

GARDEN CLUB PROGRAM IDEAS

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Category	Title
	ALL OF THE PROGRAM IDEAS ARE GLEANED FROM FFGC GARDEN CLUB YEARBOOKS THAT WERE PRODUCED AND SHARED EACH OCTOBER AT OUR DISTRICT MEETINGS.
	<u>General Tips:</u> A good variety of programs attracts and keeps members. A Garden Club may have only horticulture and landscape programs, but the programs can be varied. Rather than lecture after lecture, plan a variety of formats such as demonstration, clinic, hands-on workshops, tours, panel of members, forum discussion of all members with a moderator, book review, skits, etc.
	Due to the Covid virus we are all using more remote, ie ZOOM, meeting. Therefore, two new categories have been added to this list: Videos and Webinars. These are just a few of the many sources available online.
	Monthly study: in addition to a main program, a club may have a 5-10-minute monthly study, design exhibit, etc. given by member/s.
	Master Gardeners and County Extension Offices are great resources for speakers and programs as are local nurseries and plant related businesses
Craft	Building Bird Houses
Craft	Carve a Pumpkin & create a Spooktacular Arrangement
Craft	Creating Silk Scarves
Craft	Drying & Pressing Flowers for use in artwork, cards, etc.
Craft	Flower bomb making
Craft	Flowers & Quilts
Craft	Making Glass Flowers for the Garden – Birds and Blooms.com
Craft	Gourd Decorating
Craft	Handcrafted vases and bowls from recycled materials
Craft	How to Tie a Bow
Craft	Leaf Pounding - A Technique for Fabric Printing
Craft	Make dried flower bookmarks – online instructions
Craft	Make flowers from coffee filters (https://feltmagnet.com/crafts/coffee-filter-flowers)
Craft	Make-and-Take Holiday Centerpiece
Craft	Make and take Crocheted Cement ((http://sproutsandstuff.blogspot.com/2016/01/create-cement-lace-using-doilies-and.html)
Craft	Make and Take - Stepping Stones
Craft	Making seed balls and seed tape for easy seeding
Craft	Making Succulent Wreaths
Craft	Napkin Vases
Craft	Pinecone birdfeeders
Craft	Pine Needle Basket Workshop
Craft	Potato jewelry (https://crafty.house/potato-bead-jewelry/)

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Craft	Rain barrel Painting
Craft	Recycling Coconuts into Jack-O-Lanterns
Craft	Stepping stones
Craft	Tablescapes for the Holidays (https://www.twelveonmain.com/12-beautiful-christmas-tablescapes/)
Craft	The Art of Making Straw Brooms
Craft	Watercolor Tee Shirts
Craft	Watercolor pots
Craft	Yard Art Totems
Environmental	All About Trees
Environmental	Bald Eagles
Environmental	Biophilia-Effecting Positive Change through Nature Education
Environmental	Bees: (bee society and UF Ext. Faculty for Center Fl.)
Environmental	Bird Calls & Expected birds during each season
Environmental	The Great Migration – Birds in Flight
Environmental	Birds of Prey
Environmental	Bluebirds in Florida
Environmental	Butterflies
Environmental	Challenges of a Transplanted Gardener
Environmental	Climate Change & Gardening
Environmental	Coastal Dune Lakes of NW Gulf Coast
Environmental	Composting & Recycling
Environmental	Coral Reef Restoration- FFGC project
Environmental	Deer & Wild Hog Management
Environmental	Eco Edibles: Ecological & Edible Landscaping
Environmental	Environmental & Marine science studies
Environmental	Everglades Restoration
Environmental	Fabulous Snakes & Spiders of Florida
Environmental	Florida Bats – Importance of - (USF/IFAS Ext.)
Environmental	Florida Keys Water Watch
Environmental	Florida Panthers: Defenders of Wildlife, www.defenders.org
Environmental	Florida Springs & Aquifer Systems
Environmental	Florida Clean Waterways
Environmental	Frogs in our Gardens
Environmental	Gray mockingbird Community
Environmental	History of area rivers & estuaries
Environmental	LEED Construction rating system-Environmental performance of Buildings
Environmental	Living Shorelines: Integrate Plants & Animals to stabilize the shoreline
Environmental	Managing Nuisance Wildlife (Nassau County)

