



FFGC Convention 2023—**Tentative** Schedule of Events, Workshops & Programs

Tuesday 4/18/2023



9:30 AM—11:15AM —FFSJ Meeting

11:00 AM—5:30 PM—Registration open

11:30 AM—1:00 PM—FFSJ and Tri Council Luncheon—open to all

1:15 PM—3:00 PM—Tri Council Meeting & District Directors Meeting

3:30 PM—5:30 PM—Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM Tuesday April 18—Early Arrivals & BOD Dinner & “Trashion” Show

Wednesday 4/19/2023

7:30 AM—4:30 PM—Registration open

8:30 AM—10:30 AM—Opening Ceremony for 96th Annual Convention

10:45 AM—11:45 AM Workshops

Tools—Jessica Sullivan, Adaptive Gardening

Invasive Plants—Stacey Matrazzo, FL Wildlife Foundation’s Executive Director

12:00 Noon—2:00 PM—Lunch, Speaker is Laura Perdomo on Begonias

2:15 PM—3:45 PM Workshops

Photo Club (Snapdragons) - Marianne Salas & Friends

President, Treasurer, Parliamentarian & Bylaws—get to know your position

Planting Edibles—Theresa Marie Badurek, AG for Pinellas County

5:30 PM—District Parties

7:00 PM—9:30 PM—Dinner & Speaker Josh Henderson, CEO Bonnet Springs Park, Lakeland

Thursday 4/20/2023

7:30 AM—4:30 PM—Registration open

8:30 AM—10:30 AM—96th Annual Convention Continues

10:45 AM—11:45 AM Workshops

Horticulture Entries—Bessie Morse, Phyl Lawson, Pat Strawn

Google: Tech Tools for your Garden Club —Lisa Packard, Editor, The Florida Gardener

12:00 Noon—2:30 PM—Luncheon and speaker Kevin Brown on Sea Turtles

2:45 PM—4:30 PM Workshops

The Shoreline Sea Oats—Kevin Brown

Floral Design —Carol Lucia & Friends

5:30 PM—6:30 PM—President’s Reception—**Invitation Only**

7:00 PM—9:30 PM—Final Banquet & Installation of New Officers

**** For more details and speaker/workshop details, visit FFGC.ORG/Convention-2023**

Speakers & Workshop Details



Born and raised in Florida, Laura Perdomo is a life-long lover of nature and plants. From the bromeliads and mango trees of her childhood in Ft. Lauderdale, to the cypress knees, bubbling springs and stately pines of Marion County, to the old-time camellias and Spanish Moss of Tallahassee, she has lived-in and experienced much of Florida's beauty. Laura received her B.S. in Secondary Education from FSU in 2005, taught High School American History for a decade, but plants and entrepreneurship have always been her passion. She is the founder and owner of The Peacock Cottage, an indoor plant shop in Ocala, FL. Her role sees her in many of the greenhouses of Central Florida, seeing the new trends, hybrids and ideas as they emerge. She is past president of the African Violet Council of Florida and the Ocala Camellia Society. She currently serves as president of the Blooming Violets of Marion County.