



Gabby Gardener

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Upcoming Programs and Events 2019

December	Sensory Garden Blue Sage
December 5	General Meeting
December 5	FFGC Awards Judged
December 7	Downtown Planting
December 11	Fun with Flowers
2020	2020
January	Sensory Garden Pansy
January 2	General Meeting
January 8-9	FFGC Winter 2020 Board Meeting
January 10	Governing Board Meeting
January 17	Florida Arbor Day Celebration
January 22-23	Tropical Short Course
February	Sensory Garden Marigold
February 3-4	NGC Gardening School Course 2
February 6	General Meeting
March	Sensory Garden Rose
March 5	General Meeting
March 11	Governing Board Meeting
March 28	Wildflower Festival
April	Sensory Garden - Sparkleberry
April 2	General Meeting
April 5	Pageant of Crosses
April 13-16	Deep South 2020 Convention
April 16-19	FFGC 2020 Convention
May	Sensory Garden Daisy
May 2	General Meeting

President's Message

'Learn, Play, Grow' is the theme I chose for my administration. And learn we did! Our Garden Club hosted a NGC Gardening School Course 1 on Nov 4 & 5 at the clubhouse. We had 43 students attend and 24 were members of our GC! I could not have done it if it were not for the many hands that made for light work. Thank you for helping! And we had fun and had great food. Our Plant Donation Sale was a success. Thank you for your plant donations. We had members of other clubs attend and members of the General Public attend. Those that were not members of our Club remarked about our Garden Center Grounds and how friendly we were as Club. I hope to see you for Course 2 on February 3 & 4, 2020.

Looking forward to the New Year with our NGC Gardening School Course 2, Florida Arbor Day Celebration, Wild Flower Festival and Pageant of Crosses. 2020 is going to be Fun!

May your Holidays bring you, your family and friends great joy and happiness.
Jennifer Condo



January 2 General Meeting Sparkleberry
6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Meeting
"Fertilize Appropriately"

Speaker: Speaker: Megan Martin, "Be Floridian Now" Coordinator and the Green Volusia Associate. An educator at the Lyonia Environmental Center, she is passionate about Florida's native ecosystems and environment.

Message from Gabby

The Season of Light is a time of Love and Hope. May your lives be enriched by loved ones and friends. May we always remember those in need year round. Be Present and a Present to those around you. Peace and Joy throughout the year.
With a Grateful Heart, Gabby

Governing Board Meeting

January 10, 2020 9am

**From the Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand
Holiday Greetings!**

Your Governing Board consists of the elected Executive Board (Officers), elected Circle Presidents Plus one Circle Member, all of the appointed Standing Chairmen. The above members are delegates and represent you by voting and informing their circles of all the business of the Club.

New Dues for 2020-2021 will be \$47.00 plus your Circle Dues.

**Executive Board of the Garden Club of DeLand
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

**Circle Presidents
2019- 2021**

Blue Sage - Ruth Moorman

Daisy - Valerie Seinfeld

Firecracker - Dr. Carol Grigas

Magnolia - Marcia Baker

Marigold - Marshall Rawson

Milkweed - Karen Hall

Pansy - Sally Bohon & Fran Strawn

Rose - Carol Roddenberry

Sparkleberry - Eve Sckolnik



Fun with Flowers creating Cornucopias



**“Christmas Cheer”
Wed. Dec 11th**

2 workshops 10 am - noon & 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 5th
Holiday Cheer for your home.

Janis L. Williams, Registrar - janis.l.williams@gmail.com
Checks payable to: Garden Club of DeLand
\$25 Members / \$30 Non-members
updated cost - from the published 2019-2020 yearbook

**“Fun with Flowers”
Suzanne Locke, chair
386-748-1209 (c)**



**2020 FUN with Flowers
Tuesday, February 11th at 4:30PM**
Come create a “LOVE”ly heartfelt design
for yourself or a loved one
Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 6th

Mail to our P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL
32724-6947 or give to Registrar: Janis Williams
Payment MUST be received by the deadline.
Sorry, No Walk ins.

