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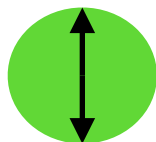
March 2020

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Upcoming Programs and Events

2020

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 4	Master Gardener Plant Faire
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



**April's Meeting is at 6pm
Firecracker Circle Host**

April 2, 2020 Meeting

"Water Efficiently" 6pm

Speaker: Deirdre Irwin, Deirdre Irwin, Water Conservation Coordinator with the St. Johns River Water Management District

In Memorial

Milly Rodgers, Past President of the Garden Club 1997-1998. passed away February 4, 2020

President's Message

We welcomed 4 new members to the garden club at our last general meeting! I am so happy that we are growing. Please make them feel welcome.

We need your help on March 28th! Please bring any gently used items for us to sell at our Treasures and Plant Sale at the clubhouse 9 am to 3 pm. We need volunteers before to help set out all our items, the day of to sell things, and afterward to help clean up. Even if you come for 30 minutes, we would greatly appreciate it.

We also need help for our booth at the Wildflower Festival same day and time! We will be selling our caladium bulbs, raffling circle baskets, and promoting membership. Please contact Tracy McKenna if you can volunteer your time.

Also, I want to thank our rental team for finding ways to increase our rental activity. Our rentals provide a huge portion of our income and we want to increase it! Thank you for working so hard on this project!

I hope to see more of you in the days to come as we learn, play, and grow together.

Jennifer Condo



Welcome a New Members

Rosie McKenna - Firecracker
Michelle Morgante - Firecracker
Tess Daly - Milkweed
Adriana Marquez - Milkweed



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

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 on March 28, 2020. Any questions contact:

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



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Drop your Donations
off on March 25th
and 26th to the
Clubhouse



Make your Resolutions a
reality - Donate your
slightly used or new items
just laying around.
We NEED VOLUNTEERS.



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We are having two fundraisers on the same day and we need your help! **We NEED VOLUNTEERS for our Treasures and Plant Sale at the clubhouse and at the Wildflower Festival on Indiana Ave on Sat, March 28, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.** At the Festival we will be selling our caladium bulbs and raffling off plants. At the clubhouse we will be selling anything and everything. Please go through your things for any gently used or new items for us to sell. Please do not buy new things for us to sell. We rarely get the same price than what you paid for it. You could always make a small donation to the Garden Club instead. We need your PLANTS to sell as well. Drop off items at the Garden Club on **Wed. 3/25 10:30am-1:30pm** and **Thurs. 3/26 3:30pm-6:30pm.** We need Newspaper, Boxes and Bags. Contact Cecelia Earl for more info.

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**Wildflower Festival
Volunteers & Donations Needed**

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

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. Raffle items are NEW also!

Update on Wildflower Festival for All Garden Circles: We need 2 more members to help take down the Garden Club's Wildflower Festival booth. **Each Circle is asked to donate ONE spectacular or unusual plant which will be raffled ... please include plant name, care information and circle name on your donation.** Make sure it is ready for the festival in a nice pot - no plastic! Let's see whose donation generates the most raffle sales! Your donation can be dropped by the Garden Club Monday, March 23 between 8:30 and noon, or call Tracy and she'll arrange for pickup. Thanks Everyone. This booth is representing our club, and all proceeds will go to the DGC. It is also a chance to attract new members.

To volunteer or for questions, contact Tracy at (386)747-6693 or dantracon3@me.com. Please put "Wildflower Festival" in the subject line.

**54th Pageant of Crosses
Marshall Rawson, Chair
April 5, 2020**

Please mark your calendar now to support the 54th Pageant of Crosses on Sunday, April 5th, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We encourage all members to take advantage of this wonderful Palm Sunday event to bring your family and friends to enjoy. It is the Garden Club's gift to our community.

In the Clubhouse you will find the floral designs created by Garden Club members, local churches and floral designers. The stage design this year is by Select Growers. Elaine Barritt will be playing the Celtic harp from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm. Punch and cookies will be served.

In the Garden are the children's activities, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.. Preregistered dish garden creation for children 4 and up with an adult assistant. This activity is sponsored by EFG Orchids. Our

own Cheryl Floyd who is a professional storyteller has graciously donated the telling her "Moni the Butterfly" story and song. There will also be a simple art project table.

Norma Thomas & Sharyn Mazullo will be giving tours of the garden. What a wonderful way to truly see our garden and introduce your friends to the Garden Club.

Reminder: Susanna Trittschuh on Tuesday, March 3rd at 5:30 pm at the Clubhouse will be making several arrangements to demonstrate the requirements and principles of a Pageant arrangement. It's a great time to float your ideas and ask questions. If you need a cross, there will be a limited number available to borrow at this program. All are welcome, even if you are not doing a Pageant arrangement.

