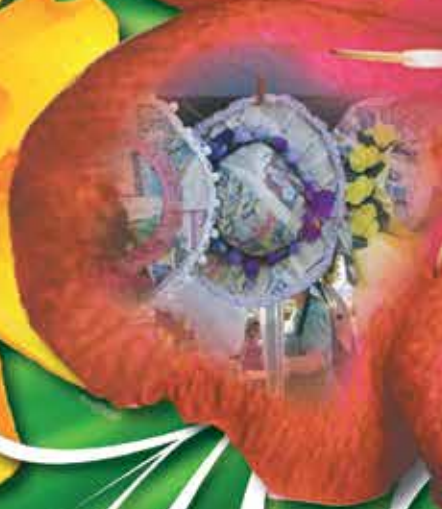
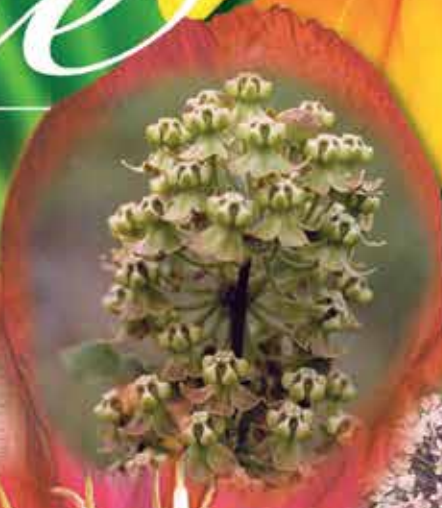


THE 64TH ANNUAL APOPKA

Art & Foliage
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SUPPLEMENT TO THE APOPKA CHIEF, APRIL 24, 2026

Dear Friends and Visitors,

Welcome to our 64th annual Apopka Art & Foliage Festival. The festival is presented by the GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club in partnership with the city of Apopka.

The festival is a two-day family friendly event. The setting is beautiful Kit Land Nelson Park in the heart of Apopka. There is something for everyone at the festival.

We have juried artists and crafters displaying their talents and offering their wares for sale. Also, in the School Art tents you will be amazed at the talent the local students have displayed.

In the Foliage area the specialists have a beautiful array of plants and specialty foliage for sale. We are spotlighting the milkweed plant this year. These plants attract butterflies to your yard or garden. We are also giving away 200 bald cypress seedlings courtesy of Cherry Lake Nursery.

If you have a problem with any plants in your yard or garden, we have knowledgeable Plant Doctors who can answer your questions. So, bring your questions and stop by.

By the way, if you purchase plants and want to browse the entire festival, we have a Plant Sitter Service. The ladies will watch your plants for a small fee, so you can enjoy the rest of the festival.

In Concession Row you will find a wide variety of food from snacks to complete meals for you to enjoy as you rest under the beautiful trees in the park.

Great news: the Crazy Hats are coming back this year! If you don’t know what these are, the Woman’s Club ladies make hats from newspapers and other papers and decorate them with flowers, ribbons and other fun things. We made 100 this year so come early for the best selection. They are very popular for Mother’s Day and Kentucky Derby parties!

We have entertainment all weekend featuring local acts as well as talent from our local schools. The police and fire departments will have vehicles on display for the kids to explore. They can also make a craft courtesy of Home Depot in the Kid’s Zone near the playground.

Our thanks go to Mayor Bryan Nelson and the entire city staff who helped us bring this festival to fruition. We couldn’t do it without you all!

While you are in the park, if you have any questions or need assistance, look around for the “famous green shirt ladies.” We will be around everywhere, and our mission is to help you have a wonderful time at our festival.

**Joann Castillo, Chairman
2026 Apopka Art & Foliage Festival**

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Dear Friends and Visitors,

Alan Shepherd became the first American in space in 1961, and the Artemis II mission recently captured nation’s imagination with its record-setting flight 252,756 miles from earth. Much has changed in the intervening 65 years, but one thing locally has remained present through it all: The Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

This event is one of the pride and joys of our community. Through economic ups and downs, political changes, a global pandemic and explosive growth, the Art and Foliage Festival rolls around every year, providing consistency in a world where there often is none.

