

## Horticulture Program Committee Members

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Karen Donovan, Speaker Liaison  
Susan Brecht, Publicity  
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## Officers of the Garden Club of Orange Park, Inc.

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Susan Brecht  
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## SPEAKERS

**Walter Bryant** is retired and now spends much of his time working in volunteer activities. He is a Duval County Master Gardener Volunteer, Secretary of the Ixia Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society and past president (twice) of the Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville.

**John Peterson, PhD** grew up enjoying the natural world - hiking, camping, and fishing. Those experiences inspired him to learn more about nature from both scientific and philosophical perspectives. After two careers as a Registered Architect and University Campus President, Dr. Peterson opened the Wild Birds Unlimited Nature Shop in Jacksonville as a means to encourage and assist others.

**Marina Mertz** began her work with the Florida Wildflower Foundation in 2022 as a contractor. In 2024, she transitioned to a fulltime role with the Foundation as the Roadsides and North Florida Programs Coordinator where she continues to work to maintain wildflower corridors on roadsides, utility easements, public gardens, libraries and schools.

**Susan Curry** is an Emeritus Senior Lecturer in the Soil, Water and Ecosystem Sciences Department at the University of Florida (retired). She was also the Undergraduate Coordinator for the Interdisciplinary Studies - Environmental Management in Agriculture and Natural Resources (IS\_EMAMR) major. She received her ME in Environmental Enforcement and BS in Agricultural Engineering from UF.

# Spring is in the Air



**Friday, March 14, 2025**

**9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Fee: \$30 (incl. lunch)**

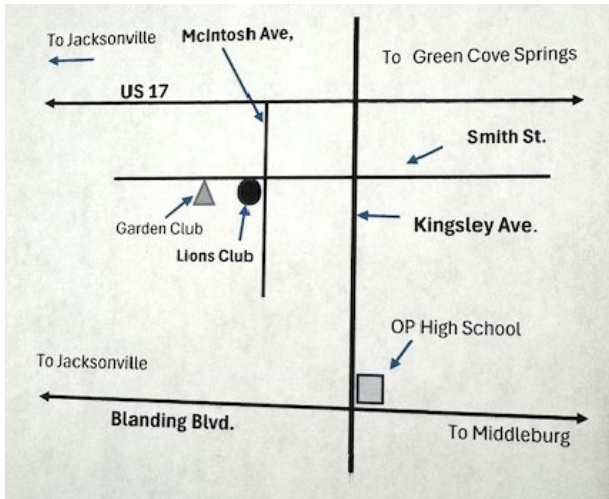
**Orange Park Lions Club**

423 McIntosh Ave.

Orange Park, FL 32073

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## DIRECTIONS



### FROM THE NORTH

**ON U.S. 17** Turn RIGHT onto Kingsley Avenue. At the first traffic light, turn RIGHT on to Smith Street. Proceed to the first STOP sign, turn left onto McIntosh Ave. The first building on the right is the Orange Park Lions Club.

**On Blanding Blvd.** Turn LEFT onto Kingsley Avenue. Continue driving on Kingsley Ave. for about 2.6 miles to Smith St. Turn LEFT on to Smith St. Proceed to the first STOP sign, turn left onto McIntosh Ave. The first building on the right is the Orange Park Lions Club.



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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, March 14, 2025

- 9:00 - 9:30 Sign in & Hospitality
- 9:30 - 9:40 **Welcome** Kay Earhart,  
Garden Club of Orange Park President
- 9:40 - 10:30 **Benefits of Native Plants  
and Selection Choices** by Walter Bryant,  
IXIA Chapter of Florida Native Plants
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 - 11:35 **Plants that Attract and  
Support Birds** by Dr. John Peterson, Wild  
Birds Unlimited
- 11:35 Lunch
- 12:20 - 1:10 **Roadsides as Ecosystems**  
by Marina Mertz, Florida  
Wildflower Foundation
- 1:10 Break
- 1:25 - 2:15 **Rainwater Harvesting**, by  
Susan Curry, Water and Ecosystem  
Sciences Dept. at University of Florida
- 2:15 Wrap Up

## REGISTRATION FORM

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
***DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025***

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note if applicable**

NAME OF GARDEN CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

MASTER GARDENER COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL THIS FORM  
AND A CHECK FOR **\$30.00 PAYABLE TO**  
**THE GARDEN CLUB OF ORANGE PARK.**

TO

**Gale Miller, Registrar**  
c/o Garden Club of Orange Park  
1820 Smith Street  
Orange Park, FL 32073

