

*Festival dates:
April 27 & 28, 2024*

Apopka Art & Foliage Festival



Supplement to The Planter, April 25 & The Apopka Chief, April 26, 2024

Dear Friends and Visitors,

Welcome to the 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. The festival is presented by the GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club in partnership with the City of Apopka. We thank Mayor Nelson and all of the hard-working city workers who have helped the Apopka Woman’s Club bring this festival together for your enjoyment.

This year we again feature fine art and crafts from professional and prize-winning artists and crafters. There are also the school art exhibits that feature budding artists and crafters from our local schools.

The conservation area, right behind school art, has many informative stations.

The foliage area is blooming with all colors and sizes of foliage. This year our spotlight plant is The Giant Apostles Iris. Be sure to come see its beautiful purple-blue flowers and brilliant jade foliage.

If you have questions about your garden or lawn, our plant doctors will be able to answer them for you. Another feature of our foliage area is our plant sitters. After you purchase your plants and want to shop or eat lunch, you can leave your plants and we will “baby sit” them for a very small fee.

Speaking of lunch, concession row has a yummy assortment of food from snacks to a full meal. There is also beer and wine available courtesy of Three Odd Guys Brewing Company.

The Kids Zone, sponsored by Home Depot, is near the playground, where kids can make a craft project.

The Apopka Police and Fire Departments will also have vehicles on display that the kids and adults can check out. The Apopka Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will be available with information for the kids and parents.

The Apopka Woman’s Club’s members, also known as the “green shirt ladies” are available throughout the park all weekend to help make your visit a wonderful experience. Our members work all year to make the festival a success.

All proceeds are given back to the community in the form of scholarships to local high school seniors and donations to local charities, sports teams, food banks, and Apopka police, fire and recreation departments.

We look forward to seeing you at our 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. And we thank you for your support. To learn more about the festival or the Apopka Woman’s Club, go to apopkaartandfoliagefestival.org or apopkawomansclub.org.

Joann Castillo, Chairman
2024 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival

Dear Friends and Visitors,

Welcome to the 62nd Apopka Art and Foliage Festival

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 2024 event is the 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, and once again, it should be another incredible 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 special edition about the 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival to you in 2024. *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* are pleased to be part of this festival tradition, and we believe that the thousands who come 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 return often to our great city.

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

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The Iris Regina or Giant Apostles' Iris is this year's spotlight flower.

Welcome one and all

Once again it's time for the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, this is the 62nd annual event!

Thanks to the very special ladies of the GFWC Apopka Woman's Club, it's

amazing what can happen when this group gets together and unites the members' many talents into a one-of-a-kind 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 35 S. Park Ave., Apopka.

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

This 62nd edition of the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival will take place on Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The festival of sights, sounds, smells, and sensational foliage is expected to attract thousands of 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.

The many artists and crafters will be displaying their work, vying for ribbons

and thousands of dollars in 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 re-fueling 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 dancing!

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

It is a tradition that we in Apopka are proud of, so relax and enjoy a truly pleasurable weekend experience at the 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

Thank you to The Apopka Woman's Club for their hard work hosting this year's Annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

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The ladies from the GFWC Apopka Woman's Club who chair the various committees for the 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival are (front row, l-r) Sharon Fisher, Saudi Ellis, Melva Bentley-Ross, Lorena Potter, Joann Castillo, Bobbie Dougherty, Nancy Boyer and Katie Jairett; (middle row l-r) Marilyn Boyer, Janice Dafeldecker, Shawne Baker, Judy Coleman, Trudy Weiss, Deborah Green, Betty Ashton and Lorraine Setliff; (back row l-r) Jackie Daily, Mia Haggins, Ginny lafrate, Sandy Bové, Diane Harrison, Dena Morrow and Pam Groseclose.

Fine Artists

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BUSINESS NAME:	SaniSilver
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Kathleen Johnson	Elzbieta Weron
Kars Eye Creations	E.W.ArtPhotograph

Art and foliage have a history grown in Apopka's soil

The Apopka Art and Foliage Festival has a rich history.

