



57th Annual

Apopka
Art & Foliage
Festival

April 28 & 29, 2018

Supplement to The Planter, April 26
& The Apopka Chief, April 27, 2018

Dear Apopka Residents and Visitors to Our Community,

Our congratulations go out to the many community-minded folks who work all year long to make the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival a success. This 2018 event is the 57th annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival and, once again, it should be another great year for the festival.

We extend our best wishes and gratitude to the members of the GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club, the organizers of this outstanding yearly event. It is a pleasure to see a spirit of cooperation from so many people in our community.

Kit Land Nelson, for whom our festival park is named, was a community activist who worked tirelessly in many organizations, but was especially involved in the sponsorship of the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival by the Apopka Woman’s Club. The staff members of the city of Apopka’s Parks and Recreation Department work tirelessly in maintaining the beauty of this park, as do members of the city’s police and fire departments in handling the many responsibilities that go along with helping to make this festival such a success.

We are proud to bring the 57th annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival special edition to you in 2018. *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* are pleased to be part of the festival tradition, and we believe that thousands will enjoy the festival, surpassing all expectations.

All visitors are welcomed to our community and especially to the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. Our wish is that you soon return to our great city.

Sincerely,
John E. Ricketson
Publisher, *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter*

Dear Friends and Visitors,

Welcome to the 2018 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival!

For the next two days, Saturday, April 28, and Sunday, April 29, the City of Apopka and the GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club will sponsor and celebrate the festival, which has become one of the city’s largest events and ranks among the best in Florida.

In keeping with the festive atmosphere of the event, there will be something for everyone – plants, art, crafts, entertainment, and good food. There will be beauty queens, public officials, businessmen and members of civic organizations, but most of all there will be many friendly folks who are proud of their community and their festival.

Kit Land Nelson Park has been decked out in its finest, and the art and craft exhibits and foliage sales have been prepared and ready to show you – our visitors – a great time.

The opening ceremony is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the gazebo located in the center of the park.

As co-chairmen of the 57th Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, we want to extend a very special thank-you to the City of Apopka for all the assistance the club has received in the planning of the festival and the continuing support through the festival weekend.

The membership of GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club expresses their thanks to John E. Ricketson and the staff of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* for the support they have given the club and the publication of this special edition of the 57th Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

To the fantastic group of women who make up our membership – THANK YOU – for all your hard work to make the festival not only a special celebration but one that serves as a showcase for our community.

Sincerely,
Sharon S. Fisher, Co-Chairman
Dena Morrow, Co-Chairman

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Apopka Woman's Club is catalyst behind festival

Well into the group's second half-century of bringing us the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, it's amazing what can happen when a special group of ladies – the GFWC Apopka Woman's Club – gets together and weaves the members' many talents into a unique event.

When that happens in Apopka, you get the annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, and, this year, we're all celebrating the 57th edition of that very special occasion.

These ladies continue to pool their talents and abilities as they look to the future and many more decades of this wonderful event.

The Apopka Art and Foliage Festival continues to grow in quantity and quality each and every year, from humble school-art show beginnings to today's festival which features high-quality artists and crafters to world-class foliage, you get an event that draws thousands from Apopka, Central Florida, and beyond to Kit Land Nelson Park along downtown Apopka's Park Avenue between First Street and Orange Street.

Kit Land Nelson Park is located at 10 N. Forest Ave., Apopka.

The GFWC Apopka Woman's Club and the city of Apopka sponsor the festival.

This 57th edition of the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival will take place on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival of sights, sounds, smells, and sensational foliage is expected to attract as many as 35,000 people each day.

Admission is free to this community event, although there is a \$5 parking fee that goes to the local Boy Scouts who are parking the cars.

About 100 artists and crafters will be displaying their work, and vying for ribbons and thousands of dollars in



Color abounds at the annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

prizes.

Additionally, and as is expected by the public, Apopka's world-famous, top-quality foliage will be for sale at very reasonable prices.

For the convenience of those buying plants, a plant sitter service is available for a small fee.

When walking through the park, taking in all that is to be offered, one might just become a tad weary even though the mind remains enticed. That is when the need for food and liquid refueling is met by many food vendors. There will be numerous food concessions available with tasty fare for all palates.

Entertainment is a local effort. Musical groups from churches, schools and other organizations will keep you toe tapping or flat out dancing!

The always-popular bus tours are here again, visiting different Apopka foliage nurseries so visitors can see first-hand where all that great local foliage is grown.

The Apopka Art and Foliage Festival has been entertaining and informing people for more than five full decades.

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15th year in the festival

Bill gives seminars on amaryllis cultures to agricultural centers, garden clubs, master gardener groups and retirement communities, (people who stand still too long), etc. He has raised amaryllis for more than 30 years and a few years ago started investigating them more technically. About 2002, he started the Amaryllis Study Group. Members are well on the way to excellent collections and displays of registered hybrid amaryllis of the last 50 years right up to very difficult to acquire varieties registered in the last few years, as well as historically important ones. Your collection of amaryllis can become a family legend for generations and a local destination for flower lovers

June and Bill will have the blackish dark red, the strawberry red, pinks, greens, apricots, including enormous dinner plate-size flowers to teagarden-size small to medium-size flowers bred to bloom from very small bulbs, which are especially effective for condo dwellers. There are doubles, triples, singles, bicolors, and tricolors.

Since amaryllis (*hippeastrum*) bulbs naturalize in the south and along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, blooming up to 80 years or more, you can create a lasting floral legacy in your garden. Introducing your neighbors to amaryllis growing may establish widely renowned streets as the custom of planting cherry trees in Washington, D.C., is celebrated each spring. (Pssst... they bloom and spread much faster than cherry trees.)

Bill Warren developed a technique he calls Consecutive Blooming or Bloom Extension that can keep a bed or cluster blooming for up to 4-1/2 months spring to summer in Ocala, and longer in South Florida or in indoor pots. Yes, they love our sandy soils, but can get root rots in sticky clay or boggy ground like in pots



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watered too often. Come see the demonstrations on planting depth and especially on Bloom Extension.

Amaryllis in trees! The stunner – Bill has been teaching how to grow the burgundy, lime, and white butterfly amaryllis, *Papilio* (*hippeastrum*) not only in the garden, but up in the large branches of oak, some palms, and other trees in Florida from Key West to Orlando with indications his latest techniques may grow *Papilio* and a few additional amaryllis (*hippeastrum*) in big grandfather live oaks way up to Georgia. He is not able to travel as often as previously and is proud to be present at the historic Apopka Art and Foliage Festival for more than 10 years. After all, Bill says the two categories of flowering plants are one amaryllis and two weeds. Dress your estate at our festival.

