

CONVENTION FAQs AND THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

WHEN: APRIL 10-12, 2024
WHERE: Southbank Riverfront Marriott Hotel
1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville FL

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WHAT TO KNOW & WHAT TO BRING:

- Wear comfortable, smart, casual clothing; no gardening duds. You may want to glam up for evening banquets, but as you interpret glam. Broken in shoes are a must!
- Bring all your required electronic devices and charging cords, maybe a small binder for writing notes, and all the usual traveling requirements. Do you need your own pillow?
- Bring a bathing suit; you just might sit poolside to relax and chat with friends during rare time. The hotel is riverside so stroll the promenade in good walking shoes.
- **Early Risers!** Bring exercise pants for “Morning Stretch” in the Ballroom Foyer on Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, from 7-8 am.
- Vendors open at 8:00 a.m. and accept cash, checks, or credit cards; and the hotel has an ATM and a business center should you need computer access.
- All attendees are welcome to attend the morning business meetings on Thursday and Friday starting at 9 a.m. and learn what’s going on in FFGC on the business side. See the schedule for room locations.
- Big hotels are always cold so carry a shawl or jacket, especially if you run cold anyway.
- If you purchased raffle or opportunity tickets in advance, bring them and buy more when you get there!
- **Especially for first timers**, put key phone numbers in your cellphone so you can call friends inside the hotel to keep track of each other. Hope you purchased the Early Arrivals Dinner and Fashion Show ticket and any required tour or workshop ticket at the time you registered.
- What convention does best is introduce you to 100 new best friends. Make a point of introducing yourself to others at your dinner table, or a board member if you are interested in learning how to get more involved. You will know them by their badges.
- Expect a fair amount of walking from your room to the convention rooms, but once you're in the ballroom area, it won't be so far apart.
- The distinguished guest speakers are exceptional this year. Read all about them in the [Speaker Bios brochure](#).