



Summer Snaps

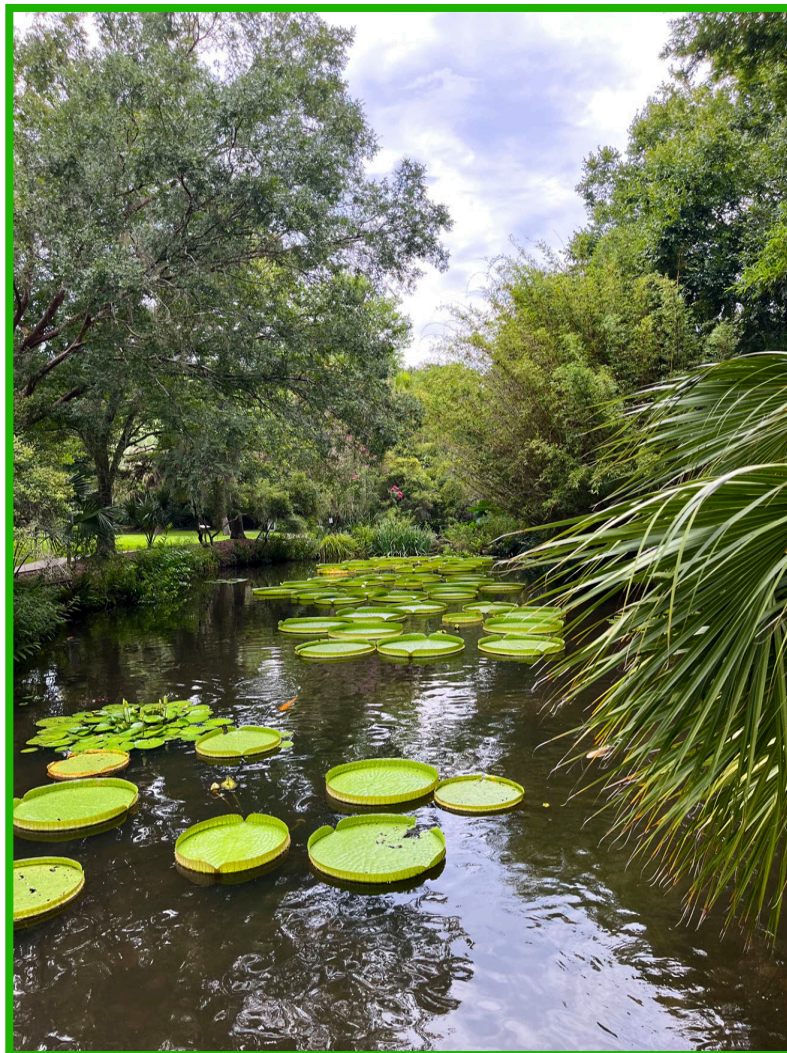


*In this edition, we present you with a special treat
from our backyard in Gainesville, FL —
Kanapana Botanical Gardens.*

*Mary Pressly, whose weekend gateway home is not too
far away from the Gardens, took the wonderful pictures.*

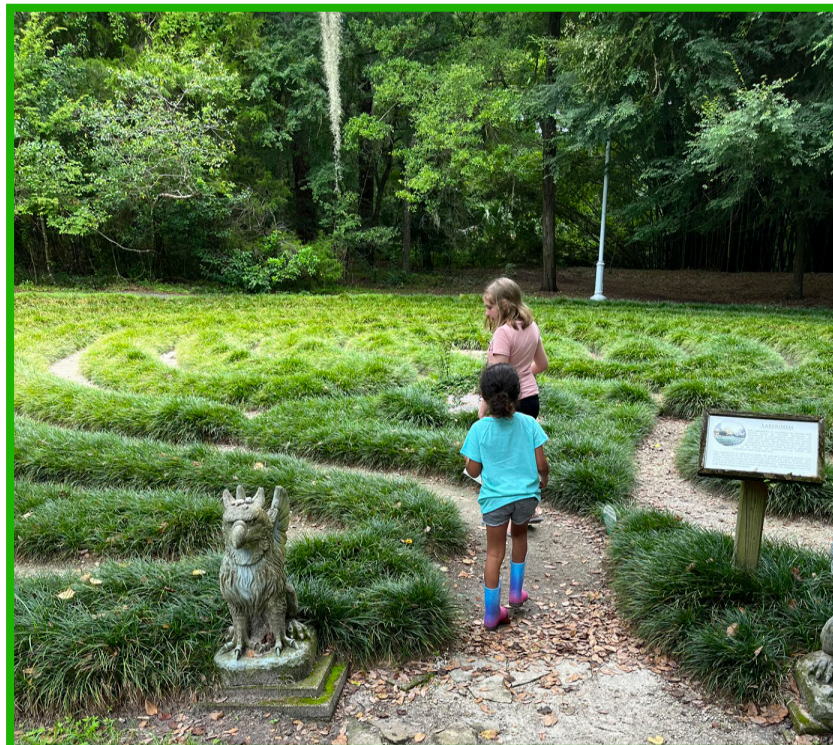
Thank you, Mary!

