

TC NEWS

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Greetings TC Members!

These newsletters will come to you whenever I find news and information of interest. If you have anything you would like to share with the membership, let me know.

In your **directory**, there are blank lines for you to write in new members. We have two so far:

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On page 23, in the alphabetical list of members which shows the dates by which they are due to refresh, some of the dates did not reflect recent refreshers. I am updating this. Let me know if your Good Standing Date has changed. Or if you need a copy of the updated page, let me know. Also, if you noticed any other errors in the directory, I would appreciate your bringing them to my attention.

If you haven't received your directory, contact your District Director. They were given the directories at the September meeting. You can also access the [Directory](#) on the FFGC website under Membership/Tri-Council or click the above link.

Speakers and Programs: We are planning to host more presentations for TC members, both in-person and by Zoom. If you are aware of an informative, inspiring speaker, let President Brenda Luedeman know. We also have field trips in mind. Let us know of any that are a reasonable distance from Winter Park.

From Carolyn Schaag:

Plan early for your children, grandchildren, or great grandchildren to attend the FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp (WYC) or SEEK program in summer 2024. Both celebrate their 50th anniversary next year. This year *Newsweek* named WYC as one of the best camps in USA! To my knowledge no other state garden club has similar youth programs like FFGC.

SEEK is scheduled to start June 12 at University of Florida in Gainesville. WYC will start on June 16, with six weeks of camp, first 2 weeks for boys, second 2 weeks for coed, and last 2

weeks for girls. More info will be posted by the chairmen. Registration for WYC begins January 2. Many cabins are filled within less than 30 minutes. If you sponsor a child, be prepared!

Tri-Council started their Campership program in 2018. See Tri-Council Standing Rule #6, Camperships. Tri-Council of FFGC will annually sponsor camperships with whole or partial funding for children, grand-children, or great grandchildren of a Tri-Council member in good standing to attend Wekiva Youth Camp or the SEEK Conference. The Tri-Council Finance Committee will serve as the Campership Committee.

Each of us can give the gift of a lifetime with a meaningful environmental experience at the FFGC Wekiva Youth Camp or the SEEK program. Applications for Campership funding is due to be received by January 31, 2024. For additional details and questions contact this chairman.

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TC Chairman of Camperships
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From Janice Miller:

Watch “Single Use Plastics: Problems and Solutions 2023” on the NGC website/Video Café. Here’s the link: <https://gardenclub.org/video-cafe>. It’s #10 under Webinars. There are many other interesting videos on the NGC website.

Schools

If you are hosting a school, TC can help with a loan of up to \$300, seed money to help you get started.

Here is a list of upcoming courses around the country. The nice thing about Zoom is that you don’t always need to leave home to further your education. (Some classes may be full, but you can always ask.)

LANDSCAPE DESIGN SCHOOL COURSES/REFRESHERS

Mississippi

December 7 - 8, 2023. Starkville. Course 1. (Hybrid) Contact person: Mary Lynn Powers 662-822-0221 mlpowers43@gmail.com

South Carolina

November 7 - 8, 2023. Charleston. Course 2. (InPerson) Contact person: Susan Epstein 843-224-6784; scldsp@gmail.com

Florida

February 7 – 9, 2024. Course 4. (Zoom) Contact person: Sally Flanagan 386-428-370 sfflan@aol.com

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOOL COURSES/REFRESHERS

California

November 4 - 5, 2023. Modesto. Course 1. (In-Person) Contact person: Berni Hendrix 209-402-2351; schoolsvld@gmail.com

January 6 - 7, 2024. Modesto. Course 2. (In-Person) Contact person: Berni Hendrix See above.

February 3 - 4, 2024. Modesto. Course 3. (In-Person) Contact person: Berni Hendrix See above.

March 3 - 4, 2024. Modesto. Course 4. (In-Person) Contact person: Berni Hendrix See above.

Florida

November 7 - 8, 2023. Tampa. Course 2. (Hybrid) Contact Person: Pam Slagg 813-767-2710; pamslagg@hotmail.com

November 16 - 17, 2023. Ft. Myers. Course 3. (Zoom) Contact Person: Bernadette Hamera 239-233-1166; bhamera@outlook.com

GARDENING SCHOOL COURSES/REFRESHERS

Florida

November 16 - 17, 2023. West Palm Beach. Course 3. (In-Person) Contact Person: Toni Cvetko 908-757-0116; tlcvetko@gmail.com

February 20th. West Palm Beach, Mounts Botanical Garden. Course 4 (In-person) Contact person: Anne Hlasnicek 561 793 7290 ideasmith@comcast.net

Oklahoma

November 4 - 11, 2023. Cushing. Course 1. (Zoom) Contact Person: Judy Grotts 918-630-1979; judygrotts@cotc.ne

NGC MULTIPLE REFRESHERS

Florida.

January 25 – 26, 2024. Wellington Community Center. Tri-Refresher : Multiple Refresher in Environmental, Gardening, & Landscape Design Schools. Contact person: Maria Wolfe 561-386-4903; tcacad_registrar@yahoo.com

Pennsylvania.

April 7 - 9, 2024. Lancaster. Tri-Refresher : Multiple Refresher in Environmental, Gardening, & Landscape Design Schools. At Pennsylvania's Convention in Lancaster, PA. Contact person: Joyce Crider 717-825-3101 jcrider616@gmail.com