In 1961, under the leadership of, then President Kit Land Nelson, the Apopka Woman's Club hosted its first art show at Apopka Memorial High School. The tradition continued and the show became an annual event. Then, in 1965, the Apopka Jaycees hosted the first Apopka Foliage Festival at the corner of Forest Avenue and Fourth Street. The festival soon gained wide-spread attention throughout Central Florida. The two events combined in 1976 to become the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

The festival is held annually at Kit Land Nelson Park and has helped to bring recognition to the unique cultural aspects of the city of Apopka and its significant contribution to the national indoor foliage industry.

The Apopka Art and Foliage

Festival has been attended by governors and other dignitaries and has received many accolades. Among them are:

*In 1982 was central to the city's Centennial Celebration.

*In 1984 was showcased in Southern Living Magazine.

*In 2000 was designated as National Local Legacy by the Library of Congress.

*In 2002 celebrated Apopka's 120th anniversary as a city.

*In 2003 was recognized in "The Apopka Spirit" in *Florida Living* magazine.

The festival has grown into one of the most respected and well-attended festivals in Central Florida, showcasing fine arts and distinctive high-quality foliage.

Your visit is important.

Creative Crafters

ARTIST NAME:

BUSINESS NAME:

Della Barr

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Eric Dietrich - 2nd booth

Whiskey Wine & Woodworks

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Dan Erskine- 2nd booth

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Davely's Corner

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Stephanie Mellor- 2nd booth

Stephanie Mellor

Fotini Morehouse

Fused Glass Jewelry

Jamie Reid

Wick & Wax

Andy Riess/Bobby Keen

Bear Bottom Boys

Andy Riess/Bobby Keen - 2nd booth

Bear Bottom Boys

Tennille Roth

Cerebral Artz

Tennille Roth - 2nd booth

Cerebral Artz

Donna Ruby

Honeybees Doggie Café

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Delicious Gourmet Dips

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- **Potzees Italian:** deli sandwiches, cannoli, salads, espresso, coffee
- **Tropicolada:** fresh smoothies, variety fresh fruit cups, and natural juice
- **Snowie:** shaved ice in various flavors
- **Boiled peanuts**

- **Little Joe's:** gyro sandwiches, kabobs, Greek salad, rice, Italian sausage, Polish sausage
- **Grillmasters:** BarBQ, ribs, chicken, pulled pork, turkey legs, baked beans, collard greens, potato salad, mac n cheese
- **Outback Snack Shack:** corn dogs, cheese nachos, pretzel, funnel cakes, deep fried Oreos, slushie, lemonade
- **The Kings Nuts and Teas:** featuring flavored gourmet nuts, cinnamon glazed pecans, flavored teas, hot chocolate, coffee, specialty lemonade
- **Dole whip: frozen treat**
- **Greg's Seafood:** featuring specialty fish, frog legs, shrimp, tilapia, tenders, hamburgers

*Be like a tree. Stay grounded. Connect with your roots.
Turn over a new leaf. Bend before you break. Enjoy your
unique beauty. Keep growing.*

Author unknown



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1st year in the festival

A list of some of the items I will be bringing to the foliage festival include but are not limited to: mangos, avocados, Barbados cherries, Soursop, Jaboticaba, lemons, limes, oranges, finger limes and other types of citrus trees. Also, figs, blackberries, Surinam cherries, persimmon, guava, lychee, longan and many other types of Tropical fruit trees.

A&J Foliage

Lynn Doerr and Michael Doerr

407-913-0130

1st year in the festival

A family-owned greenhouse here in Apopka at 2120 Rogers Rd. We grow succulents, lifesaver cactus Edith Colea, Gigantica, plus several other types of succulents. We also grow spider plants in baskets as well as several other plants in baskets and on trellises. We are open to the public by appointment only. We are very excited to return for our second year, please come by and pay us a visit at the festival.

LINER PATCH and DEB'S GARDEN SHOP

Rick Dunn, Justin Dunn

4420 Plymouth-Sorrento Road

Apopka, 32712

407-493-8867

10th year in the festival

Liner Patch was founded in 1999 by native Apopkan Rick Dunn, and his late wife, Deborah. Together, they spent much of their teenage and adult lives working within the local nursery business. This experience allowed them to cultivate their knowledge and love of plants with the dream of one day operating their own business. Entering their 21st year, Liner Patch is still very much a family-owned and operated business. They continue to pride themselves on bringing you the very best of woody ornamentals, succulents, cactus, and flowering plants such as Hibiscus, Ixora, and Mandevilla.