BONSAI

Jim Staples, owner-grower

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18th year in the festival

Have you ever heard of a “Tree in a Pot?” Well, if you have heard of a *Bon Sai*, you have heard of a “Tree in a Pot” for that is the meaning of *Bon Sai*. *Bon* means tray or pot in Japanese. *Sai* means plant or tree. Jim has been in the business of training and selling Bonsai trees for many years. He has a wide variety of trees from “Ficus Too Little” to Chinese Elm and many more. His trees range in age from 2 years to 40 years. These trees are easy to care for, give unconditional pleasure to their owners and add aesthetic beauty to their surroundings.

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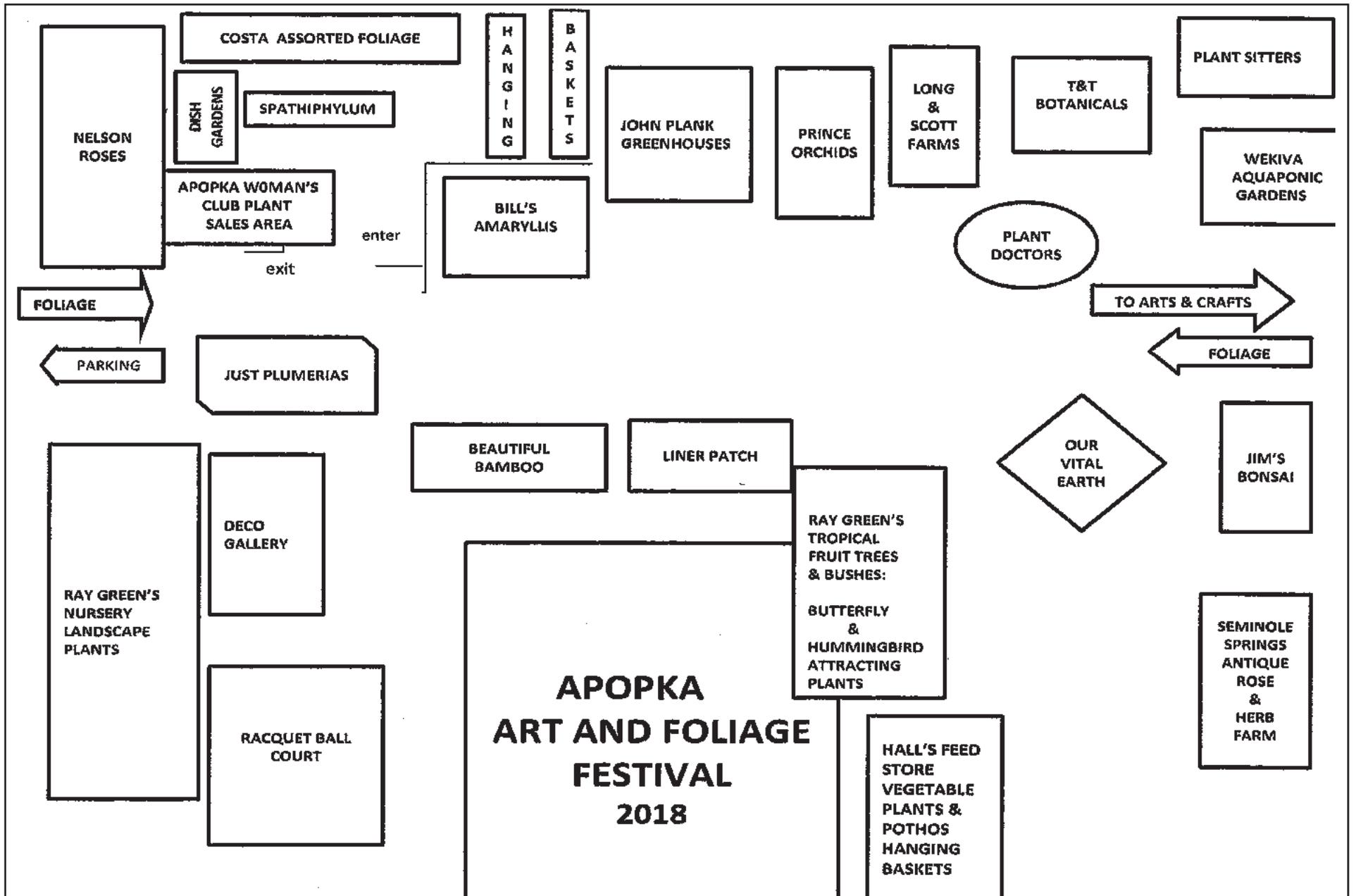
cessful muck farmer in Zellwood, who was also his childhood friend and neighbor from the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Frank began by clearing 100 acres of sand land to grow vegetables and expanded to 1,200 acres over the years. Billy retired when the muck farms were bought out by the government. Both men have now passed away, but their influence remains strong at the farm.

Long & Scott is now run by Frank's son Hank (Frank the III) with his son Sonny (Frank the IV) who handles all the land prep prior to planting. Hank's daughter Haley Veilleux operates the Farmers Market and Café, and sister Rebecca Ryan manages the corn maze and agri-tainment on the farm. Frank's other son Mark Scott and his wife Mary own and operate Plowboys Horticulture, a wholesale foliage nursery also in Zellwood, growing indoor plants.

Pickle (Kirby) cucumbers are our main crop at the farm and each year we

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Map of Apopka Art and Foliage Festival area



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Artist Leland Williams draws inspiration from nature

There is no wonder Clear Lake is the inspiration behind the work of nature artist Leland Williams. The water is clearer than its name implies. Residences are hidden and the wind in the trees is as beautiful as the mirror of the lake.

With Clear Lake as inspiration, Leland Williams began to create and exhibit 3-dimensional art in the mid-1990s. There was never training or association with art prior to the discovery of an old fishing lure by Williams and his son. Intrigued by the possibility of creating one themselves, the father and son saw during that afternoon the first shaping of simple forms from wood.

Oil pastel for two-dimensional work and multi-material sculptures is his present media of choice. With each media, the artist's self-taught style and passionate visions blend in exceptional work.

Leland has won numerous awards spanning many two- and three-dimensional media.

The art of Leland Williams has been displayed at art festivals, gallery exhibitions, featured in publications, as well as displayed in museum, government, and private collections.

