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Throw Wide the Gates of Your Imagination with the Final Weekend of the 36th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire
Friday, January 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday, January 28 – Sunday, January 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
9409 SW Archer Rd, Gainesville, FL 32608
Step back in time and enter the castle gates of the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire. Browse a showcase of artisans, performers and jousting knights. Enjoy nine stages of entertainment including falconry, jugglers, knife throwing, dancers and more. Friday is family day with discounted admission. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

Celebrate Florida's Literary Culture at the Sunshine State Book Festival
Friday, January 27, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. – Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Trinity United Methodist Church
4000 NW 53rd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32653
The 2023 Sunshine State Book Festival brings together readers and writers with 150 authors from 15 genres. Join Friday's reception to meet and mingle with authors. Saturday features select readings and a keynote address from Janis Owens. Children's book authors present storytelling sessions with free activities for the kids. Learn more and view the schedule at www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County

Find Out if Everything is Better with Bacon at the BBQ and Bacon Fest
Saturday, January 28 – Sunday, January 29 | Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center
23100 W Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL 32669
Enjoy family-friendly fun including Enjoy family-friendly fun including bounce houses, pony rides, sack races, train rides and more. Rock with classic hits from Centerlane. Activities include axe-throwing, fisherman's casting and bacon relay. Dogs are welcome. Savor food offerings all weekend from 5 Piggies BBQ, BBQ Hawgs and Dogs, Voodoo Shrimp Shack, Greek Corner and more. Learn more and get a coupon for admission at www.NewberryFest.com

Go UpStage at the Phillips Center with the Soulful Isaiah Sharkey
Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611
Isaiah Sharkey and his band fuse their background in rock, gospel, jazz, R&B, blues, and funk to create an original sound with an unmistakable dose of soul. UpStage is an intimate, cabaret-style setting on the Phillips Center Mainstage. 7 p.m. seatings include heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar; 9 p.m. seatings include desserts and cash bar.

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Politics, Courage and Comedy Hit the Mat at the Opening Weekend of The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity
Friday, January 27 – Sunday, January 29 | Hippodrome Theatre
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601
A wrestling ring replaces the Hippodrome's mainstage as the dramatic comedy explores geopolitics through professional wrestling. Thrilling action and incredible characters raise pertinent questions about racial identity and pop culture in society. Learn more and get tickets at thehipp.org.
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Allow Yourself to be Spellbound by the Timeless Story of Star-Crossed Lovers at the Opening Weekend of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet
Friday, January 27 – Sunday, January 29 | Gainesville Community Playhouse
4039 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605
Amidst an age-old vendetta of the rival Motague and Capulet families, a young lovesick Romeo Montague falls instantly in love with Juliet Capulet. The romantic tragedy unfolds as Juliet takes drastic measures to avoid an arranged marriage.
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Get Up Close and Explore the World of Arachnids at the Opening Day of Spiders Alive!
Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611
With more than a dozen live species from around the world, the new exhibit dives into the world of spiders, scorpions and their relatives. Featured animals on display include the Asian Forest Scorpion, Brazilian Red and White Tarantula, Southern Black Widow, Wolf Spider and more. Go hands-on with large touchable models revealing a closer look at spider anatomy. Photo courtesy Peeling Productions
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Explore the Local Art Scene on the First Self-Guided Artwalk Gainesville of 2023
Friday, January 27, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Multiple Locations and Galleries
Browse a showcase of 50 artists with the How Bazar at First Magnitude Brewing Company, Ukranian culture with Lulu at Bingo Deli and Pub, Bulgarian painter Liliana Dvorianova at Black C Art, Charlotte Newman's interactive "Speak to Me" installation at Sweetwater Print Co-op, oil and acrylic landscapes with Peter Senesac at the Artisans Guild Gallery and more. Preview the venues and download a map online.
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Learn How Fire Contributes to Forests at the Flatwoods Fire and Nature Festival
Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | UF/IFAS Austin Cary Forest
10625 NE Waldo Rd., Gainesville, FL 32609
Get a first-hand view of prescribed fire and equipment demonstrations. Enjoy food trucks and live music. Visit educational exhibits and see live animals. Admission is free.

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