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Happy New Year Garden Club Members!

Hello! I am sure you are all ready for a new year! We have our gardening school this month. This course is available to anyone who is interested in learning more about gardening. You do not need to take the courses in order. Please join us. Also, please join us at the clubhouse for our Arbor Day event. Then come inside to see the ceiling work to our 2 storage rooms. It looks great! Don't forget to purchase tickets for our opportunity drawing in February. We have great prizes. Please support your garden club with your purchase and ask your neighbors, friends, and family if they would like to support us as well.

Some positives from 2020: Florida's endangered sea turtles' population is growing and manatee deaths are down. Worldwide our greenhouse emissions and air pollution fell over 30% and also a reduction in water and noise pollution. In some areas of the world, the ecology had time to rest and restore itself without humans visiting areas.

Jennifer Condo

2019-2020 Our Garden Club even in a Pandemic, Rocks!

- Major Positive Overhaul of our Clubhouse Insurance
- Bylaws edited
- New Wireless Wifi Sound System and Projector
- Providing the NGC Garden School Course 1-4 open to everyone
- New Members Orientation
- Arbor was redone and made safe again, pressure cleaning the hardscape, parking spots, Inside touch up of peeling paint.
- Ceilings in the Storage Rooms, required by the Fire Code Inspector.
- Treasure Sale, Plant Sales, Booklet Sales, Wreath Sales
- Downtown Planting and Sensory Garden Maintenance continues
- Safe Zoom Meetings, website, a Facebook presence.
- Butterfly Gardens being certified.
- 2021 brings more adventures with our Opportunity Drawing, we all asked for a no work, safe way to raise money.

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

FFGC - www.ffgc.org

NGC - www.gardenclub.org

Upcoming Programs and Events

January 2021

Nominating Committee to be formed

Arbor Day 01-15 10am

NGC Gardening Study Course 4 01-26-27

Deadline to register 01/19

February

Opportunity Drawing Donation Due 02-4

Drawing and Garden Party 02/19 3pm

Location of Drawing Suzanne Locke

Bylaws Special Meeting 2/23 10am Zoom

April

FFGC Annual Convention 12-14 Hilton Daytona

February 7, 2021 Meeting 9:30am

"Recycling Waste in Volusia County

Speaker: Michael Nahirny, Volusia County Waste, Inc.

Host Circle: Marigold Circle

Garden Club of DeLand Opportunity Drawing Prizes
Drawing on February 19, 2021 at 3pm
Garden Party for the Drawing at Suzanne Locke's
You Do Not need to be Present to Win

Opportunity Drawing Prizes

5-gallon in stock tree of choice from “A Place in the Sun” Nursery
Sunday Brunch for four at “The Table” restaurant in Downtown DeLand
Handmade Quilt by Jennifer Condo, Garden Club President
Gift Basket, Firecracker Circle (\$25 Value)
Gift Basket, Sparkleberry Circle (\$100 Value)
Silver Jewelry set (Necklace, Bracelet, Earrings) (\$250 Value) Marigold Circle
Gift Certificate to DeBary Nursery, Marigold Circle (\$50 Value)
Gift Certificate to DeBary Nursery, Marigold Circle (\$50 Value)
Gift Certificate to Select Growers, Rose Circle (\$100 Value)
Gift Certificate to Select Growers, Milkweed Circle (\$100 Value)
Gift Basket, Daisy Circle (\$100 Value)
Gift Basket, Blue Sage (\$150 Value)

Suggested donation of \$20 per ticket.

In the past we have asked each garden club member to purchase at least **2 tickets** to our fundraisers. We can suggest you purchase 2 tickets, but it is **NOT** a requirement to being a member.

