

## CALENDAR OF GARDENING EVENTS FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA AND

now-July 24 Wekiva Youth Camp in session, Wekiwa Springs State Park, Apopka, FL

July 4            Greatest American Clean Up for the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the USA! Each person is asked to pick up 250 pieces of litter by 4 July!! More info and to register at [kab.org/greatest](http://kab.org/greatest)

July 20            Okaloosa Master Gardener Lecture Series presents “Home Gardening Tips and Tricks featuring Heirloom Favorites and Unusual Fruits and Vegetables” with Joe Taverniti. 10am, Free but register at [MGlecture@yahoo.com](mailto:MGlecture@yahoo.com) or call 850-244-4490. Okaloosa County Extension Office, 3098 Airport Road, Crestview.

July 21            Santa Rosa Master Gardeners lecture series, “Bonsai Gardening Made Simple” with Vicki Baker-Janis, 10am, free. Santa Rosa Extension office, 6263 Dogwood Drive, Milton.

July 26-28        Third annual Tri-Council Retreat at Wekiva Youth Camp, Apopka FL. An NGC Tri-Refresher!! \$75 for Tri-Council members, \$90 for non-members and \$60 for commuters. Price includes food and lodging!

**August 13-14        Short Course North, 4-H building on Stefani Road, Cantonment. \$60.** Registration form at [FFGC.org/education](http://FFGC.org/education) or Calendar of Events. CEUs offered. 10 speaker sessions and 2 hours of optional crafting. Tina Tuttle, chairman and Gina Jogan, registrar.

August 18            Santa Rosa Master Gardeners Lecture Series “The Joy of Bird Feeding in your Garden”, 10am.

August 21-22        Great Florida Pollinator Census. To participate see [www.gsepc.org](http://www.gsepc.org)

September 15        Santa Rosa Master Gardeners Lecture Series

August 20            Pensacola Federation of Garden Clubs *Membership Tea*, 1-3pm, 1850 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue

August 25            “Growing Knowledge one Daylily at a Time” presented in conjunction with DeFuniak Springs Garden Club by Mr. Richardson of Indian Camp Daylilies. Free. 1-4pm at the Walton County Extension Office, 732 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, DeFuniak Springs.

September 15        Pensacola Camellia Club’s first meeting of a new season. Come hear guest speaker, Horticulture, Sarah Brecher covering the Enhance Camellia Collection at Bellingrath Garden. Location: Garden Center 1850 N. 9th Avenue, Pensacola 6:30pm social, 7pm program.

September 15-17    FFGC Fall Board of Directors meeting, Winter Park

- September 17      NGC Fall Board of Directors meeting by Zoom
- October 3            Mega Plant Sale hosted by the DeFuniak Springs Garden Club held in conjunction with the Region 12 Daylily Fall Meeting, "Rooted in Daylilies". 9am-3pm. Walton County Extension Office, 732 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, DeFuniak Springs
- October 17    3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fall Horticultural Expo and Plant Market, Alachua County Ag and Equestrian Center, 23100 W. Newberry Road in Newberry, FL
- October 20            Santa Rosa Master Gardeners Lecture Series "Bats!", 10am
- October 20    Pensacola Camellia Club program will cover 'Cultivation and Care of Camellias'. Location: Garden Center 1850 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola 6:30pm social, 7pm program
- October 21            Pensacola Interstate Fair Flower Show. Horticulture and Design entries accepted. Judging and awarding.
- October 23-24      Gulf Coast Camellia Society Conference will be hosted by the Camellia Club of Greenville, AL.
- November 6-8      Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival at Seville Square, Pensacola. Pensacola Camellia Club will be there presenting 'Live Art', auctioning Camellias and educating the public about Camellias.
- November 17      Santa Rosa Master Gardeners Lecture Series, 10am
- November 17      Pensacola Camellia Club program will cover 'History of Pensacola Men's Club and Camellia Shows by Jane Benson. Location: Garden Center 1850 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola 6:30pm social, 7pm program
- December 5            Pensacola Camellia Club will be selling camellias at Palafox Market downtown Pensacola 9-2pm. Camellias make great Christmas gifts.
- December 12      Pensacola Camellia Club 88th Annual Camellia Show & Plant Sales. Jean & Paul Amos Performance Center located at 1000 College Blvd. Featuring a Novice category for beginners to show your blooms for prizes. Exhibitors start time is 7:00am – 10:00am; Judging begins at 10:30am – 1:00pm, Open to the Public to enjoy all of the blooms 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Free Admission. This is a Toys for Tots event feel free to donate an unwrapped toy.
- December 15      Santa Rosa Master Gardeners Lecture Series, 10am

