



**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, Mar 1 for MGVs and Apr 1 to
the Public**

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: 5:30 - 8:30 PM at the Gainesville Garden Club. Happy Hour, Dinner & Design Program: Floral Designing by Bruce Cavey, Gardener Extraordinaire (**Separate registration 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. 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 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. (website <https://gardenclub.org/multiple-refreshers>)**

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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