This would not be possible without the dedication of GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club, which works so hard to put on this outstanding event every year. The Apopka Chief extends its congratulations and gratitude to these women for their labor of love. Our city is better for it.

Kit Land Nelson was a community activist who was heavily involved in the Apopka Woman’s Club’s sponsorship of the festival, so it is fitting that it takes place at the park named in her honor.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the hard-working city staff who also make this weekend possible. Apopka’s Parks and Recreation Department does a great job of maintaining the park, we are thankful for the first responders who will work the event. A festival such as this would not be possible without the many responsibilities carried out by our police and fire departments.

The Apopka Chief is pleased to continue the tradition of publishing this special section to celebrate the 64th annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. We thank all the sponsors who made it possible and the Apopka Woman’s Club for the content its members contributed.

We look forward to a wonderful event highlighting the best of Apopka.

**Sincerely,
J. C. Derrick
Publisher, The Apopka Chief**

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Apopka Woman's Club Crazy Hat tradition continues

The Crazy 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 20 to 30 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.

Next to the Crazy Hats you will find Information where you can pick up a copy of the Apopka Chief's special festival edition. It contains information about the weekend's entertainment, food vendors, plant doctors, foliage vendors, school art, artists and crafters, Kids Zone, and so much more.



Courtesy of Apopka Woman's Club

From ribbons to recycled newspapers, the Apopka Woman's Club turns creativity into crowd-favorite "Crazy Hats" that support local causes.

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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Paisley Plants is bringing a wide range of houseplants and outdoor plants to the festival this year. They will also have carnivorous plants, air plants and bromeliads. Stop by to see us!

ECOFRUITS OF FLORIDA

Troy Valentine
352-989-7955
3rd 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
3rd year in the festival

A family-owned greenhouse here in Apopka at 2120 Rogers Road. 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. For the festival this year we will have beautiful blooming cactus, some indoor air-quality plants and we will have outdoor plants as well. We are very excited to return for our third year, please come by and pay us a visit at the festival.

JIM'S BONSAI

Jim Staples, owner-grower
9243 South East 108 Place
Belleview, 34420
352-812-4837

This is Jim's Bonsai's 24th 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



Courtesy of Agristart

The Apopka Woman's Club will sell milkweed, this year's spotlight plant, at the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival.

to care for, give unconditional pleasure to their owners and add aesthetic beauty to their surroundings. In addition to these trees Jim will also have Lucky Bamboo and other accessories at this year's festival.

JUST PLUMERIAS

Scott and Jeanette Burford,
owners-growers
160 South Phelps Ave.
Winter Park, 32789
407-756-2628
18th 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 for almost a decade. 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. 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.

GREAT SCOTT FARMS

26216 County Road 448A
Mt. Dora, 32757
352-383-6900
17th year in the festival

Great 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 sandy land to grow vegetables and expanded to 1,200 acres over the years.

Great Scott Farms 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.

Pickle (Kirby) cucumbers are the main crop at the farm. Each year, they 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.

Great Scott is celebrating 60-plus years of quality vegetable production, and are proud of their history and the many employees, vendors, customers and ag groups that have supported them over the years. They feel very blessed and thankful for the resources of land and water, and strive to be good stewards of the land and water, protecting them for the next generation. Great Scott will have Zellwood sweet corn, cucumbers, onions and cookies at this year's festival.

SEMINOLE SPRINGS ANTIQUE ROSE AND HERB FARM

Keith and Traci Anderson,
owners-growers
34935 West Huff Road, Eustis, 32736
352-357-2643
32nd 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. As the predecessor of the modern rose, antique roses are typically defined by those roses that have been in production prior to 1869. Of course, having sur-

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HISTORY OF APOPKA ART AND FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

A tradition shaped by art, foliage and community

The Apopka Art and Foliage Festival reflects more than six decades of community collaboration, evolving from two separate events into one of Central Florida's most recognized celebrations of art and horticulture.

