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**May 4-10, 2023**



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**Celebrate a Sweet Superfood at the Island Grove Blueberry Festival  
Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**21921 SE US Hwy 301, Island Grove, FL 32654**

Locally grown blueberries are only available for a short window during the year. The annual Island Grove Blueberry Festival celebrates the harvest and helps support the Cross Creek volunteer fire department. Browse artisan craft vendors, participate in the blueberry cake contest, enjoy the kid zone and bounce house, transport provided to and from Aunt Zelma's u-pick blueberry farm. Add more to your day with a nearby visit to Island Grove Winery and Tasting House, The Yearling Restaurant and Majorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



**Use the Force and Raise a Glass at May the Fourth Beer With You  
Thursday, May 4, 3 p.m. - 10 p.m. | Swamp Head Brewery**

**3650 SW 42nd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608**

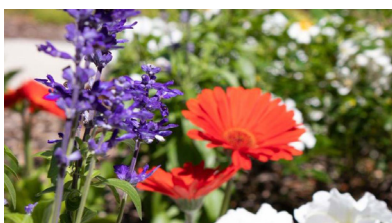
For one night only, The Wetlands at Swamp Head Brewery become the Swamps of Dagobah at the annual celebration of a galaxy far, far away. Four brand new themed beer releases include Raspberry Crest Berliner, Tai Fighter milkshake IPA, Mosaic Falcon NEIPA and X-Tra Wing bourbon barrel-aged stout. Enjoy live music from Sooza Brass Band and tasty menus from Mayflower Foodtruck and EIM Thai. Online orders for beers and glassware begin at 12 p.m. on Thursday, find more details and purchasing instructions on their Facebook event.



**Don't Miss the Final Stage Performances of Silent Sky. Laugh, Learn and Laugh Some More with the Hippodrome's Revealing and Entertaining Smash Hit about the Life of Female Astronomer Henrietta Leavitt  
Now through Sunday, May 7 | Hippodrome Theatre**

**25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Silent Sky is based on the true history behind the female "computers" who lead the Harvard Observatory into a new age of scientific discoveries. Astonishing revelations await Henrietta Leavitt as she maps distant stars in galaxies beyond our own. However, this brilliant, headstrong pioneer must struggle for recognition in the male-dominated world of turn-of-the-century astronomy. The final Sunday performance features a free pre-show lecture in the Hippodrome Basement at 1 p.m. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



**See Springtime Blooms on a Guided Walk Through Kanapaha Botanical Gardens  
Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Kanapaha Botanical Gardens**

**4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608**

See blooms in the hummingbird garden and the freshly planted giant Victoria water lilies beginning their growing season. Spanning 68 acres, the gardens feature paved walkways, the largest public display of bamboo in Florida and the largest herb garden in the southeast.



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**Spot Wildlife and Learn How a Park Can Improve Water Quality on a Ranger-Led Walking Tour at Sweetwater Wetlands Park**  
**Sunday, May 7, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Sweetwater Wetlands Park**  
**325 SW Williston Rd., Gainesville, FL 32641**

Sweetwater Wetlands Park consists of more than 125 acres of wetlands and ponds and improves the water quality of Paynes Prairie and the Floridan Aquifer. Recent bird sightings include Sandhill Crane, Sandpiper, Downy Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher and Palm Warbler. Tours are free with park admission.

Learn about water management and wildlife found at the park. Tours last about 1 hour and include a walking portion of about 1-mile start to finish. Bring water, sunscreen and comfortable walking shoes.



**Go Birding at the Brewery at the Birds and Brews Guided Bird Walk**  
**Sunday, May 7, 5:45 p.m. – 7 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company**  
**1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Join volunteers from Alachua Audubon Society at First Magnitude Brewing Company before departing on a guided one-hour nature walk at Depot Park. All levels of birding experience is welcome. Bring binoculars or borrow a loaner pair. After the walk, return to the brewery for a nightcap.



**Dance with R&B and Soul Music from Uncle Morty's Rhythm Cream at the Legacy Park Concert Series**  
**Saturday, May 6, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Legacy Park Amphitheatre**  
**15400 Peggy Rd., Alachua, FL 32615**

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy live music from the outdoor stage. Uncle Morty's Rhythm Cream features a full horn section with songs from Earth, Wind and Fire, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and more. The amphitheater includes food trucks on site and bounce houses for kids. Admission is free.



**Connect Cultures and Foods from around the World with Florida Heritage Crops at the World Food Festival**  
**Monday, May 8, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. | Grove Street Farmer's Market**  
**1001 NW 4th St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

International and cultural organizations expand the farmer's market experience. Explore urban farm tours, enjoy live music with Coco Palm Trio and Lionel Jr. Browse World Food Festival vendors with food samples, cooking demos, children's activities and more.

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