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The Gabby Gardener

President's Corner



As 2024 closed out, kudos were due to our membership, both the doers and the appreciators!

We enjoyed a lovely tea brought to us by the Milkweed Circle as we learned more about Rise Yaupon Tea at the General Meeting.

We were grateful to the members who walked in the DeLand's Christmas Parade or supported us from the crowd. Our show of wings was delightful.

The Downtown Planters were replanted with help from our Circles and Members at Large. With Firecracker input our downtown has a new fresh look that helps define our city!

Programs by Jenna Workman and Maureen Miller-Calamo kept our creativity piqued.

As always there was maintenance of the grounds by the Weedettes and the Sensory Butterfly Garden faithful.

In the words of Vern McLellan, "***What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to new year.***" May 2025 bring you fresh insights, renewed energy and exciting challenges.

Marshall

Circle Around

December found all our circles celebrating the holidays. Although they are always welcome, it was so nice to see many Members at Large at the events.

Happy New Year!



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Viva Florida

Viva Florida is the landscape demonstration garden grant program of the Florida Wildflower Foundation. The program is designed to educate the public about the native plants and how they support pollinators and wildlife.

This link

<https://www.flawildflowers.org/viva-florida/> takes you to program requirements and examples of completed projects as well as resources offered. It is well worth visiting even if you aren't interested in a grant. The guidance of the Foundation plays a major role in protecting and expanding native wildflower habitats throughout Florida.

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Important Volunteer Help Wanted



We are looking for a fourth member of the Clubhouse Rental Team.

Ideal qualities are excellent people skills, positive attitude, team player, well organized, strong follow through and ability to work flexible hours as needed. Duties rotate through the team every month.

Your on-call month includes answering the phone and responding, forwarding any non-rental messages left on the phone to the appropriate person, updating the rental calendar, showing the Clubhouse and making sure the rental contract paperwork is complete and payments up to date, meeting the renter to exchange the key and then after the event inspecting the building and grounds to make sure it was left as found, and occasional troubleshooting. If there are four members of the rental team, then you are usually on-call every fourth month. Occasionally you may be called upon to help in other months if someone is away or ill.

It is the rental income that this team generates that pays sufficiently for the Clubhouse to allow us to keep the building!

GCD Classes and Gardening Opportunities

Tuesday, January 7, 1 PM, Master Gardener Plant Clinic in the DeLand Regional Library Auditorium, 130 E. Howry Ave, Topic: **Saving Our Wildlife One Yard at a Time**, Presenter: Rita Taylor

Tuesday, January 7, 2:30 PM, NO Seed Packaging, the library will restart in March at the DeLand Regional Library Auditorium, 130 E. Howry Ave, Contact

Person: Susan Ludvigh sludvigh@cfl.rr.com

Thursday, January 9, 10:30-12 at the Clubhouse, Creative Corner Origami/ **Valentines for our Sweethearts.**

Presenter: Maureen Miller-Calamo. RSVP to Maureen Miller-Calamo text to 516-445-2338

Saturday, January 11, 7:30am, Downtown Planter and Pedestal Maintenance.

Contact Persons: Margaret Gillen

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Tuesday, , January 14, 7:30am, Sensory Butterfly Garden Workday at Bill Dreggors Park (230 N.

Stone St.) Contact Person: Gail LaFayette

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Wednesday, January 15, 10:30am at the Clubhouse. Creative Corner Presenter: Jenna Workman
Container Garden - Theme: **Succulent Container Garden.** Cost \$30. (Includes \$5 donation to the Garden Club of DeLand.) Check for \$30 payable to Garden Club of DeLand. Due by Jan 8.

Contact Person: Carol Roddenberry

karolqueen@aol.com or text to 386-235-0370.

Mail payment to Carol Roddenberry, 529 N. Sans Souci Ave. DeLand 32720 (**Guests welcome**).

Tuesday, January 28, 7:30am, Sensory Butterfly Garden Workday at Bill Dreggors Park (230 N.

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Gardening for the Future