Its roots trace back to 1961, when the Apopka Woman's Club, under then-president Kit Land Nelson, hosted its first art show at Apopka Memorial High School. The show quickly became an annual tradition, highlighting local and regional artists and establishing a foundation for what would become a larger cultural event.

Just a few years later, in 1965, the Apopka Jaycees launched the first foliage festival at the corner of Forest Avenue and Fourth Street. At a time when Apopka's greenhouse industry was gaining national recognition, the event showcased the ornamental plants that earned

the city its reputation as the "Indoor Foliage Capital of the World." The foliage festival drew increasing attention across Central Florida, signaling the potential for a larger, unified celebration.

That vision came to fruition in 1976, when the art show and foliage festival merged to form what is now known as the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. Since then, the event has been held annually at Kit Land Nelson Park, named for the civic leader who helped spark its earliest beginnings.

Over the years, the festival has grown alongside the city itself, expanding from its modest origins into a multi-day event that blends juried fine art, handcrafted goods and distinctive foliage displays. It has also served as a platform to highlight Apopka's cultural identity and its long-standing role in the national foliage industry.

The festival's prominence has drawn statewide and national attention. It played a central role in Apopka's 1982 Centennial Celebration and was later featured in publications such as Southern Living magazine in 1984 and Florida Living in 2003.

In 2000, the Library of Congress designated the festival as part of its National Local Legacy program, recognizing its cultural significance.

Milestones such as the city's 120th anniversary in 2002 have also been celebrated through the festival, further cementing its place in Apopka's history.

Today, the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival stands as one of the region's most well-attended events, continuing to showcase high-quality art and foliage while honoring the community traditions that brought it to life.

Plant Sitters

Carrying big or numerous plants can be taxing when you're trying to see and experience things at the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. Stop by the Plant Sitters Booth, a few steps from the Foliage area. We will care for your plants while you shop and eat, making certain they are in good hands.

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vived 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 the state. 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 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 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival consistently for over 30 years. 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. The farm is 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 at this festival. She will be bringing her multiple supply of herbs plants and herbal sundries such as tea, potpourri, soap and essential oils and sachets. We will also have 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. 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.

ORCHID NANNY

Priscilla Debler, owner-grower

Text: 407-920-7209

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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 orchids.

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owners-growers

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11th year in the festival

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2026 APOPKA ART AND FOLIAGE COMMITTEE



Courtesy of AAFF Committee

The 2026 Apopka Art and Foliage Festival committee is comprised of some members of the Apopka Woman's Club: (First row, Left to Right) Sandy Bove, Katie Jairett, Valerie Duffek, Joann Castillo (chairman), Geri Unrue, Carmen Lorah, Diane Harrison; (Back Rows, Left to Right) Pam Groseclose, Betty Ashton, Hilda King, Beverly Winesburgh, Sharon Burrow, Bobbie Dougherty, Judy Coleman, Janice Dafeldecker, Shawne Baker; (Last row, Left to Right) Laura Beusse, Dena Morrow and Lorena Potter.



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Information on the Wekiva River National Scenic River and parts of the Wekiva River Basin

Bike Walk Central Florida (Sunday only)

Information on bike paths, safe cycling, and may have helmets to fit and give away for children

Wekiwa Springs State Park and Wekiva Wilderness Trust (Sunday only)

Information on the annual Wekiva Paint Out and related events in the Wekiva River Basin State Parks

Food and concessions

Asian Grill and Rice: Chicken teriyaki on a stick, stir-fried rice and noodles

Bear Bottom Boyz: Kettle corn

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Linda's Hotdogs: Plump and juicy hot dogs, chicken tenders and fries

Outback Snack Shack: Gourmet pretzels, deep-fried Oreos, other snacks and drinks

Pipo's Latin: Tequeños and Venezuelan-style empanadas

Sip Happens: Energy drinks and "dirty" sodas with assorted add-ins and toppings

Snowie: Shaved ice

This year's Kids Zone

We haven't forgotten the kids at the 64th Annual Apopka Art and Foliage Festival. The Kids Zone is located on Orange Avenue, 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. And don't forget you get to wear and keep a bright orange Home Depot apron!

