



The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc.

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President's Message

April in the Garden Club !

Hello! Spring is in the air. I hope you have had time to go in the garden and monitor the changes. I'm sure you've made a list of things that need to be done. Have you identified everything in your yard? Do you know what plants are invasive and need to be removed? Once you know what you have in your yard, do you know those plants need? Making sure you have it planted in the "right place" will help solve a lot of the plant's needs. How often does it need to be pruned, watered and fertilized? Does it have pest problems? The garden is a great place to ask a lot of questions. Make sure you bring a notepad with you when you take a walk around your yard to jot down questions or concerns or what needs to be done.

As the garden club year comes to a close, I hope you have had time to reflect on what it is that brought you to the garden club in the first place. Did you learn anything this year about gardening? About your friends? About yourself? And I seriously hope you have had time to laugh and play during this stressful last year. If not, go to YouTube and watch children laughing, that should certainly put a smile on your face. Lastly, I hope we all have grown as a garden club stronger because of our friendships and the love we all share.

Jennifer Condo

Please RSVP to Karen Hall, Milkweed President, by April 27, 2021 if you are attending the Installation of May 6th. We need a count for set up and other items. 386-736-1839 (h) khall1201@aol.com

Executive Board 2019 - 2021

President - Jennifer Condo

1st Vice President - Joyce Fisher

2nd Vice President - Valerie Seinfeld

Recording Secretary - Sara Zollinger

Corresponding Secretary - Marshall Rawson

Treasurer - Richard (Rich) Fisher

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Visit us on Facebook

Come and Support your outgoing and incoming Boards.

All Members are Welcome!

Milkweed Circle Host

May 6th Installation 10am

Bring your own Chair and Beverage.

Meet by the Gazebo, wear a Mask and Social Distance.

Outgoing Club President, Jennifer Condo will commence with the time honored traditions of her last gathering in Office.

Installation of our 2021-2023 Executive Board

President Elect: Marshall Rawson

1st VP Elect: Lisa Schnetzer

2nd VP Elect: Tammy Rhode

Record Sec. Elect: Suellen Biferie

Corr Sec Elect: Sara Zollinger

Treasurer Elect: Christina Dudley

Upcoming Programs and Events

April

FFGC Annual Convention 11-13 Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort

District VI Meeting on Zoom Tuesday 27th



CONVENTION ACTIVITIES:

Social distancing in ALL areas including, but not limited to, meals, meetings, breakouts, etc. (Meetings & meals etc. focus on social distancing and safe practices) Masks are required by attendees and staff, Masks & Antibacterial Sanitizers will be available on site. Frequent cleaning and sanitizing of all public areas including restrooms Every effort is being made by the hotel staff.

District VI Meeting Held on Zoom

April 27th

All Members are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Register for the Meeting and a link will be sent to you.

Log on early to Zoom, the Meeting starts at 10am.

FFGC - www.ffgc.org

NGC - www.gardenclub.org

Welcome New Milkweed Member

Lynda Stein lyndastein6@gmail.com

DELEGATE and what does that mean?

Whether you are attending *Convention or District VI Meetings*

EVERYONE is a MEMBER (if you are a member only you do not vote)

If you are a President or Circle President you are a DELEGATE- you may vote (you may designate another member to go in your place and they may vote at these meetings and they are called an alternate or a person can be assigned to be a delegate)

Board Member refers to FFGC Board Members or NGC Board Members, these are chairmen that serve on the State and National Boards. When signing up for District Meetings or Convention the name of our Club is “The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc.” You are a member of FFGC District VI. Our State Club is the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and there are 12 Districts. Our local Club is in District VI. Each District has a Director. Each State Club has a State President and their board, much like we do at the local level.



Renewing Our Earth

April 22, 2021



GIANT ORCHID SALE MAY 8-9, 2021

Follow them on Facebook page (Volusia County Orchid Society) for updates and and join their virtual culture group.

SHOW HOURS ARE 9AM TO 4PM BOTH DAYS

ONE OF THE LARGEST ORCHID SHOWS AND PLANT EXPOS IN FLORIDA

Being held May 8-9 , 2021 at the Hester Building, Volusia County Fair Grounds, Route 44, DeLand, Florida. Show hours are from 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$4.00. Children under 12 are free. The facility is ADA compliant.