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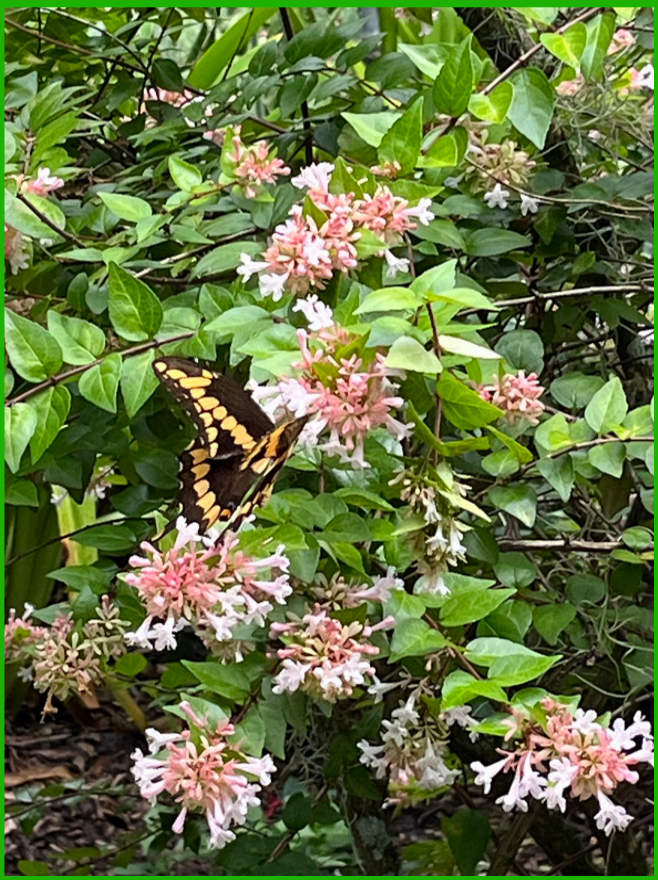
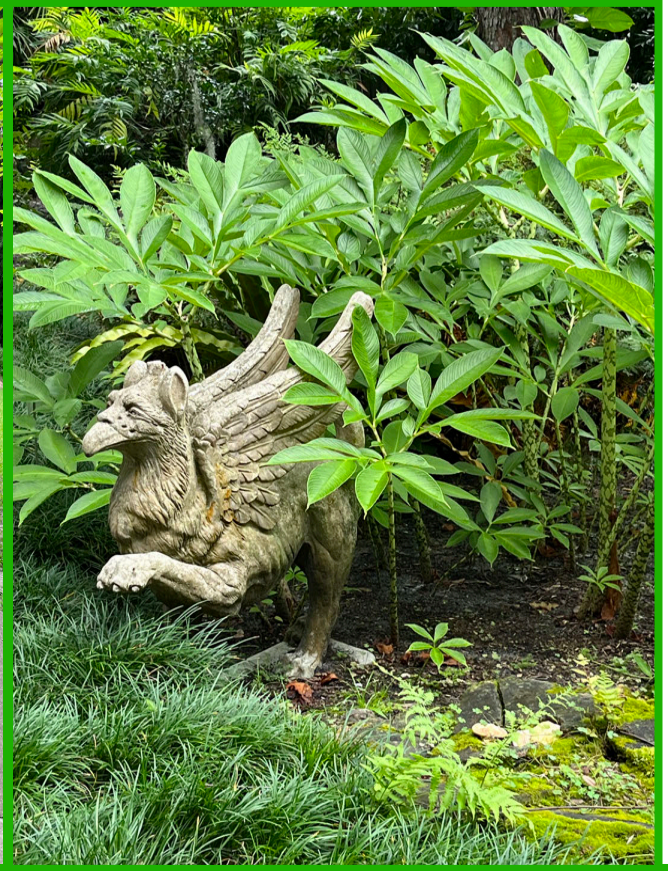


