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Interests & Experiences

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Why are you interested in serving on the Nature Centers Commission?

I have been on the board for a long time and the nature parks in this town are very important to me.

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5+

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Are you applying for a student seat?

Yes No

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Demographics

Ethnicity

None Selected

Political Party

None Selected

Gender

None Selected

Sexual Orientation

None Selected

Date of Birth

Are you a City of Gainesville Employee?

Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

Are you currently on a City Advisory Board/Committee?

Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

NCC

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Ms Karen Garren
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City State Postal Code

In what city district do you live? To find your district visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yxd2kvwn> *

District 2

Home: (352) 371-0008 Mobile: (352) 316-3453
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

None Selected

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

Currently unemployed substitute teacher for Alachua
Employer County school system, field
Job Title biologist and technician

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My background of a wildlife biologist gives me interest in management of Gainesville's Nature Centers. I have made use of the Nature Centers for field trips for students, Audubon, wild mushroom forays, fossil hunts, the Florida Trail Association and the Florida Native Plant Society.

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Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Political Party

Democrat

Gender

Female

Sexual Orientation

Straight/Heterosexual

10/30/1953

Date of Birth

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Yes No

Are you a City of Gainesville Intern?

Yes No

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Yes No

If yes, which Advisory Board/Committee?

KAREN L. GARREN, *WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, TEACHER*

EDUCATION

HS Graduation, 1971, MD Bradford High School, Kenosha, Wisc. **Nursing Assistant Certification**, 1974 Gateway Technical Institute, Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1974.

Undergraduate course work, Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, 1974 - 1977. Field of study: Biology. Member of Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society. **Bachelor of Science**, Department of Zoology, University of Florida, March 1981. Major: Zoology emphasizing Marine Biology. Minor: Environmental Studies. Recipient of DuPont Honors Scholarship, President of FAUNUS, the Zoology Club, member of UF Scuba Club.

Graduate course work, June 1984 - December 1985, Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences, University of Florida. Graduate course work, September 1988 – June 1989, Departments of Zoology and Forestry, University of Florida. **MFRC** - Master of Forest Resources Conservation, Department of Wildlife and Range Sciences, University of Florida, December 1992. Field of study: Wildlife Conservation. Technical report: *Value of Hogtown Creek as a Wildlife Corridor, Impacts and Suggested Improvements, Literature Survey.*

BS Nursing programs, uncompleted, September 2008 – August 2011, at Santa Fe Community College and Jacksonville University. Also uncompleted, **Surgical Technician** training, June – August 2009, Santa Fe Community College. **CNA recertification**, Express Training, Gainesville, Florida, 2014.

Florida Master Naturalist Program – Wetland Ecosystems, September 2016.

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Certified Nursing Assistant, August 1979 – December 2016, duties: supplementing hospital and skilled nursing facilities' staff, providing home-maker skills and personal physical assistance to homebound disabled persons.

Park Ranger, August 1981 – January 1982, Michael Reese Goldhead Branch State Park. Duties: interpreting natural history to visitors, land management activities, trail construction, maintenance of structures and vehicles.

Laboratory Technician, April 1982 – December 1989. Employment included: American Bacterial and Chemical (ABC) Research Corporation Water Chemistry Department for analysis of water, sediment, and tissue samples for heavy metals and biochemical water parameters and in Food Products Research Department evaluating processed foods for nutrition and contamination; at USDA IABBRL assisting investigations into invertebrate stored products pests' protein analysis using spectrophotometry, PAGE, immunoblot radiolabeling, scanning and transmission electron microscopy; and at Water and Air Research Corp sorting benthic macro-invertebrates from Gulf sediment core and trawl samples for evaluation of oil spill effects.

Naturalist Instructor, August 1991 – December 1992, for Morningside Nature Center, Nature Operations, City of Gainesville, Florida. Taught edible mushroom identification, led adults and children on natural history instruction walks through a nature preserve, assisted with land management operations such as conducting controlled burns.

Field Biologist and Wildlife Technician, January 1994 – August 2016. Provided assistance on numerous research projects including FWCC evaluation of biological ecosystems of Steinhatchee Springs Wildlife Management Area, Lafayette County; USFS project documenting herpetofaunal use of ephemeral ponds in Ocala NF; USFS survey correlating vegetation and soils of selected "Old Growth" ecological communities in the Ocala NF; baseline

vegetation data collection for the Land Condition Trend Analysis of Camp Blanding National Guard Training Area; Florida. With husband Robert A. Garren, *Ecologist*, environmental consultant on numerous projects including wetland assessment for proposed High Speed Rail corridor.

