



President's Corner



It is the Garden Club values of positivity, respect and kindness that stand out among our membership. There is so much pride and gratitude in being a

part of this organization.

In the words of T.S. Eliot, "Every moment is a fresh beginning." There are special moments planned:

- January's acknowledgement of all our birthdays.
- Noted designer and Flower Show Judge Penny Decker is coming in February which is a great opportunity to bring friends who are interested in Floral Design.
- March focuses on District VI's Busy Bees Flower Show at the Garden Club.
- To get us out and about, March and May are field trips!

Cheers to a sparkling New Year!
Marshall

Circling Around

December found our circles celebrating the season with social events that were a delightful affirmation of the friendships found among GCD members.

Important Volunteer Help Wanted



We are looking for a fourth member of the Clubhouse Rental Team.

Ideal qualities are excellent people skills, positive attitude, team player, well organized, strong follow through and ability to work flexible hours as needed. Duties rotate through the team every month.

Your on-call month includes answering the phone and responding, forwarding any non-rental messages left on the phone to the appropriate person, updating the rental calendar, showing the Clubhouse and making sure the rental contract paperwork is complete and payments up to date, meeting the renter to exchange the key and then after the event inspecting the building and grounds to make sure it was left as found, and occasional troubleshooting. If there are four members of the rental team, then you are usually on-call every fourth month. Occasionally you may be called upon to help in other months if someone is away or ill.

It is the rental income that this team generates that pays sufficiently for the Clubhouse to allow us to keep the building!

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We are appreciated!

The Strategic Planning Community for the City of DeLand conducted surveys this year. These surveys are to help plan the City of DeLand for our future. What we noticed was quite a few people said they loved the planters downtown. So many stated that we actually had conversations about the planters.

One lady told me it was high on their list of reasons why they wanted to move here. Many said they enjoyed watching the flowers grow. It gave DeLand a quaint feeling.

One woman told me that they planned their vacation for Bike Week and made DeLand their destination stop. The planters were part of the reason.

When we plant downtown, we know we are making our town pretty. What we do not know is the huge impact our flowers have on many people. The City Manager has told me many times the city loves how we take care of downtown DeLand. We are appreciated!!!!

I was amazed at the response as the city was. This can open our eyes to the impact we make on people now and in the future doing what we love. SO be proud of yourselves. If you have not participated in downtown planting, please join us.

It just feels so good as you walk or drive through our town.

Rusty Pardee

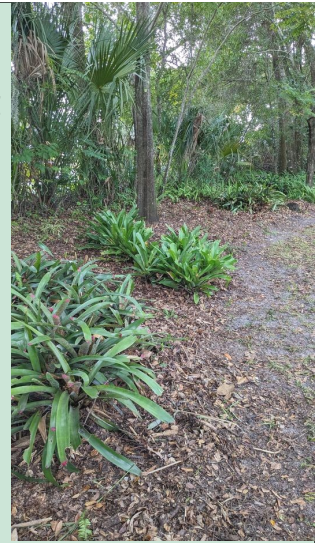
Garden Club Member since 2001

Firecracker Member since 2018

Strategic Planning Community 2023

Weedette's Journal

After a very hot summer of mulching and weeding around the gardens, the Weedettes found themselves at the beginning of September cleaning debris from Hurricane Idelia. Palm fronds everywhere. If that wasn't enough, one morning we discovered a leaky faucet in the clubhouse and had to clean up water. What a mess. After cleaning up inside, we again went outside and began work in the Woods. This area is located on the east side of the Clubhouse. This of course will take a few weeks to complete so we will then find new adventures after the beginning of the year.



Anytime members want to join us, we meet on Monday mornings at 8:30. Bring your own tools for weeding.

Classes and Events in January

- Thursday, January 11, 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
- ****Special Invitation** to All GCD Members and Friends. Tuesday, January 16, 12 Noon, Milkweed Circle meeting at the clubhouse. Topic: **Edible Gardening**, Speakers: Christian Robinson and his father www.revivalgardening.com Contact Person: Erin Miceli orangeblossomerin@gmail.com
*Please RSVP so we know how many gardeners to expect.
- Wednesday, January 17, 10:30 AM, **Creative Corner Cardinal Collage Class**. Presenter: Lynda Stein. Contact Person: Carol Roddenberry text 386-235-0370 or email karolqueen@aol.com (\$5 to cover supplies)
*Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, January 10.
- Thursday, January 18, 1 PM, GCD Book Club: **The Island of Missing Trees** by Elif Shafak. Facilitators: Sara & Chris. Contact Persons: Cindy D. cindy@davenportmail.com or Sara Z. sarazollinger@att.net
- Saturday, January 20th, **Volusia County Environmental Management will give away native fruit trees**. Celebrate Arbor Day with a free native food tree. Two trees per Volusia County resident. First come, first serve basis starts at 8am. Follow the signs on Prevatt Road for drive-through directions to pick up your trees. Location: Volusia County Extension/ Fairgrounds parking lot 3150 E. New York Avenue, Deland 32724. Call Anna Copeland at 386-736-5927 extension 12728 for more information.