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Upcoming Programs and Events

2020

February	Sensory Garden Marigold
February 3-4	NGC Gardening School Course 2
February 6	General Meeting Daisy
February 7	Rose Fundraiser 5:30pm
February 24	Fun with Flowers
March	Sensory Garden Rose
March 3	Butterfly Seminar
March 3	Pageant of Crosses Design Class
March 5	General Meeting Milkweed
March 7	Downtown Planters Maintenance
March 11	Governing Board Meeting
March 28	Wildflower Festival
April	Sensory Garden - Sparkleberry
April 2	General Meeting Firecracker
April 5	Pageant of Crosses
April 13-16	Deep South 2020 Convention
April 16-19	FFGC 2020 Convention
May	Sensory Garden Daisy
May 7	General Meeting Pansy

March 5, 2020 9:30am

"Reduce Stormwater Runoff"

Speaker: Jennifer Mitchell, PhD with the Office of Communications, St. Johns River Water Management District

Milkweed Circle Host

New Ways and Means Chair

Please bring your slightly used items to the Garden Club for our Ways and Means. Cecelia is planning a sale open to the public as a fundraiser in the near future. Any questions contact:

Cecelia Earl, 386-316-8979 (c)
ceceliaearl@gmail.com

In Memorial

Former Garden Club of DeLand President Marion "Taffy" Branham (1999-2001) At 96, passed away Jan. 5, 2020. Extraordinary service to our Garden club serving not only as President but also chaired many events.

President's Message

February is really Florida's spring. This is the month to fertilize (with nitrogen and potassium only). I hope to see you at the Gardening School to learn more about pests, diseases and what to do with them. We will be learning about growing fruits and vegetables as well. Here are some gardening resolutions from the Pollinator Partnership that we should all be aware of: I will plant native flowers, grasses, shrubs and trees in my garden. I will promote the use of native plants to other gardeners in my area. I will leave leaf litter, stems, twigs and logs in my garden for nesting bees and butterflies to lay their eggs and overwinter. I will provide food for pollinators all year by having spring, summer and fall blooming plants in my garden and yard. I will make environmentally friendly decisions to reduce my carbon footprint in order to help improve pollinator health and habitat quality.

Jennifer Condo

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





Wildflower Festival

Volunteers & Donations Needed

It is such an honor that DeLand was chosen to host the Florida Wildflower & Garden Festival

Tracy McKenna, Chairman

Saturday March 28, 2020 9am to 3pm

Tracy McKenna (Firecrackers) is mixing things up a little this year. In addition to selling caladium bulbs as has been done in the past, she is seeking donations of plants and garden decor items to sell.

Each circle is asked to donate a minimum of 3 items. If your circle has members with a knack for propagating unusually beautiful plants, please donate one or two. **Plant drop off to Garden Club Monday, March 23 8:30am - Noon.** If you have some garden decor items that you no longer use that are in good condition (examples include garden statuary, chimes, bird feeders, ornamental planters, birdbath etc.) these are welcome too. Drop off at General Meetings They don't have to be perfect either - shabby chic is still popular - but no junk please. This booth is representing our club, and all proceeds will go to the DGC. It is also a chance to attract new members.

Each circle asked for volunteers for 1-hour the day of the event. To volunteer or for questions, contact Tracy at (386) 747-6693 or dantracon3@me.com. Please put “Wildflower Festival” in the subject line.

Craft Day at the Clubhouse Coming soon in February. Brings things like hot glue gun, E6000, paints & brushes, ribbons, beads, etc. Going to “bling” up some treasures to sell. Jennifer Condo, person of contact

Habitat for Humanity

Suellen Biferie, Chair

Saturday, 12/21/19

A new home with beautiful plants.

Garden Club of DeLand has been working with Habitat for Humanity for years. Our latest project included a planting of 10-Walters Viburnum, 10-Plumbago and mulch. *A Place in the Sun* gave this project a discount on the plants.

Thank you Garden Club Circles for your monetary donations.

We need \$400 dollars to keep this program financed.

Visit our website to view more pictures.

Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday March 11, 2020 9am

Executive Board, Presidents and Standing Chairmen
“Annual Reports” Due

Larkin Memorial Garden

A donation of \$500. from Harry Larkin's family to honor Harry's memory has been given to plant a garden in memory of Harry...Harry enjoyed his time with us and the kindness we extended to his son.

Thank you Weedettes for planting this garden.

