



# F. F. G. C. DISTRICT TOUR 2022

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# YOUR FFGC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: “WORLDS OF WONDER: 100 WAYS TO PLAY OUTSIDE WITH NEW FRIENDS!”

- ✕ Marge Hendon, FFGC President
- ✕ Tina Tuttle, FFGC President-Elect
- ✕ Christy Linke, FFGC Second Vice President
- ✕ Mary Whisler, FFGC Third Vice President





# **FFGC MISSION STATEMENT!**

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“Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth and the community.”



# FFGC SONG: IN A GARDEN

Song lyrics and music can be found on the FFGC.org website, ***Home/About***, at the bottom of the page.

\*Sheet music will be provided to each club!

*ps* **IN A GARDEN** Jane R. Stewart

If you're feeling blue some day you can chase the blues a - way

If you'll just re - member what I say----- When you

*rus*

stroll IN A GARDEN Heav-en is near-er, when you sing in a garden your song will be clearer, when you work IN A GARDEN Heav-en is near-er, when you love in a garden your loved one is dearer, when you

1. dream in a garden your dream will surely come true----- When you wish in a garden your wish will surely come true-----



Handwritten musical score for the first system. The vocal line is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano accompaniment consists of two staves, treble and bass, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

And if you're caught in the rain each flow'r will raise it's face to you and try to explain

Handwritten musical score for the second system. The vocal line continues on the same staff. The piano accompaniment continues on the two staves. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

that you're in the midst of God's hand-i-work so don't com - plain a -

Handwritten musical score for the third system. The vocal line continues on the same staff. The piano accompaniment continues on the two staves. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

bout the rain, just stroll in a garden, sing in a garden, and work in a garden

Handwritten musical score for the fourth system. The vocal line concludes with a long note and a fermata. The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff.

too. Then wish in a garden and watch all your wish-es come true-----.

# BREAKING NEWS!

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- ✖ Headquarters Staff and Hours
  - + Headquarters Office Manager: Robin Hayes
  - + Email: [ffgc@ffgcmail.com](mailto:ffgc@ffgcmail.com), website: ffgc.org
  - + Telephone: 407-647-7016
  - + Hours: 09:00-1:00 EST, Monday to Thursday
- ✖ Dues now due 1 May, delinquent 1 June?
- ✖ BOI information now due 1 May!
- ✖ New District Finances Bylaws Article and the Tax Identification Number (TIN) requirement.



Be on the lookout for  
SPECIAL INTEREST  
CLUBS ONLINE and  
ONLINE GARDEN CLUBS!

- \*Wekiva Alumni Club
- \*Wekiva Parents Club
- \*SEEK Alumni Club
- \*Floral Designers Club
- \*Gardens of Florida Club
- \*Horticulture Clubs

And countless more!

We have the *technology!*  
You have the *interest!*

# Photography Group

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ZOOM Meeting  
Nov. 30, 2022

Our World  
Through the Lens

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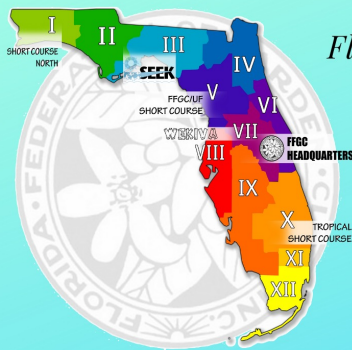
ZOOM 10am EST

Florida Federation  
of Garden Clubs



[www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)





*Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.*

# MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM

Due January 15th Annually



**Downloadable Grant Application**

**\$500 Grant available to Clubs & Circles for  
Projects/Activities that are new or ongoing.**

And don't forget the **Plant America** grants from NGC, Ames Tools, Espoma, Native Plants and Wildflowers, and Youth Pollinator Garden grants!

\*We need you ideas on  
How to spend FWF \$\$\$.



The FFGC Matching Grants Program Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is pleased to offer matching grants up to \$500 to any Florida federated Garden Clubs and Circles in good standing. This fund was begun using the proceeds from a bank account no longer encumbered. The FFGC Finance Committee determined that the best use of these funds would be to offer our circles and clubs an opportunity to apply to use them on local projects.

The mission statement for FFGC states "The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc promotes the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility, by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth and community." The focus and objectives outlined below form the basis for Club or Circle projects/activities that may qualify to receive matching funds. Projects/activities may be new or ongoing.