On November 29, 2019, Liner Patch fulfilled another of Deborah's dreams with the grand opening of Deb's Garden Shop. With the charm of a quaint country store, Deb's welcomes you in for an assortment of gardening supplies, organic fertilizer, soil, Mexican pottery, Corinthian Bells, unique garden furniture, antique signs, and so much more.

Deb's Garden Shop is open on Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Liner Patch is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Saturdays are by appointment only.

JIM'S BONSAI

Jim Staples, owner-grower

9243 South East 108 Place

Bellevue, 34420

352-812-4837

22nd 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 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 esthetic beauty to their surroundings.

GREEN'S NURSERY

Ray Green, owner-grower

5844 Round Lake Road

P.O. Box 486

Zellwood, 32798

407-889-3611

37th 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 Apopka 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. He will

also have all sizes of bamboo this year.

JUST PLUMERIAS

Scott and Jeanette Burford, owners-growers

ers

160 South Phelps Ave.

Winter Park, 32789

407-644-2560

15th year in the festival

Just Plumerias specializes in growing the plumeria. The plumeria is the plant that produces the flowers that 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.

LONG & SCOTT FARMS

26216 County Road 448A

Mt. Dora, 32757

352-383-6900

15th year in the festival

Long & Scott Farms is a fourth-generation family farm just west of Zellwood. In 1963, Frank D. Scott Jr. left his Virginia family farm with his wife, Becky, and three small children to start his own farm. He was encouraged by Billy Long, a successful 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.

Long & Scott is now run by Frank's son Hank (Frank III) with his son Sonny (Frank IV) who handles all the land prep prior to planting. Hank's daughter Haley Scott operates the Farmers Market and Café, and sister Rebecca Scott Tyndall manages the corn maze and agri-tainment on the farm. Frank's other son Marks 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. Each year, we 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 54 plus years of quality vegetable production, and we are proud of our history and the many employees, vendors, customers, and ag 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.

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SEMINOLE SPRINGS ANTIQUE ROSE AND HERB FARM

Keith and Traci Anderson, owners-growers

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Map of the 2024 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival at Kit Land Nelson Park



Plant Doctors can help to cure illnesses of your plants

The 62nd Apopka Art and Foliage Festival is delighted to welcome our Plant Doctors once again. “The Plant Doctors” are experts in their fields, willing and ready to advise you on how to improve the health of your foliage or how to keep those brand-new plants looking vibrant. Take a look at our website (apopkaartand-foliagefestival.org) for days and times and specialties of each Plant Doctor. Feel free to bring pictures or a small sample of your plant problem to help the doctors with their diagnoses.

On Saturday, look for

9am-11am Tom MacCubbin

Tom is the author of six books about Florida gardening and landscaping. He has been honored by the Florida Nurseryman and Growers Association as the Best Horticultural Writer. He has hosted the “Better Lawns and Gardens” radio show for over 18 years and The American Horticulture Society recognized Tom as the National Teacher of the Year. In March of 2007, Tom was promoted to the distinguished position of Extension Agent Emeritus with the University of Florida upon his retirement after 36 years of ser-

vice. Come ask Tom your questions and he will give you the information you need. It is an honor to have Tom kick off our Plant Doctor lineup.

11am-1pm Moh Leng Kok-Yokomi; Moh, a PhD in Agriculture Entomology from the University of California, Davis, has researched and taught classes in the entomology field. 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 and we welcome her back. Let Moh give insight to making your garden its best.

1pm-3pm Teresa Watkins

Teresa is a landscaper designer, horticulturist, garden author, and consultant. She designed the landscape for the first certified ‘green home’ in Florida in 2001. Watkins co-hosts the weekly syndicated Better Lawns and Gardens with Tom MacCubbin on 24 Florida radio stations:

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Plant Doctors help you understand and can cure needs of plants

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iHeart, iTunes, and Amazon. Teresa's first gardening book series, A Gardener's Compendium: Gardening in a Twitter World in 140 Characters or More has three published volumes. Come say hello to Teresa as she offers her expertise once again particularly in the horticultural and landscape design areas.

