



The Tree of Life has many symbolisms.....the idea that all life on Earth is interconnected.

District 1 Newsletter

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC. - Convention: April 18 -20 at the Embassy Suites - Lake Buena Vista, 4955 Kings Heath Road, Kissimmee, FL. Check website for registration.

TEA FOR TINA - Friday, April 28 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Pensacola Garden Center, Complimentary. Organize a carpool and go congratulate our very own District 1 member as the new FFGC President (to be installed at the April convention).

VALPARAISO GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE - Saturday, April 29 - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 115 Westview, Valparaiso.

MAMA MIA! - Milton Garden Club - Tuesday, May 9th: The ***Spring District Meeting*** will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Milton. The theme is "Mama Mia!" There will be Greek food for breakfast and luncheon. The program is a presentations on birds: shore birds and native plants for birds. Please put the date on your calendar now, and plan to attend. Come prepared for a Greek Adventure! You should have received your Registration Form and Call to Meeting.

"CLUB WORKOUT" - June 8, 2023 Milton Garden Club - 10 a.m. - noon. Presidents are invited to come and bring board members to discuss how to "flex" our club muscles. Save the date: we will explain at the District Meeting in May.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK - June 4 - June 10, 2023. - Just a reminder that NOW is the time to start planning to celebrate National Garden Week. What a fun occasion this is, not only for individual clubs, but for your community and district. Why? Because this generates lots of publicity within your area. (THINK NEW MEMBERS!) This week can also be such a fun, bonding time for the members of the club; it is a great time to share within your community and to really reach out and give. Be sure to "think ahead" for publicity for your local newspaper. For more information, please contact Jane Nendick, National Garden Week Chair, 2023-2025 janednendick@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - SHORT COURSE NORTH - August 10 - 11, 2023 - Pensacola at the 4-H Center, Escambia Extension Office. \$50 for FFGC members and \$65 non-members. It offers 8 CEU's for Master Gardeners. More Information to follow. Or, you may go to <https://tinyurl.com/shortcoursenorth> for the form.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS REFRESHER COURSE(S) - You may also want to use SCN as a refresher of an NGC School. Fill out Form 7 for each NGC School you are “refreshing,” except for the Master Level. Banquet is June 7th, Gainesville Garden Club. Margaret Kirkpatrick is floral designer for the event. All lectures take place on UF campus. Forms are available at the FFGC website. For more information contact Val Seinfeld, valseinfeld@aol.com

BLOSSOM LANE FARM - GREAT FIELD TRIP IDEA: Plan a field trip and visit Blossom Lane Farm, 1015 Stanley Lane, Baker, Florida (approximately 20 minutes north of Crestview). After the flower farm tour have lunch at Gator Cafe. Check out these websites: <https://www.blossomlanefarm.com> and <https://www.thegatorcafe.com>

CAMP WEKIVA: Volunteers are needed for this summer at Camp Wekiva. Below are the weeks still in need. For volunteering, please email Mary Whisler at mary.whisler66@gmail.com or call at #352-212-6661. Please volunteer and come see what a wonderful camp the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs run.

Week 1 - June 18 - 24:

1 Person for Crafts
2 People for Nature

Week 4 - July 9 - 15:

1 Crafts
2 Nature

Week 2 - June 25 - July 1:

3 for Crafts
1 for Nature

Week 5 - July 16 - 22:

1 Office

Week 3 - July 2 - 8

3 Crafts
3 Nature

Week 6 - July 23 - 29:

2 Crafts
2 Nature

What is Expected to Volunteer for Crafts: There are three sessions lasting about 1 and 1/2 hours starting at 9 a.m. with the 3rd session after lunch. Craft Volunteers will help the Craft Coordinator set up the room for camper sessions, clean up after each session and help with crafts during the session. The Craft Coordinator will meet with Craft Volunteers on arrival day (Sunday) to go over the crafts. Most days you will be done by 3 p.m. After the last session, you are free to check out the park, swim in the pool, go to the springs, or go shopping. The Craft Hall is air conditioned as well as your cabin. There is a full size refrigerator in each cabin to bring snacks. The cabin has four beds with one bathroom. You will find “What to Pack” on the Wekiva Website along with the Registration Form.

What is Expected to Volunteer for Nature: There are three sessions lasting about 1 and 1/2 hours starting at 9 a.m. with the 3rd session after lunch. Nature Volunteers will help the Nature Coordinator set up the Nature porch for camper sessions, clean up after each session and help with nature studies during the session. The Nature Coordinator will meet with Nature Volunteers on arrival day (Sunday) to go over the Nature Program. Most days, you will be done by 3 p.m. After the last session, you are free to check out the park, swim in the pool, go to the springs or go shopping. The Nature Hut is **not** air conditioned. There will be nature hikes at each session lasting around 1/2 hour. Your cabin **is** air conditioned. There is a full size refrigerator in each cabin to bring snacks. The cabin has four beds with one bathroom. You will find “What to Pack” on the Wekiva website along with the Registration Form. You should be someone who can tolerate hot weather and be agreeable to hike trails with children. Everyone is expected to help with at least one hike per day. (Continued)

You must fill out the forms that you download when you register at wekiva.com under Volunteer Registration. You will be sent forms for an FBI Level 2 Background Check before coming to camp. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me: Mary Whisler (352-212-6661) or email me at mary.whisler66@gmail.com Thank you!

Your District Staff,
Joyce Waters-Smith
Jennifer Weber
Ginger Eisele
Betty White

Have a Wonderful Easter Season