- a) Any activity (workshop, program or other educational event) aimed at **increasing membership** by welcoming interested individuals to your Club/Circle.
- b) An activity to **beautify your community**, such as park plantings, school gardens, a divided road median or roadside beautification.
- c) Any activity to **increase awareness** of our organization's mission, goals and objectives.

The Grant application is available online and may be downloaded from the [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org) website. Grant application deadline is **January 15 annually**. Funds will be awarded at our annual state convention. Grant funds must be expended by December 31 of the year awarded and a one-page report with pictures sent to the FFGC Matching Grants Chairman, Gina Jogan at [gvjogan@panhandle.rr.com](mailto:gvjogan@panhandle.rr.com).

There will be a \$5,000 cap placed on grants awarded annually.





“WOW” “World’s of Wonder”  
100 Ways to Play Outside with  
New Friends

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Marge Hendon’s Presidential  
Theme for  
#61 Nell Coe Award

## #61 Nell Coe Award

Awarded every other year and revised each administration, 1966--- "Worlds of Wonder"

Marge Hendon, FFGC President Project for 2021-2023 is "**WOW--Worlds of Wonder-- 100 Ways to Play Outside with New Friends.**"

Donors: 1) Marge Hendon 2) Marge Hendon 3) Marge Hendon 4) Marge Hendon

Description and Purpose: To recognize and award **the completion of an exemplary project** in some phase of work set forth by the President of FFGC. The large Nell Coe Tray will remain on permanent display at Headquarters.

The theme of the 2021-2023 Administration "100 Ways to Play Outside with New Friends" is presented to **encourage and promote growth in our membership**. The previous administration promoted a project to encourage growth in diversity and number of members. This administration will continue to encourage growth in diversity, but will focus on increasing members' number in fun, safe ways. Show the many ways you are having a good time in the Garden Club with your new members. Let's break down this Presidential Award. "100 Ways", is for FFGC's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up in 2024. "To Play Outside" goes with the National Garden Club's Mary Warshauer's theme of Plant America - Play Outdoors. "With new Friends" is for your members joining your club.

Proof of Accomplishment:

1. If your circle or club is serious about promoting membership by "playing outside" with New Members, please apply by providing **pictures** to FFGC Facebook Administrator, Valerie Seinfeld, ffgcfacebook@gmail.com. We want to see the fun that we have with new members here in Florida. Action, fun, and beautiful pictures will be the tie breakers in case two clubs come up with the same number of new members. So send in your pictures with name labels.

2. Proof of each new member will be by the **forms** sent to FFGC Headquarters registering new members. Headquarters will keep track of your numbers from **June 1, 2021 to March 31, 2023**. The Garden Club with the largest percentage of growth, in each of the four (4) categories below will be awarded \$200.

Name of Circle, Club or District \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club President, email, address and phone number:

Name of contact person submitting this award application, email, address and phone number:

Number of paid members as of 1 June 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of paid members as of 31 March 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

Award: \$200 may be awarded in Categories 1, 2, 3, & 4 listed below.

1. Small Clubs 10- 50 members
2. Medium Club with 51-100 members
3. Large Club with 101 - 199 members
4. Ex- Large Clubs/Circles 200 members +

Submission: Email Award to **ffgcawardentry@gmail.com February 20, 2023**. Judging will take place on March 31, 2023.

Use the Current 2021-2023 Application Form only. Award applications are limited to 3 pages.



# AWARDS

- ✖ Judging Awards will be done remotely.
- ✖ All Award information is available online.
- ✖ Applications sent via email but BOEs by mail.
- ✖ Due dates differ—most due 24 November but several are due before or after that date!

#11 Yearbook Award .....	November 1
Flower Show Achievement Awards .....	November 24
Flower Show Related Awards .....	November 24
Deep South & NGC Awards to Awards Chair .....	November 24
Jr. Gardener FFGC Awards J-1 - J-6 .....	November 24
Nell Coe Award #61.....	February 20, 2023

- \*Winners announced at convention.
- ✖ Remember, you must enter to win!





# MEMBERSHIP

- ✖ Monthly membership Zoom meetings and Monthly Membership Message.
- ✖ Recruitment ideas! “New Members 2x2 in ‘22”.
- ✖ Retention ideas! “Now you got ‘em, how to keep ‘em!!”
- ✖ Membership cards returned in 2022!
- ✖ ADD as District Membership Chairman.





# THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP IN FFGC

- ✕ Local and State Discounts and perks
- ✕ Educational opportunities and certifications
- ✕ 9 Point Papers on Environmental issues
- ✕ Club/Circle Yearbook
- ✕ Annual convention opportunities
- ✕ Membership in National Garden Clubs, Inc. ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) and Deep South Garden Club, Inc. ([Dsgardenclubs.com](http://Dsgardenclubs.com))
- ✕ Subscription to our quarterly magazine, *The Florida Gardener*
- ✕ Member Services: HQ Library access to over 2,000 books, Garden Shop at HQ and online
- ✕ Club/Circle monthly programs, speakers, field trips, workshops, hands-on projects
- ✕ Youth camp, Junior Gardener programs, SEEK, college scholarships
- ✕ Individual and Club Award Recognition and Honors
- ✕ Project Grants programs: Matching Grants, Plant America Grants, Ames Grants, Espoma, and more
- ✕ Introduction to mentors with common interests who will become your life-long friends!



# YOUR \$12 MEMBERSHIP IN FFGC

(THAT'S ONLY \$1 A MONTH!)

*NGC Dues and Expenses	\$1.20
*Board Expenses	\$0.40
* <i>The Florida Gardener</i> Printing & Postage	\$1.80
*Awards	\$0.90
*Headquarters Staff & Office Expenses	\$3.40
*Officer Expenses (including Tour)	\$1.90
*Website, Telephone & Internet	\$0.70
*FFGC Promotion & Membership Cards	\$0.35
*Contingency Fund	<u>\$1.35</u>
<b>Annual Dues</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>



# F.F.G.C. PERSONAL HONORS

- ✖ Bricks
- ✖ Hall of Fame
- ✖ Pillar of Pride
- ✖ Earth Steward
- ✖ Patron
- ✖ Guardian of Gardening
- ✖ Life memberships to FFGC, DSGC and NGC



# F.F.G.C. CONVENTION 2023



- ✖ Save the date! April 17-21, 2023
- ✖ Location: Kissimmee, FL
- ✖ Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton, Orlando Lake Buena Vista South
- ✖ Installation and Reception!
- ✖ Opportunity drawings and 50/50



Please consider taking out an advertisement in our Convention program book!

You may wish to recognize your club or someone special in your club, incoming officers, a friend, an anniversary, etc.!

Note the deadline:  
February 21, 2023

Sponsorships available!



Rate	Description	Size
\$275	Full Page Color- Outside Back Cover	7.5" High x 4.5" Wide
\$250	Full Page Color - Inside Front or Inside Back Cover	7.5" High x 4.5" Wide
\$200	Full Page Color- Interior Page	7.5" High x 4.5" Wide
\$125	One-Half Page Color- Interior Page	3.75" High x 4.5" Wide
\$100	Full Page Black & White- Interior Page	7.5" High x 4.5" Wide
\$75	One-Half Page Black & White—Interior Page	3.75" High x 4.5" Wide
\$60	One-Quarter Page Color- Interior Page	1.875" High x 4.5" Wide
\$30	One-Quarter Page Black & White- Interior Page	1.875" High x 4.5" Wide

\*\* See detailed instructions on back \*\*

Email your camera-ready ad in .DOCX, JPG or .PDF format

-OR-

Email your request for an ad layout to be designed for you to:

Kelley Wood at [kelleywood@gmail.com](mailto:kelleywood@gmail.com)

Add "FFGC Convention 2023" in the Subject Line

Mail your payment (after proof approval) to:

Kelley Wood

6047 Valley Spring Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601

(727) 487-3713

Make checks payable to "FFGC 2023 Convention"

Fabulous prizes are waiting for you! All you have to do to **WIN** is purchase a ticket or 2 or 3!

Drawing for these prizes will be at convention on **April 20, 2023**. You do not have to be present to win!



## 96th Annual FFGC Convention Opportunity Drawing Worlds of Wonder—Recycled



2 nights stay at Embassy Suites Lake Buena  
Vista South \*\*exclusions apply \*\*



A collection of 5 plants from  
the Philodendron family



Treble Clef Aluminum  
Sculpture (23" w x 67" h)



A collection of 5 plants from  
the Gesneriaceae family



53" Tall Yard Art  
from PVC Pipe



2 strand pearl and ruby  
bracelet (7-1/2")



95th Anniversary edition Harley Davidson signed  
print by artist, Scott Jacobs (34" h x 39" w)

**Suggested Donation is \$2 per ticket. Order tickets today!**

Make checks payable to **FFGC / Conv 2023** and mail to:

Barbara McGhee 4031 SE 37th Ct., Ocala FL 34480/352.572.4832  
barbaramcghee11@gmail.com

The drawing will be held April 20, 2023. You do not need to be present to win. Your generous donation supports FFGC aims, goals and special projects. The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization. IRS rules and regulations apply. Winners of prizes valued at \$600 or more will be issued IRS form W-2G. Your donation may be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Consult a tax advisor for more information. One prize per winning ticket.