3pm-5pm Deborah Green

Deborah, a native Floridian, is a Native Plant Expert. She earned her Ph.D. in the field of entomology from the University of California, Berkeley. She worked in Puerto Rico for three years and then returned to Gainesville, her home town, before settling in Central Florida. She taught biology and environmental sciences at several universities and retired from Valencia College in 2014. Deborah currently serves as president of the

Orange Audubon Society. We're excited to have Deborah as a returning Plant Doctor and appreciate her service as a member of the Apopka Woman's Club, especially chairing our Environment Committee.

On Sunday, come see

10am-12pm Jennifer Hitchcock

Please stop by and welcome Jennifer to the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival and especially to the Plant Doctor tent. She is a 3rd generation Floridian, a tree doctor and a world traveler. She is a certified ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) Arborist and horticulture consultant in the Orlando area. Jenn is a University of Florida graduate with a B.S. and M.S. in Environmental Horticultural. She is bringing her over 20 years of experience in the horticultural

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Coming together is a beginning; Keeping together is progress; working together is success. -Edward Everett Hale

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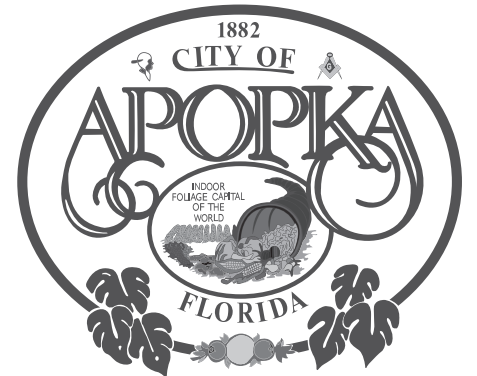


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Tom and Gino from "Off the Charts Band" of Orlando

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Kit Land Nelson Park
 35 S. Park Avenue

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 Saturday 9am-5pm
 Sunday 10am-4pm

FREE admission
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Charlee Hagen

Charlee Hagen, 11, is excited to return to the Apopka Foliage Festival and sing the National Anthem.

Charlee is a student at Wolf Lake Middle School who has been singing and acting on stage since the second grade.

Charlee was most recently seen as the Fairy Godmother in "Descendants the Musical," and Sebastian in "The Little Mermaid, Jr." She is currently preparing for her role as Zazu in the upcoming production of "The Lion King, Jr." at her middle school.

In addition to acting and singing, Charlee is active in her local youth group in Apopka. She would like to thank the Apopka Women's Club and the City of Apopka for inviting her back to kick off the 62nd Apopka Foliage Festival.

Saturday Entertainment

9:30am	Opening Ceremony	12:00am	Clay Springs Elementary
10:30am	Victory Martial Arts	1:00pm	Wolf Lake Elementary
11:00pm	Christian Learning Academy	2:00pm	Apopka Elementary

Sunday Entertainment

12:00pm	Awards Ceremony at the Gazebo	1:00pm	Tom & Gino from "Off the Charts Band" of Orlando
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Growers are important in supplying needs of growing markets

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28th 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 grocery stores with potted herb plants for some 20 years now. In 2004, they expanded the nursery from its original size to more than 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 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 the city of Tavares as its landscape specialist. She still oversees the general practices of the Herb Farm, however, Kyle the eldest 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 prod-

ucts such as dried herbs, teas, essential oils, and books in addition to the live plants.

Seminole Springs Herb Farm has been participating in the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival consistently for the past 25 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 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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Katherine Mathisen will judge crafts for the art festival

Katherine Mathisen has exhibited and taught ceramics for more than 28 years, working with many masters in contemporary sculpture. Katherine has also had the honor of judging many art festivals in Florida. Currently, Katherine exhibits her award-winning ceramic sculpture in galleries and art shows throughout the US. Her work can be found in both public and private collections in the US, South America, Europe and Australia. She continues to create ceramic sculpture as well as teach clay workshops and classes to children and adults. Katherine obtained her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Florida, specializing in Art, Biological Studies and business.