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Environmental	Monarch Migration
Environmental	Organic Composting
Environmental	Oyster Reclamation
Environmental	Our Lagoon System
Environmental	Outdoor Hazards: Plants & Critters
Environmental	Pests in our garden (Horticulture country ext. agent)
Environmental	Pollinators of a Different Kind-Hummingbirds (Co. Ext. Agent)
Environmental	Protecting Our Environment
Environmental	Protecting Gopher Tortoises and Indigo Snakes
Environmental	Protecting our Water Resources
Environmental	Rain Barrels
Environmental	Raptors
Environmental	Rare Birds in the Florida Keys
Environmental	Recycling Food waste
Environmental	Sea Level Rise
Environmental	Sea Turtles
Environmental	Solar Power
Environmental	Spiders-Spending an Afternoon with Sadie-A Beautiful Argiope Spider
Environmental	Super Saver-"Correct" Decisions for Conservation
Environmental	The Good, The Good & the Ugly (Vultures) - Bird talk
Environmental	The Purple Martin: An Internationally Shared Resource
Environmental	To Be or Not to Be Green-Steps to a Greener Home and Community
Environmental	Up Cycling - repurposed items for home & garden
Environmental	Vultures – state park ranger
Environmental	Weeds & Invasive Exotics
Environmental	What, where, why and how to avoid seasonal, allergies-Includes lists of plants to cultivate and plants to avoid
Environmental	Why we should love worms - Our Vital Earth Worm Farm, Gainesville, Florida
Floral Design	Bonsai: How to or Make-and-Take
Floral Design	A design challenge - Creative designs that the designers have an opportunity to talk about their individual designs and how they incorporate the basic elements and principles of design
Floral Design	Adorable Party Floral Designs (in unusual containers)
Floral Design	All Green Arrangements
Floral Design	Artistic Ways to Display Bromeliads
Floral Design	Christmas Tablescapes
Floral Design	Conditioning Flowers & Basic Mechanics of Floral Design
Floral Design	Contrived Flowers
Floral Design	Creative Centerpieces for any Occasion
Floral Design	Creative Design-Thinking outside the Box with odd containers, leaf manipulation, etc.

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Floral Design	Decorating with Plants & Pet Safety
Floral Design	Design from your Garden Flora
Floral Design	Driftwood Floral Designs
Floral Design	Edible Arrangements
Floral Design	Explanation of Ikebana Arrangements
Floral Design	Five Minute Floral Designs
Floral Design	Flower Show - Any members have attended- Chelsea, Philadelphia, etc.
Floral Design	Flower Show Prep
Floral Design	From Garden to Vase-Arrangements from the Garden
Floral Design	Fun with Flowers
Floral Design	Grooming Plants for Flower Show Competition-Plants, leaves, flowers, pots
Floral Design	How to be a Winner at the Flower Show
Floral Design	How to make a Fairy Garden
Floral Design	How to Make a Japanese Moss Ball - The Art of Kokedama
Floral Design	Making Corsages
Floral Design	Making Hypertufa containers
Floral Design	Making Poinsettia Tray Favors
Floral Design	Miniature Floral Design - how to do it
Floral Design	Moonlight Tea-Garden Club Members Set the Table
Floral Design	Palm Weaving
Floral Design	Reflective Design
Floral Design	Super Flower Arrangements from the Super Market
Floral Design	Teacup Floral Design
Floral Design	Underwater Design Techniques
Horticulture	Air layering fruit trees
Horticulture	All about Daylilies
Horticulture	All about crotons
Horticulture	Aquaponics, a New Plant Growing Process
Horticulture	Attracting Wild Birds with Native Landscapes
Horticulture	Bamboo Varieties
Horticulture	Blueberries: Their Care & Growing
Horticulture	Bonsai Gardening: (master gardener)
Horticulture	Florida's Edible Wild Plants
Horticulture	Budding, Grafting & Layering
Horticulture	Bad Bugs vs Good Bugs in Your Garden and Soil (master gardener)
Horticulture	Bucket Gardening
Horticulture	Bulbs for Central Florida
Horticulture	Bulbs in our Garden-Caladiums & Dahlias
Horticulture	Bulbs, Corms & Tubers