<p>Drawing will be held</p> <p><b>April 20, 2023</b></p> <p>Send Money &amp; Stubs to:</p> <p>Chairman: Barbara McGhee</p> <p>4031 SE 37th Ct., Ocala, FL 34480</p> <p>(352) 372-4832</p> <p>Net Proceeds support FFGC aims, goals &amp; special projects</p> <p>Tickets limited to 4,000</p> <p>One prize per winning ticket. You need not be present to win</p> <p><b>KEEP THIS STUB</b></p>	<p><b>SUGGESTED DONATION \$2</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>OPPORTUNITY DRAWING</b></p> <p><b>Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>96th ANNUAL CONVENTION</b></p> <p><b>PRIZES GALORE!</b></p> <p>"Pearl &amp; Ruby 2-Strand Bracelet"</p> <p>"Two Night Stay @ the Embassy Suites -Exclusions Apply"</p> <p>"Yard Art – PVC Bird"</p> <p>"Treble Clef Sculpture"</p> <p>"Harley Davidson 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Signed Print"</p> <p>"Collection of 3 plants from Philodendron family"</p> <p>"Collection of 3 plants from Gesneriaceae family"</p> <p><small>Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. IRS rules and regulations apply. Winners of prizes valued at \$600 or more will be issued IRS form W2-G. Your donation may be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Consult a tax advisor for more information.</small></p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p><b>SEND-IN THIS STUB</b></p> <p><b>Donation \$2</b></p>
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Each club and BOD member will have tickets to sell. Please **make an effort to sell them** instead of returning them to the convention committee! Thank you!

<p>Drawing will be held</p> <p><b>April 20, 2023</b></p> <p>Send Money &amp; Stubs to :</p> <p>Chairman: Valerie Prisciandaro</p> <p>4056 SE 38th Loop Ocala, FL 34480</p> <p>(352) 445-6946</p> <p>Tickets limited to 2,500</p> <p>One prize per winning ticket. You need not be present to win.</p> <p><b>KEEP THIS STUB</b></p>	<p>Donation \$5.00 EACH</p> <hr/> <p><b>50/50</b></p> <p><b>RAFFLE</b></p> <p><small>Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. IRS rules and regulations apply. Winners of prizes valued at \$600 or more will be issued IRS form W2-G. Your donation may be tax deductible as allowed by the IRS. Consult a tax advisor for more information.</small></p> <p><b>Make Checks Payable to:</b></p> <p><b>FFGC / Conv 2023</b></p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State/Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p><b>SEND-IN THIS STUB</b></p> <p><b>Donation \$5.00 EACH</b></p>
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## **SAVE THE DATE**

**6-9 March 2023**

**DEEP SOUTH GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

**“The Mindful Gardener”**

**ANNUAL CONVENTION, in Kenner, LA**

Carol Hall,  
DSGC Director

- EXCITING SPEAKERS
- MYRIAD TOURS in and around New Orleans
- EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS
- Installation of Debbie Cooper, new DSGC Director

More information and register online @ [Dsgardenclubs.org](https://Dsgardenclubs.org)





# NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS CONVENTION 2023



- ✕ 1-5 May 2023
- ✕ Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, WV
- ✕ Come meet NGC President, Brenda Moore!

# THE *Florida* GARDENER

Our NEW editor is Lisa Packard!!

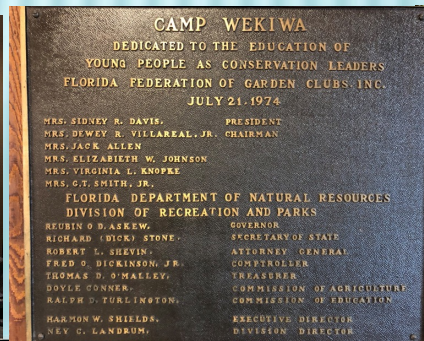
- ✕ Now available ONLINE at [FFGC.org](http://FFGC.org)
  - ✕ If you have an email, you will get the magazine online
  - ✕ All club presidents, BOD and those without an email address will receive a printed copy.
  - ✕ Cost savings of nearly \$25,000 to FFGC allowing us to provide Awards and Grants to clubs and circles!
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# WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP



- ✦ 2023 curriculum: Insects!
- ✦ Staggered Registration begins 8pm, 2 Jan. 2023.
- ✦ Volunteers, especially nurses, are needed!