Katherine Mathisen will be judging for the 2024 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

Jennifer McInnis Coolidge judges fine arts



Jennifer Coolidge will judge fine arts for the 2024 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

Jennifer McInnes Coolidge is an arts and non-profit consultant and curator working with artists and non-profit arts and social service organizations. Selected clients include: The Center for Human Rights and Civil Liberties at University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS; Dance Alive National Ballet, Gainesville, FL; Asheville Area Arts Council, Asheville, NC; Studio 41, LLC, representing artist, Harold Garde;

Matthew 25:40 (to provide access to quality education for impoverished children guided by Christian values in Guatemala); Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester, N.Y.; The National League of American Pen Woman, Washington, D.C., among others. Coolidge serves as the Director of Philanthropy for the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in Orlando, working with the team to raise over 2.5 million annually. During her 30 years of experience as an arts administrator, Coolidge has served as Director of Development for the University of Florida College of the Arts raising over 9.5 million during her tenure; Executive Director for the Museum of Florida Art in DeLand; Executive Director of the Florida Alliance for Art Education and in arts education and curatorial positions for the Atlantic Center for the Arts in New Smyrna Beach, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art and The Arts Council in Winston Salem, N.C., and others.

She has served on the Board of Directors for the Florida House in Washington, DC; Florida Art Education Association, Florida Music Education Association and served as a member of the Florida Chamber Foundation,

Hildinger helps judge 2024 fine arts

Deborah Hildinger received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas with a double major in Printmaking and Painting in 1979. Upon graduation, WED Show Production employed her as a finishing artist during the construction of EPCOT Center at Walt Disney World. Before moving to California in 2004, Deborah was administrator of the permanent art collection at Orlando International Airport and responsible for the works of art produced by internationally acclaimed artists. Deborah retired in 2016 from the Santa Maria Public Library where during her tenure she held the positions of Cultural Events Coordinator and Library Artist. Within these positions, she managed the arts programs and galleries for adults and children. In addition, she retired from her position as an adjunct instructor at Allan Hancock College. From 2005 to 2016, Ms. Hildinger taught lecture and studio classes.

Around 2010, Deborah read an article in the newspaper about gourds as a fine art. After researching the field, Deborah chose to move away from two-dimensional to three-dimensional art. For her, working with gourds has an element of surprise that is reminiscent of her



Deborah Hildinger will be one of the five judges for the 2024 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

involvement with printmaking. She utilizes an intuitive approach where the key is to let the gourd guide the way to fruition through a variety of materials and techniques.

Deborah is an award-winning artist in her own right within the mediums of printmaking, painting, pastel, digital imagery, and fine crafts. She has exhibited in galleries, museums, and art festivals throughout the United States.

Strategic Visioning Caucus. She is past president of the Florida Alliance for Arts Education (FAAE) and the Volusia County Cultural Alliance and currently serves on the FAAE Advisory Board as well as serves as a member of the Florida Cultural Alliance, Board of Directors and the secretary and founding board member for the Florida - Wakayama, Japan Cultural Association. Coolidge has received numerous awards for her leadership in the arts with a Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Music Educators Association and was recognized as a Florida Ambassador of the Arts by past First Lady of Florida, Columba Bush. The Volusia County Cultural Alliance named an award for her and Ann Brady and presented annually to an individual the Brady Coolidge award for grassroots arts advocacy.

Coolidge has served as a judge for

outdoor arts festivals having judged the Winter Park Art Festival, Mt. Dora Arts Festival, Ocala Art Festival and others. She has also worked as a project manager and writer for selected publications including: Harold Garde: 50 Years Painting; Dan Gunderson: Collector Creator; Barbara Sorensen: Topographies; Anna Tomczak: Sanctuary and Tony Eitherong: Paradoxes Portrayed.

Coolidge holds a BA with a concentration in painting from Guilford College in Greensboro, NC and a certificate in Social Entrepreneurship from H. Heinz II School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University and completed a fellowship with the Denali Initiative on Social Enterprise through the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Doctor, Doctor, help me please

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and arboricultural industry to the Apopka Art & Foliage Festival.

12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Dena Wild

We are excited to welcome Dena to our Plant Doctor line-up for her second year. Dena holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon. Her urban horticultural education includes "hands-in-the-dirt" experience, post-graduate studies in landscape architecture at the University of Colorado, the Boulder and Orange County Master Gardener programs, and the University of Florida's Best Management Practices for the Green Industry. Dena's free time is spent in her lawn-free yard, traveling and reading.