"I have stumbled into the art world with a history of occupations that could be viewed as the opposite of creative," Williams said.

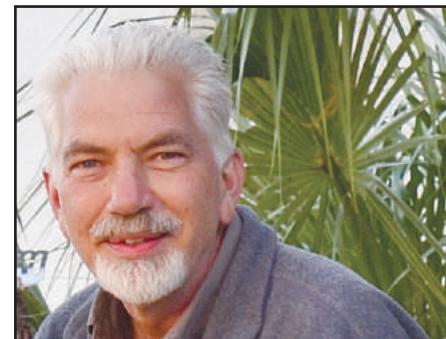
"Being defensive concerning my lack of education in art has driven me to test the limits with materials and techniques. Understanding that success will come through exploring failure in my own way is my course of study. I use viewer reaction and awards as my degree.

"Considering above all the articulation of the statement by any art, eloquence is more important than sophistication. I define an artist as a person without the inhibitions that they cannot convey their thoughts through creativity.

"At this time, I exhibit two- and three-dimensional works. My mixed media sculptural work invites the viewer to examine the connection between industrial shapes of man made structures and the threatened representation of the natural world. The body of two-dimensional art includes oil pastel and watercolor works in miniature, composite, as well as panoramic presentations. The subject is nature, comment,

and hope.

"My art, regardless of media or dimension, has a clear message. Respect, value, and protect the natural world that we have been given. The intricate details of its beauty are beyond our comprehension. I sincerely believe the pursuit of this art and other events in life have led me to the ultimate art and faith: the understanding of purpose."



Leland Williams is one of the artists who has shown many times at the annual Apopka festival.

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Foliage: Growers, others bring their best products to the festival

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harvest 1,200 acres of cucumbers between the spring and fall seasons, along with 90 acres of the world famous Scott's Zellwood Sweet Corn. In the cooler winter season, 450 acres of red, green, and savoy cabbage are produced along with strawberries, collards, kale and Florida sweet onions

Long & Scott is celebrating 53-plus years of quality vegetable production, and we are proud of our history and the many employees, vendors, customers, and agricultural groups that have supported us over the years. We are very blessed and thankful for the resources of land and water, and we are good stewards of our land and water, protecting them for the next generation.

We will be bringing to the festival: sweet corn, cucumbers, and, hopefully, more.

DECO GALLERY

Bob Zhu
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7th year in the festival

Driving south on U.S. Highway 441 from Lake County, there is a business that specializes in unique imports. You might have seen it if you're one of many residents who make a daily, weekly or even occasional trip to Orlando. Just west of Home Depot in Apopka, on the right hand side of U.S. 441, at 2640 W. Orange Blossom Trail, is Deco Gallery. You can't miss the huge warehouse-type building and the rows and rows of pots, planters, statues, and containers of every shape and size. An expansion of AAA Imports, Deco Gallery is owned by Bob Zhu and Deco Business, Inc., a supplier of floral containers and dish garden planters. Deco Gallery carries a huge selection of big pots, natural stones, bonsai pots, stone carvings as well as home decor items for your home inside and out. Items such as porcelain vases, wall fountains, tables and stands, hand-crafted products, jewelry, baskets and a whole line of floral products will enhance anyone's home or garden. Prices, ranging from \$1 to more than \$1,000, are suitable

for many pocketbooks. With items from the company's large stock of indoor and outdoor ornamental products, you can completely change the character of your home and/or garden. Deco Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

Landscapers, florists, designers and the public are invited to visit.

We will have planted pots with crotons, Life Saver Cactus, and different animal planters with Sansevieria.

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33rd year in the festival

Green's Nursery is the number one distributor for the encore azalea. These azaleas bloom three to four times a year – spring, summer, and fall, and can be planted in full sun. There are 23 varieties of these azaleas and some of these will be at the festival. Ray purchased 10 acres of

land north of Zellwood while serving 20 years in the U.S. Marines. He settled on the land in January 1978 and started by trucking for one of the local nurseries. Wanting to make use of his land, he began by growing azaleas and developing his own nursery stock. Green currently maintains approximately 15 acres with a variety of trees, shrubs, tropicals, and fruit and nut trees, along with bedding plants and indoor foliage.

Ray started participating in the Apopka Woman's Club Art and Foliage Festival in 1985. He enjoys finding and having items that are not common. He strives to carry a large variety of plants to meet the needs of landscapers, retail stores, and general customers. If you need something and can't find what you want, Green's got it or he can find it for you.

Ray will have his large amount of various great plants and will be bringing back the popular Yesterday Today Tomorrow plant again this year.

Ray will also open another spot in the

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W. Parry Dolle		Mixed Media
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Bill Gillard	Bara.Oganic Jewelry	Jewelry
Ahmi Goldfarb	Goldfarb Batik.Com	Batik & Acrylic
Danny Hoffman	The Wednesday Night Group	Woodworking
Gregory Jones		Mixed Media
Yun Ke	Edgest Leather	Leather
Deane Kellogg		Glass Sculpture
Sofiene Lessis	LeSouk Gifts, Inc.	Woodworking
Rick & Vivian Marshall	Honeysuckle Jewelry	Jewelry
Carol E. Napoli	Napoli Arts	Acrylic Painting
Darlene Oleary	Coastal Images	Photography
Laurie Onufer		Jewelry
Fabian Pesci		Pottery
Rolly Reel	Rolly Ray Reel	Mixed Media
Chris Roman	Morningside Books	Books
Glenda Rowe		Wax Artwork
Ward P. Siegler		Jewelry
LaDora Sims		Photography
Wendy Waugaman	WLW Designs	Jewelry
Leland Williams		Sculpture
Judy Wolfe	Gourd Art	Pottery
Beth Ann Woolfolk	How Art Thee Mosaics	Mosaics

