



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 Is Open! Deadline - May 8

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 9:00 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 - 7:30 PM at the Gainesville Garden Club. Happy Hour, Dinner & Design Program: Floral Designing by Bruce Cavey, Gardener Extraordinaire (**Separate registration fee required**)

Tuesday, June 2 TOOLS IN ACTION 8:45 am – 3:45 pm at the UF/IFAS Straughn Center

Continental Breakfast will be served.

Sessions: Counting on Pollinators by Jeremy Rhoden; Wildlife in the Landscape by Dr. Kelly Johnson; Good Bug, Bad Bug by Dr. Adam Dale; Roots of Resilience: Tree Health by Dr. Marguerite Beckford; Cultivating Curiosity: Gardening with Children by Tonya Ashworth

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

Reserve online at 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. Deadline for receiving this rate is **MAY 6, 2026.**

Registration: 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 Short Course Mail your check **WITH REGISTRATION FORM** to:
Mona Rippe, 644 NE 10 Place, Gainesville, FL 32601. monarippe@gmail.com

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

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