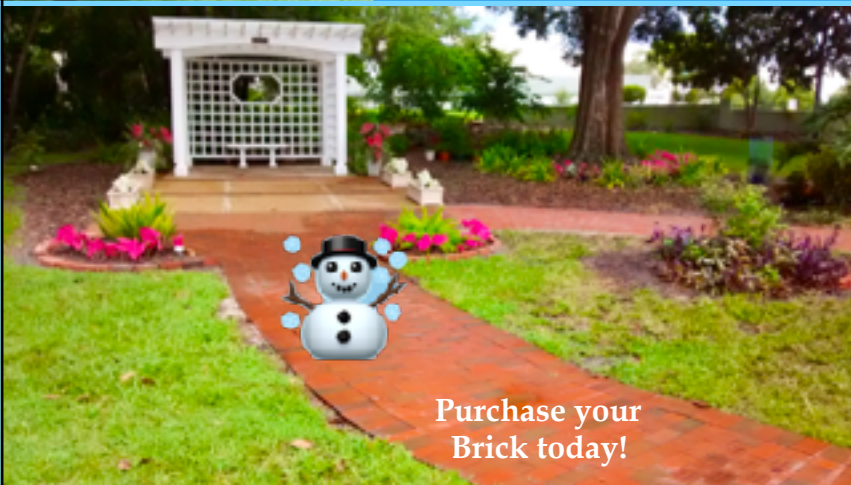
Please collect the money through your circle treasurer and submit ticket stubs and money to Karen Hall/Rose Circle **by Thursday, February 4, 2021.**

Tickets will be drawn on Friday, February 19th, 3 pm at a garden party at Suzanne Locke's home, 2151 Fireside Road, Deltona, FL 32738-9558, 386-748-1209

* We all asked for a **“No Work” Fundraising Project** this administration due to the extraordinary circumstances. So in lieu of having a Garden Tour, we are having an Opportunity Drawing. Great Prizes!

Support and show a little love for your Garden Club of DeLand.





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

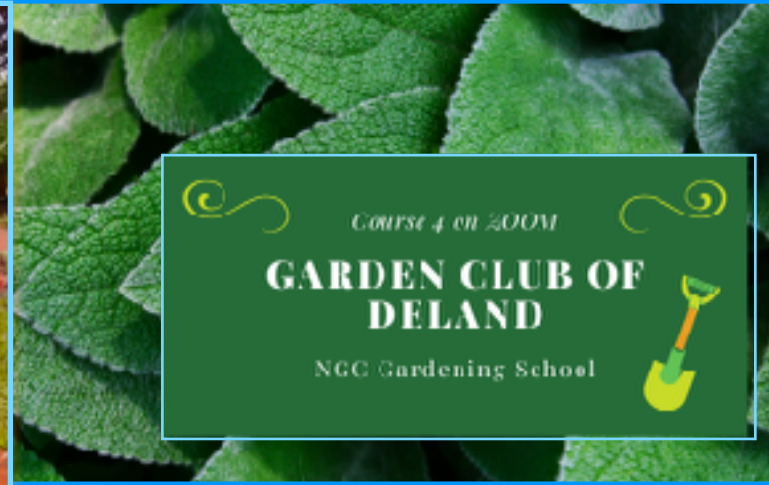
To download Brick Form or see the Map of each Brick Walkway area visit www.gardenclubofdeland.org

2020 was a year we will not soon forget! I grew up listening to my mother and grandmother speaking of their hard times during the 1918 pandemic, wars, an economic depression, and racial unrest. Here we are, a century later, facing similar issues! As we look around us for calm and comfort, consider trees. Yes, I said trees!

While stress activates our fight or flight hormones, even images of trees activates our rest and digest hormones. So, as we near Florida's Arbor Day on January 16th, I suggest we invest in rest by planting some trees. Perhaps you have spent some time over this past year doing just that. Think back and report your plantings to your Circle's tree counter or email your tree count to GCDHistorian@gmail.com. If you have given the gift of trees over Christmas holidays, report those too!

Happy Planting~Debbie Jones

The "Nominating Committee" will be searching for the 2021-2023 Executive Board. If you are interested in serving please do not hesitate to contact the committee and let them know about your interest. Any questions you have about the duties of being the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer or Corresponding Secretary refer to the bylaws in your Yearbook and read through the proposed changes of the bylaws for Officer descriptions. Speak to a current officer about what they do during the year.



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.

2021 FFGC CONVENTION SPEAKERS - PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

RENEE STAMBAUGH (4/12) Lunch

“Enhance Your Yard and Attract Wildlife Using Native Plants”



Renee is the owner of Native Plant Consulting in St. Augustine. She is a member of the St. Johns Extension Advisory Committee. Learn how to create an eco-friendly landscape that attracts birds, bees, butterflies and other pollinators to your yard. This program is designed to encourage everyone to use low maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices saving time, money and energy.

