

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

District X

## 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tropical Short Course

### *“Tropical Journey”*

Embassy Suites by Hilton

4350 PGA Boulevard

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

January 23-24, 2019



Tropical Short Course is an annual two-day educational event sponsored by FFGC and District X. The course presents dynamic and interesting speakers on the environment, gardening, landscape and floral design and will be held at a beautiful, new hotel location. There will be lots of great raffles and vendors on site. Enjoy the indoor gardens and swans.

See the registration form on the FFGC and District X websites  
for more details on cost, hotel reservations and directions.

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## **Tropical Short Course 2019 Speaker Program**

### **“Tropical Journey”**

**Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

#### **“Biology and Ecology of Mangroves “**

Janice Duquesnel, biologist with the District 5 Administration Office of the Florida Park Service, will give an overview of the mangrove ecosystem and its functionality. She will also talk about the three species of native mangroves and the characteristics that define each species.

#### **“Planting for Honeybees, and other Pollinators, in South Florida”**

Jennifer Holmes, owner of Hani Honey Company, will tell us that there is something blooming all year long in South Florida, and that the honey bee and pollinators are there. The listener will enjoy a discussion about the many plants, both edible, fruiting, flowering and everything in between that attract them. We hope to enjoy a taste of honey during free time.

#### **“Community & Canopy”**

Mark Cassini is the Co-founder and Co-Director of Community Greening, an urban forestry non-profit along with Matt Shipley who is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Community Greening, an urban forestry non-profit. Mark and Matt will speak to us about creating and maintaining green spaces, cleaning up litter, developing a canopy of trees planted for shade and educating the public.

#### **“Creative Designs with Seasonal Accents”**

A fun-filled program will be presented by FFGC Fun with Flowers Chairman, Emilie Palmieri. She will give step-by-step creative design instructions to teach attendees new ideas and skills for the home for seasonal accents, entertaining and special occasion decorating.

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## **Tropical Short Course 2019 Speaker Program**

### **“Tropical Journey”**

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

**8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

#### **“Mangoes in South Florida”**

Alex Salazar of Tropical Acres Farms is a Commercial Mango grower since 2011 and will present information on modern mango horticultural care, varieties and flavor.

#### **“Why Hummingbirds Hum”**

Barbara Jacobson, FFGC Birds and Butterflies Chairman and former District VIII Director, will present amazing facts about these fabulous and feisty tiny acrobats. Barbara will talk about their species, anatomy, metabolism, migration and nesting diet. We will learn about some of the favorite plants that attract hummingbirds to your yard.

#### **“Beat the Heat with Indoor Plants”**

Laura Perdomo, owner of The Peacock Cottage in Ocala, FL brings to us a unique and creative perspective to “common” houseplants. Laura will show us the amazing world of having fun exploring a variety of plants and interesting ways to display them. Think about this question “Have you made a miniature garden yet for your house? “

#### **“The Marvelously Mundane”**

Parke Finold, Flower Show School Judge and Instructor will present a journey on objects found around the house that can be used for design. Parke also serves on the FFGC Board of Directors, is Past President of Floralias II and VI and currently serves as Vice Chairman of District VIII Judges Council.

# REGISTRATION FORM

FFGC DISTRICT X ~ 63<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL TROPICAL SHORT COURSE

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Thursday, January 24, 2019

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4350 PGA Boulevard,  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410

From the South: I-95 Exit 79B, Under I-95, then U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right  
From the North: I-95 Exit 79, Right on PGA Blvd, U-Turn at Military Trail Traffic Light, Hotel on Right  
From Florida's Turnpike: Exit 109, Left on PGA Blvd, Hotel on Right just after Military Trail Traffic Light

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EMail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$75 Complete Two-Day Course, FFGC /NGC Members *(add \$25 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$85 Complete Two-Day Course, No FFGC/NGC Affiliation *(add \$25 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$60 Wednesday Only - FFGC Member *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$65 Wednesday Only - No FFGC Affiliation *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

\_\_\_ \$60 Thursday Only - FFGC Member *(add \$30 for Late Registration)*

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***Late Registration postmarked after Friday, January 11, 2019 ~ NO REFUNDS after Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

**Continental Breakfast and Deli Lunch Buffet included with each day of registration.**

**NUMBERED SEATING BY DATE OF REGISTRATION**

**NO WALK INS accepted**

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Checks Payable to: FFGC - District X**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. ONE FORM PER PERSON.**

**Mail Form and Check to TSC Registrar: Bobbi Ziegler**

**8837 Via Brilliante, Wellington, FL 33411-6529**

Hotel Reservations: FFGC Rate \$195/night for 1-4 occupants before Dec. 15th (Call 561-622-1000) **Code TSC**

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JANUARY 22- 24, 2019

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561-622-1000 - 1-888-488-3518  
[www.palmbeachgardens.embsuites.com](http://www.palmbeachgardens.embsuites.com)

**CODE - TSC**

Guest Reservations must be booked by December 15, 2018 to get the \$195.00 rate.

King Bed Suites and Two Double Bed Suites @ \$195.00 per night

Please keep in mind this rate includes the following:

- Two Room Suite with Pull-Out Sofa in the Living Room
- Complimentary Breakfast, including: Cooked to Order Omelet station, pancakes, oatmeal, cereals, bagels, muffins, assorted pastries, assorted yogurts, fresh fruit, coffee, hot teas, juices and milk.
- Complimentary parking
- Complimentary internet
- Complimentary Evening Reception with beverages including soft drinks, wine, beer, and cocktails and snacks
- Group Shuttle Service Available via Gardens Transportation
- 24-hour Full service business center
- 24 hour Sundries Shop
- Outdoor temperature controlled pool and Jacuzzi
- Complimentary 24-hour key access fitness center
- On-Site Restaurant and Wine Bar