“Diversity in the Garden”



**Weedettes
wish you a
Merry
Christmas and
a Happy New
Year**

Downtown DeLand Container Gardens Community Beautification Project

December 7, 2019

Old plants will be taken out by the City sometime that first week of December. Select Growers will deliver the plants by noon on Friday, Dec. 6. Taffy, Norma and I will then sort into trays for each intersection or area that you are assigned.

Pick up of plants will be Friday, December 6 after 3:30pm. Planting can begin as early at 7:30am Saturday, December 7, 2019 Please every circle send a representative to pick up your plants.

We ask all Circles and their members, if you are at the nighttime Christmas Parade, Dec. 7 watch for debris in the planters. Julia and I will try to walk the street on Sunday, Dec. 8th to check that nothing has been vandalized. Thanks for all your support. Every one enjoys the beauty the Garden Club spreads.
Julia Newmann and Margaret Gillen

NGC Gardening School Course 2

Monday - Tuesday
February 3 - 4, 2020 9 AM – 4 PM
Deadline for Registration
January 30, 2020

*See your Circle President for the Gardening School Brochure

New Rental Phone Number is the same as the Garden Club Phone (386) 624-6960. Remember as a member you receive a 50% saving on the rental of the Clubhouse.
Email: rentalsgardenclubofdeland@gmail.com

Facebook and Website

Thank you for your contributions & participation!
Visit YOUR Website www.gardenclubofdeland.org



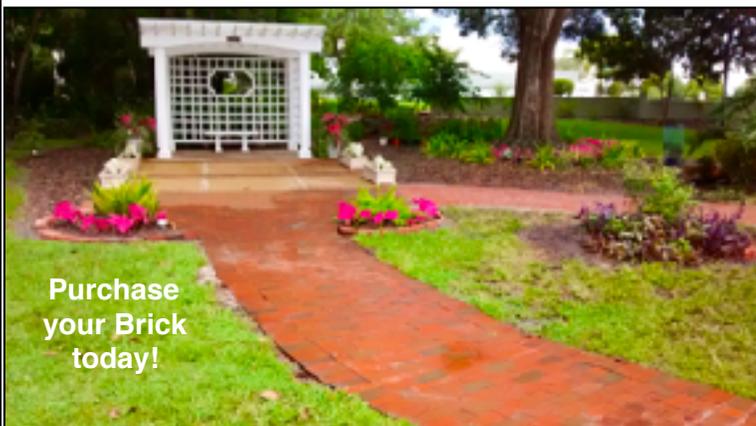
**Brick Pathway
Pat DeSalvo, Chair**



**Remember members and loved ones during
the holidays and during December, with a
special Garden Club Path Brick**

We have planted 166 bricks over the years. 1 brick for \$50 2 for \$90. We have the Memorial Walk (members that have travelled to the prettiest gardens). The Veterans Garden for all who have served in the Military. The Honorary Garden for anyone or anything. And our latest Walk – the Bridal Walk. This is for our members to remember their special day OR any of our many brides.

Please make the check to Garden Club of DeLand and mail to: Attention: Brick Chair, P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL 32724-6947 To download Brick Form visit www.gardenclubofdeland.org



**Purchase
your Brick
today!**

Garden of the Month

Erin Miceli , Chair

National Garden Club, Inc.

Mission Statement

“National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources, and national networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility.”

The Garden Club of DeLand supports the above mission by bringing to the forefront outstanding gardens in DeLand, FL. area and awarding the “Garden of the Month” to deserving homeowners. Educating our members on the month-to-month care of their own gardens. To see more pictures visit our website www.gardenclubofdeland.org

A Historic Home Revives A Modern Garden Update

The final Garden of the month award for 2019 goes to Ms. Stacie Jones. Presented by the Garden Club of DeLand, Jones's garden was chosen after a recent update was completed in the front yard. The Mediterranean revival style home located at 721 N. Arlington Ave. was designed by noteworthy architect Gouverneur Medwin Peek. Peek additionally designed many landmark structures in DeLand. This building was completed in 1926.

