



CITY OF GAINESVILLE
Nature Centers Commission
STAR AWARDS

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 between October 1, 2022 and September 30, 2023 are accepted in four categories:

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

Good Neighbor: Recognizes the effort of those individuals, organizations or groups who have had a positive impact on the City by promoting environmental awareness, environmental stewardship, or other positive and enduring impact.

Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement Award: Recognizes an individual who has made substantial, impactful, and enduring contributions over an extended length of time to conserving Gainesville’s natural resources.

This 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.

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

Anyone can submit a nomination; however, self-nominations are not accepted. Completed nominations should be submitted to Pati Colvin at:

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Website: <https://www.gainesvillefl.gov/News-articles/PRCA-News/City-of-Gainesville-Nature-Centers-Commission-Star-Award>

Nominations for all awards must be received before **November 30, 2023**.



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Select Award:

- Star Volunteer Good Neighbor Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement Award Green Business

Nominee Information

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Nominator Information

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Nomination

Describe the depth of contribution the nominee has made to one or more of the City of Gainesville's natural environment in terms of impact, effort and/or time commitment to nature parks and programs:

Describe the significance of the contribution as it relates to the award chosen:

Describe the personal attributes that contribute to the nominee's overall achievement for the award chosen:

Other outstanding actions or qualities exhibited by the nominee:

For the Green Business Award only:

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

Landscaping:

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

Green Building:

Successfully implemented green building and best management practices.

Sustainability:

Utilized some other sustainable or environmentally responsible feature or practice that preserves, protects and/or enhances the natural environment in the City of Gainesville:

Other:

Describe your nominee's contributions to other conservation environmental education efforts:



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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
- 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
- 2022 Mary Hall, Andrea Confer-Oresky

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
- 2022

Amy Carpus Lifetime Achievement Award

2021 Amy Carpus, Mary C. Rosier
2022 Dr. Jon Resikind

Green Business

2006 Wild Birds Unlimited: Bubba & Ingrid Scales; University of Florida: Marty Wertz
2007 Chiappini Farm Native Nursery: David & Marilyn Chiappini; Gainesville High School: Erik Shuping's students
2008 Warrington College of Business, UF: Josh Funderburke
2014 Canopy Climbers LLC.: Danny Lyons
2016 Green Clean Homes: Mary Heldl; Searchlight Yoga: Samantha Jones
2021 First Magnitude Brewing; Oak Hammock at the University of Florida
2022 Grow Hub