

**UF/FFGC/District V Short Course, Gainesville, Florida
Program**

Sunday, June 9. 5-7 pm: Welcome reception at Spring Hill Suites-Marriott.

At sundown: see bats take flight from Bat Houses on UF campus.

Dinner on your own.

Monday morning, June 10th Two unique tours on the University of Florida Campus

8:30 am: Load Busses. Depart for **tours at 9-10 and 10:30-11:30** with bus loads alternating when they visit.

UF Museum of Natural History's Butterfly Rainforest. This lush landscape is a can't-miss living exhibit that features hundreds of free-flying butterflies and birds from around the world along with gorgeous plantings of Florida native and exotic plants.

University of Florida Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory, Learn about UF's bee research, beekeeping museum, and honey facility. 'Bee' one of the first to see this new enhancement to UF's campus.

12-1 pm: Lunch at the Gainesville Garden Club Center

Monday afternoon, June 10th at the Gainesville Garden Club

1-2 pm: "Attracting Florida Butterflies and the Wings Over Florida Project" by Dr. Jaret Daniels, UF Research Foundation Professor, butterfly expert and author of numerous books. *Learn about Florida butterflies and the imperiled butterflies that need our help. Also learn about the Wings over Florida program for recording butterflies in Florida.*

2-3 pm: "Pollinators and Florida's Native Bees" by Jon Elmquist, UF/IFAS Entomology Research Assistant. *You know about the birds and the bees, but Florida has many important pollinators that deserve our attention.*

3-4 pm "Invasive Exotic Plants Identification, Concerns and Control" by UF- IFAS Professor Dr. Deah Lieurance, Extension Scientist and invasive plant expert. *She will explain the dangers of invasive plants and demonstrate how to use the IFAS assessment. Invasive exotic plants are spreading; learn to identify the bad actors and start taking back the garden.*

Monday evening: 6 pm: Dinner and Design Program: We will be treated to a creative and inspiring floral design program by Elaine Parisi, Design Diva and Accredited Flower Show Judge - Master level.

Tuesday, June 11th at the Gainesville Garden Club

9-10 am: "Florida Native Plants for the Landscape" by the Florida Native Plant Society representative, Ellen Thoms. *Discover which native plants are best for the home landscape and your growing conditions.*

10-11 am: Florida Wildflowers and Their Importance” by Terry Zinn, Florida Wildflower Growers Cooperative. *Garden Club’s passion for wildflowers is historic and it continues; learn your Florida wildflowers and how they can be grown from seed for your projects.*

11 am-12 noon: “Florida Friendly Landscaping and Your HOA” by a Florida Friendly Landscaping expert. *Learn how you can make changes to your landscape and maintenance practices to be more environmentally friendly and save water and time.*

12 noon- 1 pm: Lunch and Plant Preview

1-2 pm “Caladiums: Their History and Colorful Addition to Your Garden Design” by Ms. Danielle Pfyfer Daum, Grower and Expert. *Caladiums have a rich history in Florida. Hear all about caladiums from a member of a caladium pioneer family, as well as learning new ways to use them for design impact.*

2-3 pm: “Including Edibles in Your Landscape: Join the Food Revolution” by Dr. Taylor Clem, UF/IFAS Alachua County Extension Service. *Peppers in the perennial bed, rosemary with your roses? Yes! Discover how to mix edibles and ornamentals for winning combinations*

3 pm: Evaluation and Better Than Ever Plant Sale

Choose plants for sale from two vendors:

- **Grassroots Nursery** selling unique garden perennials
- **Claudia Larsen, Micanopy Wildflower Nursery** selling wildflowers and natives that can be transplanted into your yard.