Jones purchased the home in 2013, and since that time has made great strides in improving the landscape aesthetic appeal. Though the grounds had been maintained throughout the years, they lacked in botanical interest. Turf grass,

ligustrum hedges, and azaleas, standard plant choices in Central Florida since the 1950's, left Stacie underwhelmed. Last year she began some major upgrades, starting with the back yard. “I wanted to update my yard by planting native plants to reduce the overall space taken up by a lawn and bring in more hummingbirds and butterflies.”, said Jones of her garden goals. A monoculture of turf grass was removed to add a stone fire pit, and a matching raised herb planter. A wooden pergola was constructed, as well as another unique raised planter with a trellised backing. The planter was filled with edible plants, including a variety of herbs, fruits, and edible flowers. The trellis was quickly covered by native passion vine, edible for humans and a larval host plant for both gulf fritillary and zebra longwing caterpillars. Great care was taken in the selection of plants on account of Stacie's beloved Weimaraners, Skye and Blitz. The to-be-installed plants were cross checked against their allergen list as well as toxicity for canines. The duo ultimately destroyed Jones's new bromeliads, presumably in their excitement over their beautiful new backyard habitat, a small loss compared to the overall garden success. The front yard update was completed in autumn of this year with the assistance of landscape architect David Schroeder, Evolving Landscapes LLC., and friends.

Pollinator attracting beds are situated to the north and south. The South end containing a hot "Fire Garden", with red tubular flowers to attract Ruby throated hummingbirds in the summer months. Fire

bush, fire spike, and firecracker plants add color and thematic intrigue. Cobalt blue glazed planters near the entrance add a modern, polished look while still coordinating with the Mediterranean style of the

home. Coquina stone boulders were expertly arranged to create a terraced garden bed on the incline facing westward. Neighbors and passers by can look forward to seeing this lovely new landscape mature over the coming years. Congratulations and thanks to Ms. Jones for improving and beautifying her corner of DeLand. Other Delandites may find they have a hard time "Keeping up with Jones' " garden.



Begin the conversation with your Circles for 2020 Donations for:

Wekiva
SEEK
Habitat for Humanity
FFGC Scholarship College Fund
Penny Pines

Please make out one check from your Circle, provide a list of amounts for each designation of funds.

Example: Check for \$268.00

Wekiva - \$50.00
SEEK - \$50.00
Habitat for Humanity - \$50.00
FFGC Scholarship - \$50.00
Penny Pines - \$68.00

Make out Check and Mail the check to:

The Garden Club of DeLand
P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL 32724-6947
Or hand to Rich Fisher, Treasurer at January Meeting

FFGC Scholarships-

Scholarships are for those students attending Florida Colleges and Universities in these areas: Applicant must be planning a career related to gardening, landscape design, environmental issues, floral design or horticulture.

FFGC College Scholarships (\$3,000)

Available to seniors entering college and for all levels of college coursework. Must attend a Florida college/university. **Course of study must meet garden club objectives.** Several scholarships available; one per student Completed application deadline is May 1
Contact: Helen Purvis

Your Donations make it possible for Students to attend College. One of Members' son won the FFGC and NGC Scholarship Award. You do make a difference.

Habitat for Humanity- Suellen Biferie, Chair
We donate to have this money used locally.

In May 1999, a partnership was formed between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity. HFH's mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the face of the earth. NGC's goal is to encourage local garden clubs to share their expertise in gardening and landscaping with the owners of Habitat homes. In some cases, local businesses will provide materials to encourage beautification of the properties. In a recent example, the Florida Federation of Garden Club members successfully had graduates of NGC Schools teach a landscaping maintenance seminar to 18 new Habitat for Humanity homeowners. Ames tools, an NGC corporate partner, provided a hose and hose reel for each homeowner. Habitat for Humanity Garden's philosophy is that no commitment, physical or monetary, is too small. All endeavors and contributions will be gratefully acknowledged.

Penny Pines

Saving Forests \$68 At A Time

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our national and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting replacement trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. You may designate a specific state you wish to have benefit from this contribution.