Crafters showing at festival

Artist's Name	Business Name	Medium
Ralph Bell	Zadics Fashion & Magnetic Jewelry	Jewelry
V. Dianna Bishop	Hey Mon Caribbean Cooking Magic LLC	Cooking Sauces
Katherine Cialkowski	All Natural Dips	Dips
Gerald Cole	Jerry & Angela's Yard Art	Metal Sculpture
Marilyn Correa	Mama's Bows N Things	Children's Clothing
Damont Rickel	Bubbles & Lace	Soap
Joe Donoughe	Bug-Eyed Entertainment AKA "Be The Hamster"	Hamster Wheel
George Eatmon	George's Woodpile	Woodworking
Renata Eckert	RTE Sales (CTR Sales)	Cloth
Everett Dan Erskine		Woodworking
Bradley Evans	Iron Wolf Metalworking	Metal Sculpture
Elizabeth Finn	Beneath the Leaf	Jewelry
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Cindy Hogan	Shots From Heaven	Photography
Robert Iglesias	Ear Art	Jewelry
Linda Jones	My Dad's Butterflies	Hand Painted Butterflies
Sue Jones	Unique Skin Care Solutions	Jewelry & Lip Art
Bobby Keen & Andy Riess	Bear Bottom Boy 2	Honey & Salsa
Cindy Ketchersid	Woodwick	Woodworking
Trella King	Island Breeze Spices	Seasoning & Spices
Rayma Kitchel	Sunnie Patch Creations	Silk Arrangements, Jewelry
Eric Larson	Winter Park Soap	Soap
David Mackey	David Mackey Designs	Woodworking
Stephanie Mellor		Jewelry
Sheila Mitchell	Sheila's Things	Soap
Ed Puterbaugh	Boone Creek Creamery	Cheese
Kamryn Richardson		Jewelry & Woodworking
Melissa Rioux	Lakonia Greek Products	Greek Food Stuff
Beverly Rohifs	Vintage Wares	Jewelry
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Walter Scherer	LuvLettez	Signs
Melodie Simmons		Hanging Wooden Baskets
Ellen Steinbuchel		Jewelry
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School art is among the more popular exhibits for the Apopka-area students and their families.

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Fabian Pesci shows one of his pottery pieces that he created. He began making his pottery in 2011.

Argentinian now creates his works of art in United States

Fabian Pesci is originally from the Patagonia area of Argentina. Born September 26, Pesci is a balanced and talented Libra who grew up in a beautiful and pristine part of the world.

At age 17, Buenos Aires became his home where he spent seven years and attended college. In 1998, Pesci came to the United States and worked as a sign language interpreter and fell in love with this country.

Later, he became a professional organizer, helping people organize their homes and businesses. During this time, Fabian was inspired by some of his very artistic clients, and, in 2011, he found his passion: pottery. Now he spends a great deal of his time working with clay, patterns, and glaze

to create Fabu Pottery.

He has a unique style using textiles and other materials to make impressions on clay in order to create modern, decorative, and practical pieces. The combination of traditional textures on very modern vessels, platters, and trays are popular with his clientele. Many of the doilies that Fabian uses for pottery come from his travels to different countries in Europe, Central America, and Canada.

Pesci enjoys meeting people at the many shows that he participates in every week in the Orlando area and continues to look for creative ways to express himself. Visit www.fabupottery.com to see his work. He hopes to see you at his next show.

2018 committee chairmen for Apopka Art and Foliage Festival



These ladies from the Apopka Woman's Club are the chairmen who organize and run the annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. Shown are, (l-r), front, Sandy Steuer, booth sitters; Kay Huth, cashiers; Pat Raub, children's area; Trudy Weiss, children's area; Joann Castillo, club president; Susan Bornmann, art/crafts; and Sharon Fisher, general co-chairman. Back, Dee Neville, judges lunch; Shawne Baker, information; Gail Seaman, entertainment; Sue Newton, treasurer; Ann Mixson, school art; Christy Faircloth, plant doctors; Sandy Bove, booth sitters; Kathy Hopper, foliage; Margie Stone, workers lunch; Lyn Baglino, bus tours; Phyllis Folk, bus tours; Marilyn Boyer, concessions; Kitty Vierbickas, art/crafts; Gail Harris, plant sitters; Pam Groseclose, art/crafts; Charlotte White, sponsors; Ruth Clasen, judges lunch; Eleanor Jones, publicity/plant doctors; and Dena Morrow, general co-chairman. Not pictured are, Pauline Mathias, crazy hats; Mary Lou Levine, foliage; Shirley Risser, after-festival party; Sharon Canfield, cashiers; Deb Humphrey, judges lunch; Jo Oliver, facilities; Debra Files, plant sitters; Alice Nolan, school art; Betty Jankun, entertainment; and Judy Coleman, bus tours.



Pet XPERT

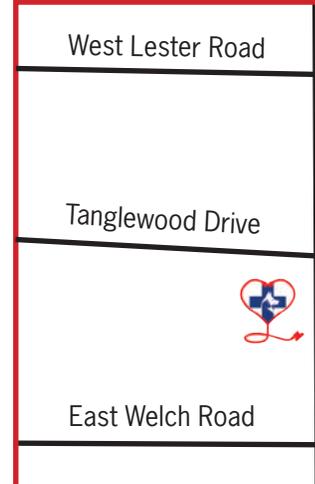
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foliage area where he will be providing tropical fruit trees and plants.

He'll also have plants that attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

JUST PLUMERIAS

Scott and Jeanette Burford, owners-growers

160 S. Phelps Ave.
Winter Park, 32789-5232
407-644-2560

11th year in the festival

Just Plumerias specializes in growing the plumeria. The plumeria is the plant that produces the flowers that are used to make the leis in Hawaii. We have been growing the plumeria for 16 years and have been a participant with Disney by exhibiting at the Epcot Flower and Garden Festival over the past nine years. We are also a vendor at the Winter Park Farmers Market.

We think the plumeria is one of the most beautiful flowers in the world, and we consider the plumeria one of the most perfect plants in the world because of the following characteristics. The plumeria looks fantastic and it blooms from April through November. The flower does not last that long, but the bloom pod continuously keeps blooming for most of the year.

The plumeria smells like no other plant in the world and each color has its own unique fragrance. Some plumerias smell sweet, while another color can smell like jasmine, peaches, or citrus. The plumeria can be grown anywhere in the world since it can either be a 20-foot tree if you live in the warmer climates, or it makes a fantastic potted plant for your patio deck, screen pool, balcony or driveway. The plumeria only grows to the size of the pot.

In climates where it freezes, you can either bring the plumeria inside to keep it growing in the winter, or you can put it in the closet or basement and it will go into a dormant state. Bring the plumeria out when it warms up next spring, and it blooms bigger than the year before. The plumeria is one of the most no-maintenance plants in the world. It is drought

tolerant and can be grown in full sun or partial sun.

LINER PATCH

Rick Dunn and Justin Dunn
4220 Plymouth-Sorrento Road
Apopka, 32712
407-493-8867

6th year in the festival

Liner Patch was founded in 1999 as a family-owned and -operated business.

