



Newcomer's Guide to Convention

Everyone asks what we should wear at convention.

Resort wear during the day is always good...but comfortable shoes a must! Evenings you can stay dressed as you are...Don't forget a light jacket or sweater. Since this is an installation year, you might want to wear a "dressier" outfit Tuesday night.

Can I attend the Business Meetings even if I am not a delegate?

Of course, and you really should. You will learn so much from all the different District Directors' reports. New business gives you a better picture of how FFGC is adding fresh ideas to help each member receive a wonderful education in horticulture and floral design, not to mention lifetime friendships formed in our organization. FFGC = "*Finest Friends God Created*"

After I arrive what do I do?

Remember if you signed up for the tour on Saturday, it leaves the hotel lobby at 12:30. Since check-in is not until 3, you can leave your bags in your car until you return at 4:30. You can get lunch in St. Augustine. Saturday evening meal is on your own.

When you arrive go to **FFGC registration desk**, sign in, get your **Convention badge** and Convention Program book. The schedule is enclosed, so carry it with you.

Registration opens Saturday at 11:30am, Sunday at 8am, Monday and Tuesday at 7am, and if you haven't looked at the schedule before coming, check it out and plan which workshops you want to attend. There is something for everyone. Yes, you can attend as many workshops you want. Bring something to take notes with.

What forms of payment will Vendors honor?

Bring your cash, checkbook and credit cards, *just to be on the safe side*, (some of the vendors will only take cash or checks) There is also an **ATM** in the hotel.

Shopping! We have some really fun Vendors coming to convention this year. Our Motto: "Shop and Shop often". Floral Designers will not be disappointed. Gardeners delight!

Bring home the newly introduced **2020 FFGC Flower Arrangement Calendar**

As a gift for your pet sitter and one for yourself.

The FFGC Calendar raises money for scholarships, Win, Win!!

Opportunity Drawing Tickets are available to purchase every day. Winners will be announced Tuesday evening.



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What else is there to do? Besides all the Workshops and Programs at meals?

In Legends 1, 2 and 3 you have **vendors** and in St. Augustine B **Awards** and educational exhibits. **Educational Exhibits** give you the opportunity to learn more about FFGC programs. Take pictures!

All Major Awards winners this year will be on display Tuesday after the Awards have been announced Monday evening.

Come learn how to write fantastic awards. See examples of the awards that won this year. See an award application you like, take a picture.

Share all the things you learn with your club when you return home.

Stroll the Convention Hallways and you will find creative and lovely floral designs honoring our FFGC Members and Leadership. Bring a camera!

Seating at Meals



All meals are open seating, but take this opportunity to make a new friend.

Your accommodations at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort include: Personal safe, coffee maker, refrigerator and plenty of closet space. If you need something do not hesitate to ask the front Desk.

A **Cash** bar outside St. Augustine C will be available 5:30-6:30pm Sunday, 5:00-6:00pm Monday night, as well as Tuesday night from 5:30 – 6:30pm.

Bring your business cards. So often you meet someone new and want to keep in touch after you go home. You can make up your own cards at home on the computer, print off a few and bring them. I like to take a picture of the cards given to me so if I misplace the card I still have it on my phone.

Comfort

Some of us are “*cold*” no matter where we go, so remember to bring a sweater, jacket, and/or shawl.

Enjoy your first FFGC Convention, see you soon!

Next year introduce someone new to their first convention. FFGC = “*Finest Friends God Created*”