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Horticulture	Camellias & Companion Shade Plants
Horticulture	Carnivorous Plants
Horticulture	Citrus Greening
Horticulture	Citrus Trees & Grafting
Horticulture	Clean air house plants
Horticulture	Collecting & planting Wildflower seeds
Horticulture	Community Gardening
Horticulture	Compost happens (master gardener)
Horticulture	Container Gardening (master gardener)
Horticulture	Cottage Gardening – master gardeners
Horticulture	Creating a Tropical Shade Garden
Horticulture	Cultivating Mushrooms
Horticulture	The Dirt on Dirt – proper gardening soil and potting mixes
Horticulture	Dragon Flies in your Garden
Horticulture	Edible & Medicinal Plants in our Woods, Yards & Landscape
Horticulture	Edible Flowers
Horticulture	Endangered Plants of Florida
Horticulture	Everything about African Violets
Horticulture	Fertilizer "To Feed or Not to Feed?"
Horticulture	Flora & Fauna
Horticulture	Florida vegetable gardening
Horticulture	Forcing Bulbs
Horticulture	Four Seasons in the Florida Garden
Horticulture	Frugal Gardening
Horticulture	Garden to Table: In the Kitchen with Herbs
Horticulture	Gardening in January (or whatever month is coming up)
Horticulture	Gardening Like a Superhero/Gorilla Gardening
Horticulture	Gardening with Essential Oils
Horticulture	Gardening with Native Plants (master gardener)
Horticulture	Gourds, How to Grow & How to Use
Horticulture	Grocery Store Gardening
Horticulture	Growing Camellias and Azaleas (master gardener)
Horticulture	Growing & Caring for Orchids
Horticulture	Growing Olives in Florida
Horticulture	Growing Roses
Horticulture	Growing Soilless Plants Vertically for Space, Conservation & Healthier Food
Horticulture	Herbs and companion planting (master gardener)
Horticulture	Herbs for Stress: Fight, Flight, Freak or Freeze!
Horticulture	Herbs in the Victorian Garden

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Horticulture	Holly, Ivy and Plants for the Holidays (master gardener)
Horticulture	How to create a Meditation Garden
Horticulture	How to grow Daffodils
Horticulture	How to Repot and split orchids – local orchid expert and/or growers
Horticulture	How your Garden can Handle Drought or your Absence: Simple Watering Strategies
Horticulture	Hybridizing
Horticulture	Hydroponics-Gentle Gardening
Horticulture	Insects, Arthropods & Other Animals of Importance in Gardens
Horticulture	Inspiring Garden Ideas
Horticulture	Invasive Plants (master gardener)
Horticulture	Let's talk tomatoes (master gardener)
Horticulture	Maintaining a Large Garden
Horticulture	Make a Sick Plant Talk-disease strategies
Horticulture	Make-and-Take Orchid mounting or Orchid dividing
Horticulture	Managing Trees for Safety
Horticulture	Miniature Gardens-Indoors & Outdoors: Invite Faeries into your Garden
Horticulture	Moringa Management (Co. ext. or master gardener)
Horticulture	Mosquito Zika Virus – How not to breed in your yard.
Horticulture	Mounting Bromeliads
Horticulture	Native Plants
Horticulture	Olives and how the oil is produced – local olive farm
Horticulture	Orchids: Practical tips on growing, dividing, & repotting
Horticulture	Origin and Development of Chrysanthemums
Horticulture	Perennials for the Four Seasons-Landscaping for the Birds
Horticulture	Permaculture (Organic, Sustainable, etc. Gardening)
Horticulture	Planting a Cutting Garden
Horticulture	Planting by the Moon
Horticulture	Planting a spaghetti garden
Horticulture	Plants that are toxic to Animals
Horticulture	Plants to add color to a fall garden (master gardener)
Horticulture	Preparing the Soil for Planting
Horticulture	Preserving Flowers in Sand
Horticulture	Propagation of Houseplants & Tropicals
Horticulture	Popagating, growing and enjoying Plumerias
Horticulture	Raised beds gardening
Horticulture	Seed Saving & Heritage varieties
Horticulture	Seeds & How They Grow
Horticulture	Selecting the Right Plant for the Right Window
Horticulture	Sensory Gardens