We produce a full line of woody ornamental liners for the landscape industry. Over the years, we have added more houses so we could add more lines of products. We now produce a line of 4-in. plants and one-gallon plants for the industry. Our specialty is contract growing for larger nurseries for the retail industry. We also allow homeowners to come in and pick out their own plants and sell directly to them.

Our hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m.-noon. Saturday hours are by appointment only.

Liner Patch will be bringing landscape plants, cactus gardens, and succulents.

OUR VITAL EARTH

Carl and Bernie Moro, owners-growers
6919 Plymouth-Sorrento Rd.
Apopka, 32712
407-814-9218

15th year in the festival

In 2002, Carl and Bernie Moro of Our Vital Earth, Inc. traveled to Australia where they were trained in vermiculture, soil remediation, and waste management. Their interest was piqued when Australia was able to reduce the amount of organic waste taken to the landfills by 65 percent in a four-year period from 1996 to 2000. This was the first step in cleaning up the environment and converting the waste into organic plant foods and a spray that works as an insecticide, fungicide, as well as a fertilizer. They will share with you how this was accomplished and how, now, we all can help in this effort. The result being the growing and caring for our plants, trees, vegetables, herb gardens,

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butterfly gardens, lawns, etc. all organically and naturally. This system promotes good health. Now you can have the benefit of nutritious foods that are all naturally grown and you do not have to be concerned about the side effect of chemicals. Check the chart at their booth about the Organic vs. Conventional study done by Rutgers University.

The environment also benefits with cleaning the air, water and soil. All this through utilizing the knowledge of vermiculture. The Worm Café Composter, Worm Castings and Vermi-Liquid (worm tea) are some of the products they can supply. Within a year, using the Worm Café Composter, you can convert 600 pounds of household garbage to 120 pounds of Worm Castings and 25 gallons of Worm Tea. How you can make your own plant food is found on www.ourvitalearth.com YouTube video.

Also at the booth, we have Nature's Solution. This is a formula developed by one of our Australian teachers, a doctor of microbiology. He developed this for the sunburn for his grove workers. Bringing the formula back to the states, we had it evaluated by a doctor and his findings were that this was made up of the same substance as our skin and would rebuild healthy skin cells. Many testimonials have confirmed successes with nail and skin fungus, acne, psoriasis, exzema, insect and ant bites and many other skin challenges, even diaper rash for babies. This product has a money-back guarantee. More info can be found www.naturessolution.org.

PRINCE ORCHIDS

Don and Joy Prince, owners-growers
4143 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, 32804
407-299-8003
24th year in the festival

Prince Orchids is a retail nursery located in Orlando (College Park). We offer a great variety of the different genera, species and hybrids. We have seedlings to mature plants and also some hard to find, butterfly orchids, fragrant coconut orchid, and other species. We have been

growing orchids for more than 30 years and have received many American Orchid Society awards and have participated in the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival for more than 22 years. We will have several different genera of ground orchids, Vanilla vines (source to make vanilla extract) and a good variety of bare root cattleyas, Vandas, and potting material at reasonable prices for this upcoming festival. To find information on edible orchids and how they are used, type in edible orchids on your computer and click search.

SEMINOLE SPRINGS ANTIQUE ROSE AND HERB FARM

Keith and Traci Anderson, owners-growers
34935 West Huff Road
Eustis, 32736
352-357-2643
23rd year in the festival

Seminole Springs Herb Farm in Eustis is the joint endeavor of Traci and Keith Anderson along with their two sons, Kyle and Logan. Traci took over the growing of herbs from a previous nursery and the couple relocated the farm to its present location in Eustis in 1994. Their nursery has supplied numerous nurseries, garden centers, and groceries with potted herb plants for some 20 years now. In 2004, they expanded the nursery from its original size to over 20,000 square feet of covered greenhouse devoted totally to a wide variety of herbs from around the world. The new millennium embraced the addition of antique or old garden roses that complement the herbs. Antique roses are the predecessor of the modern rose and are typically defined by those roses that have been in production prior to 1869. Of course, having survived and being shared for so long one can easily deduce that they are easy to grow. The famed Fortuniana rootstock that plays such an important part in rose production today is in fact an old garden rose.

Traci, a native Floridian from Sanford, is well versed in the specifics of growing plants in Florida's unique subtropical climate. Her knowledge stems from hands-on experience, having grown

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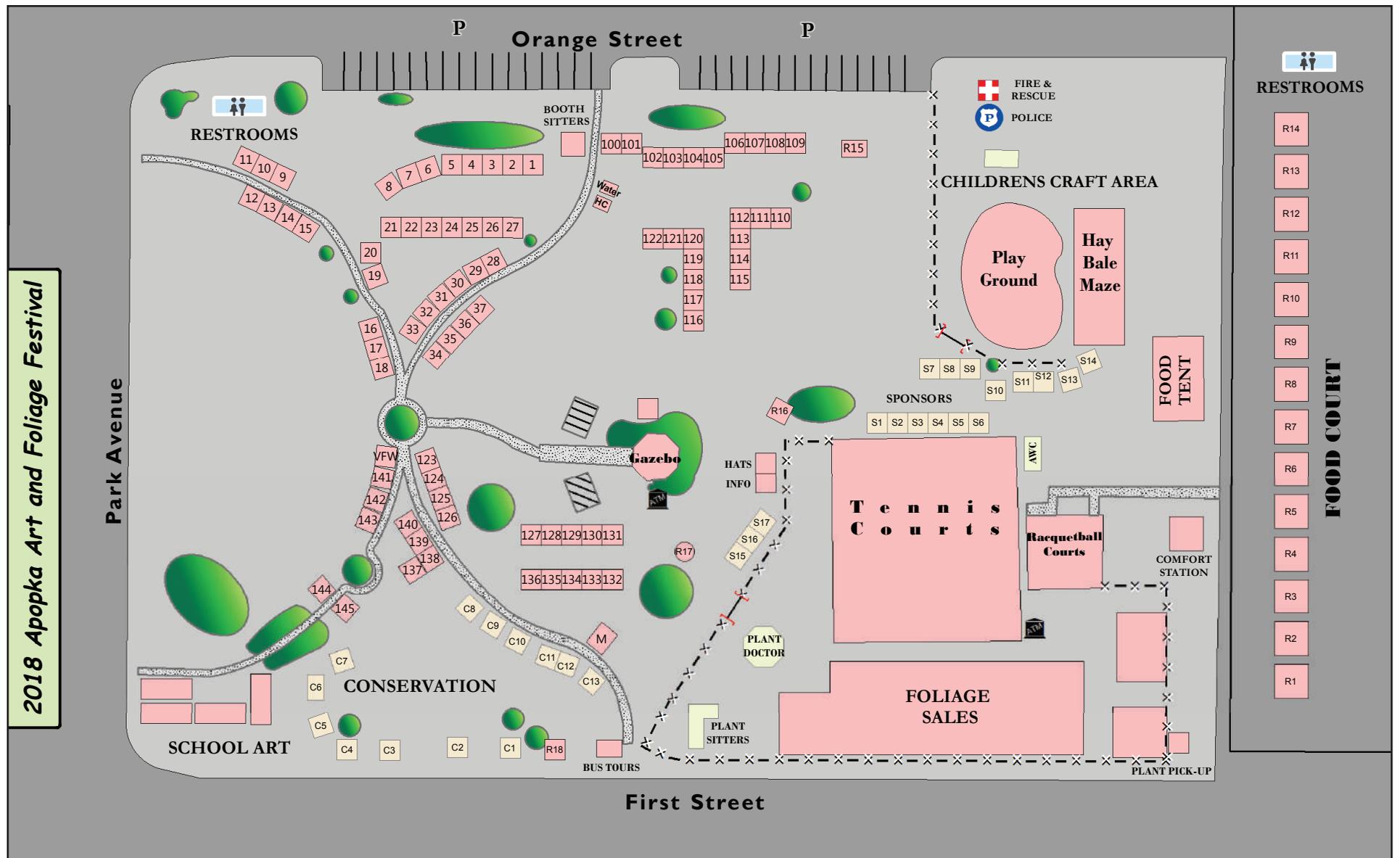