Tree Chair Debbie Jones

We just celebrated Florida Arbor Day. But did you realize that Arbor Day is celebrated at different times depending on where you live?

In 1594 Arbor day was first celebrated in Spain, so this tradition goes back many centuries. The first American Arbor Day originated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872 when an estimated 1 million trees were planted.

It wasn't until April 15, 1907 that President Roosevelt issued an Arbor Day proclamation about the importance of trees and forestry. While National Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday of April, many states observe Arbor Day at various times throughout the year based on best tree planting times in their area. So what can we learn from this variety of times? It's always a good time to plant Trees, plants, and shrubs; let's follow the example of plant America and inspire gardens everywhere we go!

If you have pictures of what you planted this Arbor Day, or other Garden Club events, make sure you send them to GCDHistorian@gmail.com.



“Home Sweet Home”

**Pageant of Crosses
Marshall Rawson, Chair
April 5, 2020**

· Susanna Trittschuh on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Garden Club will be making several arrangements to demonstrate the requirements and principles of a Pageant arrangement. It's a great time to float your ideas, discuss/show materials and ask questions. If you need a cross, there will be a limited number available to borrow at this program. Susanna has good designs tips so you may want to attend even if you are not entering a design this year.

· Pageant of Crosses on Sunday, April 5th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We encourage all members to take advantage of this wonderful Palm Sunday event to bring your family and friends to enjoy the floral designs created by Garden Club members, local churches and floral designers. For 54 years the Garden Club, with support from all circles, offers this Palm Sunday event as a gift to the community. There is no admission charge and light refreshments are served.

· New Time and Date for the Children's Garden Workshop on Sunday, April 5th, 12 p.m. to 2 pm. Pre-registered children aged 4 and up with their accompanying adult assistant will make delightful dish gardens to take home. Young gardeners can start planting at any point within the timeframe. There will also be a quickly done project or two, such as scratch art. What a special grandparent activity! The cost is \$10 per child. Registration forms will be emailed later.

The Garden Club of DeLand
presents our 54th
Pageant of Crosses



“The Glory of the Cross”
An exhibit of Crosses each in a floral arrangement
inspired by “Holy Week”. All created by our
members, local churches and floral designers.

Garden Club of DeLand Clubhouse
Corner of S. Alabama and E. Beresford Avenues
865 S. Alabama Ave. DeLand, FL 32724

Palm Sunday April 5, 2020 from 11am to 3pm

Refreshments Free Admission

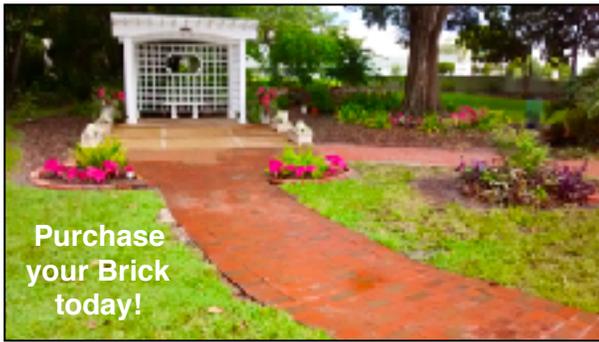


“Fun with Flowers”
Suzanne Locke, chair
386-748-1209 (c)

Fun with Flowers Registrar
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

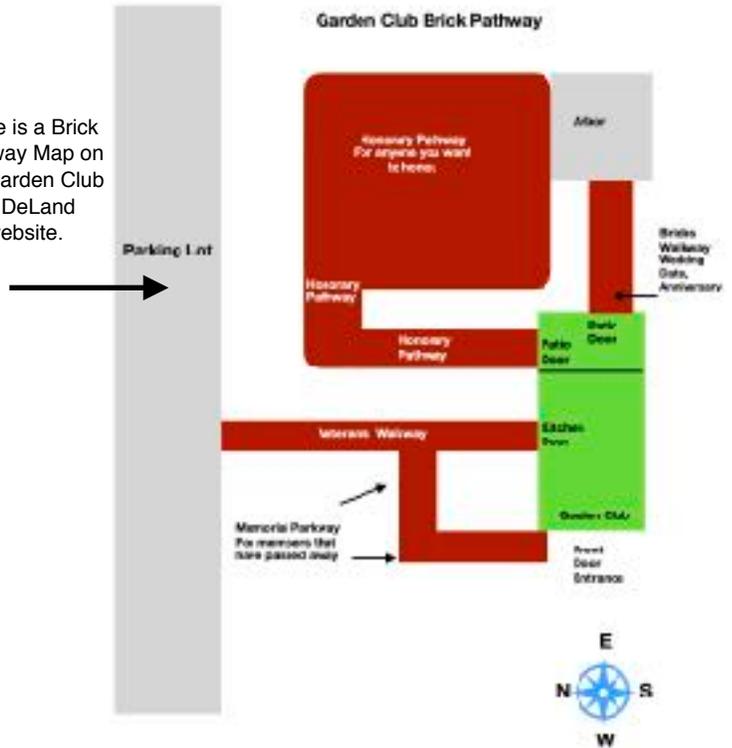
Mail to our P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL
32724-6947 or give to Registrar: Janis Williams
Payment MUST be received by the deadline.
Sorry, No Walk ins.