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Horticulture	Small Space Gardening
Horticulture	Snake Oil & other Garden Tonics
Horticulture	Best practices for Snowbird Gardens
Horticulture	Square Foot Gardening
Horticulture	Staghorn Ferns
Horticulture	Succulent Gardens
Horticulture	Sustainable Farming
Horticulture	Terrariums Using Succulents & other plants
Horticulture	The 3 Cides – fungicides, pesticides and herbicides (Co. Ext. Agent)
Horticulture	The Wonderful World of Hardy Gingers
Horticulture	Therapeutic Horticulture
Horticulture	Tillandsia and Exotic plants
Horticulture	Tropical Fruits – History in South Florida
Horticulture	Types of bamboo growth patterns and uses
Horticulture	Unique Plant & Insect Interactions in Florida
Horticulture	Verticulture – raising worms for your garden
Horticulture	Wild Edibles of Florida
Horticulture	Wildflowers and the Butterflies they attract
Horticulture	Worm Tea
Landscape Design	Alternatives to Turf
Landscape Design	Architecture of Landscape
Landscape Design	Creating curb appeal
Landscape Design	Creating a small waterfall (master gardener)
Landscape Design	Design using Garden Recycling
Landscape Design	Drain Fields & Water Pumps
Landscape Design	Edible Landscaping
Landscape Design	Fire Wise Landscaping
Landscape Design	Grass and its Growth
Landscape Design	How to Create an Outdoor Room
Landscape Design	Hardscape and Lighting in Garden design – local landscaping companies
Landscape Design	Irrigation and Lawn Care-how to make sure it is working; how much, etc.
Landscape Design	Landscape Conservation from the Woolly Mammoth to Fla's Garden of Eden
Landscape Design	Landscape & Hardscape to prevent weeding
Landscape Design	Landscaping a Small Garden
Landscape Design	Landscaping for Pollinators
Landscape Design	Lawn Care for all Seasons
Landscape Design	Let's Get a Face Lift! Updating the front entry of your home
Landscape Design	Landscaping for the Birds
Landscape Design	Pick the Best Palm tree for your landscape

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Landscape Design	Pond & Bog Gardens
Landscape Design	Rock garden designs – local landscapers
Landscape Design	Urban Landscapes Designed & Managed to Conserve Biodiversity
Landscape Design	Wetlands & Shoreline plants
Landscape Design	What is a Florida Friendly Yard Designation & How do I Get It?
Landscape Design	When to Prune Plants
Landscape Design	Winter blooming plants, trees, and shrubs – county agent
Landscape Design	Xeriscaping
Other	"Mini-mini" - Preview NGC seminars and what they're all about: Flower Show Schools and Symposia (NGC), Environmental Study Schools (NGC), Gardening Study Schools (NGC), Landscape Design Schools (NGC), Floral Design Study (FFGC), "Digging It" Horticulture Study Series (FFGC), "Fun with Flowers" (FFGC), Short Courses (FFGC)
Other	Adaptive Gardening for Aging
Other	Are yours the Sharpest Tools in the Shed?
Other	Ask What your Horticultural Agent can Do for You
Other	Backyard chickens & Slow Food
Other	Basics of Digital Photography
Other	Cell phone photography
Other	Connecting Children with Nature & Science
Other	Fl. Graveyards – registering, cleaning, and maintaining (Fl. Pub. Archaeology)
Other	Florida Scenic Highways & Wildflower Projects (FDOT Office of Beautification)
Other	GMO's (genetically Modified Organisms – County Extension agent
Other	Garden Party Hat Competition
Other	Gardening Blog - How to set and use for the group.
Other	Gardening Book Exchange
Other	Habitat for Humanity
Other	History of Your Garden Club
Other	How to cook root & tropical vegetables; health benefits
Other	Know your By-ways and By-laws - The Road A Garden Club Follows
Other	Meet Our Scholarship Recipients
Other	Nature Photography
Other	Parliamentary Procedures - Garden Club Management
Other	Pet Proofing your Yard
Other	Photography tips on taking beautiful pictures of plants and flowers
Other	Plant Auction
Other	Progressive meal & Garden tour
Other	Rediscovering Our Heritage-review of scrapbooks; older members share memories
Other	Relating Planting and Growing to Recruiting and Growing Membership
Other	Seasoning food with rosemary, sage and thyme can help reduce sodium in your die

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Other	Spice is nice: exploring spices a-z, how to cook with them and their history (co. ext. agent)
Other	UF Extension Service - What We Do
Other	Watch out for scammers (Co. Sheriff's Dept.)
Other	What Happens after your yard waste is picked up & what's done with it
Other	Wekiva Youth Camp Field Trip
Videos	Landscaping for Birds and Butterflies – http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/stlucieco/2020/03/17/landscaping-for-birds-and-butterflies-webinar/
Videos	The Buzz About Bees in Florida – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VU9Qu-KhOh0&feature=youtu.be
Videos	Garden Pests vs. the Good Bugs -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyKodxQmH3M
Webinars	UF/IFAS has Extension offices in each of Florida's 67 counties. They are very eager to share information with you! To contact them, go to: https://ifas.ufl.edu/maps/#:~:text=UF%20IFAS%20has%20Extension%20offices,offices%20located%20throughout%20the%20state.
Webinars	18 most popular master gardener webinars https://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/mastergardener/newsletter/2020/more/webinars-keep-you-growing.html?utm_source=April+2020+Neighborhood+Gardener&utm_campaign=Neighborhood+Gardener+April+2019&utm_medium=email