The Apopka Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (CPA) will be doing children's fin-

gerprinting. 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!

Rounding out the Kids Zone will be police cars, fire trucks and other public safety vehicles for you to explore. Climb on a fire-truck, check out police cars, ask fire fighters and police officers' questions. Stop by and say "Hi" to the firefighters and police officers.



Photo by Rey Villavicencio

Commissioner Diane Velazquez speaks with Sharon Fisher, a fellow member of the Apopka Art and Foliage Committee, at the April 1 Apopka City Commission meeting.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25 3:15 p.m. Wolf Lake Elementary School

9 a.m. DJ - Ralo Flores
 9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony
 10 a.m. Christian Learning Academy
 11 a.m. Lakeville Elementary School
 Noon Wolf Lake Middle School
 1 p.m. Pink Diamondettes Dance Academy
 2 p.m. Kidzdance

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

10 a.m. Zellwood Elementary School
 Noon Awards Ceremony
 1 p.m. Dream Creek Band

THE PINK DIAMONDETTES DANCE ACADEMY

The Pink Diamondettes Dance Academy Inc., under the direction of Coach Mercedes Wood, MPH, is dedicated to providing a supportive environment where dancers thrive through high-quality instruction and personal growth.

An Apopka native, Mercedes is a skilled dance instructor with a diverse background in dance performance and training.

The Pink Diamondettes performers, ages 11-17, are trained in HBCU majorette, hip hop, jazz, and lyrical dance. Our vision is to inspire and uplift young girls through the transformative power of dance, fostering a community where they can express themselves, build confidence, and realize their full potential.

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CHRISTIAN LEARNING ACADEMY CHORUS



Courtesy of CLA

The Christian Learning Academy (CLA) chorus ensemble has performed at the Art and Foliage Festival since 2017 and is appearing this year under the direction of CLA alumna Seranie Jean-Baptiste. CLA is a private K-12 school right here in Apopka with small class sizes as well as individualized instruction. They also offer extracurricular activities, including girls' volleyball, championship-winning girls and boys basketball teams, golf, cross country, music, theater, and more. Visit CLAEagles.com to arrange a campus visit!



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WOLF LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS



Courtesy of Wolf Lake Middle School

Wolf Lake Middle School Chorus is made up of 229 students from grades 6-8. The top ensembles, Singers and Mixed Ensemble, participate in Music Performance Assessment, consistently earning "Superior" scores. The other ensembles feature 120 sixth-grade students, an all-girls 7/8th grade choir, and an all-boys 7th/8th grade choir. They are directed by Halle Hoskins (BME, Florida State University, 2017). Their spring concert, "Movie/Musical " was held on April 14 at Apopka High School and featured songs from "Grease," "Rent," "Matilda," "Hamilton," and "Annie." They are grateful to be performing for the third year in a row at the Foliage Festival.

LAKEVILLE ELEMENTARY



Courtesy of Lakeville Elementary School

Lakeville Elementary School is known as the Engineers due to having its own Railroad Museum in its school. Principal Charles Jackson and the performers are known as The Lakeville Singing Engineers who are being led and taught by Carla Maxwell who has a 30-year background in education.

ZELLWOOD ELEMENTARY



Courtesy of The Zee Chorus

The Zee Chorus is a dedicated group of young performers who earn their spot through a competitive audition process at the beginning of each school year. These students show immense commitment, staying after school every Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to rehearse. The kids have been working incredibly hard this year to prepare for our upcoming themed show "The Weather." It's a fun, eclectic program that features a mix of genres, including "Have You Ever Seen the Rain," "Listen to the Rain," "Mr. Sun," "Blue Skies" and "It's Raining Tacos."

Ryan Stone

Ryan Stone has been a music educator for 11 years, bringing extensive experience and a passion for student performance to the classroom. This is his second year directing the Zee Chorus at Zellwood Elementary, where he focuses on building both vocal skills and a strong sense of community among his students.



