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President's Message

Hello Garden Club Members!

A huge thank you goes to Lisa Schnetzer for guiding us at the treasure sale. Lisa always makes things better with her creativity, imagination, and inspiration. I also want to thank everyone for bringing in donated items for us to sell. Thank you to the 46 members that worked on pricing and organizing a lot of items and getting everything ready for the sale. The numerous members that went shopping to support our garden club. I was so impressed on the day of the sale to see so many members and their spouses who came out to help us set up. We had everything ready to go by 7:30! We were successful in selling everything! Well, almost everything. We did make a trip to the Neighborhood Center for the remaining items, but we were able to clear out our storage rooms. The closet ceilings will hopefully be installed by now and I hope you have the chance to check it out. It was really great to see so many of you in person. I didn't realize how much I missed you until I saw you again.

NGC Gardening School was well attended in November and I encourage you to sign up for Course 4, even if you haven't taken the previous ones offered. You can take these courses in any order.

I hope you have a safe holiday season!
Jennifer Condo



Happy Holidays!

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Upcoming Programs and Events

December

Wreath Pick up 8
Hanukkah 10-18
Christmas 25

January 2021

Happy New Year January 1
Garden Club Meeting 3
Nominating Committee to be formed
NGC Gardening Study Course 4 1/26-27, 2021
Florida Arbor Day- we will planting 3 trees

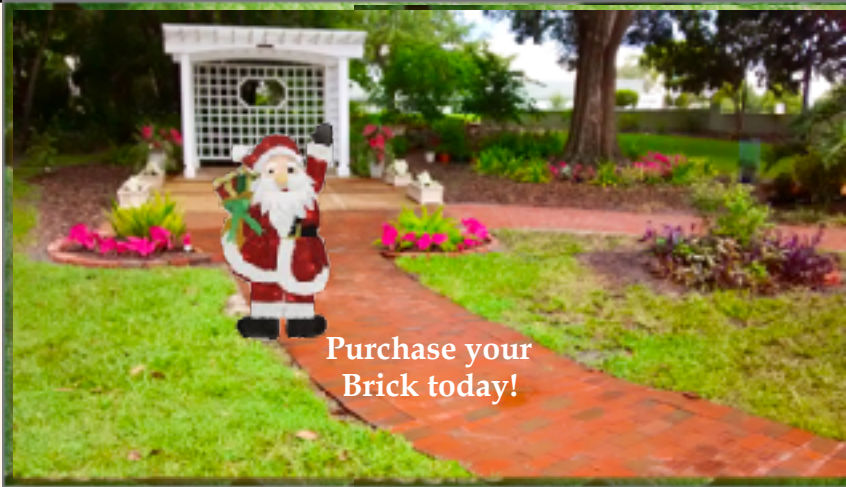
April

FFGC Convention 12-14

January 7, 2021 Meeting - Happy New Year

6 pm-7:30 pm

Speaker: Tom Scotti, Ahopha Wildlife Rescue
"Central Florida's Wildlife and the Perils They Face"
Host Circle: Firecrackers



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

NGC Gardening School on Zoom
Course Chairman: Jennifer Condo

Tuesday - Wednesday January 26 - 27, 2021

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Deadline January 18, 2021

Course 4 Highlights

PLANT CLASSIFICATION AND NOMENCLATURE

- A. Overview of all studied plants
- B. Binomial nomenclature
- C. Important flowering/foliage plant groups

OUTDOOR IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTS

- A. Plant families - Characteristics - Local/regional choices
- B. Key/glossary and identification of plants (hand lens required)

SPECIALIZED STYLES OF GARDENING

- A. Sun/shade gardening
- B. Greenhouse
- C. Organic
- D. Rock gardens/alpine gardens
- E. Hot beds and cold frames
- F. Hydroponics and aquaponics
- G. Other styles

TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING WOODY

ORNAMENTALS

- A. Plant selection and environmental factors
 - B. When and how to plant
 - C. Training and pruning
 - D. Specific problems and solutions
- PRUNING TECHNIQUES**
- A. Overview of proper equipment/tools/training
 - B. Trees and shrubs
 - C. Perennials and annuals
 - D. Any other – specific plant group
 - E. Demonstration

SUPPLEMENTAL SUBJECT Study of specific local plant group

Required Reading "The National Gardener" Magazine

Find at <https://gardenclub.org/nationalgardener-online>

Optional Reading "Botany for Gardeners" By Brian Capon

Open to Everyone!

Gardening School courses are open to everyone, regardless of National Garden Club, Inc. membership. Each of the 4 courses has an optional exam. *NGC members wishing to apply to be NGC Gardening Consultants must take all four courses and pass each exam. Non-members fulfilling the above requirements may apply to be Consultants upon joining an NGC affiliated club within one calendar year of the completion date of the 4th course.