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Map of Kit Land Nelson Park for Apopka Art and Foliage Festival



Bus tours visit various agricultural entities in the Apopka area

The GFWC Apopka Woman's Club, which organizes the annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, wishes to thank each organization for supporting the 57th annual Art and Foliage Festival and to the city of Apopka for providing the bus and driver for both days of the festival.

The dates, times, and destinations for each tour are listed below. The tickets are \$5 a person that includes a bottle of cold water. The Bus Tour Booth is located on the First Street side of Kit Land Nelson Park. Look for the colorful balloons.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28 10 a.m.-Wekiva High School aquaponics

Come and see the Wekiva High School aquaponics garden. It is a sustainable aquapon used as a teaching tool for students who demonstrate an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, known as STEM Learning. You will see the wonderful learning and teaching opportunities through creation, education and science.

Noon-Long & Scott Farms

In 1963, Frank Scott Jr. came to Florida from Virginia, rented 100 acres of land and started Long & Scott Farms. Currently, the farm is operated by the fourth generation Scott family. Come out and enjoy a hayride tour of the only farm left still growing the famous Zellwood Sweet Corn. You will be able to check out Scott's Country Market and Scott's Country Café. Hear about their annual fall corn maze and get the scoop on their Scott's Zellwood Sweet Corn Jamboree coming this May. Bag lunches can be ordered when you sign up for the tour. If

you are unable to visit the farm tour, Long & Scott has a booth in the foliage area of the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival where you can purchase fresh picked corn and produce.

2:15 p.m.-University of Florida Research and Education Center

Apopka is fortunate to have a valuable neighbor like the Mid-Florida Research and Education Center (MREC), which is part of the University of Florida's Institute of Food and

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Plant doctors Robbie Roberson (left, facing camera) and Billie Dean will help you fix your ailing plants.

Plant doctors are experts at making sure your foliage stays healthy

The plant doctors are returning! We are so fortunate to have a wonderful group of horticulture and entomology specialists to help you handle these sometimes challenging Florida landscapes and gardens. Bring a sample or picture of that sad-looking plant and let our experts give you an opinion.

Plant Doctors

Lorraine Anaya – Lorraine is a master gardener who worked for the University of Florida, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka for 12 years. Lorraine was responsible for the center’s grounds including the design, planting, and maintenance of the entire area. Lorraine is another of our returning experts.

Billie Dean – Billie is a long-time resident of Apopka and is a recently retired city commissioner. He is a former educator and Army veteran. He has been involved with horticulture for many years and the Apopka Community Gardens bear his name as founder. Bring your horticultural questions to this knowledgeable man.

Carole Johns – Carole is a master gardener and long-time Apopkan. She is a member of the Apopka Foliage Garden Club, and has a special interest in pollinators. Carol has shared her knowledge as a plant doctor in previous years.

Moh Leng Kok-Yokomi – Moh, who has a PhD in agriculture entomology from the University of California, Davis, has done research and taught classes in entomology. She retired in 2016 from the University of Florida, Mid-Florida Research and Education Center in Apopka, where she conducted research on agricultural pest problems in ornamental and vegetable crops. Moh has given our festival her expertise for several years.

Tom MacCubbin – Tom is the author of many books about Florida gardening and landscaping. He has been honored by the Florida Nurseryman and Growers Association as the Best Horticultural Writer. The American Horticulture Society recognized Tom as the National Teacher of the Year. In March 2007 Tom was promoted to the distinguished position of extension agent emeritus with the University of

Florida upon his retirement after 36 years of service. Come ask Tom your questions and he will give you the information you need, just as he does on radio show, Better Lawns and Gardens.

Robbie Roberson – Robbie has been a part of the foliage industry for more

than 40 years. He has been involved with sales, horticultural banking, and has been a foliage business owner. In the mid-1980s, he was the foliage chairman of the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. We are so pleased to have access to Robbie’s depth of knowledge and experience.

Plant doctors’ schedule

Saturday, April 28

9 a.m.-noon	Robbie Roberson & Billie Dean
Noon-2 p.m.	Carole Johns
1-3 p.m.	TBA

Sunday, April 29

11 a.m-1 p.m.	Tom MacCubbin
1-3 p.m.	Moh Leng Kok-Yokomi, Lorraine Anaya

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Conservation area features hundreds of butterflies in tent

The 57th Apopka Art and Foliage Festival will again have an area set up dealing with conservation.

In this area, festival visitors, especially the children, will find a butterfly tent. Imagine what it will feel like to walk into a tented area and be among more than 400 butterflies and have one, two, or four butterflies rest on your cheek, arm, or head. Inside the tent, children will be able to feed the butterflies.