Meet this year's judges

CREATIVE CRAFT

Diane Moore

For more than 23 years, Diane has exhibited her work at fine art and craft festivals throughout Florida, earning numerous awards and serving as a craft judge at several respected events. She describes her work as a contemporary evolution of a timeless craft, blending traditional coiling techniques with modern design sensibilities.



Courtesy of Diane Moore

At her Lake Helen studio, she teaches beginning, intermediate, and advanced pine needle basketry, sharing both her expertise and her love for the craft with students from across the region. She looks forward to returning to the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, a favorite event in her artistic journey.

You can view her work at www.SouthernPineStudio.com.

CREATIVE CRAFT

Carla Connelly

Carla Connelly is honored to serve as a craft judge for the Apopka Foliage Festival. She has had a lifelong passion for handmade arts and began crocheting at the age of five. Over the years, she has expanded her skills and is now an avid seamstress specializing in memory quilts and pillows, along with custom home pieces such as curtains and tailored bench cushions.

Carla has a deep appreciation for the time, creativity, and craftsmanship that goes into handmade work. She especially values pieces that combine technical skill, durability, and artistic expression, while honoring

the personal stories often woven into handcrafted items.

A former resident of Apopka for more than 10 years, Carla has strong ties to the community. In the early 2000s, she served as a Little League Player Agent and was honored as Volunteer of the Year in 2008.

Carla is grateful for the opportunity to support and celebrate the talented artisans who make the Apopka Foliage Festival such a special community tradition.



Courtesy of Carla Connelly

SCHOOL ART

Michaella Palumbo

Michaella 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 students' artwork at the Maitland Art Festival, the Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts and the Seminole Town Center Mall every year. Michaella is a member of the Orlando Museum of Art, the Menello Museum of Folk Art, The Morse Museum and the Maitland Art Center.



Courtesy of Michaella Palumbo

FINE ART

Deborah Hildinger

Artist and arts administrator Deborah Hildinger (MFA, Stephen F. Austin State University) has woven a career across printmaking, painting, pastel, digital imagery, mixed media, public art, and cultural leadership. In Central Florida, she served as a finishing artist for the WED Show Production during the construction of EPCOT. She later managed Orlando International Airport's permanent art collection, overseeing works by Doris Leeper, Miriam Schapiro, Jacob Lawrence, Duane Hanson, and Dale Chihuly. After relocating to California, Hildinger coordinated visual arts programs and galleries for the City of Santa Maria and taught at Allan Hancock College. She is widely exhibited on both coasts and is recognized for technical versatility and a collaborative



Courtesy of Deborah Hildinger

spirit. Hildinger's work and leadership reflect a career dedicated to expanding access to the visual arts and fine crafts.

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Participating local schools

Stop by the big white tents near the corner of First Street and Park Avenue. These tents contain the work from our young artists in Apopka. We are excited to welcome 12 of our local schools submitting to the 64th Art and Foliage Festival. The types of art being displayed include digital art, paintings, ceramics, 2D and 3D art, ceramics and portraits.

- Zellwood Elementary
- Wolf Lake Elementary
- Rock Springs Elementary
- Wekiva High School
- Dream Lake Elementary
- Kelly Park School
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Green's Nursery this year is under new ownership and is proud to continue its tradition of serving Apopka and the Apopka Woman's Club at 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. Green's Nursery currently maintains several acres with a variety of trees, shrubs, tropicals, and fruit and nut trees, along with bedding plants and indoor foliage. Green's nursery enjoys finding and having items that are not common. They strive 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 has or they can find it for you. Katie will have a large variety of great plants and will be bringing back the popular Yesterday Today Tomorrow plant again this year. She will also have all sizes of bamboo this year.