2020 FUN with Flowers
Tuesday, February 24th at 4:30PM
Come create a Designer's Choice Design
with loads of Flowers!
Deadline February 20, 2020
NEW DATE



Purchase your Brick today!

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



Brick Pathway
Pat DeSalvo, Chair

Give the gift of love by planning to buy a brick to honor a loved one.

We have planted 170 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

Gluten Free Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg white
- 1 cup reduced-fat chunky peanut butter
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup semi-sweet mini chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Mix salt and egg white with mixer until white is frothy almost to peak. Add peanut butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar mixing well until blended. Stir in mini chocolate chips.
Use a 1" cookie scoop or form 1" balls place on cookie sheets lined with parchment paper. Gently press the top of each cookie with a fork making a criss cross pattern and flatten to a two inch diameter. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes. Leave cookies on cookie sheet/parchment paper to cool 10 minutes before moving to cookie cooling rack.
Thank you Janis Williams for sharing this recipe with us from the January Meeting. Delicious!



Handicap Parking at the Garden Clubhouse.

We have **2 spaces mark in Blue** on each side of the walkway leading into the entrance of the Garden Club.

Rose Circle Fundraiser and you're invited!

Location: Garden Club of DeLand Clubhouse

Friday, February 7, 2020 5:30 pm

SILENT AUCTION!! LIVE AUCTION!!

Bring your sweetheart!

Bring your friends!

Bring your checkbook!

Additional items up for grabs:

Gift cards for local shops and restaurants

Gift baskets

MANY MORE beautiful handmade garden themed art items

AND MUCH MORE!!!!

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

The Buzz Around Natives; The Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center Wins Garden of the Month Award

When it comes to gardening, February is a time for planning. As daylight hours slowly grow longer, gardeners can look forward to the future and envision what may come to be in the spring. Student research assistants / project managers Jenna Palmisano and Carson Bockoven along with the crew at Stetson University have been planning and working diligently to create their newest installation of stellar horticultural displays. The pollinator garden at The Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center has been designated as February's Garden of the Month on behalf of the Garden Club of DeLand. Located along the shore of Lake Beresford at 2636 Alhambra Ave.

The 10 acres of land surrounding the center include native plant species selected to attract pollinators, as per the vision of benefactor Sandra Stetson, who is the great granddaughter of John B. Stetson. The natural lands are being cultivated to include educational botanical garden displays highlighting the discoveries of 18th century botanists, John and William Bartram. This latest addition to the project broke ground in the spring of 2019 beginning with the removal of sod to define the garden beds, and the installation of drip irrigation. Dr. Jason Evans Associate professor of environmental science and studies, worked with the Stetson grounds crew, led by the now retired manager of the grounds, David Rigsby (whom much of the landscaping magic was credited to), as well as students from the University's conservation biology class taught by Dr. Kirsten Work. Funding was provided in part by The West Volusia Audubon Society and the Duke Energy Foundation.

"The pollinator garden at the Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center is the first step in the transformation of the landscape from a manicured site to one that better serves natural systems and welcomes wildlife. We look forward to seeing how the native plants adapt and establish in this beautiful landscape as we continue to maintain the space and add more natives.", said Palmisano.

Native plant species chosen for the newest installation include nectar sources and host plants for butterflies and other pollinators. Wildflowers include native milkweed, dotted horsemint, scarlet sage, tickseed, false rosemary, blazing star, dune sunflower and more.



