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March 21-27, 2024



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See Vibrant Blooms and Find Garden Inspiration at the Spring Garden Festival Saturday, March 23 – Sunday, March 24, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens | 4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608

Browse plants for sale, garden tools, furniture and outdoor décor from over 100 vendors. Get tips from plant experts and environmental organizations. Enjoy food vendors and an area for children's activities. Sunday features live music from the festival stage.

See Military and Historic Aircraft Up Close and Book a "Swamp Tour" Ride at Gator Fly-In and Armed Forces Appreciation Day

**Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | University Air Center
4701 NE 40th Terr., Gainesville, FL 32609**

Enjoy a display of military and civilian aircraft, car displays from Porche Club, kids activities, live music and food trucks. This year's event is dedicated to Commander Lt. Col. Richard "Spad" McSpadden and features a "Flown West" ceremony with a squadron of T34 Mentor, T6 Texan and Socata TB-30 Epsilon aircraft. Admission is free.

For an additional fee, book a flight with the Commemorative Air Force and take flight in a T-34B Mentor, Fairchild PT-19A or P51-D Mustang. "Swamp Tours" fly over Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in a Cessna 172 or Robinson R-44 helicopter.



Explore Florida's Most Valuable Resource at the Opening Reception for the "Water Shapes Florida" Exhibit at the Florida Museum

**Saturday, March 23, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

The opening of the new permanent exhibit Water Shapes Florida features live entertainment, water workshops and food trucks. Glide over Florida Springs with the glass-bottom-boat theater experience. Stroll through an iconic cave environment, updated with new stories, lights and audio. Plan your visit at FloridaMuseum.ufl.edu. Admission is free.



Dance Alive National Ballet Presents "Giselle," a Timeless Tale About the Redemptive Power of Love

**Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Giselle is a story of a beautiful young peasant girl who falls in love with a nobleman disguised as a commoner. The tale takes dramatic twists and turns as secrets are revealed. Saturday performances feature Philadelphia Ballet's Principal Dancer Oksana Maslova with Dance Alive National Ballet's Principal Dancer Gabriel Lopes at 7:30 p.m., and Dance Alive National Ballet Principals Carla Amancio with Roberto Vega at the 2 p.m. show.



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Experience the Beauty of Simplicity at the Opening Weekend of the Musical Ordinary Days

**Friday, March 22 – Sunday, April 14 | Gainesville Community Playhouse
4039 NW 16th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605**

This intimate and introspective musical follows the stories of Deb, Warren and Jason and Claire. Through a series of chance encounters and unexpected connections, their individual stories begin to intersect, revealing the profound impact that everyday encounters can have on our lives.



Stamp Your Culinary Passport at Taste the World International Food Festival

**Saturday, March 23, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Enjoy diverse dishes prepared by over 20 home chefs. Each dish celebrates the chef's heritage and culinary traditions. Tickets include a passport to guide you through global flavors.



The Annual Mid-Century Modern Home Tour Highlights Gainesville Modern Weekend 2024

**Thursday, March 21 – Saturday, March 23 | Gainesville Garden Club
1350 NW 75th St., Gainesville, FL 32605**

The Mid-Century Modern Home Tour showcases homes designed from 1945 to 1975 throughout Gainesville. With 6 homes plus a bonus stop on the tour, you will see Mid-Century Modern homes designed by Architects Harry Merritt, OrJan Wetterqvist, Dan Branch, Dave Henderson and others. Stops include vintage cars, a commemorative poster by Alfred Phillips, food trucks and a Gainesville Modern Swag shop. Maps and brochures will be available at each location. Learn more about the home tour and associated events at GainesvilleModern.org.



Enjoy Vibrant Cultural Displays and Savor Flavorful Menus at India Fest

**Saturday, March 23 | Legacy Park Multipurpose Center
15400 Peggy Rd., Alachua, FL 32615**

Celebrate traditions of India with a colorful array of fashion, jewelry, music, dance and fun kids activities. Browse traditional clothing including colorful sarees, lehengas and men's kurtas. Culinary offerings include onion pakora, butter chicken, kachori, pani puri and more. Admission is free.



Dress in Costume as Whatever You Believe in at Saxsquatch's Big Foot Rave

**Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Dance the night away with Saxsquatch and DJs EM and Knob Ross. Remixes of pop hits and original tracks blend with house, trance and bass beats, overlaid with smooth sounds of the saxophone from Saxsquatch, the saxxy beast.

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