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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT JOLEE HOULIHAN



Dear GGC Members,

This will be our last newsletter for this year, as we are winding down to summer. We will reconvene in September for our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. I do want to say a big “Thank You” to our membership for your dedication and help with our wonderful events. These would not have been accomplished without you.

We still have a few events taking place. On April 27<sup>th</sup> there is “Grow Your Own Songbird Garden” with a talk given by Ellen and Alan Shapiro who are former members in GGC. This talk will be very informative and enlightening for sure. Of course, there will be plants for sale, face painting and plant potting for the children. Other things will be for sale, too. The She Shed will be present along with items for sale by Begonia and Mimosa.

We do have our General Meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> with our speaker being Haley Moody, Assistant Director of Florida Springs Institute. Her speech will be “Florida Springs Friendly Yard.” We will also do our Memorial Service for our deceased members. On May 29<sup>th</sup> Daisy, Begonia, and Mimosa Circles will host a Luau. This event will be tons of fun. There will door prizes, games, and other things. Make sure to dress in Luau attire as there may be a prize for the best costume. Who knows...we can’t give away all secrets.

Of course, we must bring back some education. The UF Short Course is June 2-4. Chances for the Raffle Baskets and 50/50 will be available on Sunday from 3-5 pm at Registration and at the Straughn Center on the UF Campus. Winners will be announced on Tuesday afternoon. Elaine Parisi will present 5-6 floral designs at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> dinner.

To each and every one of you, thank you so much for what you have done and continue to do on behalf of GGC and our 100 Years in the Gainesville Community.

Yours in Gardening,

Jo Lee Houlihan, President



**FFGC “100<sup>th</sup>” ANNIVERSY CONVENTION  
April 10-12, 2024 in Jacksonville Luncheon**



Back: Tina Tuttle, FFGC President; Front row L-R: Debby Cooper, Deep South Pres, and Brenda Moore, NGC President.

The FFGC Convention was held at the Southbank Hotel & Conference Center in Jacksonville. Attendees had a wonderful time attending workshops & meetings with speakers that provided a wealth of information. There was a vendor fair, gift baskets to bid on, and districts meetings to enjoy.

The Gainesville Garden Club had 10 members in attendance who attended the various workshops and meetings, and enjoyed being together.

Plan on attending next year’s convention which will be held at the same hotel on April 9-11, 2025.



On the left: Inez Brooker with FFGC Past President, Marge Hendon.

Right: Mary Schindler, Lynnette Workley, Moe LaTour and Becky O’Brien.



**GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
FFGC Awards Presented April 2024**

- #13-6 Publication
- #15-3 Garden Therapy Geriatric
- #46-6 Garden Tour
- #47-6 Habitat for Humanity
- #69C Digital Photography - Wildflowers
- #69F3 Digital Photography – FL Scenery
- #76 Fun with Flowers Series

- Gainesville Garden Club
- Gardenia Circle – Gainesville Garden Club
- Gainesville Garden Club
- Gainesville Garden Club
- Hallie Peyton, Daisy Circle
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- Gainesville Garden Club

FFGC held its first Art Show for members at the convention – Karen Beaty’s quilt of “Four Sisters at the Beach” won the People’s Choice Award.

Congratulations Karen!



## FUN WITH FLOWERS

FWF held its last workshop of the year and attendees were delighted with their creative rain-shower type arrangements. You should have been there! Thanks Shelley Warner for chairing FWF.



GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
**Grow Your Own**  
*Song Bird Garden*  
A Feast of Berries, Seeds & Bugs!  
Audubon  
April 27, Saturday  
9:00 am - 12 pm  
Gainesville Garden Club  
Under the Trees

**Keynote Speakers**  
*"Happy Birds - Happy Garden"*  
Alan & Ellen Shapiro  
9:00 - 10:00 am  
**1000 plants for sale!**  
**starting @ 10:00**

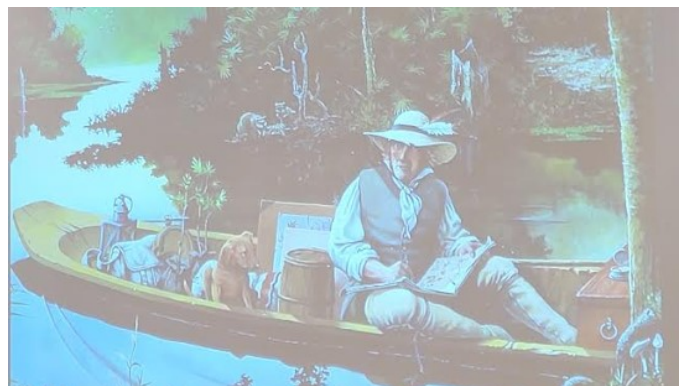
GGC members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend or two. There will also be gardening supplies for sale, as well as a variety of plants.

## BARTRAM DAYS AT PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK

Sat, May 4, 2024 9:00 am - 4:00 pm EDT

Join us as we are transported back to 1774, when William Bartram was on the great Alachua Savannah. Visitors can meet William Bartram, Trader Job Wiggins, and Ahaya- The Cowkeeper.

**PAYNES PRAIRIE  
MICANOPY, FL**



Above: Illustration of William Bartram in his canoe, with his dog and supplies as he navigates the rivers and canals along the Bartram Trail.

**CALL TO: DISTRICT V SPRING MEETING**

Hosted by: **Seedling Garden Club**

**Friday, May 10, 2024**

**To:** All District V Garden Club Members, Club & Circle Presidents, State & District Officers, State & District Chairmen, Former FFGC Presidents, and District Directors.

**From:** Carol Stevens, District V Director, [carolstevens1950@gmail.com](mailto:carolstevens1950@gmail.com)

**Host:** Seedling Garden Club  
5822 Avenue F  
McIntosh, FL 32664

**Theme:** "Southern Charm"

**President:** Linda Gail McCollum [lindamccollum7143@gmail.com](mailto:lindamccollum7143@gmail.com) 352-816-1839

**REGISTRATION and HOSPITALITY: 9:00-10:00**

**Meeting will begin at 10:00**

**Lunch Menu:** Chicken Salad, Pasta Salad, Green Salad, and Dessert

**Cost:** \$35.00 includes Registration, Morning Hospitality, and Lunch.

**Make checks out to:** Seedling Garden Club

**Send Checks to:** **Eva Jo Callahan**

**P. O. Box 494**

**McIntosh, Florida 32664**

**Registration must be received by April 30, 2024. No refunds after May 1, 2024.**

**Program:** Alachua Conservation Trust

**Reports:** Presidents & Committee Chairmen

(1) Bring a written copy of your report to give to Kayt Huttlin, Secretary.

(2) Be prepared to give a brief report - **not more than 3 minutes.**

Anyone that would like to make an announcement at the District Meeting, please send information to Carol Stevens, District Director, before May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DIRECTIONS: McIntosh is between Gainesville and Ocala on US N 441; Coming from the north or the south you will be on US N 441. When you get to McIntosh turn right (from South); left (from North) onto F Ave. (Parking on North side of building).**

**MAY 10, 2024 DISTRICT V SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Place an X if you'd like a Vegetarian meal: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOTAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP Identifying DELEGATES TOTAL # of Delegates**

Membership of 10 to 25 President or alternate 1

Membership of 26 to 50 President plus one (1) 2

Membership of 51 to 75 President plus two (2) 3

Membership of 76 to 100 President plus three (3) 4

Membership of 101 to 125 President plus four (4) 5

Membership over 125 President plus four (4) + (1) for every 25 over 125

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY\*\*\*\*\*

Category 1: Anyone in this category is automatically a delegate; they are NOT counted against a club's # of delegates. FFGC Officer

FFGC Chairman

FFGC President

Former District V Director

District V Officer

District V Chairman

Category 2: The Club President is a delegate NOT the Circle President unless assigned by the Club President.