The new garden will also include a community seed bank. Jenna explained, "The idea of our seed library is to create a community in which students, faculty, aquatic center neighbors, garden clubs, etc. can have access to native plants and share resources. We will kick off our seed library at our reception on 2/15 with a wildflower seed giveaway. The goal is to have people plant the native wildflowers in their gardens, harvest some seeds from well-established plants, and put them in the library to complete the cycle (and of course take more!)." The reception, "The buzz around natives; a toast to improving Stetson University's landscape will be held at The Sandra Stetson Aquatic Center on Saturday February 15th at 5:00 p.m

Kudos to all involved in making this project a success, and to Stetson University for their continuing commitment to beautifying our town in spectacular fashion.



Weedettes Garden Journal

of our Garden Club Grounds

By Norma Thomas, Chair

Educating Members on Good Gardening Habits and Landscape Design, Growing techniques incorporates everything Norma Thomas brings to her group of loyal Gardeners.

They Meet Every Monday Morning and our Gardens Show it! Consistent loving care from the Weedettes.

12.16.19 Today will reach 81 degrees. We planted 2 Simpson Stoppers, a ton of crocosmia bulbs in the pollinator bed. We laid 8 bales of pine needles in the back NE corner. We sprayed neem oil on the schefflera that has an infestation of scale. Also sprayed the azalea with it, not sure if it is fungus we are looking at. Sprinkler head broken; system turned off. Repair to be completed tomorrow by Kenny.

12.23.19 We have had 2-inches of rain in the last two days. Sprinklers still off. More rain scheduled in with mild days and nights. We met today in Christmas fellowship. Lunch at The Table. Merry Christmas!

12.30.19 Something happened at the Club this past weekend. Our backflow preventor is gone and replaced with pvc pipe. Our concrete border along the bed at the end of the parking lot was removed and set aside so access to the sidewalk and tennis courts could be made with a cart or wagon or something (tracks in the mulch). Some smooched plants here and there, others pulled up and placed back down on the ground and we have another broken sprinkler head. A few beer bottles and debris were scattered about. Repairs and replacement have been called in upon approval from the Jennifer and Rich. Sprinkler repair by Kenny. Briand Plumbing, backflow.

*After we cleaned up what we could, we hand weeded the pollinator bed. Clover is getting a foothold in there. Even though our sprinklers have been off for weeks now, the 5-inches of rain that our area has gotten this month is still allowing the dollar weed to proliferate.

*Today our morning started out at 71 degrees and humid. We are heading back to seasonal temperature over the next 3 days. 40s, 50s mornings daytime high then reaching into the 60s. Then by the end of the week it looks like we can reach 83 degrees. Poor plants. I am curious to see if we get a freeze in the first few weeks of January.

01.06.07 39 degree this morning. By 8:00 am the temperature rose to 41 degrees. Too cold for us so we stayed home and stayed warm.

*This past weekend a front pushed in on Saturday and brought with it an EF1 tornado (90-100 mph winds) that hit close to the Club. It ran a four-mile swatch damaging the baseball fields and the VFW. \$20,000 damage to the pump station at the little league field. Five homes were hit, 2 are now uninhabitable. (As reported by Channel 9 news.) Thankfully, our building and grounds were spared from damage.

*By the time this article is published, we will be actively working to finalize the Pollinator Garden.



Florida Arbor Day- 3rd Friday in January

At 1:00pm on January 17, 2020 a presentation of the 3 trees planted by the Weedettes at New Hope Animal Shelter. These 3 Natchez Crape myrtles will provide shade in the Summer and allow the sun to warm during the winter months. A much needed addition to the landscape. Norma gave an information explanation on the value of planting this type of Crape Myrtle and why they are located where they are.

Tray Black, director of New Hope Animal Shelter, spoke about the need of the animals residing at the shelter and grateful for the addition of the trees. He brought a fresh preceptive on re-home the animals awaiting their forever families. We cannot wait to see the trees growth as the years go by. We are planting for the future.



800 Humane Society Rd, DeLand, FL



Norma shared that our native birds have learned how to exact the seeds from the Crape Myrtle seed pods. A 20 foot tree can produce 570,000 individual seeds. Pollinators are attracted to the bright flowers. Food sources for our wildlife. Weedettes all agreed on each tree's location and the digging began. They amended the sandy soil with rich soil planting each tree in true textbook style. Also planted 5 Little Ruby's around each tree, watered everything in, covered with pine needle mulch and tried to remind ourselves that it is January cause it felt like a hot May day.