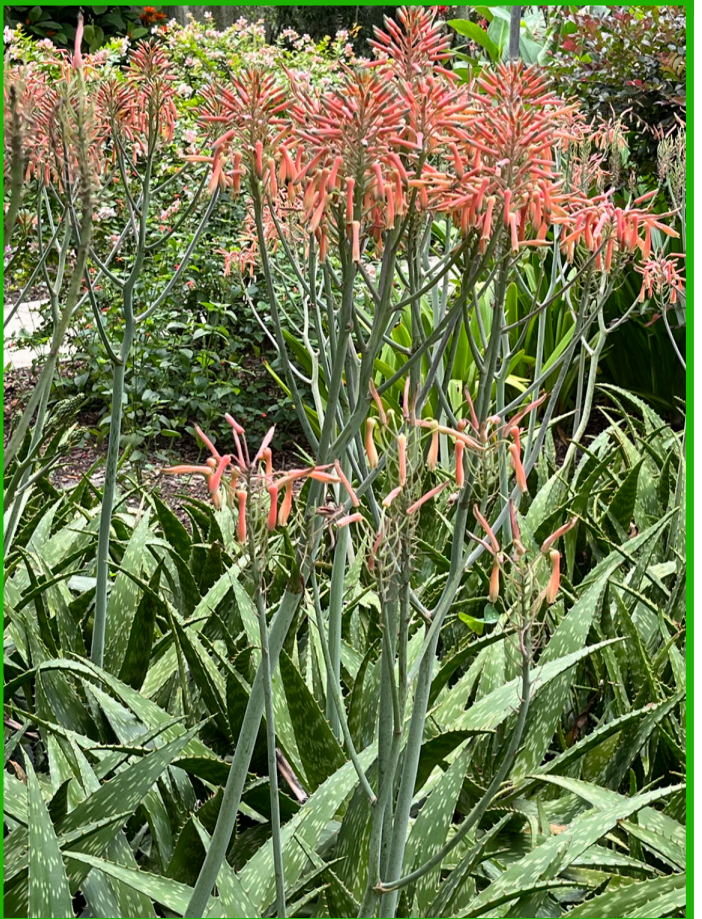
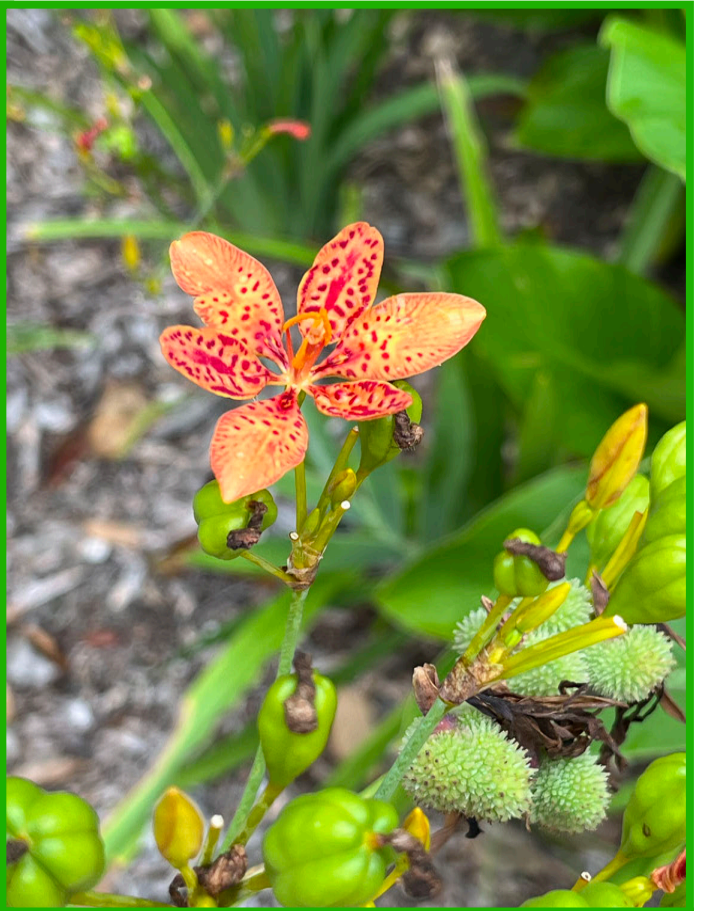
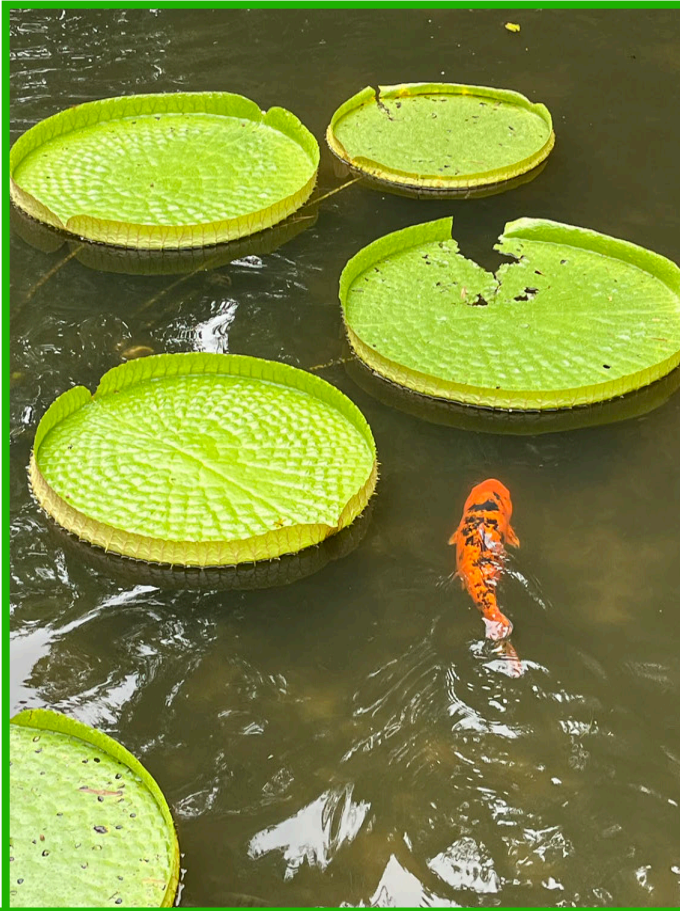


