



Gabby Gardener

Gardening for the Future

Photo by: Shanda Lynn Location: Select Growers



President's Corner

So far it has been a very busy Fall full of big events.

The Plant Sale was more successful than ever, thanks to Lance Harding and his amazing team. Every plant moved onto a new home!

District VI Fall Meeting was a beehive of activity. Suzanne Locke and her committee outdid themselves. The support from our club was very much appreciated.

Next up is Monarch Magic, a free festival for families, organized by the Milkweed Circle on Saturday, November 4th, 9-12. Thanks to our Sensory Butterfly Garden, Bill Dreggors Park just received NGC's Pollinator Garden Certification #002.

I do encourage you to enter the District VI Judges Flower Show on March 8th & 9th at GCD. For the horticulture part you need to get any new plants now. More information will be coming.

All your support, positive spirit and volunteer hours are much appreciated.

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Circle Around

Our Circles have been very busy during October with activities. Between the Plant Sale and District VI Meeting there have been extra opportunities for volunteering. Your help and support are well appreciated.

- Firecrackers** delved into shade gardening.
- Magnolias** were scheduled to do batik fabric painting.
- Marigolds** travelled to Select Growers for their meeting and shopping.
- Milkweeds** heard Kaydie McCormick present Pollinator 101.
- Roses** heard member Casey King speak on the History of Herbs.
- Wild Coffees** heard Shane Anderson present on Mosquito Control and Mosquito Life in General.

Monarch Magic
 Brought to you by The Garden Club of DeLand
 Saturday, November 4, 2023
 9:00am-12:00pm
 Come tour our Sensory Butterfly Garden and enjoy...

- Children's Crafts and Activities
- Storytelling
- Children's Pollinator Costume Parade
- Plant Sales and Seed Giveaway
- Educational Displays and Presentations
- Our famous Monarch wings available to purchase

And much more...

Bill Dreggors Park, 230 North Stone Street



The Garden Club of DeLand is off to a great start this year.

Thanks to **Lance Harding**, our well organized and very successful Plant Sale of 1,000+ member grown plants

brought all aspects of club membership together.

We were fortunate to have excellent leadership, propagators, publicizers, bakers, knowledgeable sales staff and shoppers. It was wonderful to see so many members working together for the benefit of our Garden Club.



Calling all butterflies, bees, caterpillars, moths, and winged creatures!
Fly with us down Woodland Blvd.

The 75th annual DeLand Christmas parade, sponsored by the DeLand Rotary club, will be held on Saturday December 2nd. Please join us in the **line up starting at 5:45 pm**. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. All back attire with wings are suggested.

Children and grandchildren are welcome to participate with your supervision.

Contact parade chairperson Erin Miceli
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District VI Meeting Update

I am so very proud of our club. Representatives from 13 garden clubs were in attendance to celebrate the 100th birthday of FFGC



Our District VI Director **Valerie Seinfeld** kept the agenda moving and the information flowing. Such organization!

My favorite compliment:

"What a bright and festive treat welcomed us as we entered the beautifully decorated room. The "Bee Happy" theme made me happy! This was my first meeting representing our club and I was so impressed with how the meeting was run and the wealth of information shared. Please congratulate your meeting chairman and all of your club members on a successful meeting. All their talents and hard work certainly were showcased yesterday."



Suzanne Locke, who with her committee, is responsible for our success. Thank you!



Garden Visit Thanks

We were treated this month with a repeat visit to **Maureen Miller-Calamo's** inspiring garden. It continues to evolve with new creative vignettes. Looking forward to visiting again next year to see what Maureen & Bob's hard work will add.



Thank you,
Lisa Schnetzer, Garden Visits Chair

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GO NATIVE! NATIVE PLANTS

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Do you know what plants you have growing in
your yard? If you have identified everything and
found something that is invasive, what do you
plant instead?



Here are some options. **Coral ardisia** (*Ardisia crenata*) is a federally noxious weed. You cannot move any plant part (berries, leaves, roots) anywhere except by placing it in a trash bag and putting it into your trash bin. Do not compost this plant. Do not put it in the yard debris pile for your city or county to mulch.

Some alternatives are **wild coffee** (*Psychotria nervosa*), Dahoon holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) or Gallberry (*Ilex glabra*).



Mexican petunia (*Ruellia simplex*) is often over used and it is an invasive species in all of Florida. Great alternatives include wild petunia (*Ruellia caroliniensis*), **blue-porterweed** (*Stachytarpheta jamaicensis*), and **Stokes aster** (*Stokesia laevis*).



Taro (*Colocasia esculenta*) or elephant ear is another beautiful plant but it is invasive in all of Florida especially in our water bodies.

Plant the **Florida swamp lily** (*Crinum americanum*), the mangrove spider lily (*Hymenocallis latifolia*), or caladiums (*Caladium x hortulanum*) instead.

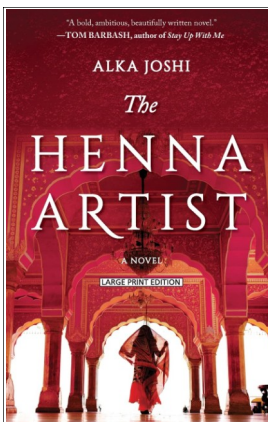


NEWS! **Jennifer Condo** has just earned the title a FNGLA (Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association) Certified Horticulture Professional. Jennifer will also graduate from UF this December with a certificate in Environmental Horticultural Management.

GCD Book Club

Thursday, November 16, 1 PM

"The Henna Artist"
by Alka Josh,



Escaping from an abusive marriage, seventeen-year-old Lakshmi makes her way alone to the vibrant 1950s pink city of Jaipur where she becomes recognized as a herbalist and henna artist for the privileged.

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