Along with all of this the Apopka Woman's Club will be selling a wide variety of Nelson's Florida Roses, indoor and outdoor hanging baskets, Spathiphyllum (peace lily), dish gardens and assorted tropical plants. We will also be selling our featured plant, the Florida native milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*). White Milkweed, *Asclepias perennis*, is a diminutive milkweed that is delicate looking compared to Pink Milkweed, but it is actually easier to grow than the pink and is very pretty with its clusters of white blooms. The plant is usually under 2 feet or less. Although the leaves are smaller, it is highly used by the butterflies. White Milkweed will tolerate different light conditions, it thrives in bright light. It performs best in moist conditions but can tolerate slightly dry conditions. Many gardeners like to grow this beautiful milkweed in pots as well as the landscape. Besides being a nectar plant for many different butterflies, it is highly used for the larval or host plant used by Monarch, Queen, and Soldier butterflies.



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CREATIVE CRAFT SPOTLIGHT

Jessica Griggs

I am an artist. A wife and mother. A landscape architect. An avid traveler. I love the unexpected in nature: the subtle color changes that many people overlook, and the small seasonal changes that are constantly taking place. I like to take these subtleties, enlarge them to a size that causes people to pause, and engage every viewer in a way that helps them appreciate the little joys in life.

As a wife, an artist, a mom, and a landscape architect, my world is filled with constant joy and excitement. Originally from Columbus, Ohio, I started my career at Denison University in Granville, Ohio as a biology and studio art double major. After receiving my master's degree in Landscape Architec-



Courtesy of Jessica Griggs

ture at The University of Georgia, I moved to Longwood, Florida and joined Dix.Hite + Partners, a landscape architecture and planning firm. I've been a part of the Dix.Hite team for over 22 years, and I currently serve as a principal and Director of Operations for the firm.

Through my art, I try to share my love of the natural world: The small, subtle colors and changes that occur each season. Memories from my home state of Ohio. The wide array of plants growing in my backyard. The wonderful native and Florida-Friendly landscape plants that I promote every day in my career. Each of these small moments has a brightness to it that brings me joy every time I step outdoors. It is this joy and happiness that I hope to share with others.

FINE ART SPOTLIGHT

Hannah Allen

From the quiet wonder of a tide pool to the electric flash of a bird's wing mid-flight, Hannah Allen has spent her life paying close attention to the natural world — and translating what she sees into breathtakingly detailed colored pencil artwork. Hannah began drawing at age seven, and what started as a child's fascination with color and form, grew into a deeply personal practice fueled by nature walks, time spent at zoos, and timeless visits to aquariums. It didn't take long for Hannah's love for nature and the connection to art to be recognized by Stella Tagliavore at The Art Studio of Lake Mary. Stella mentored Hannah as she developed a realist style that captured not just the appearance of her subjects — marine life, birds, wildlife, and beloved pets — but their presence: the glint in an eye, the iridescence of a feather, the luminous stillness of an underwater scene. Hannah's work is guided by a simple but deeply held mantra — Art from the heart — and that sincerity shows in every mark she makes. Hannah's main focus is to capture every detail to highlight the personality of each animal, especially through the eyes.



Courtesy of Hannah Allen

Hannah's creative life is inseparable from her love of animals and her commitment to community. Time spent volunteering as a docent and animal presenter at the Sanford Zoo — where she donates artwork to the gift shop, with 100% of proceeds supporting animal care.

She also supports mental health awareness by contributing silent auction art for the annual Ali's Hope Foundation fundraiser. Hannah frequently shares her passion in the community at art events and has been awarded "Best of Show" at the Cocoa Village Spring Fine Art & Craft Fair, "Second Place in Fine Arts" at the Art Fiesta in New Smyrna Beach, "Judge's Award" at the 60th annual DeLand Outdoor Art Festival, and an "Award of Honor" at the 62nd Annual Apopka Art & Foliage Festival. Her work has also been featured in Lake Mary Life magazine, and she was interviewed on Channel 13 news. Lastly, Hannah's artwork is showcased at the TADA Art Gallery in New Smyrna Beach, and she welcomes commissions — whether you're hoping to immortalize a beloved pet, a favorite animal of nature, or a corner of the natural world worth remembering. www.hmaartistry.com.



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