



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs-District V and  
the University of Florida Short Course

## TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

May 31 - June 2, 2026

Gainesville, Florida

Registration Opens Feb 1 to FFGC Members; Open to the Public on April 1

**Sunday, May 31 3:00 – 5:00 pm** Registration & Welcome Reception at Gainesville Garden Club, 1350 NW 75th Street.

### Monday, June 1 CULTIVATING IDEAS

**Morning Tours:** UF Field & Fork Garden (innovations in sustainable food production) followed by a Private Garden Tour hosted by Michelle Jensen. Bus leaves from the Drury Inn at 8:45 am and returns to Straughn Center for lunch.

Lunch at 12:00 pm; Sessions begin at 1:00 at the UF/IFAS Straughn Ctr, 2142 Shealy Drive, Gainesville, FL 32611

**Sessions:** Growing Local by Anna Prizzia; Plant Pathology in the Future Garden by Dr. Kevin Korus; Invasive Intelligence: Plant Threats by Christian Wannamaker

**Evening: 5:15 - 8:30 PM** at the Gainesville Garden Club. Happy Hour, Dinner & Design Program: "Designing by Bruce Cavey, Gardener Extraordinaire" (**Separate registration required**)

### Tuesday, June 2 TOOLS IN ACTION 9:00 am – 3:45 pm at the UF/IFAS Straughn Center

**Sessions:** Counting on Pollinators by Jeremy Rhoden; Wildlife in the Landscape by Dr. Johnson's Lab; Good Bug, Bad Bug by Dr. A. Dale's Lab; Roots of Resilience: Tree Health by Dr. Marguerite Beckford; Cultivating Curiosity: Gardening with Children by Tony Ashworth

**Lodging:** Please book directly with the hotel. Drury Inn & Suites, 4000 SW 40 Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32608.

Reserve online at [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com) OR call 800-325-0720. Refer to Group #10163286 to receive rate of \$103 plus tax per night for Double Queen Suites or King Suites. Use code **UF-FFGC** for group rate until **MAY 6, 2026**.

**Registration:** Open February 1 and to the Public on April 1. Final Deadline is **May 8, 2026** (One application per registrant) **PLEASE PRINT**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

District \_\_\_\_\_ Garden Club \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

*All Categories Include the Welcome Reception on May 31, bus travel, Monday & Tuesday lectures and lunches.*

\_\_\_\_ \$115.00 FFGC Members (both days) \_\_\_\_ \$60.00 FFGC Members 1 day \_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_ Tuesday

\_\_\_\_ \$130.00 FFGC Non-Members (both days) \_\_\_\_ \$70.00 Non-Members 1 day \_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_ Tuesday

\_\_\_\_ \$ 50.00 Dinner and Design Program on Monday Evening \_\_\_\_ Tri-Refresher, payable now or at Registration

\_\_\_\_ **GRAND TOTAL** Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**National Garden Club Tri-Refresher** (\$5.00 fee per school). Check all applicable if renewing:

Environmental \_\_\_\_ Gardening \_\_\_\_ Landscape \_\_\_\_ Unless refresher is at a master level, you can only refresh in one of the schools and only refresh once in a calendar year. (**To receive approval, Form 6 or 7, as applicable, must be filled out and sent to the applicable ES, GS, LS State Chairman.** (FFGC website <https://gardenclub.org/school/schools-resources>) **Do not send the forms directly to the Registrar.**

**Make checks payable to: FFGC District V-UF Short Course** Mail your check **WITH REGISTRATION FORM** to: Mona Rippe, 644 NE 10 Place, Gainesville, FL 32601.

**Paying by credit card?** Contact Mona Rippe at 901-340-0214. An additional fee (3%) will be applied.

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