

**The Avid Gardeners Programs 2025-2026**  
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September 19, 2025	Open House for New Members  <b>Bird Identification</b> By Kay Grinnell, Hilton Head Audubon	Kay Grinnell from the Hilton Head Audubon will present a program about Bird Identification and Bird and Wildlife Friendly Habituate Program. This meeting is open to all HHP residents.
October 3, 2025	Newcomers Lunch	Dede Bethke will host a lunch for the board members to greet and get to know new TAG members.
October 17, 2025	Guided Tour of Mitchellville Freedom Park	Invite family and friends to join TAG members on a docent led Tour of Mitchellville Freedom Park.
November 21, 2025	Miniature Floral Arrangement Class  Due date to RSVP for the Holiday Luncheon on December 5.	To prepare for the Arts & Blooms Show in February, learn GCSC Flower Show Guidelines for floral arranging. Organize into teams to collaborate with the Hilton Head Plantation Art League to work on arrangements for our TAG Arts & Blooms Show in February.
December 5, 2025	TAG Holiday Luncheon	At 12:30 PM meet at Frankie Bones, Hilton Head Island, for fun with friends, great food and holiday trivia and games!
December 15	Audubon Christmas Bird Count	Encourage TAG members to support the Hilton Head Audubon Christmas Bird Count
January 16, 2026	<b>The Comya Gardener: Lowcountry Gardening for Newcomers</b> by Wendy Hilty  Prepare for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts &amp; Blooms in February</li> <li>• Plant Exchange in April</li> <li>• Garden Tour in May</li> </ul>	Wendy Hilty will provide an overview of our unique growing conditions and how to be able to successfully garden in our environment.

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February 20, 2026	<p><b><i>Arts &amp; Blooms Show</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setup 8:30 - 10:00</li> <li>• Show 10:00 - 3:00</li> <li>• Cleanup 3:00 - 4:00</li> </ul>	This is an all-in club event and we will need everyone to participate. Invites will go out to Hilton Head Plantation Art League, Farm Club, and Women's Club Green Thumbers.
March 20, 2026	<p><b>Plants for Butterflies and Other Pollinators</b> by Suzanne Barton</p>	Suzanne Barton will present a talk on fluttering pollinators.
April 17, 2026	<p><b>The History of Tea and Tea Drinking</b> by Victoria Bergensen</p> <p>Vote for Officers for next TAG Year</p> <p>Plant Exchange outdoors on the patio</p>	Victoria Bergensen follows the history of <i>Camellia sinensis</i> along the Silk Road through the Middle East to Europe.
May 15, 2026	<p>Garden Tour of Member Gardens</p> <p>Installation of Officers</p>	Visit members' gardens in the morning, then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant TBD, where we will install officers.
June 19, 2026	<p>End of Year Potluck</p>	Planned to take place in the evening. Spouses invited. Members bring heavy hors d'oeuvres. TAG will supply cake, paper goods, and soft drinks. Individuals may bring their own wine or beer.
June 1-7, 2026	<p>National Garden Week display at the local library</p>	In honor of Garden Week, put together a National Garden Week display at the local library to be up for the month of June.
July 2026	<p>Summer Break</p>	Please drop off a batch of Chocolate Chip Cookies at the TAG table for the July 4 POA Event.
August 2026	<p>Summer Break</p>	Summer Break