Mary writes: "I recently visited Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville, Fl. It is not in some far away land but close enough for those making the trek to the north to stop and enjoy this facility. It is a 68 acre garden comprised of 24 major collections accessible from a 1 1/2 mile paved walkway. These include the state's largest public display of bamboos and the largest herb garden in the Southeast."




Garden Labyrinth for children to enjoy









BAMBOO GARDEN

THIS BAMBOO GARDEN IS THE STATE'S LARGEST PUBLIC COLLECTION OF BAMBOO SPECIES. ALL OF THE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 KNOWN BAMBOO SPECIES GROW AS A SERIES OF CANES ARISING FROM A CREEPING SUBTERRANEAN RHIZOME (ROOT) SYSTEM. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TWO BASIC VARIATIONS OF THIS THEME: RUNNING AND CLUMPING BAMBOO.

CLUMPING BAMBOOS PRODUCE NEW CANES IMMEDIATELY BEYOND THE PLANT'S OUTERMOST CANES TO GENERATE A TIGHTLY SPACED, VISUALLY IMPENETRABLE STAND. RUNNING BAMBOOS SEND OUT LONG RHIZOMES (RUNNERS) SEVERAL FEET AWAY FROM EXISTING CANES AND THESE SEND UP WIDELY SPACED CANES TO PRODUCE AN OPEN THICKET.

FOR ABOUT 10 MONTHS EACH YEAR, BAMBOO GROWTH IS LARGELY RESTRICTED TO THE SUBTERRANEAN RHIZOME SYSTEM AND LITTLE ABOVE-GROUND GROWTH IS PRODUCED. THEN, DURING THEIR TWO-MONTH "SHOOT SEASON," THEY SEND UP SHOOTS WITH A SPEED THAT EXCEEDS THE GROWTH RATE OF ALL OTHER VASCULAR PLANTS - TWO INCHES PER HOUR IN SOME SPECIES.

