

Photo by Erin Miceli

# The Gabby Gardener

## The Garden Club of DeLand

*Gardening for the Future*

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### President's Corner

In the words of Doug Tallamy who is an entomologist, ecologist, conservationist, professor and author, "The power and responsibility of earth stewardship really resides in the individual – each one of us." It comes down to choices and the decisions we make.

At GCD Clubhouse we replaced the declining AC/Heating system with an energy efficient one with a remote thermostat so we can monitor daily from home that it is on the most efficient setting. We ask our members to bring their own drinks to meetings to avoid a sea of plastic. Our Governing Board meetings are usually on zoom, saving members' time and gas.

Programs are helping us to become more familiar with native plants which require less water once established. Information about Florida Friendly plants help us plant the right plant in the right place. Our support of the Seed Bank at the DeLand Regional Library encourages more community planting of vegetables. The Sensory Butterfly Garden educates about planting for butterflies. With the addition of more natives there, the drudgery of covering with frost cloth was eliminated. Our native plantings may have died back to the ground, but they are already showing signs of regrowth.

Therefore the Garden Club cannot rest on its laurels. Rather to be relevant and survive we must accept new practices to move forward with the times.

*Marshall*

### Circle Around

It's that time of year when we reevaluate our GCD participation. Sometimes it involves a difficult choice, such as leaving a circle where you have many friends for one that meets at a more convenient time. Please put aside any feelings of guilt and embrace that circumstances change.

**Firecrackers** were busy planning ahead for next year.

**Magnolias** made their annual floral arrangements for residents at a local assisted living facility.

**Marigolds** were also busy planning.

**Milkweeds and Roses** were treated to Erin Miceli's program on "The Sensory Garden, Past, Present and Future."

The **Roses** also took a field trip to the Sanford Zoo.

Dr. Jim Jackson presented at the **Wild Coffee** meeting on attracting birds to your backyard, Merlin app for bird ids, Ebird and the Backyard Bird Count.

Thursday, March 2, 9:30am,  
**GCD General Membership Meeting**  
at the clubhouse, 865 S. Alabama Ave.

Speaker: Charlotte Minor,  
Volusia County Master Gardener  
Topic: Vegetable Gardening

Host Circle: Marigold  
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**Saturday, March 25, 2023 9AM – 3PM**  
**West Indiana Ave., Downtown DeLand, FL**

A forum to promote environmentally-friendly and sustainable gardening practices featuring an array of vendors and presentations by wildflower and gardening experts.

The Garden Club of DeLand will have a booth and are selling 4 varieties of caladiums; Moonlight, Pink Beauty, White Queen and Freckles. Three #1 bulbs for \$5.00

**Two hour shifts are still open.**  
**Text Norma at 941.993.0957**

Bench and birdbath given in loving memory of **Judy Maurer**, Garden Club President 2013-2016. Pictured are Presidents of the three circles that honored her - Norma Thomas, Rose; Marcia Baker, Magnolia and Gail LaFayette, Milkweed.



### Milkweed Project #5



March 8th from 11 to 1 pm the Milkweed Circle will be selling milkweed plants at the clubhouse. This year there will not be any pre-orders.

There will be around 700 plants at \$4.00 each.

**Please bring cash or check.**

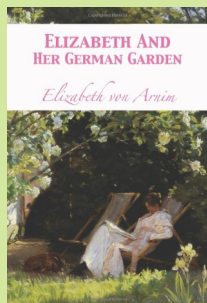
Contact: Gail at [gaillafayette@hotmail.com](mailto:gaillafayette@hotmail.com) with questions. Location: 865 South Alabama Avenue, DeLand, FL 32724

Tuesday, March 14, 1 PM,

**GCD Book Club:**  
“Elizabeth and Her German Garden”  
by Elizabeth von Arnim

'Elizabeth and Her German Garden' is a semi-autobiographical diary about Elizabeth von Arnim's experiences learning gardening and interacting with her friends.

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