Club President

Circle President

Column 3: You may check only one (1). Delegate

Alternate

Member

Guest

# Spring Garden Tour 2024

*Celebrate Mom with a Tour of Beautiful Gardens*

Think Bigger Than A Bouquet

Saturday, May 11 - 10AM - 1PM

\$20 Tickets Available April 11

Includes Garden Tours, Boxed Lunch & Refreshments

GGCfl.org or Facebook at Gainesville Garden Club



## ***TOUR OF GARDENS***

***Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

What better way can be found to celebrate the woman who nurtured and loved you all those years, than to go enjoy a spring day in the gardens with her!

On the tour will be Holly Bee Gardens, a beautiful English cutting garden. Each of the 3 remaining gardens is unique and demonstrates a sense of balance and harmony with wonderful outdoor space that is visually pleasing and full of life (and wildlife).

Tickets are \$20 and on sale on the [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org) website from April 11th to May 6<sup>th</sup>. Purchase includes a tour of 4 lovely gardens in the same area, a boxed lunch with dessert and drink.

A map, including directions and descriptions, will be available with your ticket purchase. Plenty of space for parking, then walk or ride a golf cart to the other gardens. Enjoy lunch in a beautiful garden setting!

## GENERAL MEETING & MEMORIAL SERVICE



Mark your calendar – You don't want to miss the last club meeting of the year which is being held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse beginning at 10 am.

Karen Beaty, Program Chair wrote: The theme is Florida Springs Friendly Yard with our speaker, Haley Moody, Associate Director from the Florida Springs Institute in High Springs. She will be talking about the science and education behind the Institute and the work they do educating the public about Florida's springs. A Florida Springs Friendly Yard is free of chemical fertilizers, uses no groundwater for landscape maintenance, and relies on native plants.

During the meeting, new members will be recognized and a Memorial Service will be held led by Lynnette Worley. Members are encouraged to bring and take plants from the Plant Exchange. Oh yes! There will be door prizes (plants) and sales by Circles and the She Shed volunteers.

*Hosted by Begonia, Daisy,  
and Mimosa Circles*

**The Ultimate Tropical**

*Luau*

*fundraiser*

*Located at Gainesville Garden Club*

**29**  
May

**11 AM**  
to **2 PM**

**\$20**  
Tickets

**Great Food - Photo Booth - Fun Prizes**

Visit [GGCFL.org](http://GGCFL.org) or  
Contact [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com)  
for Ticket Information

Join us for a fun time, good food, and great prizes. Bring a friend or two for fun activities such as a Hat and Best Dressed Contest that reflects the Hawaiian theme. Enjoy lunch, time together and take pictures together at the photo booth.

Lunch and desserts will reflect the Hawaiian theme. There will also be door prizes, game prizes, gift baskets, and a 50/50 drawing. All for a ticket fee of \$20. The focus of this event is for everyone to have a great time!

Sign up when your Circle meets, at the General Meeting on May 16, on-line at [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org) or by contacting Sandra at [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).



# Horticulture Expo 2024

Alachua County, Florida

GAINESVILLE GARDEN CLUB  
1924

UF IFAS Extension  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER

**SAVE THE DATE**

Renowned Expert in Conservation & Ecology

**Doug Tallamy**  
Keynote Speaker

**Fall Horticulture Expo**  
Alachua County Agriculture & Equestrian Center  
Newberry

**October 19, 2024**  
10am-4pm

NATURE'S BEST HOPE  
A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard  
DOUGLAS W. TALLAMY

An Equal Opportunity Institution



## DISTRICT 5 PHOTO CONTEST

District V is hosting its fourth photography competition. **Deadline for submitting photographs has been extended to the Fall with the deadline being September 15, 2024.** All the winning photographs will be shown at the 2024 Fall District V Meeting and will then be posted on the District V website – [ffgcdistrict5.com](http://ffgcdistrict5.com). During the District V Spring Meeting attendees will select the “Popular Choice Award” from the first-place winning photographs.

