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January 4-10, 2024



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See Prize-Winning Blooms, Tour Plant Collections and Shop for Bamboo at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Guided Walk

Saturday, January 6, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

See winter highlights on a guided walk through the plant collections.

Annual Camellia Show

Saturday, January 6, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, January 7, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608

The Camellia Show features prize-winning camellias of all sizes, shapes, and colors. Camellias are available for sale while supplies last.

Annual Winter Bamboo Sale

Now through January 22

Varieties of clumping bamboo and lady palm are dug to order directly from the grounds of Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Learn more about plant care and how to place orders at Kanapaha.org.

Spend a Day on the Farm and See How Cane Syrup Gets Made at the Frog Song Organics Cane Boil and Farm Tour

Saturday, January 6, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Frog Song Organics

4317 NE US Hwy 301., Hawthorne, FL 32640

Join the cane boil demonstration and observe how organically grown sugar cane becomes rich, tasty cane syrup using an antique mill and traditional cooking methods. Tour the farm and learn about the practices of caring for pastured chickens and pigs on guided walking tours.

Cane syrup is available for sale, along with handmade baked treats and a farm-to-table lunch from Chef Richard Vaughn. Stock up on fresh veggies and find pasture-raised pork at the Frog Song Organics farm stand.

Find a New Hobby or Give Your Annual Birding List a Boost with Alachua Audubon Society at Birds and Brews

Sunday, January 7, 4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company

1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Birders of all skill levels meet at First Magnitude Brewing Company and stroll to Depot Park for an informal guided tour that lasts about an hour. The group then returns to the brewery to share their findings over a pint. All birding skill levels are welcome.



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Step Back In Time to a Working Farm from 150 Years Ago at Living History Saturdays at Morningside Nature Center
Saturday, January 6, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Morningside Nature Center
3540 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32641

The first Saturday of 2024 features a working farm from the 1870s brought to life by volunteers in costume. Explore the log cabin and wood-fired stove, meet heritage breed farm animals, plant a seed in the heirloom garden and hammer a nail in the wood shop.



Chill with Cool Dinos at the Interactive Exhibit "Antarctic Dinosaurs"
Now through April 21 | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

Discover life beneath the ice in Antarctic Dinosaurs. Uncover the history of the world's southernmost continent and the unique species that have called it home in this interactive, family-friendly experience. Antarctic Dinosaurs is on display through April 21.

Explore additional exhibits at the Florida Museum including the Butterfly Rainforest featuring hundreds of flying butterflies, South Florida People and Environments, Florida Fossils and the kid-friendly Discovery Zone.



Step Up Your Grilling Game with Gator Grill Masters
Saturday, January 6, 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. | UF Department of Animal Sciences
2250 Shealy Dr., Building 245, Room 156, Gainesville, FL 32611

Gator Grill Masters is a day-long course designed for home cooks to elevate their grilling skills to new heights. Learn about grilling concepts, meat selection and grading, spice blends, marinades and more. Participants create their own spice blend to season then cook a steak on a grill of their choice. Leave the class with a reference manual, meat thermometer, custom spice blend and new confidence cooking meat on a grill.

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