

2023-2024 GCS Monthly Programs

October 9, 2023:

Flower Show Procedure

Presenter: Barbara May, former NGC President, Master Judge, Flower Show Consultant, and co-author of the NGC Handbook for Flower Shows will conduct a forum focused upon how to build on the success of our recent flower show. Bring your questions as she has the answers!

November 13, 2023:

The Plight of the Monarch Butterfly

Presenter: Jim West, owned a flower shop, nursery and landscape business before becoming a high school special needs teacher. He will bring us up to date on the life cycle, migration and declining population of the longest migratory butterfly on earth. We will learn about what all of us can do to help support this butterfly population.

December 11, 2022:

Loxa-Lucie Headwaters Initiative

Presenter: Greg Braun, owner of Sustainable Ecosystems International and Executive Director of Guardians of Martin County will share with us how local non-profit groups are making progress in preserving natural resources in a conservation project in southern Martin County between the St. Lucie and Loxahatchee rivers.

January 8, 2024:

Introduction to the iPhone Camera

Presenter: Mark Stall, an accomplished fine art photographer and judge of the Botanical Arts Photography Section of our recent flower show, will demonstrate how to improve our everyday photos and some techniques on capturing flowers & nature around us. Have your iPhones in hand so Mark can walk you thru some features you can start using right away.

February 12, 2024:

The Heart of Design

Presented by our own club member NGC Master Flower Show Judge Suzimum Slater in this month of romance and love, let's explore a variety of floral designs. Whether it is a simple centerpiece or a design with more complexity they all need your heart to be involved to be your best and to be complete.

March 18, 2024:

Gardening for Butterflies and Pollinators

Presenter: Jennifer Pelham is a County Extension Director and Urban Horticulture Agent with the UF IFAS Extension in Martin County. Jennifer knows all about pollinators and can tell us about gardening techniques designed to help those pollinators vital to the world's food supply to continue to survive and flourish.