



# The Garden Gate

Lemon Bay Garden Club

480 Yale Street, Englewood, Florida March 2023

Our next membership meeting will be at the Clubhouse  
on Monday, March 6 at 10:00am.

The program will be "Is Lemon Bay Imperiled?" which will be presented by Abby Tyrna.

Bring your lunch.

The Hostess Committee provides drinks and dessert.

Hostesses: Penny Reiley, Veronica Carmichael, Sue Burke

\*\*\*\*\* Wear something green \*\*\*\*\*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is Spring! A time of renewal and hope for a return to normalcy. It is important to recognize and appreciate that our members continue to be challenged with competing priorities at home.

A huge thank you to everyone who made the rummage, plant and bake sales a success. The efforts of many resulted in the highest income we have ever had for this important fundraiser event!

The club gardens are slowly coming back to life following the destruction of Ian. We are thankful to the members who contributed their time and talent to accomplish the clean-up and repairs. Grab your gloves and come lend a hand any Friday morning between 8:30 and 10:30. Beautiful crafts and greeting cards are also being made on Friday mornings.

All garden club members receive a digital copy of the Florida Gardener by email. This magazine, published by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, is full of information about what is going on at the club, district, and state level. A link to the Spring 2023 edition and back issues are on the Home Page of the FFGC website: [www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org).

A link to register for the 96th Annual FFGC Convention is found on the FFGC Home Page as well. The Convention is April 18-20, 2023 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Kissimmee - near Disney World. The Florida Gardener lists information about the programs and workshops being held at Convention. If you would be interested in attending and have questions, please contact me.

The beautiful photo of a painted bunting on the cover of The Florida Gardener was submitted by a member of the new FFGC photography club "The Snapdragons". Everyone is invited to become a member. Contact Marianne Salas [molviasalas@gmail.com](mailto:molviasalas@gmail.com) and ask to be put on the group email list. Informational programs and excellent photo critiques are held on Zoom the last Wednesday of the month. The next program is about photographing gardens.

With sincere appreciation,  
Barb Jacobson  
(941) 769-1019

## MAY LUNCHEON

Our year-end meeting and luncheon will be held at Heron Creek Country Club on Tuesday, May 2.

### **IT'S A WHITE PARTY!!!**

Come dressed in white (hopefully head to toe) for a spectacular gathering to show solidarity for Lemon Bay Garden Club. (I just found a white purse at Goodwill in Venice.) What fun it will be!!

Details will appear in April, but put May 2 on your calendars now.

....Angie Erickson

## HOSTESS SIGNUP

In our calendar year we have 6 luncheons at our clubhouse. A new Hostess signup sheet will be available at our March meeting. Our Bylaws have stated that members who are able to act as hostesses should sign up once every 2 years. For the coming 2023-2024 year our club needs 30 hostesses - 5 each luncheon. As of March we have 86 members. Please sign up ladies, filling all 30 slots by the May meeting. The names are needed for the Yearbook. If you later find out that you cannot serve as planned, simply call, text, or email me. I will find a substitute. By the way, hostesses always have fun! ...Thanks for being a great volunteer!!

....Angie Erickson

## RUMMAGE SALE

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Rummage, Baked items and Plant Sale so successful! So many people put in loads of hours to make this a success. Without generous donations, tasty baked goods, and a willingness to work in all facets of this event - before, during and after - we would not have been able to have such a success.

Totals for the sales are:

Rummage and baked items totaled \$6,025

Plants totaled \$4,361.

Grand total - \$10,386

....Linda VanGuilder, Jackie Urban, Joan Tyrer, Ann Hook

## Bylaws

Bylaws are being reviewed and amended by the Bylaws committee and the Board. They will soon be appearing in your email for review and comments by membership once the committee has them firmed up.

## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee - Christine Hannula, Elaine Schweitzer and Bobbie Medal - will present the slate of nominees at the membership meeting on Monday. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members:

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<b>GUERTAL, Diane</b>	2023
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Dyguertal@gmail.com	

<b>SAVICKY, Diane</b>	2023
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<b>KLEINDIENST, Bridget</b>	2023
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Member omitted from Yearbook:

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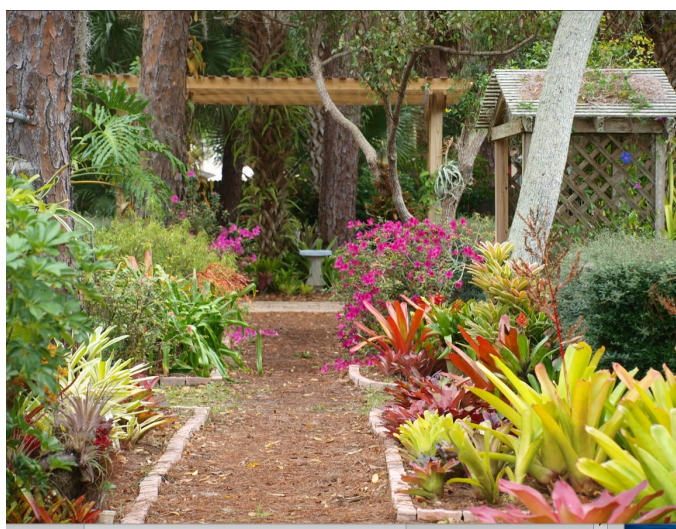



Photo courtesy of Barb Jacobson

## **S.E.E.K. - Save Earth's Environment through Knowledge**

If you've ever closely looked at our Budget items under "Service Activities," you might have wondered what SEEK is and why we contribute monies to it.

SEEK is a conference for high school students that aims to increase their literacy and appreciation for the environment. Our contribution each year helps in this endeavor.

More information is contained below.



**2023 S.E.E.K**  
Environmental Conference Sponsored by  
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: University of Florida  
When: June 11 to 14, 2023  
Cost: \$300 Inclusive  
Lodging: UF Resident Hall  
Meals: On-campus Dining

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?  
Students Entering Grades 9 – 12

*Registration Begins March 1, 2023*  
<https://ffgc.org/Youth-Programs#SEEK>

**How to Get Connected**  
With  
**The S.E.E.K. Team**

Registrar/Chairman:  
Jennifer Seymore  
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**What's New for 2023?**

The mission of SEEK is to increase student environmental literacy through hands-on and field-based educational experiences, to inspire student interest and involvement in environmental conservation and protection; and to promote student development of environmental stewardship ethics as well as environmental career opportunities.

Some of the activities planned are field excursions and experiential activities at labs around the UF Campus. Students will visit a lab to understand the Florida aquifer and visit a spring location. We are planning on adding more interactive components and interactions with wildlife this year. Wrapping up the program will be a UF Panel to discuss Environmental Science Careers and offerings at UF.

Facilities: Dorm rooms with 4 attendees per 2 rooms sharing a private bathroom. All linens must be provided by the Attendee. A "what to pack" will be sent at time of final registration acceptance. Meals and transportation to activities will be provided. Presentations will be at various locations around campus and nearby UF locations.

For more information visit <https://ffgc.org/Youth-Programs#SEEK>