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October 26 - November 1, 2023



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Stroll Under the Live Oaks and Find Family-Friendly Fun at the 48th Micanopy Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, October 29, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cholokka Boulevard in Micanopy**

Florida's oldest inland town hosts nearly 200 regional artists, crafters and food vendors. The main stage by the gazebo hosts a variety of good time music throughout the festival. Saturday afternoon, participate in an auction of items donated by participating vendors. Grab a bite at a food vendor or at a Micanopy café or restaurant.

**Get Ready to Rock with Music Fans from Around the World at FEST 21
Friday, October 27 – Sunday, October 29 | Multiple Venues**

Downtown Gainesville transforms for 3 days as 350 independent bands and thousands of fans fill multiple indoor and outdoor venues for one of the most beloved DIY music festivals in all of Florida. Headliners include Thursday, Descendents and Less Than Jake. A special ceremony presents lead singer of Against Me, punk rock music and LGBTQ+ Icon Laura Jane Grace, with the Key to Gainesville. 3-day weekend passes are sold out. See the full band lineup and find limited single venue tickets online.

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Discover the Many Uses of "Florida Cranberry" at the Frog Song Organics Farm Roselle Festival

**Saturday, October 28 | Frog Song Organics
4317 NE US 301, Hawthorne, FL 32640**

Roselle plants are native to West Africa and grown around the world. The calyx from the flower is edible and used to make teas, jams and sauces. Learn about the seasonal harvest and uses for the plant. Enjoy live music, farm tours, cooking demos, u-pick and more at Frog Song Organics Farm.

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Find Artistic Treats on the Self-Guided Tour of the Local Art Scene at Artwalk Gainesville

Friday, October 27, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | Multiple Locations

Start your tour at Gainesville Fine Arts Association for the centennial exhibition: 100 Years of Art and join Sequential Artists Workshop for art making. Enjoy live music and a costume contest with Halloween-themed creations at Artisans' Guild Gallery. View Ashley Taraban's new series of oil paintings "Resplendent Waters" with musical performances from the Gainesville Gong Chamber. Preview art venues and download a map online.

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Experience Musical and Artistic Landscapes Take Shape as the Gainesville Orchestra Presents “Carnival of the Animals”

**Friday, October 27, 7 p.m. | The Gainesville Women’s Club
2809 W University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32607**

Join the fun in an animal costume as the Gainesville Orchestra and Gainesville Fine Arts Association present a whimsical evening of orchestral music and live painting with artists from the Gainesville Fine Arts Association. French composer Camille Saint-Saëns forbid the public performance of the humorous and fantastical “Carnival of the Animals” during his lifetime as it could damage his reputation as a serious composer. Now it’s one of his most famous arrangements.



Take Notes at the Fun and Interactive Seminar that Goes Beyond Mere Survival Tactics at How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse

**Friday, October 27 - Sunday, October 29 | Hippodrome Theatre
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Do you have what it takes to outwit the undead? Join medical and survival instructors at the latest class from the School of Survival. Learn the fundamentals and find out if you can pass the ultimate test or become zombie food. Content is recommended for mature audiences.



Watch Drama and Grace at One of the Most Popular Ballets of All Time as Dance Alive National Ballet Presents Swan Lake

**Friday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Swan Lake is one of ballet’s most famous love stories. Follow the story of a prince’s fiancée who is transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer. Gorgeous choreography is paired with the timeless Tchaikovsky score. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Scare Up a Good Time at Newberry Main Street’s 2nd Annual Scarecrow Road

Saturday, October 28, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | Newberry Historic District
Visit scarecrows lining the road, go trick or treating, enter the costume contest and carve pumpkins in historic downtown Newberry. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Go Trick or Treating and Meet Animals at Boo at the Zoo!

**Tuesday, October 31, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. | Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
3000 NW 83rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**
The Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo transforms for the 27th Annual Boo at the Zoo. Trick or treat at candy stations, enjoy live entertainment, crafts and activities. Explore themes of Mario Kart, Pixie Hollow, 100 Acre Woods, A Bug’s Life, Medieval Kingdom, Jurassic Park, Pirate Treasure Hunt, and Hercules! Admission is 1 canned good.

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