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## *MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOLEE HOULIHAN*



Dear GGC Members,

We are well into fall and what a busy time it has been for us. We did celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a luncheon which was wonderful. A thank you to Kristy Welch and everyone who helped in any way with this luncheon.

Then it was the Fall Expo and Plant Sale with Doug Tallamy in October. We partnered with Alachua IFAS and the Master Gardeners for this huge event. I feel it was very successful given it was our first year in doing something this large. Please know that I am thankful and appreciative to everyone who worked for the Expo. It was a terrific event for us and our community. A little bird said we will be doing it again. So, stay tuned.

We are taking a little breather in November, which we need. We have had an amazing year celebrating our Centennial. We have worked hard and played along the way and we need November to regroup. We will be busy with the Holiday Market and Sunday with Santa on December 1, 2024. Please come to the market and do some Holiday Shopping. The time is 12:00 to 4:30. Santa will be here from 2:00 to 4:30. There will be a sing-a-long, book reading and photo opportunities. I am going to get my picture with Santa, for sure!

Our Annual Holiday Party "Jingle and Mingle" will be on Thursday December 5, 2024. In addition, Claudia Bates will once again be our designer for a floral design you can take home. Do Not forget to sign up for the design and the cost is \$35.00. Of course, there will be all kinds of food, Bloody Mary's and Mimosa's. This will be a fun time for our members and bring your friends, too. The time for this event is 9:00 to Noon.

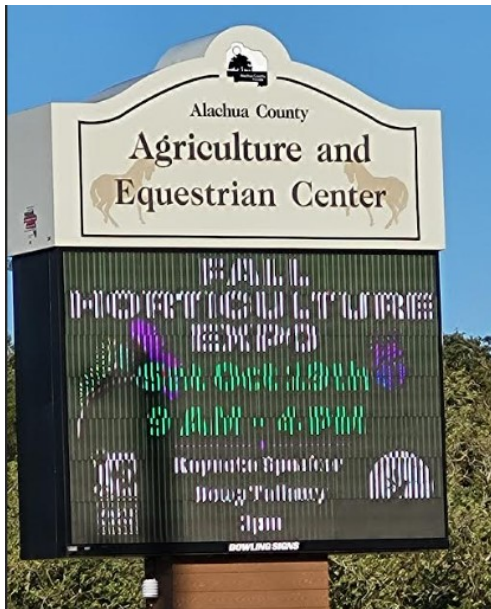
Thank you to every one of our members. You have worked so hard during this part year and please know I really appreciate what you do. Gainesville Garden Club is a wonderful organization made up of many members who are so talented and very creative. Working together is what you have done to make GGC successful for 100 Years.

I wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and may your Holidays be the best ever!

Yours in Gardening,

Jo Lee Winterrowd-Houlihan  
President

# FALL HORTICULTURE EXPO



**Keynote Speaker Douglas Tallamy** is an American entomologist, ecologist and conservationist. He is a professor in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology.

Over 500 people heard New York Times best-selling author Doug Tallamy speak over two days. We sold out of his books and our “Nature’s Best Hope - Plant Native” t-shirts.

1282 attended the Horticulture Expo on Saturday, October 19.



Floral demonstrations were held throughout the day by GGC member Susan Thrall.

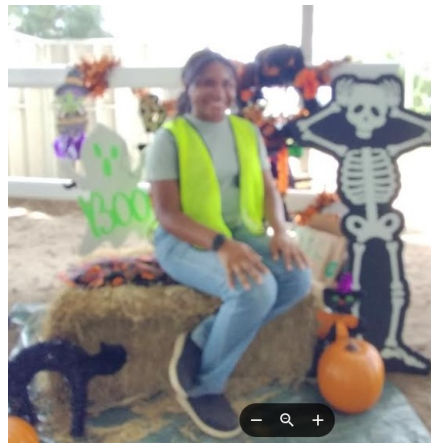


GGC members and those from other organizations manned tables and provided information to visitors during the expo.



The Expo could not have happened without the collaborative efforts of UF IFAS Master Gardener volunteers and the Gainesville Garden Club volunteers.

Thank you.



