



# The Gabby Gardener



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## President's Corner

DeLand holidays always begin with the arrival of the giant toy soldiers downtown and lots of seasonal activities.

Garden Club checklist for the Holidays:

- Order wreaths (50% to GCD!).
- Support December 2nd. Christmas Parade by walking with the other Garden Club members or cheering loudly in the crowd.
- Attend the General Meeting on December 7th, to hear Wild Birds Unlimited talk about "Backyard Birds and Feeding Tips" and do a little holiday shopping
- Help with the replanting of the downtown planters on December 9th.
- RSVP for Circle celebrations.
- Sign up for special committee activities, such as Origami (12/14) and Fun with Flowers (12/20).

Although not in the holiday spirit category, I would be remiss to not mention that your Executive Board is working on assessing and prioritizing clubhouse needs. We are seeing an increasing number of aging infrastructure signs. The recent flooding in the bathrooms was caused by copper piping failure - it's amazing how much water can escape through pinhole leaks (5,000 gallons!). Pricing by responsive RJ Carter Plumbing, Inc. was based on the owner's respect for GCD's work in the community. Fortunately, the power outage was again a problem at Duke Energy's transformer.

Our goal is a long-range plan that fits our budget constraints. Or maybe we should all wish for a pot of gold in the Clubhouse's stocking?

*I hope your holidays are joyous, full of family and friends and safe travels!*

*Marshall*

## Circle Around

It has been another busy month for our Circles. November kicked off with Monarch Magic showcasing our work at the Sensory Butterfly Garden and pollinators. Every circle participated in this family festival. Thank you to all who gave generously of their time, especially the Milkweed Circle.

- **Firecrackers** enjoyed Erin Miceli's talk on "Native Pollinator Gardening."
- **Magnolias** were scheduled to go on a field trip to Peddler's Wagon and Yard Stop Nursery.
- **Marigolds'** field trip to the Arboretum Nursery in Ormond Beach was rained out.
- **Milkweeds** heard Tammy Jacques speak on "The Healing Properties of Plants."
- **Roses** went to Vo-LaSalle Farm as both a follow up to Steve Crump's presentation to the GC and their Farm to Table theme.
- **Wild Coffees** heard Sarah Garcia, Coordinator, from the Ormond Beach Environmental Discovery Center talk about her work there.



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### Events to come!

- Saturday, December 2, 6 PM, **DeLand Christmas Parade**, Line-up at 5:45, Contact Person: Erin Miceli Text 386-624-8139, Email [orangeblossomerin@gmail.com](mailto:orangeblossomerin@gmail.com)
- Tuesday, December 5, **Master Gardener Plant Clinic** (1-2:30) Topic: Camellias.
- Friday, December 8, 12 - 1. **Plant Pick-up** for Downtown Beautification at the DeLand Water Works Facility. Contact Person: Margaret Gillen: [mgillen@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgillen@cfl.rr.com)
- Saturday, December 9, 7:30 AM, **Downtown Planters and Pedestals REPLANTING**, Contact Persons: Margaret Gillen [mgillen@cfl.rr.com](mailto:mgillen@cfl.rr.com) and Julia Neumann [julianeumann2@proton.me](mailto:julianeumann2@proton.me)
- Thursday, December 14, 1 - 2:30, **Creative Corner Origami Class**, Presenter: Maureen Miller-Calamo, Contact Person: Maureen Miller-Calamo, Text 516-445-2338 or Email [mocalamo@aol.com](mailto:mocalamo@aol.com)
- Thursday, December 20, 10:30 - 12:30, **Creative Corner Fun with Flowers**: Presenter Suzanne Locke. Theme: Holiday Centerpiece Contact Person: Carol Roddenberry Text 386-235-0370 or Email [karolqueen@aol.com](mailto:karolqueen@aol.com)
- Thursday, December 21, 1 PM, GCD Book Club: **Christmas Party**. Contact Persons: Cindy D. [cindy@davenportmail.com](mailto:cindy@davenportmail.com) or Sara Z. [sarazollinger@att.net](mailto:sarazollinger@att.net)

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