Under a conservation agreement, the forest service will do the planting, using your donation together with federal funds, and will provide to the plantation the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. The plantations are a part of the regular national forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the supervisor of each national forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

SEEK: Students entering 9th - 12th Grade see page 7 Allison Zacharias , Chair

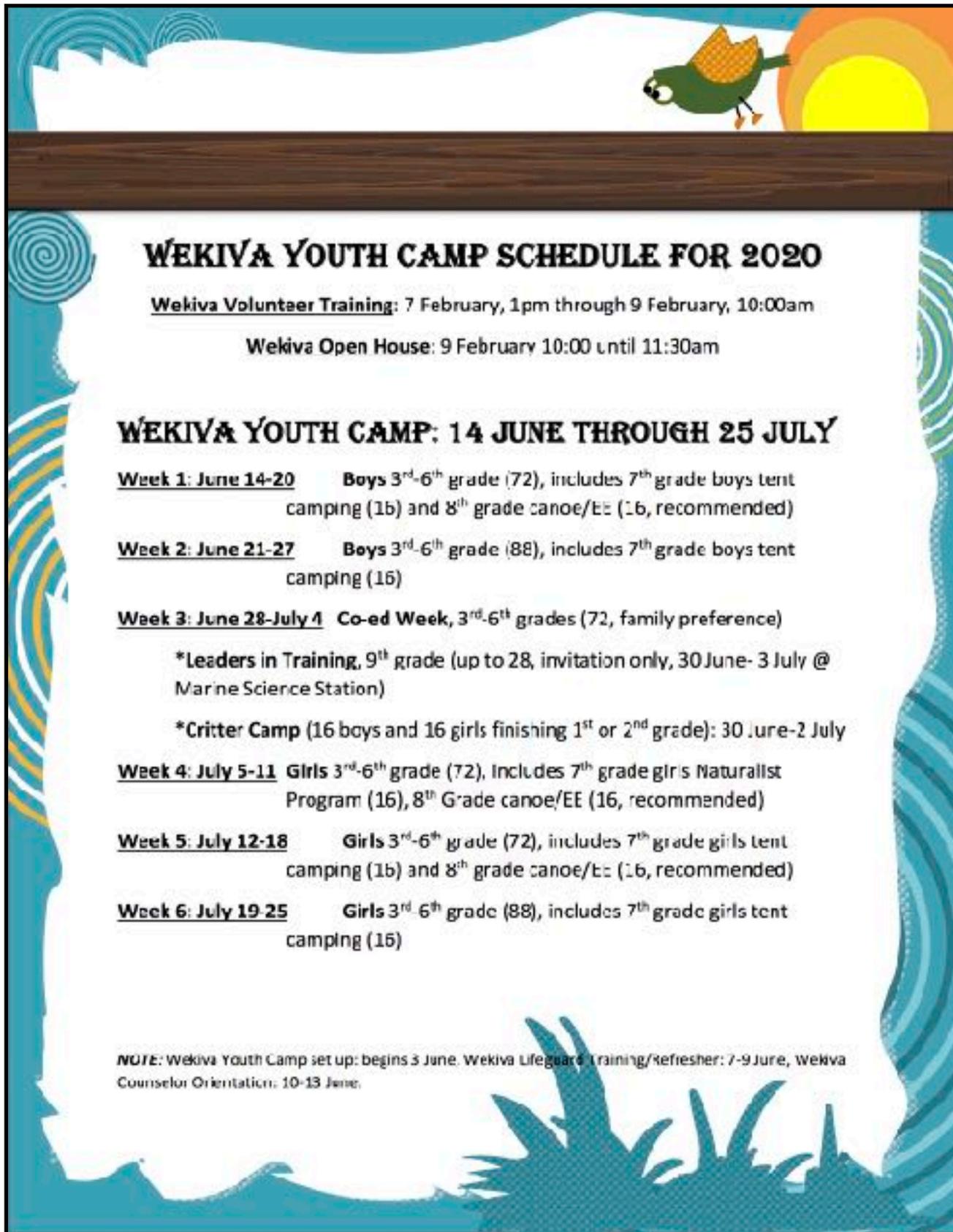
Wekiva Youth Camp Grades 3-8
Registration begins January 2, 2020
Allison Zacharias, Chair

Our Donations provide Scholarship for Children going to Wekiva. If you know of a child that would like to go Contact Allison Zacharias. The Wekiva Youth Camp is an environmental education program begun in 1959 as a Junior Nature Camp where garden club volunteers helped to instill a love, concern, and desire to protect the flora and fauna of our beautiful state of Florida.

