's and Michelle Jensen's will be on the tour

Reminder – Roadside pickup is this Saturday, February 11th, 8:30 AM. Meet across the street from Krispy Kreme on 13th Street. Let me know if you're going and I'll inform Florence so she can get enough equipment for all of us. Thanks, Rose

March 2, at 10:00 - 11:30 AM General Meeting:
"Promoting Bees Through Knowledge"

Plan to attend and bring a friend to this special program on Bees. Our presenter is Christy Linke, the FFGC Chairman of the Committee on Bees Education. For more information contact GGC's Program Chairman Florene Cline at 332-2309.

Daisy Circle to host:

A Garden Party and Fashion Show

March 9, 2017 10:00AM - 12:00 Noon

Could any of these be your hat for the fashion show? Surprise us and win a \$25.00 gift certificate.



Members & guests are invited to attend the GGC Garden Party.

You will be treated to a brunch of finger sandwiches, cheese, fruit, and of course desserts.

Mimosas will be served.

The Fashion Show will feature Belk's fashions to be modeled by members from each Circle.

Enter the Garden Hat Competition and win a \$25.00 gift card.

Door Prizes and a 50/50 Drawing

Tickets - \$20.00

Sign up at your Circle Meeting or RSVP at 352 331-0426

FUN WITH FLOWERS

The next Fun with Flowers will be held on March 21, 2017 from 10:00AM to 11:30. Make a reservation through your circle chair or call Lee Kline. The cost is \$17.00 and can be paid at the door.



Our FWF Chair, Lee Kline with her "parallel design" on January 7th. We had a large turn out and all attendees found it very informative.

SPRING GARDEN FESTIVAL

March 18 & 19, 2017

The Kanapaha Spring Festival is a little over a month away and plans are being made to insure that the GGC Children's Corner is staffed throughout the two day even. It is time to sign up to work at least one shift. You can either sign up at the next Circle meeting or by calling Florence Cline at 332-2309.



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