SHARON MCGUKIN (4/12) Dinner

“New Trends in Floral Design”



Sharon is known nationally for her floral expertise. Having started her career of over 40 years as a small town florist, Sharon now travels the US, Canada and Europe presenting floral programs and tracking floral trends. She often writes articles on wedding design and floral trends for prominent floral industry publications. In 2009, Floral Management Magazine named Sharon as one of the floral industry's top ten “Rock Stars”. Sharon and her husband, Tim, live in Carrollton, GA.

MICHAEL ECHEVARRIA (4/13) Lunch

“Update: Coral Reef Restoration Techniques 2.0 Project”



Michael is the President of Reef Renewal USA, Inc. Coral reefs are important for many reasons aside from containing the most diverse ecosystem on the planet. They protect coastlines from the damaging effects of wave action and tropical storms and provide habitats and shelter for many marine organisms. Michael will update us on the progress of the evolving coral reef restoration techniques.

INSTALLATION BANQUET (4/13)

“New President, Officers, Directors Installed”

WORKSHOPS

Tina Tuttle & Christy Linke (4/12)

“Wekiva leadership Training”

Joe Parr (4/12)

An in-depth look at the plants featured in The Movie Garden “Scary Plants in the Movies”.

Terra Freeman (4/12)

“Creating a Rain Garden in Your Landscape”

Terra is an Urban and Commercial Horticulture Agent with the UF/IFAS Extension, St. Johns County

Jane Villa-Lobos (4/12)

“The Techniques of Propagating Plants” and tips on starting a “Propagation Guild” in your Garden Club.

Ed & Jane Nendick (4/12)

Membership: “Seeking New Members and Retaining Current Members”

Kelly Wood & Valerie Seinfeld (4/12)

Kelly and Valerie will show you the techniques of hosting a meeting using the ZOOM platform

Elizabeth (Leah) Diehl, RLA, HTM (4/13)

“Healing Gardens”

Leah is director of the Therapeutic Horticulture Program at Wimot Botanical Gardens at UF. She is a landscape architect, a master gardener and a registered horticultural therapist.

Donald Spence, Ph D (4/13)

“Trees: Planting, Maintenance and Pruning”

Dr. Spence is a Board Certified Master Arborist.

Carol Lucia (4/13)

Along with 9 amazing floral designers, Carol will review the “Floral Design Study” program.

Lynda Penry (4/13)

“Start ‘em While They’re Young” - Developing a Junior Garden Club



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 can be found at www.ffgc.org



2021 S.E.E.K

Environmental Conference Sponsored by
The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

Where: University of Florida
When: **Tentative** June 21 – 24, 2021
Cost: \$300 Inclusive
Lodging: Home Resident Hall
Meals: Planned for Healthy Options

Who Can Attend S.E.E.K?
Students Entering Grades 10 – 12

Registration Begins January 1, 2020

How to Get Connected

With

The S.E.E.K Team

Registrar/ Treasurer:
Carol Wood 813-235-3917
(carolwood@earthlink.com)

Chairman:
Mary Whisler 552-212-6661
(Mary.whisler@gmail.com)

What's New for 2021?

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 Exploring Florida's Hydrogeology. Students will visit a lab to understand the Florida aquifer and visit a spring location. A visit to the School of Forest Resources and Conservation to understand forest health and resilience as well as Florida's wetland ecosystems. The Honeybee Research Lab visit will review insects and impact of changing climates. There will be a trip to the Microbiology Lab to understand fungus and the importance in our environment. Wrapping up the program will be a UF Panel to discuss Environmental Science Careers and offerings at UF.