Camper fees paid to Wekiva Youth Camp are insufficient to cover the expenses of offering this program. Your generous financial support are the backbones for maintaining the WYC property. Donations to support camp programs, supplies and projects are greatly appreciated! If a donation is for a specific purpose, please indicate so when sending your donation.

Critter Camp currently attending 1st or 2nd Grade.
Visit <http://www.wekivayouthcamp.org/> for all the information.

Would you like to Volunteer to help at Wekiva Your Camp- Attend the Training? If you would like to just go to the Open House and see what our donations go to get a group together and see the Camp FFGC built. We provide Scholarship for Children to attend. Online Registration begins January 2, 2020. Allison Zacharias, Chair



WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP SCHEDULE FOR 2020

Wekiva Volunteer Training: 7 February, 1pm through 9 February, 10:00am

Wekiva Open House: 9 February 10:00 until 11:30am

WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP: 14 JUNE THROUGH 25 JULY

Week 1: June 14-20 Boys 3rd-6th grade (72), includes 7th grade boys tent camping (16) and 8th grade canoe/EE (16, recommended)

Week 2: June 21-27 Boys 3rd-6th grade (88), includes 7th grade boys tent camping (16)

Week 3: June 28-July 4 Co-ed Week, 3rd-6th grades (72, family preference)

*Leaders in Training, 9th grade (up to 28, invitation only, 30 June- 3 July @ Marine Science Station)

*Critter Camp (16 boys and 16 girls finishing 1st or 2nd grade): 30 June-2 July

Week 4: July 5-11 Girls 3rd-6th grade (72), Includes 7th grade girls Naturalist Program (16), 8th Grade canoe/EE (16, recommended)

Week 5: July 12-18 Girls 3rd-6th grade (72), includes 7th grade girls tent camping (16) and 8th grade canoe/EE (16, recommended)

Week 6: July 19-25 Girls 3rd-6th grade (88), includes 7th grade girls tent camping (16)

NOTE: Wekiva Youth Camp set up: begins 3 June. Wekiva Lifeguards Training/Refresher: 7-9 June, Wekiva Counselor Orientation: 10-13 June.

Do you know a Student that would like to hear more information about the SEEK Conference? The Garden Club of DeLand provides scholarships! Registration begins January 1, 2020
Contact Allison Zacharias



2020 S.E.E.K

Environmental Conference Sponsored by
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: University of Florida

When: June 15 – 18, 2020

Cost: \$300 Inclusive

Lodging: Hume Resident Hall

Meals: Planned for Healthy Options

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?

Students Entering Grades 10 – 12

Registration Begins January 1, 2020

<https://ffgc.org/Youth-Programs#SEEK>

How to Get Connected

With

The S.E.E.K Team

Registrar/ Treasurer:

Carol Wood 813-235-3917
(carolwood@outlook.com)

Chairman:

Mary Whisler 352-212-6661
(Mary.whisler66@gmail.com)

What's New for 2020?

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.

The field excursions and experiential activities focus on basic impacts at the local, regional and global level. Special emphasis is directed towards instilling a higher level of scientific literacy and an environmental stewardship that can be spread to the student's communities. Attendees will be visiting environmental labs both on campus and campus locations nearby. Field trip to Blue Springs is planned. The agenda is in the planning stage by UF Staff. Updates will be available by January 1, 2020. Environmental career paths will be discussed.

Facilities: Dorm rooms with 4 attendees per 2 rooms sharing a private bathroom. All linens must be provided by the Attendee. Meals and transportation to labs 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>