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**MANY THANKS TO THE DUVAL COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, GUEST SPEAKERS, FFGC DISTRICT IV GARDENFEST COMMITTEE AND MEMBER GARDEN CLUBS FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!**



## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Tonya Ashworth** Her horticulture career spans 20 years with a wide range of experience from working for a design-build firm, a florist, two interiorscape companies, University of Tennessee Extension, a public garden, and now University of Florida Extension. She graduated from Mississippi State with a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture and later earned an MBA from the University of Memphis. She now serves as an extension agent in Duval County, where she provides sustainable gardening programming and oversees over 200 Master Gardener Volunteers.

**Haley Mood** Her passion for the springs began on her first visit to the Ichetucknee River. Her love of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) was born during her time at the University of Florida, where she graduated with honors in Landscape Architecture. After a GIS Internship at the Florida Springs Institute, she transitioned into managing FSI's Outreach efforts and now manages the administration of FSI. Her dedication to the springs continues to grow as she focuses on communicating the challenges that face the Floridian Aquifer.

**Dr Jennifer Hinton** is the Waterfront and Preserve Manager for the City of Jacksonville, where she works with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private and non-profit partners to manage over 50,000 acres of preservation land. Jenny earned a bachelor in biological sciences at FSU and a doctorate in integrative biology from the University of South Florida. She has devoted her career to protecting and restoring natural communities; she has worked for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission as a biologist and for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as an Environmental Consultant and Senior Program Analyst.

**Lilly Anderson-Messec** is a botanist, ecologist, and third-generation Floridian who lives in the Florida Panhandle. She joined the Florida Native Plant Society team in 2019 and is now the Director of North Florida Programs & Torreya Keepers Project Manager for FNPS.

# Twentieth Annual GARDENFEST

Fri November 3, 2023  
9:00 AM – 2:40 PM

Duval County Extension  
1010 N McDuff Ave  
Jacksonville, FL 32254



## Environmental Conservation – Air, Land and Water

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE Friday, November 3, 2023

- 8:45 AM Registration Begins,  
Ways and Means  
Tables Open
- 9:00 Hospitality and Registration
- 9:30 Opening Remarks  
Smaro Runyon, District  
IV Director &  
Nicole Pilliod,  
Event Coordinator
- 9:40 Protect Habitat – Say  
No to Invasives by  
*Tonya Ashworth*
- 10:30 Break – Door Prizes
- 10:50 Conservation of Florida's Rarest  
Tree: The Florida Torreya by  
*Lilly Anderson-Messecc*
- 11:40 Brown Bag Lunch – Door  
Prizes, Ways and  
Means Tables Open
- 12:30 Preservation Parks Jacksonville:  
working to protect and restore  
ecosystems throughout Duval  
County by *Dr Jennifer Hinton*
- 1:20 Break – Door Prizes

1:40 Florida Springs Institute's Blue  
Water Audit Project and  
Springs Friendly Yards  
Program by *Haley Moody*

2:30 Raffles

2:40 Dismissal

**GARDENFEST is a one-day program offering topics of interest on wide-ranging horticultural and environmental subjects. It's a time of learning, sharing and making friends with those who have a common interest in gardening and conservation. Visit [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org) to learn about additional educational opportunities offered by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

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## REGISTRATON FORM

Registration **Deadline** is  
Friday, OCTOBER 27, 2023.  
Fee: **\$20.00** includes morning  
refreshments. Please bring a  
**BROWN BAG LUNCH AND  
MUG/TUMBLER.** Drinks will be  
furnished.

Late/At the Door Registration Fee:  
**\$25.00**

Make checks payable to  
**FFGC District IV**  
Mail check and form to:  
**GardenFest 2023 Registrant**  
3300 Turtle Creek Road  
St Augustine, FL 32086  
[stmrdavies@gmail.com](mailto:stmrdavies@gmail.com)  
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