All donations made in this area of the park benefit a local Boy Scout troop. On Sunday around 3:45 p.m., Chad Limes and his group (Butterfly Release Company) will release more than 400 butterflies of five different varieties.

Leaving the butterfly area, be sure and stop and see the Fish and Wildlife Commission tent and learn about bears, snakes, and bats.

Winter Park Honey – another vendor in the conservation area – will be bringing a working beehive set up to demonstrate the honeybees at work.

Mark Miller with the city of Apopka will be giving away saplings – and answering questions that festival visitors might have. Apopka is part of the Tree City USA program.

Master Gardeners program, with the University of Florida, will set up the trailer and will also answer questions our visitors might have. You can also learn about how you might become a Master Gardener.

Delight your taste buds with tasty fare from these vendors

Two new food vendors are joining the GFWC Apopka Woman's Club's Apopka Art and Foliage Festival to provide even more wonderful food concessions.

New vendors are:

Chef Daddy's: brisket sliders, barbecue pork sliders, southwest fish tacos, chicken gyro tacos, falafel tacos, sweet potato chips, curly fries.

Mr. Grill: paella seafood, fish sandwich, chicken teriyaki, beef steak, nacho supreme.

Returning vendors are:

Linda Gales Hotdogs & More: hot dogs, chicken tenders, wings, shrimp, deep-fried Oreos, chips, candies.

Little Joe's: gyro sandwiches/

chicken, pork, kabob, Greek salad, rice, Italian sausage, Polish sausage, corn dogs, hot dogs, hamburgers.

Prestige Jerk Stop: jerk pork, chicken, ribs, patties, turkey legs.

Outback Snack Shack: snow cones, Slushie, tea, pretzel, funnel cakes, Oreos, hot dogs.

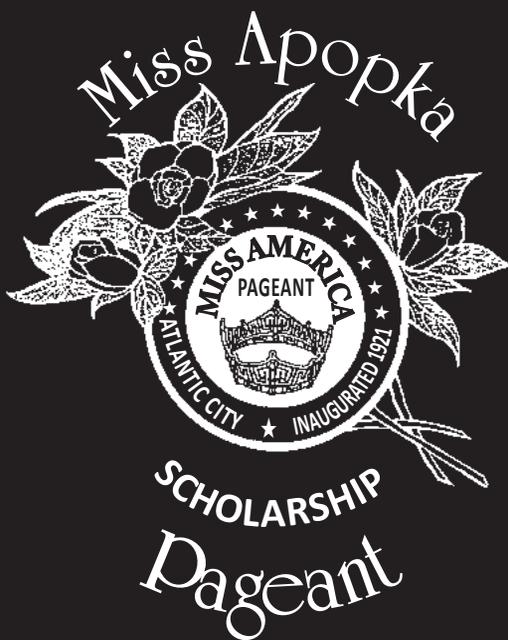
Lemon Bar: citrus drinks, fushion squeeze.

Old Fashioned Ice Cream: ice cream bowl, waffle cone, root beer.

The King's Nuts and Tea: gourmet roasted nuts (cinnamon glazed pecans and more), gourmet teas, hot chocolate and coffee.

Papa John's Kettle Korn: kettle korn, boiled peanuts.

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Sophia Manning

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

9:30	Opening Ceremony
10:30	Rock Springs Elementary Music Ensemble Sondra Jones, Music Director
11:00	Lakeville Elementary Singing Engineers Carla Maxwell, Music Director
12:00	Still Kickin' Band Old Time Rock & Roll and Country Music
1:30	Dream Lake Elementary Melody Makers Alex Mirocha, Music Director
2:10	KidzDance Debra Garaffa, Director/Mary Risher, Artistic Director
2:40	Apopka Recreation "Dance For Fun" Mabel Stevens/Megan Walker, Instructors
3:10	Apopka Memorial Middle School Seahawk Singers Robert Ross, Music Director
3:50	Apopka Elementary Chorus Club Adelia Chambers, Performing Arts Clubs Director

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

10:30	Forest Lake Education Center Una Voce Esther Henson, Director
11:15	Clay Springs Elementary Proud Black Bears Lynn Gibson, Music Director
12:00	Awards Ceremony High School Art Contest, Creative Crafts, Fine Arts, and Fine Handcrafts
12:30	Rededication of the Gazebo Joann Castillo, Apopka Woman's Club President
1:15	Sophia Manning 2012 "The X Factor" Top 20
2:20	Christian Learning Academy Chorus Club James Barringer, Music Director
3:00	Zellwood Elementary Eagle Ensemble Lisa Wallace, Music Director
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Agricultural Sciences (IFAS).

MREC is home to the grapevine genetics and plant pathology research laboratories and the site of an historic grape research program that began at the university in 1891. You will hear an update on current research activities in foliage plant production, cut foliage production, landscape ornamental production, entomology

(insects) and integrated pest management. In addition current projects include citrus nursery production and specialty crops (hops and the microbrewery movement). You will also find out about educational opportunities for personal and professional development.

Do you enjoy seedless watermelons? If so, thank a UF research scientist.

Do you value efforts to minimize chemical

usage in controlling pests when it comes to agricultural practices? Then thank a UF research scientist.

Do you want to learn more about what UF is doing in your own backyard? Join us for a walking tour of our facility. Do not miss this rare opportunity to learn from the experts.

For additional information about the MREC facility or the UF/IFSA, visit <http://mrec.ifas.ufl.edu/> and <http://ifas.ufl.edu/>

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

10 a.m.-Our Vital Earth

Future Farmers of America, sit up and take notice. The "Wonder

Worm," the earth's unsung hero, is in the area! Do you keep a compost pile in your backyard? Why not add your own worm farm?

With environmental concerns and the mounting cost of organic waste and landfills, worm farms can provide the solution. In fact, Australia has reduced their garbage and landfill problem by 65 percent with the use of worm farms. The worms eat the garbage and then recycle the waste into castings that can be used as plant and soil enhancements. The castings are 100 percent pure organic! The castings are richer in plant nutrients than the soil and have about three

times more calcium and several times more nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

Ask Bernie about the Worm Café and the Worm Tea.

12:30 p.m.-AgriStarts

Since our humble beginnings in 1984, our family mission has been for AgriStarts to be the world's leading and most reliable supplier of plant tissue culture starter plants and services. That is what we strive for every day.

We are partners with the Orange County Public Schools in its Transition Program. These are young individuals that have some mental and/or physical disabilities but have the potential to be integrated

into some type of productive work situation.