Christmas 2020 Inspiration

This year offers an opportunity to rethink many of our long-standing Christmas traditions. Naturally, we share a strong desire to continue those familiar traditions that we've grown to know & love. However, this is the year to create new approaches to celebrate, based on our pandemic circumstances. The goal is to make Christmas 2020 not only a remarkable, but a spiritual, holiday season.

Many people would say it has been a "blue" year, so why not have a "blue" Christmas & focus on those who might truly be struggling as a result of our conditions. You will be surprised that reaching out to bring joy to others will return multitudes of blessings to you. Praying your holiday celebrations will be holy & memorable.

Susan Bauerle - Inspiration Chair





Italian Lemon Drop Cookies or Anginetti, Anginetti means egg biscuits or egg cookies, and they aren't called egg cookies because of the eggs in the dough but because they puff up in the oven and their shape looks a bit like an egg, especially when glazed with white lemon icing.

Serves: 24

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 stick butter, softened
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Mix flour, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Set aside.
 3. Cream together sugar and butter. Add eggs and lemon extract and beat well. Add flour mixture, mix well until smooth texture. (dough will be a bit sticky) If dough seems light colored, add a drop or 2 of yellow food coloring. Chill dough until firm.
 4. With a small cookie scoop, drop dough onto a slightly greased cookie sheet, spacing them about 2-inches apart.
 5. Bake for about 12-15 minutes, or until firm and lightly brown.
 6. Remove cookies from cookie sheet and allow to cool completely.
 7. Combine the Icing ingredients in a bowl until just smooth. You want it more thick than thin, but still runny.
 8. Dip the tops of the cooled cookies into the glaze, then return to the wire rack, allowing the glaze to drip down the sides of the cookie.
 9. Top with sprinkles or a little lemon zest, while glaze is still wet.
- Store in an airtight container.
 * If you want to freeze the cookies, freeze unfrosted and frost once thawed.



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Fundraiser - Make it! Rake It! Bake It!

Former Pansy Circle president, Sally Bohon created a handwritten and illustrated activity booklet filled with gardening and kitchen projects for the young gardener. Sally wanted to teach the next generation about growing things. This booklet has ample opportunities for you and the young gardener to perform many hands-on activities to create and to cook foods with your harvests. You have an excellent opportunity to share in the wonder of this booklet with your children or grandchildren. Please support the Garden Club of DeLand in this fundraiser with your purchase of the **Make It, Rake It, Bake It** activity booklet with a suggested donation of \$10. We can mail it to you for an additional \$5 shipping and handling fee. Contact your Circle President for ordering details. Great gift for the Holidays!



Mark Your Calendars now!

94th Annual Convention April; 12-14, 2021
Our District VI is Hosting this Convention

Members for our Club are chairing specific areas of the Convention:
 Jennifer Condo, Karen Hall and Valerie Seinfeld
 Get involved

- Remember to send in Opportunity Drawing tickets checks
- Raffle Baskets
- Register to Attend- so close to attend this Convention, gather a group to go over for the day or share a room.
- Read you Winter edition of the *Florida Gardener*
- All Convention information is available at www.ffgc.org



Weedettes Report by Norma Thomas

10.12.20 Fertilized all shrubs, roses, small trees, and palms with one hundred pounds of 8.0.10. The irises and foxtails were given their fall trim. They look fantastic. It is labor intensive to trim them properly but well worth it. All Little Rubies got their final trim. The cassias are in bud, a little slow to bloom this year. Hawthorn trees in back beds are in bloom.

Tammy painted the parking lot bumpers! There is now blue handicap parking designation on either side of the walkways. She will get decals to put on them to show that the blue is for handicap parking. Tammy then took our chandelier home and spray painted the silver to black and rehung it in the arbor. We put false bromeliads in the pots of the lamps. It looks fantastic. Thank you Tammy.

All 4-inch pots of coleus were planted on the grounds as well as all the Cuban oregano. Brick edging was lifted and reset around the arbor beds.

10.19.20 We did a bunch of stuff today. Anita stopped by to say hello and walk the grounds.

Because of events last week, a theft of equipment from our yardman's vehicle and me being approached by a homeless gentleman while on the property alone; we all tried to stay close to each other while doing gardening chores. Although, we did not hear Tammy yelp when a frog jumped on her, the thing is, we can't hear as well as we use to and our memory is just shy of scary.

We pulled weeds, used the scuffle hoe, moved the schefflera pot, moved all the cassias back to the front of the holding bay and labeled them. A few more herbs were planted in the herb bed and we laid 3 bales of pine needles around the arbor's patio.

We noticed that our plants were bone dry here and there. Come to find out, the sprinkler had been turned off again. October and November begin our turn into fall. We mostly see it by the shortening of the days and not by a break in the heat. Caladiums and gingers will head into a decline.