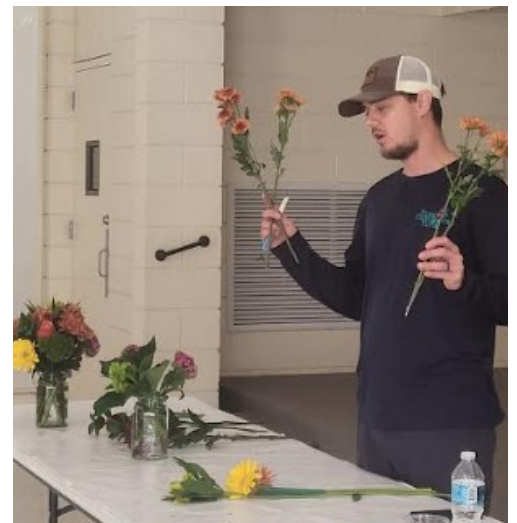
Kudos to the leadership of the GGC Expo Committee: Kathy Stephens and Paula Waterman, and to those who chaired key areas: Jo Lee Houlihan, Cindy Bennett, Mary Chiozza, Moe LaTour, Blanca McNab, Becky O'Brien, Steven Provost, and Kristy Welch. Thank you to the numerous GGC members who volunteered throughout the event. You all made it a big success!





# FUN WITH FLOWERS

October 15, 2024



Attendees followed each step on how to create their arrangement and even though everyone heard the same thing, each arrangement was a bit different.

All in all, they were all beautiful and members were so pleased to show them off.



The top photo shows Shelley Warner, Fun with Flowers Chairman, introducing the florist to the 39 club members and visitors in attendance at the October 15<sup>th</sup> workshop. Everyone had a great time creating their own floral arrangement. The next workshop will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Sign up today!

# CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION LLUNCHEON

## September 12, 2024



Mayor Ward presented a Proclamation from the City to President Houlihan for GGC.



Marihelen Wheeler, Alachua County Commissioner spoke on GGC history.



Former GGC member, Marjorie Carr, receiving Governors Award for Outstanding Conservation Leadership in 1970



GGC honored long-term members



Cecilia Gottesman – 50 years



Monica Aiton – 50 years



Keynote Speaker, Erica Mollon, UF Research Assist, Historic Preservationist, spoke about the Gainesville Garden Clubs Mid-Century Modern Building.



Kristy Welch opened the event by singing the national anthem.



Begonia Circle honored one of their members, Karen Markey, for her dedication and support of circle and club service projects. Chairman Moe Latour presented Karen the "Pillar of Pride" Award.



**GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
IS PLEASED TO PRESENT  
ON  
DECEMBER 1, 2024  
THE  
SECOND ANNUAL SUNDAY WITH SANTA  
2:00 PM UNTIL 4:30 PM  
CHILDRENS CRAFTS, STORY TELLING & SING ALONG  
WITH SANTA & MRS. KLAUS.  
PLUS, A PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH SANTA  
PLUS  
A  
HOLIDAY MARKET  
FEATURING CRAFTERS, ARTISANS, NURSERIES,  
CRAFTS, GIFTS, AND HOLIDAY DÉCOR  
12:00 PM UNTIL 5:00 PM  
1350 NW 75<sup>TH</sup> STREET GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
PLEASE REVIEW INFORMATION ON THE  
GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB WEBSITE:  
GGCFL.ORG**



Get ready for a wonderful

# Jingle & Mingle Holiday Design Workshop

Save the Date: December 5, 2024 – 9 am til Noon

## GGC CLUBHOUSE

Create your own wonderful holiday centerpiece with  
Claudia Bates, Floral Design Instructor  
Event fee is \$35.00, Registration begins in November with  
Centerpiece design picture

Annual Holiday Wonderland Shop with ornaments,  
holiday décor, bay trees and garden gear. You do  
not have to register to come shop!



**UGLY SWEATER CONTEST:** Join the fun in your best/ugliest sweater for prizes!!!



## 2024 District V Photo Contest

The 2024 District V Photo Contest was a huge success and several GGC member's photos won or placed. They are listed below. To see all of the photos submitted go to [www.kdubdub.com/PhotoContest/](http://www.kdubdub.com/PhotoContest/).

### Flowers – Still Live

2nd Place – Lois McNamara – Florida Friendly

### Everything Flowers

1st Place – Maureen LaTour – Night Blooming Cerus

2nd Place – Mary Birch-Hansen – Bees Work

3rd Place – Sandra Arnold – Red Daisy



### Everything Birds

2nd Place – Linda Schoellhorn – Pileated Woodpecker

Honorable Mention: Blenda Langone - Hawk

### Cold-Blooded Critters

1st Place – Hallie Peyton - Snake

2nd Place – Sandra O'Steen – Baby alligator

3rd Place – Arlene Dinkins – Cold-blooded critter on screen



### Nature at Night or Early Light

1st Place – Kitty Redfern – Rainbow River

3rd Place – Linda Schoellhorn – Front yard

## MIMOSA CIRCLE TOURS ROSE PETAL NURSERY

Mimosa members went on a field trip to Rose Petal Nursery on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. When they arrived, they were greeted by Art Wade who explained that Rose Petal Nursery is owned by his wife Cydney and himself. The nursery sells Heritage Roses, Old Garden Roses, Antique Roses, Found Roses and other rare roses.



