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May 2-8, 2024



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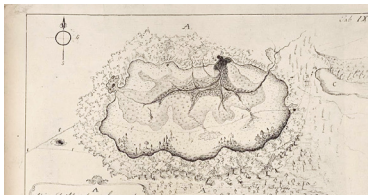
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Celebrate Local History and African-American Culture at the Fifth Avenue Arts Festival

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday, May 5, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Santa Fe College Blount Center

530 W University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

The Cultural Arts Coalition presents the annual Fifth Ave Arts Festival celebrating the rich cultural history of the Fifth Avenue and Seminary Lane community. This year's festival features the theme "Continued Community Growth" and over 100 vendors. Admission is free.



Travel Back to 1774 and Follow the Footsteps of Naturalist William Bartram at Bartram Days

Friday, May 3 – Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park | 100 Savannah Blvd., Micanopy FL 32667

Arriving at the St. John's River 250 years ago, William Bartram set inland on a path to the Alachua Savanna located in present-day Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. His explorations and subsequent publication of Travels had a major effect on settlement and development of Florida. Enjoy historical reenactments and meet William Bartram, Trader Job Wiggins, and Ahaya-The Cowkeeper.

Image: William Bartram's illustration of the "Alachua Savannah"



Browse Vintage Florida Memorabilia at the Floridiana Show

Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Matheson History Museum

513 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

The Matheson History Museum's Floridiana Show features a variety of vendors with array of nostalgic artifacts and collectibles from The Sunshine State. Enjoy live music from the Patchwork trio: Cathy DeWitt, Jolene Jones and Janet Rucker.



Kick-Off the Weekend with Rock Guitarist Nancy Luca at the Free Fridays Concert Series

Friday, May 3, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza

Downtown Gainesville

Nancy Luca has been a lead guitarist ever since learning the instrument from Mike Campbell (Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and local band Mudcrutch). The longest-running free outdoor concert series in the region features a diverse range of local and regional musical acts.



Use the Force and Raise a Glass to a Galaxy Far, Far Away at May the Fourth Beer With You

Saturday, May 4, 12 p.m. – 11 p.m. | Swamp Head Brewery

3650 SW 42nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

The Wetlands taproom at Swamp Head Brewery transform into the Swamps of Dagobah for a day of special new craft beer releases. Get into May the Fourth spirit with music from DJ Bessie 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.



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Browse a Selection of Native Plants, Herbs, Trees and More at the UF/IFAS Extension Alachua County Master Gardener Plant Sale
Saturday May 4, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center

23100 W Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL 32669

The Master Gardener Plant Sale features a variety of herbs, annuals, perennials, natives, trees and more at affordable prices. Meet with Master Gardener volunteers for advice on selection and care of your plants. Explore informational booths and gardening presentations. Admission is free.



Taste a Sweet Superfruit Treat at the Island Grove Blueberry Festival

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Island Grove, FL

21921 SE US HWY 301, Island Grove, FL 32654

Celebrate all things blueberry with craft and artisan vendors, bake sale, transportation to Aunt Zelma's u-pick blueberry field, kid zone and food trucks. Admission is free.

Explore other sites nearby including Island Grove Winery and Tasting House, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings State Park and The Yearling restaurant.



Bring Your Dance Moves and Your Appetite to the Gainesville Food and Music Festival

Sunday, May 5, 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Swamp Head Brewery

3650 SW 42nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608

Savor Latin flavors from Mi Apa Latin Café and sip a beverage from Swamp Head Brewery. Dance to salsa, merengue and reggaeton or rock out with bands performing in English and Spanish. Admission is free.



Join a Guided Birding Walk from First Magnitude Brewing Company to Depot Park and Back at Birds and Brews

Sunday, May 5, 5:45 p.m. – 7 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company

1220 St. Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Volunteers from Alachua Audubon Society lead a guided tour identifying bird species. All birding skill levels are welcome on this informal walk. Bring your binoculars or borrow a loaner pair.



Celebrate the "Cosmic American Music" Legacy of Gram Parsons at GramFest
Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage

619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

As a member of The Byrds and Flying Burrito Brothers in the late 1960s, Gram Parsons released his blend of country, soul, folk and rock to the masses. Enjoy musical tributes from Ned Stewart & Dim Lights, Dan Stepp & Hard Luck Society, Honey Badgers, Patchwork Girls, The Shambles, Quartermoon and more. Free.

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