Facilities: Dorm rooms with 4 attendees per 2 rooms sharing a private bathroom. All linens must be provided by the Attendee. A "what to pack" will be sent at time of final registration acceptance. 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>

Wekiva Youth Camp Information

YOU'RE INVITED TO FFGC WEKIVA YOUTH CAMP OPEN HOUSE SPONSORED BY THE FLORIDA FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS
Sunday, February 7, 2021 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ACA Accredited Residential Camp for Children in Grades 1 – 8
Sunday – Saturday Sessions from June 20 – July 31, 2021 Wekiwa Springs State Park, 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka
Guided Tours Light Refreshment

2021 Wekiva Leadership Training is a weekend orientation for adults interested in Volunteering at Wekiva Youth Camp. The 2021 Wekiva Volunteer Training includes Junior Gardener Leadership Training and will be held February 5 – 7, 2021. Registration for this event will be open in the Fall of 2020. The 2021 Open House will be held on the Sunday following the Volunteer Training, February 7, 2021. Garden Club members, family, friends, current campers and future campers were invited to drop by to tour the facilities and learn more about Wekiva Youth Camp during the Open House. No reservation is necessary. Register for Wekiva Volunteer Training or stop by for Open House by just coming in through the Wekiwa Springs State Park Main Gate and let them know you are going to the Open House. Please visit www.ffgc.org for more information.

Bylaws Special Meeting February 23, 2021 10am

For everyone's safety this will be held on Zoom.

All members have been sent a copy of the Bylaws Revisions. On February 23rd, the bylaw revisions will be voted on. Every Member of the Garden Club of DeLand is invited to attend.

Florida Arbor Day * January 15, 2021 * 10am Garden Club of DeLand

The 3rd Friday in January is our Florida Arbor Day. We hope to see you at 10:00 am on the Garden Club grounds. Two years ago, we planted a 3-trunk Natchez Crape Myrtle at the end of the front azalea bed. It has performed beautifully with its gentle cascading branches and beautiful white blooms.

Last month we cleared an area of what use to be St. Augustine grass along the walkway to the kitchen. The weeds were whacked down to the ground, we covered the area with landscape cloth, and laid one yard of pine bark. That is the area where we will plant a matching Natchez. In the summers to come the two Natchez will put on a show of blooms hopefully making our Clubhouse the choice for rentals. Here are pictures of the preparations for the planting next month.

Norma Thomas



Weedettes: Preparing the grounds for our Tree Planting on Florida Arbor Day, January 15, 2021 at 10am. Mulching can keep weeds under control. This is the time of year to mulch and prepare for Spring Gardens. Remember to avoid mulching up to the trunk of a tree.



Angels - As Explained By Children

submitted by NuSu Bauerle

With Divine inspiration, I usually pen your monthly devotionals - however, this was too good not to share! Out of the mouths of babes . .

I only know the names of two angels - Hark & Harold.
(Gregory - age 5)

Everybody's got it all wrong - angels don't wear halos anymore . . .
I forget why, but scientists are working on it.
(Olive - age 9)

It's not easy to become an angel! First, you die. Then you go to heaven, & then there's still the flight training to go through.
After that, you gotta agree to wear those angel clothes.
(Matthew - age 6)

Angels work for God & watch over kids when God has to go do something else.
(Mitchell - age 7)

My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science.
(Henry - age 8)

Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows.
(Jack - age 6)

Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven - the main subject is where you went wrong before you died.
(Daniel - age 9)

When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath & counts to 10.
When he lets his breath out, somewhere there's a tornado.
(Reagan - age 10)

Angels have a lot to do so they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window & leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go north for the winter.
(Sara - age 6)

Angels live in cloud houses made by God & his son, who's a very good carpenter.
(Jared - age 8)

All the angels are girls cuz they gotta wear dresses & boys didn't go for it.
(Antonio - age 9)

My angel is my grandma who died last year - she got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.
(Katelynn - age 9)

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals & pets. If they can't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.
(Vicki - age 8)

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.
(Sarah, age 7)

~ an excerpt, God's Minute, Sat 12-05-20

Fundraiser - Make it! Rake It! Bake It!



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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. We have sold 50 so far so support your Garden Club.

Donating to Worthy Projects in January

Penny Pines

Wekiva

SEEK

FFGC Scholarship

Habitat for Humanity

Circles have been supporting these projects for years.

Circle Treasurer's mail 1 check to Garden Club Treasure Rich Fisher and list how much money goes to each Project. Checks payable to the Garden Club of DeLand and mailed to P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL 32721-1965