



Gabby Gardener

The Garden Club of DeLand

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President's Corner

In the words of Audrey Hepburn *"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."* The melodic bird chorus at dawn sets the tone of the day to come. The frost damage has been cut and the garden has come alive. Even though my garden style is naturalistic, it's the time of year when it's a little freer. I let the peppergrass grow straggly in hopes of attracting again the great southern white and tolerate Spanish needle for its nectar and as the host plant for the dainty sulphur. Day by day there are more blooms and butterflies. Young black racers with all their blotches appear. A new generation of raccoons have appeared to be relocated, but there are always other families queued to move in! Lubbers are back in force and despite best efforts, they only seem to multiply. Over the winter the giant invasive Chinaberry in the upper garden was cut down, and to my surprise it is missed neither by me nor any of the birds and squirrels that avoided it. There will always be changes and this one turned out particularly well by adding depth to the garden.

Best of all the garden is awake and promising more to come.

Marshall

Circle Around

The **Firecrackers** enjoyed a garden walk and art activity.

The **Magnolias** visited EFG to see their revised greenhouse and koi pond.

The **Marigolds** spent a pleasant morning at Select Growers seeing their changes.

The **Milkweeds** had their annual workday at the Sensory Butterfly Garden and heard Lance Harding speak on native grasses.

The **Roses** also had their annual workday at the Sensory Butterfly Garden.

Steve Kintner spoke about environmental science at the Lyonia Environmental Center to the **Wild Coffee Circle**.

Thursday, April 6th, 5:30 pm,
GCD General Membership Meeting
at the clubhouse, 865 S. Alabama Ave.

Speaker: :Dr. Wendy Anderson,
Topic: Working with HOAs

Host Circle: Wild Coffee
Contact Person: Marshall Rawson
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Our own member, **Valerie Seinfeld**, will be installed as District VI Director at the 96th FFGC Annual Convention on April 19th, 2023. There are 12 Districts and 12 Directors serving in Florida.

Please join us in supporting Valerie as the incoming District VI Director by attending the FFGC Convention April 18-20, 2023 and locally, attend her first District VI Meeting, May 9, 2023, beginning with breakfast and shopping (many vendors) at 9am, meeting at 10am, speaker, and lunch. Learn about a District VI Photography Group we are forming, share and gather ideas about speakers and projects for your meetings. Form a group to attend the meeting and carpool. The Meeting will be hosted by The Garden Club at Palm Coast from 9 am - 2:00 pm at the lovely Hammock Dunes Club. See your Circle President for more information.

Valerie joined the Garden Club of DeLand in 2011 and has served as a Circle President of 2 circles. Served on the Club's Executive Board 2019-2021 and chaired many projects over the years while serving on our Governing Board from 2013-2021, District VI Board from 2013 to present and is currently as the Asst. Director, FFGC Board from 2016 - present, NGC Board 2019 - present.

District VI includes Brevard, Volusia and Flagler, 1059 Members and 16 Clubs and 1 Council.

GCD April 2023 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 4, 10:30 - 12:30, **Creative Corner: Fun with Flowers** at the Clubhouse

Contact Person: Carol Roddenberry karolqueen@aol.com **RSVP by April 1, Cost \$16**

Tuesday, April 4, **Master Gardener Plant Clinic: Herbs (1-2:15) and Seed Packaging (2:15)**, in the auditorium of the DeLand Library. **Contact Person:** Susan Ludvigh sludvigh@cfl.rr.com

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Speaker: Dr. Wendy Anderson, Topic: Working with HOAs, Host Circle: Wild Coffee

Contact Person: Marshall Rawson marshallrawson@gmail.com

Saturday, April 8, 7:30am, **Downtown Planter and Pedestal Maintenance.**

Contact Persons: Margaret Gillen mgillen@cfl.rr.com and Julia Neumann julianeumann2@proton.me

Tuesday, April 11, 7:30am, **Sensory Butterfly Garden Workday** at Bill Dreggors Park (230 N. Stone St.)

Contact Person: Gail LaFayette gaillafayette@hotmail.com

Monday, April 17, 10am, **Nature Stroll: Deep Creek Preserve, 946 State Rte 415, New Smyrna Beach**

Contact Person: Gail LaFayette at gaillafayette@hotmail.com

Questions and day of contact person: Jim Vanover 386-846-0295.

Wednesday, April 19, 10:30-12:30, **Creative Corner Presenter: Susanna Trittschuh, Ikebana Flower Arranging**, **Contact Person:** Carol Roddenberry karolqueen@aol.com **RSVP by March 27. Cost \$15**

Thursday, April 20, 1 PM, **GCD Book Club: "Braiding Sweetgrass"** by Robin Kimmerer

Contact Persons: Cindy Davenport cindy@davenportmail.com or Sara Zollinger sarazollinger@att.net

Tuesday, April 25, 7:30am, **Sensory Butterfly Garden Workday** at Bill Dreggors Park (230 N. Stone St.)

Contact Person: Gail LaFayette gaillafayette@hotmail.com

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Composting at the Garden Club

Composter located in the Butterfly Area on Alabama. Place the items in the side with the (+)

Ok to Compost

- Veggie and fruit scraps
- Egg Shells (crushed)
- Coffee grounds
- Tissues, paper towels, napkins

Do NOT Compost

- No dairy
- No meat
- Plastic or plastic-coated products (e.g., plates, cups, etc.)
- Treated wood
- Grass clippings
- Anything treated with chemicals
- Styrofoam
- Oil



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs/District V and the University of Florida Short Course

Let's Go Native!

June 6-8, 2023
Gainesville, Florida

Tuesday, June 6: 3:00-5:00 PM Registration & Welcome Reception at Gainesville Garden Club, 1350 NW 75 Street.

- At sundown, view bats leaving the bat houses on UF Campus (transportation on your own).
- Wednesday, June 7, Morning: Bus tour to two private gardens
- June 7 afternoon: at the UF/IFAS Straughn Center, 2142 Shealy Drive, Gainesville, FL 32608 Sessions: "Natives 101: Selecting and Using Natives in Your Landscape," "Wildflowers and Weeds," "The Effects of Climate Change on Gardening"
- 5:00-8:30 PM at the Gainesville Garden Club. Happy Hour, Dinner & Design Program: "Designing by Margaret Kirkpatrick" (Separate registration required)
- Thursday, June 8: 9:10- 4 PM at the UF/IFAS Straughn Center. Sessions: "Biology of Plant Disease," "Applying Ecological Principles in Your Garden Ecosystem," "Landscaping With Backyard Ponds, Using Native Plants and Aquatics," "Ethnobotany," "Your Gardening Know How"

Lodging: Please book directly with the hotel. Drury Inn & Suites, 4000 SW 40 Blvd. Gainesville, Fl. 32608. Reserve online at www.druryhotels.com and enter Group # 10051396 OR call 800-325-0720 and refer to Group #10051396. \$135.00 per night for Double Queen Suites. Use code UF-FFGC for group rate until May 5, 2023.

Registration: Will Open to the Public on April 24. Deadline for All is May 19, 2023