### Categories include:

1. **Recycle, repurpose and reuse items in your gardens**
2. **Get creative with flowers and blossoms**
3. **Scenic** – beach & coastal, landscapes, swamps, etc.
4. **Butterflies** – caterpillar, chrysalis or butterfly
5. **Everything Birds** – birds in trees, bird house, bird baths, bird feeders, etc.
6. **Cold-blooded Critters** – turtles, frogs, snakes, lizards, fish, etc.
7. **Wildlife** – deer, squirrels, bats, otters, foxes, etc. No pets or livestock.
8. **Nature at Night or Early Light**
  - **Monetary Awards** - An award of **\$25** will be given for photos in the following areas:
  - **“Best-in-Show Award”** – judged by the judging panel
  - **“Most Unique & Creative Award”** – has a “Wow” factor – judged by panel
  - **“Popular Choice Award”** – voted on by attendees at the Spring District V Meeting.

There is a \$3 entry fee per photo (5 limit). Awards will be given as follows: First Place, Second Place, Third Place. Send the photographs to **Kelley Wood** at [photos@ffgcdistrict5.com](mailto:photos@ffgcdistrict5.com), and the photograph, description, name of garden club, and the entry fee to Lesly Smith, District V Award Chairman, at 3986 S Garland Terrace, Inverness, FL 34452-7610.





### FFGC/UF Short Course 2024

Jun 02, 2024, 3:00 PM – Jun 04, 2024, 4:00 PM  
University of Florida Straughn Center

Short Course entitled "Plant The Planet: How Plants Can Save Our World" will feature speakers from around the state, a walking tour, and fun-filled banquet.

Carol Binello, Chairman, has put together a course that includes a banquet, plant sale, opportunity drawings and shopping for garden gear. It is sponsored by GGC, District V, and supported by Visit Gainesville. Go to [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org) to register.

### THE NATIONAL GARDENER

The flagship publication of the National Garden Clubs is “*The National Gardener*” which is published quarterly. It highlights articles of interest to environmentalists, gardeners, landscapers, floral designers, educators, nature photographers. Feature articles provide our readers with leadership advice; seasonal recipes and garden club lore.

To view current and old issues, or to subscribe to *The National Gardener*, which is free, go to the [ngc.org](http://ngc.org) website and click on the publication page.

### GGC CALENDAR



- April 25 Circle Meetings
- April 25 Combined Circle Meeting – Mimosa & Daisy  
Speaker, Bruce Cavey
- April 27 “Grow Your Own Song Bird Garden”  
Speakers - Alan and Ellen Shapiro.
- May 9 Circle Meeting
- May 10 Spring District Meeting  
at The Seedling G. C. in McIntosh, FL
- May 16 GGC General Meeting & Memorial Service
- May 23 New Board of Directors Meeting
- May 29 Hawaiian Luau Luncheon  
Hosted by Begonia, Daisy & Mimosa Circles
- June 2-4 UF/FFGC Short Course  
Hosted by District V - Carol Binello, Chairman
- June 2-8 National Garden Club Week

### Newsletter Submissions

If you wish to submit Circle or member news, projects, programs, or photos for the Fall newsletter, please send them in by June 1<sup>st</sup> to [searnold6348@gmail.com](mailto:searnold6348@gmail.com).

Thank you,

Sandra Arnold, Editor

### GARDEN CLUB WEBSITES

**Gainesville Garden Club**  
Websites: [ggcfl.org](http://ggcfl.org)



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



**Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC)**  
Website: [ffgc.org](http://ffgc.org)



**National Garden Clubs**  
Website: [NGC.org](http://NGC.org)

