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The Future of Landscaping Is Edible

Join Brie Arthur and discover the “Foodscape Revolution” with Florida-Friendly foodscaping and sustainable edible landscapes.

NEWBERRY, FL — As more homeowners look for ways to grow their own food, support pollinators, and create environmentally sustainable landscapes, the 2026 Fall Horticultural Expo & Plant Market will invite the community to explore one of gardening’s fastest-growing trends: edible landscaping and food forests.

Held Saturday, October 17, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Alachua County Agriculture & Equestrian Center in Newberry, Florida, this year’s Expo theme, “*Edible by Nature: Plant for People, Pollinators & the Planet*,” focuses on creating landscapes that are not only beautiful, but productive, sustainable, and beneficial to local ecosystems.

Hosted by the Gainesville Garden Club and the UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Master Gardener Volunteer Program, the event will showcase how food forests and edible landscapes can transform traditional yards into carefully designed ecosystems where a variety of plants work together in synchrony to produce food, improve soil health, support wildlife, and conserve resources.

Headlining the Expo is nationally recognized gardening expert Brie Arthur, known as “Brie the Plant Lady” and author of *The Foodscape Revolution*. Arthur will speak at 1:00 PM on “Florida-Friendly Foodscaping,” sharing creative and practical ways homeowners can integrate edible plants into traditional landscapes while supporting biodiversity and sustainable living.

Reflecting themes from *The Foodscape Revolution*, Arthur describes foodscaping as a way to create landscapes that are beautiful, edible, sustainable, and filled with life.

Visitors can spend the day exploring the Expo’s expansive Fall Plant Market featuring a wide variety of plant and gardening vendors offering native plants, pollinator plants, edible plants, trees, shrubs, garden art, and more. Organizers encourage guests to “bring your wagon” for the day’s botanical treasures.

Educational exhibits and interactive experiences throughout the day include:

- Food Forest displays and demonstrations showcasing sustainable, layered edible landscapes
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ ideas and resources
- Insect, bird, and wildlife exhibits celebrating local ecosystems

- “Fang Fest,” where UF/IFAS snake experts help visitors safely understand and coexist with Florida snakes
- A Kids Zone with hands-on educational activities encouraging children to trade screen time for “Green Time”

The Expo reflects a growing interest in gardening practices that reconnect people with nature and local food systems while helping create healthier habitats for birds, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators.

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Location:

Alachua County Agriculture & Equestrian Center

[23100 W. Newberry Road](#)

Newberry, FL

Co-Sponsors:

Gainesville Garden Club

UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Master Gardener Volunteer Program

For more information, visit www.ggfl.org/FallExpo or call (352) 331-0426.

Guests are reminded not to respond to scam direct messages regarding the event. Official event communication is only sent through info@ggcfll.org or ExpoOct@gmail.com.

Please note: Pets are not permitted at the event. Service animals only.