Aerial-Video Ecologist, August 1997 – December 1998, at the GAP analysis mapping laboratory doing botanical interpretation of aerial-video vegetation type signatures and classification of Florida ecosystems by FNAI methods to determine natural lands preservation needs.

Adjunct Instructor, August 2004 – May 2012 at Santa Fe Community College. Supervisor Department Chair Dr. Sture Eddvardsson. Taught Introductory and General Biology, Environmental Science.

Other employment positions included various **Student Assistant** and **Teaching Assistant** positions, as a **Substitute Teacher** for Alachua County School Board and as **Program Instructor** with SFCC's Continuing Education Programs conducting workshops and leading hikes to teach ID of wild edible mushrooms.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Chair of Outings Program, Suwannee/St. John's Sierra Club group ExCom, December 2002 - June 2008.

Volunteer at Malcolm Randall VA Hospital, September 2002 to March 2015 with Escort Service transporting wheel-chair and gurney patients from entrances and wards to clinics, in Medical Supplies Department organizing and delivering supplies, tracking inventory and in Nursing Home as "companion" visiting residents. At Lake City VA Veteran's Home, provided feeding assistance and transport.

WAV, Watershed Action Volunteer for SJWMD, September 2001 to May 2005 conducting surface water sampling on Hogtown Creek station and assisting Volunteer Coordinator Laura Line's 4th graders' program demonstrating water quality assessment by identifying macroinvertebrates; participate in Current Problems creek clean up events.

Field Trip Coordinator and **Vice President**, Paynes Prairie chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, September 2016 to present.

Chair Sandhill chapter of Florida Trail Association, March 2019 to present. Conduct hikes, participate in training events.

Other volunteer activities: Regularly conduct mushroom identification workshops and lead hikes, participate in exotic plant removal, recording secretary for Ridgeview Neighborhood Assn, previously was Docent at Florida Museum of Natural History, secretary/newsletter editor for the Florida Mushroom Growers Association; Member of Hogtown Creek Greenway Design Charette, Field trip coordinator for Alachua Audubon Society; Co-leader Cadette Girl Scout Troop No. 666, reader and monitor of commissioned textbooks for the blind for Vocal Eyes; phone Counselor with Alachua County Crisis Center; work at Santa Fe Community College Teaching Zoo.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born Missoula, Mont. but lived all over US, have visited Kenya, Sweden, Alaska, and Cuba. Married to Robert A. Garren, a self-employed environmental consultant. Hobbies: vegetarian cooking; outdoor activities of hiking, biking, canoe and kayak paddling, camping; photography; gardening and landscaping; reading; music and playing piano; illustration; traveling and socializing; leading Natural History outings; advocating for maintenance of environmental quality, wildlife habitats, and biodiversity.

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City

FL
State

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Postal Code

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District 1

Mobile: (407) 489-2087
Primary Phone

Home:
Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Cell

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

city of gainesville
Employer

groundskeeper and event staff
Job Title

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I use to be a PRCA employee and love doing work with the community especially involving nature education.

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Historic Preservation

MICHAEL HILL

407-489-2087

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EXPERIENCE

TRAIL RESTORATION ENHANCEMENT CORE MEMBER, FL CONSERVATION CORE

01/2019 - CURRENT

- Florida State Park conservation, preservation and interpretation
- Volunteer recruitment
- Marketing promotions for Florida State Parks

LINE COOK, GRINGOS LOCOS RESTAURANT

04/2018-02/2019

DISHWASHER, KEKE'S CAFÉ

11/2017 – 1/2018

CUSTOMER SERVICE, WAWA

04/2014 – 05/2016

- Connect with guests
- Prepared food and beverage for guests
- Housekeeping

CREW MEMBER, CHICK-FIL-A

01/2013 – 03/2014

- Customer service
- Ran point-of-service
- Food Preparation

EDUCATION

ASSOCIATES DEGREE – GENERAL EDUCATION, VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
2018

CERTIFICATIONS

- S212 – Wildland Fire Chainsaw
- S110 – Basic Wildland Fire Orientation

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Meyer, Enikelber & Russo Law Firm (2013)
- Orange County Teen Court (2012)
- Student Government (2012)

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	First Name		Last Name	

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City

FL
State

32605
Postal Code

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District 2

Home: (352) 378-2160
Primary Phone

Home:
Alternate Phone

Primary Phone Type

Home

Alternate Phone Type

None Selected

retiring in November
Employer

pharmaceuticals
Job Title

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Children attended programs at Morningside. Currently a volunteer with Friends of Nature Parks. Active in conservation programs. Degree from UF College of Ag

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have served on several occasions as liaison for Friends of Nature Parks

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Prefer Not to Say

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