

**CITY OF GAINESVILLE**  
**Nature Centers Commission**  
**STAR AWARD**

The Star Awards recognize citizens for their positive contributions to Gainesville’s natural environment. Nominees of individuals, groups, businesses or organizations operating within the City of Gainesville are accepted in four categories: **Star Volunteer**, **Good Neighbor**, **Green Business**, and **Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement Award**. Anyone can submit a nomination; however, self-nominations are not accepted.

Completed nominations should be submitted to Ella Bernhardt-Brooks at:

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**Nominations for all awards must be received before **October 31, 2022**.** Star Volunteer, Good Neighbor, Green Business awards recognize service provided between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022. Please attach additional information if necessary.

**Nominee Name, Address, Telephone, email**

**Nominator Name, Address, Telephone, email**

Award Type (choose one, descriptions below):

**Star Volunteer**

**Good Neighbor**

**Green Business**

**Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement**

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**Star Volunteer:** *Honors the volunteer who has contributed the most time, energy, and/or enthusiasm volunteering in City of Gainesville nature parks or programs during the year, with consideration given to intensity of service, impact, and length of service.*

**Describe your nominee's contributions in the following contexts:**

1. The depth of contribution the nominee has made to one or more of the City's nature parks or programs in terms of impact, effort, and/or time commitment to nature parks and programs.

2. The nominee's significant contributions.

3. Personal attributes.

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**Good Neighbor:** *Recognizes the efforts of those who have had a positive impact on the city by promoting environmental awareness, environmental stewardship, or other positive and enduring impact.*

**Describe your nominee's contributions in the following contexts:**

1. Depth of contributions.

2. Significance of contributions.

3. Personal attributes.

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**Green Business:** *Recognizes businesses operating within the City of Gainesville that demonstrate exceptional environmental practices or advocacy.*

**Describe your nominee's achievements in any of the following categories:**

1. Installed and maintained native landscaping, Florida-Friendly landscaping, and/or preserved large amounts of native canopy and/or shrubs during construction over and above development requirements.

2. Successfully implemented green building and best management practices.

3. Utilized some other sustainable or environmentally responsible feature or practice that preserves, protects, and/or enhances the natural environment within the City.

4. Other conservation or Environmental Education.

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***Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented in honor of longstanding Nature Centers Commission Board member Amy Carpus who dedicated her life and career to conservation, education and sustainability, and who generously donated her time and energy to serve on the Nature Centers Commission out of love for Gainesville's parks.*

*This award recognizes an individual who has made significant, impactful, and enduring contributions over an extended length of time to conserving Gainesville's natural resources.*

**Describe your nominee's contributions in the following contexts:**

1. The nominee's significant contributions to conserving Gainesville's natural resources.

2. Personal attributes.

3. Other outstanding actions or qualities.

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***Previous Winners***

**Star Volunteer**

- 2003 Kathryn Rosemeier, Glenda Hodges, Kerry and Jean Duggin/The Wood Stove
- 2004 Susan Keller, Claudia Larsen, Cathy Reno, Robbie Rucker,  
Cara Gwalthney, Kathryn Rosemeier, Penny Weber
- 2005 Ken McIntosh, David Peterson, Marjorie Paul
- 2006 John Bahrs family – John, Deborah, John Jr., Thomas and David  
Andrew Wazny, Laurel Yau, Charlie Pedersen, Virginia Julian
- 2007 Erica Carlsson, Hannah Covert, Alice Tyler, Sally and Josh Dickinson,  
Zack Wolcott and Family
- 2008 Anthony Betts, Emily Rodriguez, Al Runyon, Cara Gwalthney
- 2010 Naomi Glaser, Nadia Peattie
- 2012 Daniel Royston, Leah Cobb
- 2013 Adrianna "Andy" Clinton, Rebecca Wilson
- 2014 Francis E. "Jack" Putz
- 2015 Shirley, Andy, Arthur and Alex Baker
- 2016 Carson Bell, Jean Lansford

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- 2017 Mary Logan, Danielle Ellis, Eric Wright, Marwa Hussein, Charlie Pedersen
- 2018 Tyler Carney, Katherine Ewel, Howard and Lisa Jelks, Gary Paul
- 2019 Maya Lahti, Steve Boissoneault and Susan Breier
- 2021 Eileen Ahlquist

**Good Neighbor**

- 2004 John Barbour
- 2006 Rick Dolan
- 2007 Edwin Book
- 2013 Fritzi Olsen, Ashlee Hardin, Mary Fenton, Irina Ivanova
- 2014 Doug Hornbeck
- 2015 Maria Huff-Edwards
- 2016 Thomas Fasulo, John Jopling
- 2017 Karen Garren, Robert Garren
- 2018 Kids in the Woods: Sara Charbonnet, Ginger Stanford, Annie Hermansen Baez, Michael Andreu
- 2019 Florida Dept. of Juvenile Justice: Dollie Danielle Wygant

**Green Business**

- 2006 Bubba & Ingrid Scales – Wild Birds Unlimited  
Marty Wertz – UF
- 2007 David & Marilyn Chiappini – Chiappini Farm Native Nursery  
Erik Shuping’s students – Gainesville High School
- 2008 Josh Funderburke – Warrington College of Business, UF
- 2014 Danny Lyons - Canopy Climbers LLC.
- 2016 Mary Held - Green Clean Homes, Samantha Jones - Searchlight Yoga
- 2021 First Magnitude Brewing, Oak Hammock at the University of Florida

**Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement Award (Established in 2021)**

- 2021 Amy Carpus, Mary C. Rosier