Furthermore, AgriStarts, Inc. works with the universities of Florida and Georgia on their hybrid blueberries for field production and growers who grow them for retail. We work with the University of Maryland and North Carolina State with their patented raspberries. Possibly the most exciting thing we produce are thornless blackberries that are new hybrids out of the University of Arkansas.

Another area that is growing in popularity is growing native plants. We work with a number of the most notable native plant experts in the state.

Check out our website www.agristarts.com.

2:15 p.m.-The GreenH2Ouse

The GreenH2Ouse (greenhouse) is a 2,200-square foot hydroponic farm located in Apopka. It is operated by Katherine Grandey who provides some of the finest lettuces, specialty leafy greens, and herbs. She caters largely to restaurants such as Emeril's Orlando, Blue Zoo at the Dolphin Hotel, Norman's at the Ritz Carlton, The Table Orlando, and Pharmacy. The hydroponic farm allows the plants to be grown without the use of chemicals or pesticides. Have you ever seen Bibb lettuce too pretty to eat? Come visit the GreenH2Ouse and marvel at the beautiful lettuces and herbs.

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Foliage: Two new vendors will be in foliage sales area this year

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herbs commercially for more than 20 years in Florida. A regular speaker for garden clubs, churches, schools and the University of Florida, Traci's program "Introduction to Herbs" covers the ins and outs of growing herbs in our area. Traci introduces attendees to a wide assortment of culinary, medicinal and aromatic herbs and discusses their culture, history and uses. Her program includes planting, seasonal herbs, pests, diseases, remedies, recipes and how to maintain them organically.

In October 2012, Traci accepted a position with Tavares as the city's landscape specialist. She still oversees the general practices of the Herb Farm, however, Kyle, the elder of two sons, has taken over the tasks in growing and maintaining the farm along with a small staff. Kyle has grown up with the farm as a huge part of his daily life and the Andersons are proud to see him as the ambassador for the Herb Farm at present. The farm now offers many herbal products such as dried herbs, teas, essential oils, and books in addition to the live plants.

Seminole Springs Herb Farm has been participating in the foliage festival consistently for the past 23 years, and the Anderson family specialists will be happy to assist you with advice and suggestions for your herb or rose garden. The farm is open to the public throughout the year Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Located a short drive from Apopka in Eustis or available online at www.rosesandherbs.com. Stop by their booth and let them turn you on to some unusual herbs or fragrant old garden roses this festival.

She will be bringing her multiple supply of herbs and the Vicks plant that was so popular last year plus two types of spinach plants, Okinawa and Moroccan, that are known to help your cholesterol.

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T&T Botanicals, LLC, is a wholesale nursery grower in Apopka. Owners David and Joan Trevino are lifelong residents of Apopka and have been growing Tillandsia (Air Plants) and Bromeliads for over 25 years.

We specialize in Tillandsia (air plants) and Blooming Bromeliads. Our unique products range from tiny nursery grown Tillandsia (air plants), to large potted blooming bromeliads, driftwood arrangements, novelty ceramics, and terrariums. Air Plants have achieved a tremendous popularity over the last few years due to their hardy nature, curious shapes, colorful blooms and their ability to grow and reproduce without soil.

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HALL'S FEED STORE

Chris Hall
15 E. Fifth St.
Apopka, 32703
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1st year at festival

Hall's Feed Store has been in business for 90 years, which makes it one of the longest standing family-owned stores in Apopka. Mr. Hall opened in 1928 with the purpose of offering the community a variety of valuable, in-demand merchandise at a reasonable price. Throughout the decades in support of fellow small business owners, they have stocked locally grown products.

When you visit, you will find a garden area with an assortment of plants and flowers such as tomatoes, squash, peppers, herbs, and perennials along with packaged and bulk seeds as well as a multitude of gardening materials. If you have a small or large breed animal, here you'll find food, baled and rolled hay, medicinal items, and a wide range of accessories. The most interesting aspect of Hall's Feed Store are the live animals, such as several breeds of chickens, rabbits, ducks, turkeys, birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, mice, and reptiles. They also sell fishing tackle and

live bait. Hall's is located at 15 E. Fifth St. in the heart of Apopka. The hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday-closed.

Hall's will be bringing an assortment of vegetable plants for your spring and summer gardens, along with hanging pots of pothos.

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Education is an essential part of the mission at Beautiful Bamboo. Since much misinformation exists about bamboo, it is important to us to correct misconceptions and share our knowledge and love for these amazing plants.

We invite you to tour our demonstration gardens to see mature specimens of the many varieties of cold-hardy, well-behaved clumping bamboos we sell. Delivery, installation, plant maintenance plans, and soil amendments are all available. We also ship both live plants and decorative bamboo poles throughout Florida and across the country.

Whether your landscape or building needs are large or small, join the growing ranks of homeowners, landscape architects and craftsmen who have discovered the wonderful world of bamboo. Beautiful Bamboo is located at 18404 SR 19 and is open Monday to Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can also be found on Facebook, Twitter, and at our webpage, www.beautifulbamboo.com.

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Starting fresh off a generations-run family farm in western Pennsylvania, John graduated from Penn State University with a bachelor of science degree in horticulture and quickly put his skills and passion to work.

John went to work at Engelmann's (now Costa) and the cities of Altamonte Springs and Orlando before starting his first greenhouse operation off Rock Springs Road.

He is now in rural Lake County and he's added tropical edibles like papaya, figs, and pineapples as well as coffee, tea and vanilla to an assortment of tropical ferns.

John also produces a variety of carnivorous plants, so he brings the different and unusual to his buyers.

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Along with all of this, the Apopka Woman's Club will be selling Nelson Roses, Costa Farms assorted foliage and hanging baskets, Spathiphyllum (Peace Plant), Flori Design Dish Gardens, and Moss Gardens.

In addition, the club will be featuring the Okinawa spinach plant, Malabar spinach plant, and the Vick's plant.

The Okinawa spinach plant is beautiful with green and purple leaves. It is pest-free and can be grown as a low-maintenance ground cover or a potted plant. It is heat and cold tolerant and is great for lowering cholesterol.

The Malabar spinach plant is a fast-growing climbing spinach. It loves heat, but is frost-sensitive. The plant is high-protein and a great source of phosphorus and potassium. It is also an excellent source of iron, calcium, and vitamins C and A. It produces very well.

The Vick's plant was popular last year and will make another appearance. It has a scent of Vicks VapoRub. It will be sold by Seminole Springs Antique Rose and Herb Farm.

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