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Commissioner Alexander Smith

Commissioner Smith will once again round out the Plant Doctors in his dapper

and knowledge manner. He graduated from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) with a degree in Agricultural Education with a minor in Horticultural Science. He is one of the founding board members and past President of AIA (Apopka Improvement Association) and one of the founding board members of the Billie Dean Community Garden as well as Past President of the Florida Association of Agricultural Educators; Past President of the Florida FFA (Future Farmers of America) Board of Directors; Past President of the Orange County Agriculture Teachers Association; served on the Orange County Board of County Commissioner Agricultural Advisory Board as well as on the Advisory Board for the Orange County Agricultural Extension Service. He is a member of the first Agriscience Leadership Team for the State of Florida and of the Orange County Farm Bureau.

Growers have been busy

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Starting fresh off 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 for 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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Priscilla Debler, owner-grower

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For the orchid novice or the avid orchid collector who wants to expand their inventory, Orchid Nanny is a retail

nursery that grows and sells a variety of orchids suitable for the beginner as well as many unusual and hard-to-find ones for the seasoned grower. I, Priscilla, was bitten with the orchid bug many years ago. The nursery was established in 2005. We sell at various plant and garden events, arts and crafts fairs, orchid shows, and hold speaking engagements where we also sell.

Hybrids, mericlones, species, hanging, bare-root, mounted or in pots, full-grown orchids and seedlings, vandas, bulbophyllums, cattleyas, dendrobiums, bamboo orchids, jewel orchids, oncidiums, epidendrums, encyclias ... these are some of the types that are in our nursery. We try to make sure there is something for everyone.

Along with all of this, the Apopka Woman's Club will be selling amaryllis, Bonsai, plumerias, orchids, botanicals, herbs, assortment of tropical edibles, large amounts of assortable varieties of landscaping plants, ferns, tropical fruit trees and bushes, and vegetable garden plants.




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School Art is in Big Tents!

Stop by the big tents near the corner of First and Park Ave. These tents contain the work from our young artists in Apopka.

We are excited to welcome eight of our local schools submitting to the 62nd Art and Foliage Festival.

Trinity Christian School, Forest Lake Academy, Dream Lake

Elementary, Wolf Lake Elementary, Zellwood Elementary, Rock Springs Elementary, Apopka High School, Wekiwa High School

The following types of art will be displayed: digital art, paintings, ceramics, 2D and 3D art, ceramics, and portraits.

Enjoy school art!

Michaella Palumbo will judge students

Michaella Palumbo is a school art judge in the 62nd annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

Palumbo has been teaching art for eighteen years. Fourteen years have been in Seminole County. She is certified to teach art K-12. She is a graduate of Jacksonville University. Before teaching in Seminole County she spent four years teaching in Duval County. She has had her own art on display at the Sanford Welcome Center, the

Casselberry Art House, the Orlando Museum of Art, the Scott Laurent Gallery on Park Ave. and Café Tu Tu Tango. She displays her student's artwork at the Maitland Art Festival, the Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts and the Seminole Town Center Mall every year.

Palumbo is a member of the Orlando Museum of Art, the Menello Museum of Folk Art, the Morse Museum and the Maitland Art Center.

Kids Zone is fun for all children

We haven't forgotten the kids at the 62th Annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. The Kids Zone is located on Orange Ave near the playground.

Our free craft project this year is again sponsored by Home Depot. There will be a variety of kits available for children to put together with a little help. When completed the children will decorate their project and take it home.

The Apopka Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPA) will be doing children's fingerprinting in the Kids Zone.

Stop by to have your child fingerprinted. You will take the fingerprint kit home with you to store in a safe place. Hopefully you'll never have to use it. The CPA will also have brochures and information on bike safety, drug safety, and many other items. Stop by and say hi!

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University of Florida Institute of Food and Agriculture (IFAS) Extension — Plant Clinic Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions in IFAS' Mobile Plant Clinic.

Orange Audubon Society — Orange Audubon, a local chapter of National Audubon, has as its mission connecting people with nature. Come by and ask about Orange Audubon's exciting project with the City of Apopka to develop the Apopka Birding Park near the entrance to the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive.

Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission (FWC) — FWC's booth will share everything you could ever want to know about bears and other local wildlife.

Everglades Schools — Zellwood Elementary and Rock Springs Elementary will share information about their activities as Everglades Schools.

The Nature Conservancy — The Nature Conservancy's Sustainable Cities program will be present sharing information on its programs and the City Nature Challenge.

Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System — Hear about the Wekiva River and its status as one of only two federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in Florida. Find out how you can volunteer. Saturday only.

Bike Walk Central Florida — Visit to hear information on new bike trails and future plans as well as bicycle safety. Helmets will be distributed if possible. Sunday only.



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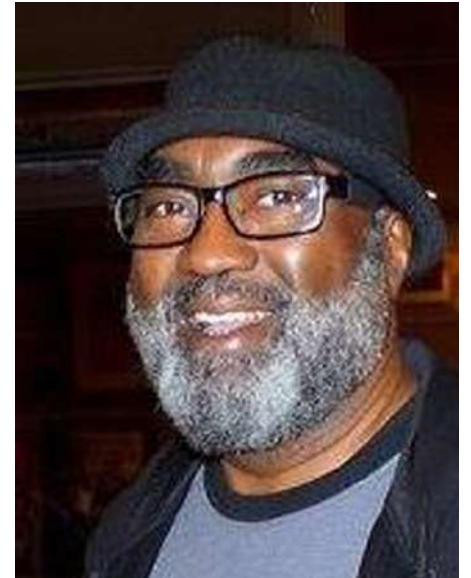


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Everitt Spruill will judge at festival

An American painter, photographer, and printmaker. Born in Birmingham, Alabama USA. Everett Spruill attended Berea College, where he earned a Business Degree. It was during this time that he painted small landscapes and portraits in the tradition of the French Impressionist but did not seriously entertain the idea of a career in the arts. While managing a Hotel in Miami, and with frequent visits to the Miami Museum, a Picasso exhibition changed his outlook as he was inspired by the simplicity and geometric patterns that formed the images. After relocating to Orlando, Spruill took up painting seriously and it was at this time that he created the “Old School Jazz and Blues” series of paintings and collages, inspired by the art of Romare Bearden. From that time on Spruill consistently created increasingly complex variations of art from recycled and re-purposed materials focusing on Jazz as a central theme. Spruill constantly challenges himself to source new materials and expand his resources. His first radical shift came in 1999, with the “Tribal Rhythms Series” in which he employs interlocking geometric shapes combined with graffiti techniques. It was around this time as well that he created his first prints in screen printing, linoleum cuts, and offset lithography. During the following decade, Spruill introduced texture into his art, which he came to call “Nuvo-stained glass” for its transparent qualities. From the mid-1990s to 2010, Spruill created a large body of work that responded in a general way to the childlike simplicity of creating art. During this time, the increasingly abstract



Everitt Spruill will judge crafts at the 2024 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

collages of Spruill’s paintings gave way to a multitude of materials from electronic components, textiles, recycled wallpaper, and decorative architectural elements. To create these works, the artist uses appropriated materials and digital technologies. In 2017, Spruill began making wire sculptures for public spaces and developing architectural projects. Still residing in Orlando Florida with his many accolades, Everett Spruill prints and paintings are most famous for his work in the areas of collage and cubist abstraction.

Spruill’s work is in public and private collections worldwide, including The Amway Center, Disney Springs and Epcot Center, The City of Orlando and The Media Institute to name a few.

*Don't only practice your art,
 but force your way into it's secrets*
 -Ludwig Von Beethoven

The Crazy Hats are Back



After a hiatus of a couple years, the Crazy Hats are back!! The hats have been a big attraction at past festivals. Some people buy them to wear for Mother's Day, Kentucky Derby Day or some people have collected them and hung them in their homes.

For months the members of the Apopka Woman's Club collect newspapers, ribbons, flowers, and bows to make these popular hats. The newspapers are molded by wrapping newspaper around a bowl, then they cut, roll & staple the brims. They are then

ready to decorate!

The women have FUN decorating the hats with ribbons, flowers and bows. It takes 30 to 45 minutes to make and decorate each hat.

Stop by The Crazy Hat tent, say 'Hi', check the hats out. They are only \$3.00.

Remember all money from the sale of the hats goes directly back to the community in the form of scholarships and donations to local non-profits and organizations.

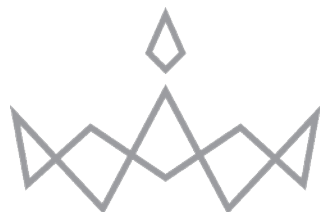


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