January 12-14 FFGC Winter Board of Directors meeting

January 19 Pensacola Camellia Club's meeting program is a 'Hands on Grafting Workshop.' We will have various scions for you to select from, members to assist you with the graft. Location: Garden Center 1850 N. 9 th Avenue, Pensacola 6:30pm social, 7pm program

January 20 NGC Winter Board of Directors meeting by Zoom

February 13 Pensacola Camellia Club will be selling camellias at Palafox Market downtown Pensacola 9-2pm. Camellias make great Valentine gifts.

February 16 Pensacola Camellia Club's meeting program "Companion Plants for Camellias." Location: Garden Center 1850 N. 9 th Avenue, Pensacola 6:30pm social, 7pm Program

February 20 Pensacola Camellia Club to host Community Camellia Show and Plant Sale at the downtown Public Library on 239 Spring St, Pensacola, FL. Everyone is invited to bring their camellia blooms to compete for prizes in various categories starting at 9:00am. For more information about the Community Novice Show, go to our Activities, Community Camellia Show on our website. [www.pensacolacamellia.com](http://www.pensacolacamellia.com)

March 6-22 NGC Tours and Travel 13-night cruise—spend 2 days at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual World Flower Show in Sydney, Australia (World Association of Floral Artists), 3 nights in Sydney, plus cruise 5 ports in New Zealand aboard Princess Cruise Lines from Auckland to Dunedin including Tazmania! \$3239 per person (double occupancy) plus air fare. BUCKET LIST!!! Contact [SAtkinson@Funseas.com](mailto:SAtkinson@Funseas.com) to place your deposit of \$400.

March 7 Pensacola Camellia Club will welcome the public to the UWF Camellia Garden Tour. We will provide air layering and pruning demonstrations, and have plants available for sale starting at Noon to 4:00 pm. For more information about the UWF Camellia Garden Tours go to Activities, UWF Camellia Garden & Tours on our website. [www.pensacolacamellia.com](http://www.pensacolacamellia.com)

March 14-16 DSGC Convention in Tuscaloosa, AL, "Sweet Home Alabama", Embassy Suites with room rate of \$149

April 2-4 Pensacola Camellia Club will be selling camellias at UF/IFAS and Pensacola State College Milton Campus, 'Spring Festival of Flowers' sales event for the weekend.

April 5-9 FFGC Convention, Embassy Suites, Kissimmee, FL. Installation year.

April 20 Pensacola Camellia Club meeting program, "Camellia Spring Cultivation

Care and Maintenance.” Location: Garden Center 1850 N. 9 th Avenue, Pensacola 6:30pm social, 7pm program.

April 24      Pensacola Camellia Club work day at UWF Camellia Garden starting at 9am-12:00pm. If you have wondered how to reduce large camellia plants, John Davy will lead a plant reduction demonstration. We will have members on hand to explain air layers and inside pruning of plants before we all get to work at the garden. Come watch and learn so you can improve your own yard with these methods.

May 13-17      NGC Convention, Madison, Wisconsin, installation year

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March 12-15 or 19-22      2028 Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc., Convention in Brandon Community Center, MS

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5 May      Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday to National Garden Clubs, Inc.