Wekiva will see a few changes  
in the coming summer!  
Review the schedule and choose  
the week you want to  
**volunteer!!**



## FFGC WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP 2023 SCHEDULE

### Important Registration Reminders

Registration is based on the grade **completed** at the end of the '22- '23 school year.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Program registrations are restricted to returning campers until February 1<sup>st</sup>. These Programs fill very quickly.

Registration is **ONLINE** at [www.wekivayouthcamp.org](http://www.wekivayouthcamp.org)

**Critter Camp (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders), 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Programs - January 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8PM EST**  
**All 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade sessions - January 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8 PM EST**

#### Boys Week 1: June 18-24, 2023:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (72 spaces available)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Primitive/Tent Camping Program (16 spaces available)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Environmental Education (EE)/Canoeing Program (16 spaces available)

#### Boys Week 2: June 25-July 1, 2023:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (88 spaces available)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Primitive/Tent Camping Program (16 spaces available)

#### Co-ed Week 1: July 2-8, 2023:

- Co-ed 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (40 girls South Circle, 32 boys North Circle)
- Girls 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Primitive/Tent Camping Program (16 girls - South Circle)
- Boys 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EE/Canoeing Program (16 boys - North Circle)

#### Co-ed Week 2: July 9-15, 2023:

- Co-ed 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (40 girls South Circle, 32 boys North Circle)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Leaders in Training Program (Invitation Only)
- Critter Camp (16 girls South Circle and 16 boys North Circle)
  - **Mini-camp July 11-13<sup>th</sup> only**
  - Critter Campers must have **completed** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

#### Girls Week 1: July 16-22, 2023:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (72 spaces available)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Primitive/Tent Camping Program (16 spaces available)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EE/Canoeing Program (16 spaces available)

#### Girls Week 2: July 23-29, 2023:

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade (88 spaces available)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade EE/Canoeing Program (16 spaces available)

Wekiva Volunteer Training: February 10, 2023 @ 1 PM through February 12, 2023 @ 10 AM

Wekiva Open House: February 12, 2023 from 11 AM - 1 PM

Camp Set-up begins June 4, 2023 \* \* \* Staff Orientation June 14-17, 2023





# CRITTER CAMP

- ✖ For campers having finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.
- ✖ Limited to 32 campers.
- ✖ Dates: **11-13 July 2023** (during week 4)
- ✖ Crafts, Nature, and Swimming
- ✖ Registration begins 8pm, 2 Jan. 2023





# WEKIVA VOLUNTEER TRAINING AND JUNIOR GARDENER LEADER TRAINING

- ✦ Save the Date! February 10-12, 2023
- ✦ Come experience the camp and learn how to assist WYC staff in crafts and nature sessions.
- ✦ Take home information to share with your Junior Gardeners!







## WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP OPEN HOUSE

SPONSORED BY THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS

Sunday, February 12, 2023

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

ACA Accredited Residential Camp for Children in Grades 1 – 8

Sunday – Saturday Sessions from June 18 – July 29, 2023

Wekiwa Springs State Park, 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka

Guided Tours Light Refreshments

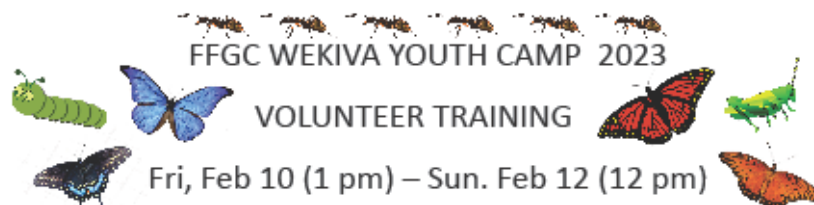


FFGC's Wekiwa Youth Camp has been located at Wekiwa Springs State Park since 1974, under a partnership with the Florida Dept of Natural Resources and Division of Parks & Recreation. The facility has grown through the years and now boasts a swimming pool, craft hall, screened pavilion, dining hall, canteen, nature hut, outdoor amphitheater, sports field and Volunteer and Camper Cabins. Over a six-week period each summer, campers completing Grades 1-8 spend a week living in cabins clustered around a fire circle learning about the importance of conservation and protection of our environment in a protected natural setting. Adult Volunteers and Environmental Educators serve as Program Leaders and Role Models as our Campers enjoy swimming, hiking, nature photography, crafts, nature study, skit night, campfires, great food and more at this American Camp Association Accredited environmental youth camp. The Infirmary is staffed 24/7 with a Registered Nurse on site daily. Our Camp Director supervises the activities of the Campers and Counselors, many who are former campers themselves. Come see this wonderful camp and meet the Counselors, Director, and Staff.