Attendees were treated to a presentation on the additional varieties of roses such as Alba, Bermuda, China, Climber, English, Noisette and many more. He also shared some history on the Dudley Farm Roses.

Following the presentation members went outside to tour the rows of beautiful roses that were spread out in the nursery. Many took advantage of their visit to purchase roses and to ask Art more questions.

If you want to learn more about the variety of roses, contact Art or better yet, plan a field trip to Rose Petals Nursery and see for yourself.

## CONGRATULATES HAILE COMMUNITY BUTTERFLY GARDEN ON AWARD



The Haile Community Butterfly Garden received the 2024 Florida Friendly Landscaping state award for Outstanding Demonstration Garden. Gardenia Circle members Marni Most, Paula Waterman and Fairlie Bagley as well as Kathy Stephens volunteer at the revitalized garden. The GGC donated three of our Centennial “100 Trees for 100 Years” to the garden.

The Gardenia Circle is hosting a tour of the award-winning garden on Thursday, November 21 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Come to see the blending of native keystone plants with ornamental nectar plants. At this time of year, the focus is on winterizing the garden. MGV Karla Shopoff and Master Naturalist Gayle Sheets will serve as docents.

The garden is mapped on Google Maps at [https://maps.app.goo.gl/atwSKJYwjesVzT3u5?g\\_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy](https://maps.app.goo.gl/atwSKJYwjesVzT3u5?g_st=com.google.maps.preview.copy). Parking is limited to the nearest side street, 10400 block of SW 49th Lane, Gainesville. GGC members only, please, due to parking.

## GGC MEMBERS DONATE TO HURRICANE RELIEF

Donations were boxed, labeled and loaded into two cars over the weekend and delivered to two different donation sites in Steinhatchee on Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Members donated an array of mainly new and gently used clothing, shoes, cleaning supplies, hygiene items, drinks, charcoal, blankets, towels, wash cloths and so much more. It is estimated that the in-kind donations totaled \$2,500.00.

After hearing about the gathering of supplies for the families who lost so much after the hurricanes devastated their community, members responded quickly. The generosity and outpouring of love and concern for others is a perfect example of the mission of the Gainesville Garden Club. Thank you so much!



## GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB Winter Garden Notecards 2024 Centennial Edition

*Ryan Gorday, the artist that previously brought us beautiful Winter Garden Notecards, is creating 2 final designs, exclusively for Gainesville Garden Club's Centennial!*

*Order your custom mixed sets now!*  
**8 Designs \*\* Mix or Match \*\*!**  
3 notecards for \$12  
6 notecards for \$20  
12 notecards for \$35  
24 notecards for \$55

*Here is a sneak peek .....*



For more information and design examples go to [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org).

To Order: email [Michelle Gorday](mailto:Michelle.Gorday@ggcfl.org)

## LAST CALL FOR FFGC AWARD APPLICATIONS

Applying for and hopefully winning FFGC awards is a way to show appreciation to members of circles/clubs for the support and countless hours of service. It's a well-deserved pat on the back.

If you have not started on or completed the award applications for your circle or members, you need to hurry and finish them. The due date is November 22<sup>nd</sup> for most of the awards, so hurry, hurry, hurry.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra at [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).



On Veterans Day, November 9, 2024, the entrance sign to the Veteran's Memorial Park was adorned with a large banner and 3 flags to honor the special day. GGC added 4 small American flags in the flower bed which members had planted and continue to maintain.

## Newsletter Submissions

If you wish to submit Circle or member news, projects, programs, or photos for the Winter Newsletter, please send them in by January 15<sup>th</sup> to [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).

Thank you,  
Sandra Arnold, Editor

## GGC CALENDAR 2024

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|-------------|---|
| November 12 | Fun with Flowers  |
| November 14 | Board of Directors                                      |
| November 21 | Circle Meetings   |
| December 1  | Holiday Market & Santa                                  |
| December 5  | Holiday Design 9 am - Noon<br>Design with Claudia Bates |
| December 5  | Holiday Wonderland Shop<br>9 am until Noon.             |
| December 12 | Circle Meetings   |
| December 13 | RMH Gingerbread House Contest                           |
| January 7   | Board of Trustees                                       |
| January 16  | Board of Directors                                      |
| January 17  | FL Arbor Day  |
| January 21  | Fun with Flowers  |
| January 23  | Circle Meetings   |



THE 98th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
APRIL 8-10, 2025 ✨ JACKSONVILLE FL

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## GARDEN CLUB WEBSITES

Gainesville Garden Club  
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Deep South Garden Clubs  
[dsgardenclubs.com](http://dsgardenclubs.com)



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