Annuals: plant ageratum, calendula, dianthus, dusty miller, geraniums, petunias and snapdragons. Hold off till December to plant violas and pansies.

Herbs: start adding anise, basil, borage, chives, coriander, dill, fennel oregano, sage, thyme, and nasturtiums.

A big thank you to Peggy Watts for the donation of two large pots of begonias- lily pad and odorata.

10.26.20 The weedy area on the south side of the paver walk leading to the kitchen is now covered with landscape cloth and one yard of pine bark. In January, Arbor Day, we will plant a large 3 stemmed Natchez crape myrtle to match the one at the end of the azalea bed.

The ficus pumila, creeping fig was pulled out of the amaryllis bed. The orange dresser at the front door was cleaned and coated with polyurethane. It has about one more year of life before the elements take their toll.

Plants were received and pots given out to those that requested them for the Plant Sale.

Zeta is coming over the Yucatan and unfortunately preparing to head to Louisiana as a Cat 1.

11.01.20 Chilly, windy, absolutely delightful! The two large pots of begonias were planted behind the arbor and the queen's tears bromeliad replanted. The bromeliads came from Karen Hall's Mercer Fernery home.

The container arrived for the dedication to the Chairs of the Downtown Plantings. Holes were drilled in the bottom, thank you Sharyn and Tammy. Broken roof tile went in the bottom and it is filled with soil and black cow. We set it so that it will be seen when walking from the parking lot to the arbor. Landscape cloth was laid and pinned and a bale of pine needles will go down in a day or two. I understand that the downtown small containers will have a bluish petunias for the winter season.

We shifted plant sale plants to get ready for Saturday's treasure sale. Weedettes will head back in on Thursday to lay out and price plants.

11.09.20 Weedettes took the day off.

11.11.20 Eta is running along the West Coast coming in above Tampa and cutting through the state heading north of St. Augustine. Rains finally hit us around 5:00 pm.

2020 has indeed been a trying year but our merry little band of Weedettes wish everyone a Blessed Holiday Season.



Blooming Flowers Bring Joy to Any Holiday

Adding a garden of red and white flowers is always beautiful this time of year. Red, white, candy cane petunias, dusty millers, landscape poinsettias, ornamental cabbage can be festive.

Flower Arrangements are also beautiful inside the home. Grocery store flowers are readily available and waiting for you to create your festive design. Choose longer lasting flowers, carnations in red and white, Alstroemeria and baby's breath or Gypsophila. Freedom roses are red and without scent, they last for quite a while. White Mums, holly clippings and combine with a little festive holiday pick and bow. You can order fresh flowers that are great accents like Bells of Ireland, hypericum berries in green or red. Select Growers can provide foliage if you are lacking this component from your garden.

Container ideas: Holiday mug, Santa Boot, holiday decorated bowl. Use tossed pine branches from your local Christmas tree lot to add a little cheer. The pine branch can be your line and heighten the design and as a filler for the design.



Try using fresh cranberries in your clear containers. Here is a fun recipe, clear container, bottom layer -fake snow beads from Dollar Tree, next layer-fresh cranberries and to top it off spring of pine and a little ornament. Don't forget Pine Cones!

Nothing wrong with using dried plant material such as dried Agapanthus stem that can be painted any color and sprinkle with iridescent glitter to like frosty. Color *Design Master Spray Paint* has metallic Gold, Silver and Copper, you can spray it on fresh or dried plant material.

Spraying half a leaf looks dramatic. Use your 40% off coupon at Michaels to pick up can of Design Master paint.

Whether you are using cut foliage and flowers from your garden these are steps that can keep your flower arrangement fresh indoors. Start from the time of cutting, carry a clean bucket of water, cut Stem on an angle and place in water immediately. Bringing flowers home from the store. Use the preservative packet if you have one, cut stems on an angle and place in lukewarm water and out of a draft of the AC. Let these flowers hydrate for the next 12 hours, use a fresh cut when placing in the arrangement. Foliage can be submerged in water, yes even ferns, use a fresh cut when you begin to place in arrangement.

I wish you all Peace, Joy and Love
during this Season of Light!

Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Happy Hanukkah,
Chag Urim Sameach and Happy Kwanzaa.

Valerie Seinfeld



Ruth Moorman and Nancy Schlapper celebrate with Alice Barlow on her 90th birthday. Alice and her family appreciate all the birthday cards she received from the garden club members.

Beautifying DeLand One Seed at a Time



Honoring Chairs Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

As you stroll in our Clubhouse' Gardens you will notice a new edition.

This Container Garden will be planted the same way we plant our Downtown Planters in honor of our Past and Current Chairs.

Honoring Chairs Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

- Barbara Stockhouser
- Joan Thompson
- Lucy Lombardi
- Dianna Bitler
- Jennifer Stone
- Margaret Gillen
- Julia Neuman