This form is  
available  
online at  
ffgc.org/  
Wekiva Youth  
Camp.  
Cost is \$75.



It is that time again for the 2023 Wekiva Volunteer Training. A weekend of friendship, nature, and beauty of Wekiva Springs State Park in Apopka.

FFGC's Wekiva Youth Camp has been located at Wekiva Springs State Park since 1974. Over a six-week period each summer, campers completing grades 1-8 spend a week living in cabins and learning about the importance of conservation and protection of our environment. Adult Volunteers and Environmental Educators serve as Program Leaders and Role Models to our Campers.

Wekiva Volunteer Training is an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with summer volunteer opportunities. Space is limited. The first 30 Registrants will have the opportunity for Volunteer cabins. After those spaces are filled, attendees will have the option of "living like a camper" in Camper Cabins with a bathhouse nearby. Bring a friend and learn about Wekiva Volunteer opportunities. Driving Directions and a Recommended Packing List can be found at [www.wekivayouthcamp.org](http://www.wekivayouthcamp.org).

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CELLPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GARDEN CLUB MEMBER: YES/NO GARDEN CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A GARDEN CLUB? YES NO - Tee Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
*Special Request (sorry no guarantees) Cabin Mate: \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Cabin: \_\_\_\_\_*  
NURSE: YES NO CURRENT LICENSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
VOLUNTEERED AT WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP BEFORE: YES NO  
INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING SUMMER 2023: YES NO (PROGRAM): \_\_\_\_\_  
PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM & \$75.00 CHECK TO WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP Chairman:  
Mary Whisler, 2755 N. Carnoustie Loop, Lecanto, FL 34461 Email: [mary.whisler66@gmail.com](mailto:mary.whisler66@gmail.com)  
Registration receipt will be confirmed by email. No REFUNDS after January 20, 2023







# SEEK

## SAVE EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT through KNOWLEDGE

### 2023 S.E.E.K

Environmental Conference Sponsored by  
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: University of Florida

When: June 12 to 15, 2023

Cost: \$300 Inclusive

Lodging: Hume Resident Hall

Meals: Planned for Healthy Options

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?

Students Entering Grades 10 – 12

Registration Begins January 1, 2023

<https://ffgc.org/Youth-Programs#SEEK>

### How to Get Connected With The S.E.E.K Team

Registrar/Chairman:

Jennifer Seymore

352—215-7659

(SEEKConferenceReg@gmail.com)

Vice Chairman:

Janet Reed

352-302-9276

Jbreed60@yahoo.com

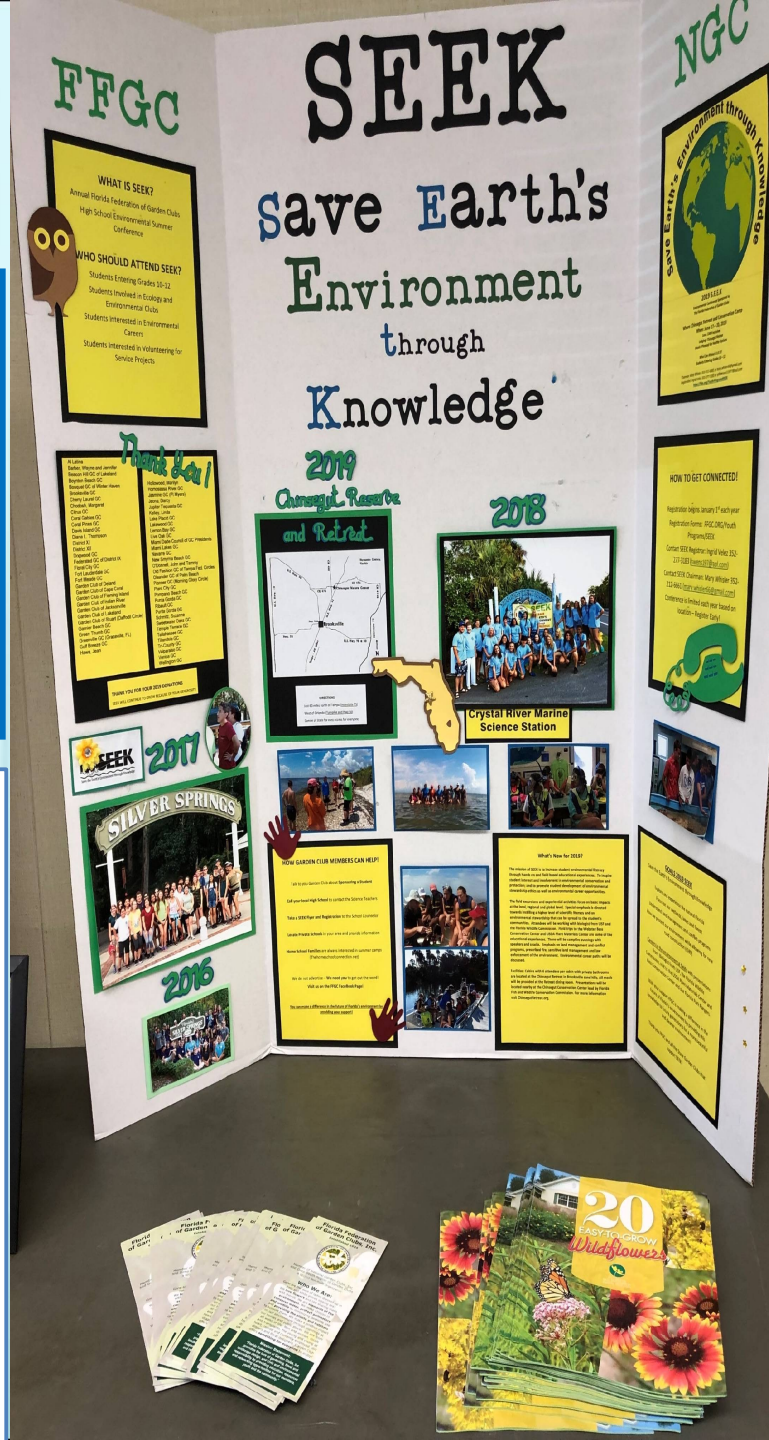
## What's New for 2023?

The mission of SEEK is to increase student environmental literacy through hands on and field based educational experiences. To inspire student interest and involvement in environmental conservation and protection; and to promote student development of environmental stewardship ethics as well as environmental career opportunities.

Some of the activities planned are field excursions and experiential activities at labs around the UF Campus. Students will visit a lab to understand the Florida aquifer and visit a spring location. A visit to the School of Forest Resources and Conservation to understand forest health and resilience as well as Florida's wetland ecosystems. The Honeybee Research Lab visit will review insects and impact of changing climates. Wrapping up the program will be a UF Panel to discuss Environmental Science Careers and offerings at UF.

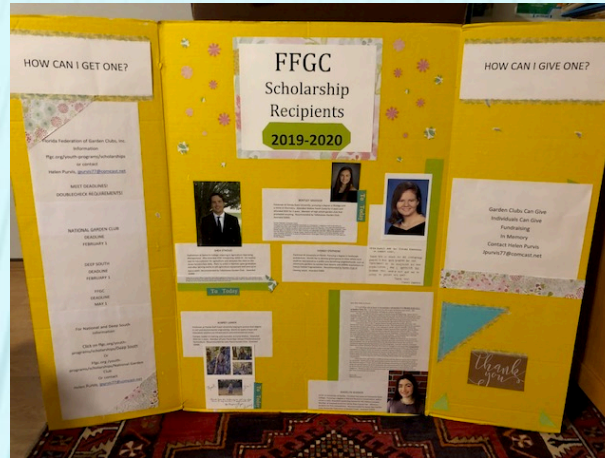
Facilities: Dorm rooms with 4 attendees per 2 rooms sharing a private bathroom. All linens must be provided by the Attendee. A "what to pack" will be sent at time of final registration acceptance. Meals and transportation to labs will be provided. Presentations will be at various locations around campus and nearby UF locations.

For more information visit <https://ffgc.org/Youth-Programs#SEEK>



# SCHOLARSHIPS

- × FFGC Scholarships = up to \$30,000 annually  
FFGC Applications due 1 May.



- × DSGC Scholarships = 2 given, \$5,000 each
- × NGC Scholarships = 43 given, \$4,000 each
- × NGC and DSGC applications due 1 February
- × In-house and club scholarships!