DUE TO CDC REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA AND CITY OF DeLAND, ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE MASKS THIS SHOW WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND PURCHASE ORCHIDS, PLANTS AND RELATED ITEMS



Norma Thomas documented all of the programs on Bees presented to the Rose Circle and members of the Garden Club and was sent an FFGC Bee Certificate.

Some of the FFGC Criteria's are as follows. These are only examples. Ideas for actual criteria's are only limited by your imagination. Bee Friendly Gardening School Programs Junior Gardeners Libraries – Summertime reading programs thru storytelling Garden Club Speakers Community Organizations – Boy and Girls Scouts, after school programs Summer Camps Church organizations Photography and scrapbooking about Bees.



The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. also offers a Butterfly Sanctuary Certificate.

Butterfly Sanctuary Certificate Application A Certificate may be used to recognize an individual, school, business, or any organization that has established a garden that includes both larval and nectar plants for butterflies. NOTE: The Certificate should be printed in color on card stock paper. 1. Print the Certificate and write the name of the person or organization you wish to recognize in the blank space provided OR complete the Certificate on-line before printing. 2. Email OR mail the following information and a list of some of the plants in the garden for the record to Barb Jacobson, Chairman, Birds and Butterflies. Provide several photographs of the garden (optional). 3. Have your Club/Circle President or Butterfly Chairman present the Certificate to the recipient at a club meeting or event. The forms are found at www.ffgc.com

Invasive Plants!

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdffiles/EP/EP46700.pdf>

Did you know that the camphor tree is invasive in central Florida? How about lantana?! Yes, lantana is considered invasive unless you have a sterile variety from the University of Florida or the native *involucrata* or *Lantana depressa*. Elephant ears, Mexican petunia, asparagus fern, English ivy, sword fern, Pothos, and Sansevieria/snake plants are more common invasives that we all have in our yards now.

Do you know why invasives are so bad for the environment? Invasive plant species displace native vegetation by out-competing native species. Without the limiting factors that normally keep invasive plants under control in their native homes, such as disease, insects, fire, etc., they overwhelm existing native vegetation to form dense, single-species stands that dominate and alter the original community.

And why should you care about this?

- Florida's biodiversity is destroyed with the possibility of some native plant species being permanently eliminated.
- The animals that use those native plants for food and habitat can't make use of the invasives, which results in pressure on those native animal species.
- Recreational activities can be limited or impossible in areas overtaken with invasive exotic plants.
- It costs billions of dollars to control invasive exotic plants, and it is usually very difficult to eradicate them completely

So what can you do to help?

- Educate yourself on the common invasive species in our area. And if you happen to have any in your landscape, remove them as soon as you are able to do so.
- When buying plants, choose a nursery aware of which species are restricted, both regionally and federally. Be sure to verify the plant identification.

- Consider using plants from native plant nurseries (Florida Association of Native Nurseries). Native plants are best suited to the local microclimate and require minimal upkeep. They also help support native wildlife.
- When disposing of plants with the potential of spreading into nearby woods or waterbodies, completely dry or freeze the plants to kill them, and then add them to household garbage that will not be composted. Do not dump aquatic plants into waterways. Do not add to your compost pile.
- Learn to identify invasive non-native plants as well as native plants. Contact your FWC Invasive Plant Management Section biologist or your County Extension Agent for advice or assistance.
- Stay informed about invasive species prevention through Best Management Practices (e.g., the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation Best Management Practices Manual).
- Do not transplant plants from one waterbody to another in Florida without first consulting with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). FDACS regulates the collection of aquatic plants and noxious aquatic plants from state lands (Aquatic Plant Importation, Transportation, Non-Nursery Cultivation, Possession and Collection rule (Rule Chapter 5B-64)).
- The University of Florida has educational tools about plants, their identification, and their biology.



Joanne Milleson's Fringe Tree in Bloom

Weedettes in the Garden

April/May Gardening Tips Mulch!