# NGC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ✖ Flower Show Schools and Symposia (NGC/FFSJ)
- ✖ Environmental Schools (NGC/Tri-Council)
- ✖ Gardening Schools (NGC/Tri-Council)
- ✖ Landscape Design Schools (NGC/Tri-Council)





# FFGC EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



- ✕ Floral Design Study Series (FFGC)
- ✕ “Digging It” Horticulture Study Series (FFGC)
- ✕ “Fun with Flowers” (FFGC)
- ✕ Short Courses (FFGC):
  - + Tropical Short Course: Greenacres, 25-26 January 2023
  - + UF/FFGC Short Course: Gainesville, 7-8 June 2023
  - + Short Course North: Pensacola, 10-11 August 2023
- \*Wekiva Volunteer Training: Apopka, 10-12 February 2023



# The TRI-COUNCIL of FFGC organization:

## ***“SHINING the SPOTLIGHT on NGC ENVIRONMENTAL, GARDENING, and LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOLS”***

Join Tri-Council to further your knowledge, attend free educational programs, and network with other members to promote NGC Schools and legislative actions as needed.

Any Consultant completing two or more NGC Courses can be a provisional or accredited member. Dues are only \$15.

See more info about Tri-Council on the FFGC Website or contact Pat Caren at [pmrc423@gmail.com](mailto:pmrc423@gmail.com) for more information.

And don't forget about the Trashion Show at the 2023 Convention! If you wish to be a model, please contact Carolyn Schaag!

These tours are specifically designed for our Florida Federation of Garden Clubs members!

Where do you want to go?

These tours are a fundraising/ profit-sharing opportunity for FFGC.

# Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

UPCOMING TRAVEL



## Holland Tulip Festival

*May 11, 2023 - roundtrip Chicago*

Tulip Time celebrates tulips, Dutch heritage & the Holland, Michigan community. Since 1929, the city of Holland has blossomed with hundreds of thousands of tulips. Take advantage of our custom itinerary & join us on this 8 day tour! Some of the highlights of this trip include spending the night in the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island & visiting the 240-year old working windmill "De Zwaan".



## Douro River Cruise

*October 4, 2023 - Portugal*

Join us on this 7 night river cruise with a 3 night stay in Lisbon. Taste wines from historic wineries & soak up the genuine beauty of one of Europe's most unadulterated landscapes on this sailing. You will visit multiple UNESCO World Heritage Sites as well as Pena Palace in Serra de Sintra, known as one of the loveliest mountain villages in Portugal.



## Coastal Cruise

*April 2024 - Amelia Island to Charleston*

All aboard on a coastal cruise sailing out of Amelia Island! This trip will be in conjunction with the FFGC 100th anniversary celebration convention!

*Dates and details to be announced.*



Visit our website to learn more about our upcoming trips:  
<https://www.funseas.com/ffgc>



Contact **Shelley Atkinson**  
your Garden Club Travel Advisor  
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# FFGC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

- \*Contributions to the Centennial Celebration?  
[FFGC.org/donate!](https://ffgc.org/donate)
- \*Quilt Block kits available for every club with \$1 deposit. (See the educational display.)
- \**2024 Commemorative Calendars*, logo pins, logo ornaments, etc. available for purchase on 20 April 2023!
- \*So many planned events...
- \*Fun, Fun, Fun!!



# FFGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ✕ Contact our Corresponding Secretary, **Linda Johnson**, to ensure your date doesn't overlap with another FFGC event. She will ensure your event appears on the FFGC website.
- ✕ Fill out the required form for submitting an event to the calendar:

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## Form to Submit a Calendar Entry

- \*Name of Event:
- \*Date of Event:
- \*Time of Event:
- \*Location of Event:





# WAYS AND MEANS: THESE ITEMS, AND MORE, AVAILABLE FROM THE FFGC GARDEN GIFT SHOP AT HEADQUARTERS! (ORDER ONLINE AT FFGC.ORG)

- ✖ Pins: \$12 each
- ✖ Bars: \$7 each
- ✖ Florida Ornament! \$10 each
- ✖ And more!



# OUR SINCERE THANKS TO ALL!

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- ✖ Thanks to all who serve on the FFGC Board of Directors and various committees.
- ✖ Thanks to all who submitted Awards/Grants.
- ✖ Thanks to all who volunteered at or donated to Wekiva Youth Camp, SEEK and our scholarships.
- ✖ Thanks to all who serve at the District level.
- ✖ Thanks to all who serve in your clubs and circles.
- ✖ Thank you everyone for your continued participation, membership and support of FFGC!