Annuals: Cool season flowers are fading fast. It is time for those that like warmer weather such as ageratum, begonias, blue daze, bush daisy, cleome, coleus, gaillardia, lantana, marigolds, pentas, salvias, sunflowers, torrenia, and zinnias to name a few.



Pruning: Prune plants that bloom in late winter or spring such as azaleas, camellias, tabebuia and native plums. Early pruning gives them adequate time to mature new growth and flower again next year.



On March 8th, a very cold 44-degree morning, the Weedettes laid 30 bags of pine bark nuggets and will lay 30 more next Monday. Here are pictures from that day.



Fertilizing: Young trees, shrubs, vines, and perennials all benefit from a Spring feeding.

Weedettes: Cindy Davenport, Martha Cates,
Sharyn Marzullo, Tammy Rhode, Norma Thomas
Happy Gardening my Friends

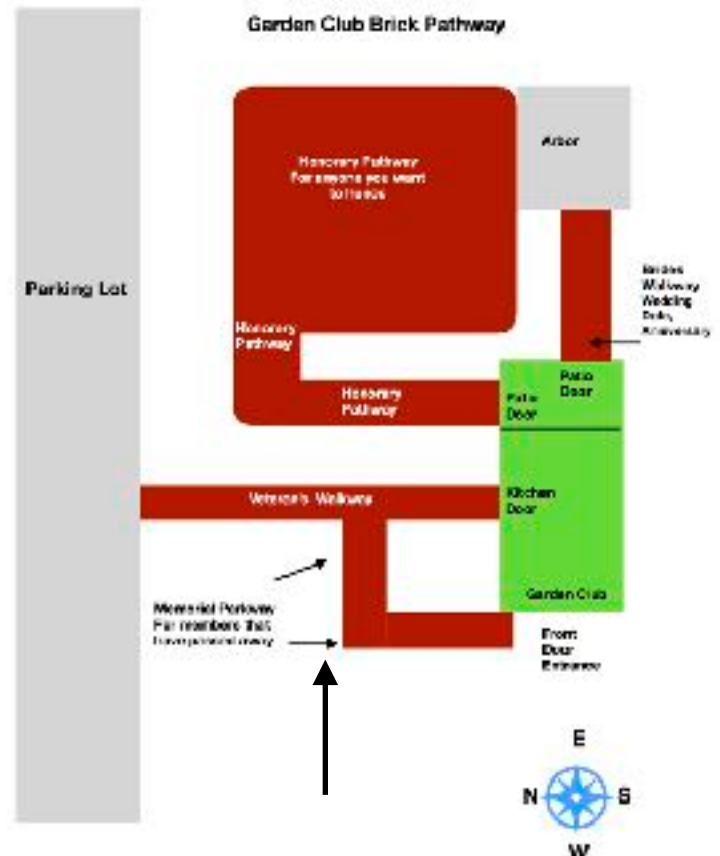


Purchase your
Brick today!

Brick Pathway Pat DeSalvo, Chair

Give the gift of love by planning to buy a brick to honor a loved one. We have planted over 170 bricks over the years. 1 brick for \$50, 2 bricks for \$90. We have the Memorial Walk (members that have traveled to the prettiest gardens). The Veterans Garden for all that have served in the Military. The Honorary Garden for anyone or anything. Our latest Walk - the Bridal Walk. This is for our members to remember their special day OR for any of our many brides. Please make check payable to Garden Club of DeLand and mail to the attention of Brick Chair, P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL 32724-6947

To download Brick Form or see the Map of each Brick Walkway area visit www.gardenclubofdeland.org



There is a Brick Pathway Map on the Garden Club of DeLand website.

Wildflower Festival "Big Hit!"

Expense: \$346.50 Purchase of 200 Caladium bulbs and booth expense and petty cash

Monies Raised: \$560, profit \$213.50

Number of people interested in joining, 33. List to be turned over to membership committee.

Thank you to the membership/sales team and the setup and breakdown team. Cindy Davenport, Eve Sckolnik, Sharyn Marzullo, Martha Cates, Nancy Rocks, Norma Thomas, Charlotte Centilli, Jim "Thorn" Vanover and Tammy Rhode. Booth layout by Tammy Rhode.

Norma Thomas