The Garden Club of DeLand

presents our 54th

Pageant of Crosses



"The Glory of the Cross"

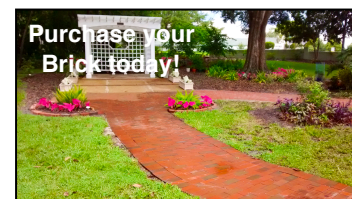
**An exhibit of Crosses each in a floral arrangement
inspired by "Holy Week". All created by our
members, local churches and floral designers.**

**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



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



**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.

Governing Board Meeting

**Wednesday March 11, 2020 9am
Executive Board, Presidents and Standing Chairmen
"Annual Reports" Due**

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.

01.13.20 It is hot. Temperatures in the 80s this week and the sun is back out. Today we planted three 7-gallon crape myrtles v. Natchez at the New Hope Animal Shelter. The soil was poor, so the plantings were heavily amended. The trees were placed with the knowledge that they will reach 30' in height and 25' in width and will not interfere with the overhead lines. We also planted 15 Little Rubys which were grown by a Weedette. It took us 1 ½ hrs.

On Friday the 17th there will be a small gathering to celebrate Florida Arbor Day. Pictures will be taken.

01.20.20 44-degree start, and we had to be on the grounds this morning. Another sprinkler was broken so Susan and I ran the sprinklers to find where the sprinkler head should go. The water washed out the soil around the light pole at the front of the parking lot. A tile broke loose from the marquee, but we were able to fit it back in place. Will need a longer nail to hold it into place. Just about all the edging was walked on and had to be put back into place. All but two of our posts were knocked over and had to be put back into place. Small branches were broken on a cassia and a crape. This is getting to be a nasty pattern.

Kind of bizarre when last Monday we were all effected by the sun and heat and now today, the cold. Cold hot cold. January sure is strange this year.

Tomorrow morning the temperatures will drop and again on Wednesday morning. So far it looks like the low could be 34. We shall see. (low was 35)

01.27.20 Cool start to the day. Six coreopsis were planted in the Pollinator Garden. They were purchased in the knockdown rack at Lowes for \$3 a piece in lieu of \$8 apiece. We also had mowed oak leaf clippings that we top layer the bed to hold down weeds and slowly amend the soil. We are waiting for cone flowers and blanket flowers to come available. Guessing the end of Feb.

Disturbance to the grounds: fairy garden was thrown around; one piece was under the concrete slab we laid for the installation of the garden. The amaryllis was walked on, the wood posts were knocked down again. Looks like a cooler was dumped and it washed out the dirt and mulch onto the sidewalk. All were easy to put back in place.

Our Waterways

Florida's waterways are vulnerable to everything we put on our home landscapes. Fertilizers and pesticides can leach through the soil or run off into storm drains. Along with landscape debris and eroded soil, these can wreak havoc on our water quality and the fragile ecosystems our water resources support. Florida-Friendly Landscaping seeks to retain and use as much of the rainfall and irrigation water that lands on our home landscapes as possible. When it rains in Florida, it often pours. Wouldn't it be great if you could save some of that rain and use it on a dry day to water your plants? Rain barrels are a great way to lessen your impact on our natural resources.

Tree Planting 2021-2020

The Garden Club of DeLand has recorded 177 trees planted over the past year. Did you remember to report your plantings? As we begin a new year of tree counting, here are some things to keep in mind: Right plant. Right place. You and your tree will be happiest when you follow this rule. Plant a native tree to improve biodiversity & restore natural ecosystems.

Why should we plant a tree?

- Trees can increase property value.
- Trees breathe in CO2 & out oxygen – we live in a symbiotic relationship with them.
- Trees help manage storm runoff.
- Looking at trees reduces stress & pain.
- If each member plants one tree a year, we will have 200 new trees annually.
- Gifts of a tree or donations to reforestation projects count!
- Arbor day is a great time for your circle to commit to a project.

Our Tree Count Year runs February 1, 2020 – February 28, 2021. Let's get planting!

Debbie Jones, Chair - GCDHistorian@gmail.com.

Weedettes Cont.

01.29.20 Stopped by the Club to walk it and pick up soil we have so I could plant our 6 pots that go in the rack at the kitchen door. I believe we have some jerk that walks across the back of the property and knocks down the post. Don't know why. Turned sprinklers off, we are forecast to have rain.

02.03.20 The Garden School is today so I went in yesterday for a few hours and watered and did some odds and ends to put a pretty face on the grounds. We do need to weed, big time.

Happy Gardening my Friends
Norma

Garden of the Month

Erin Miceli, Chair

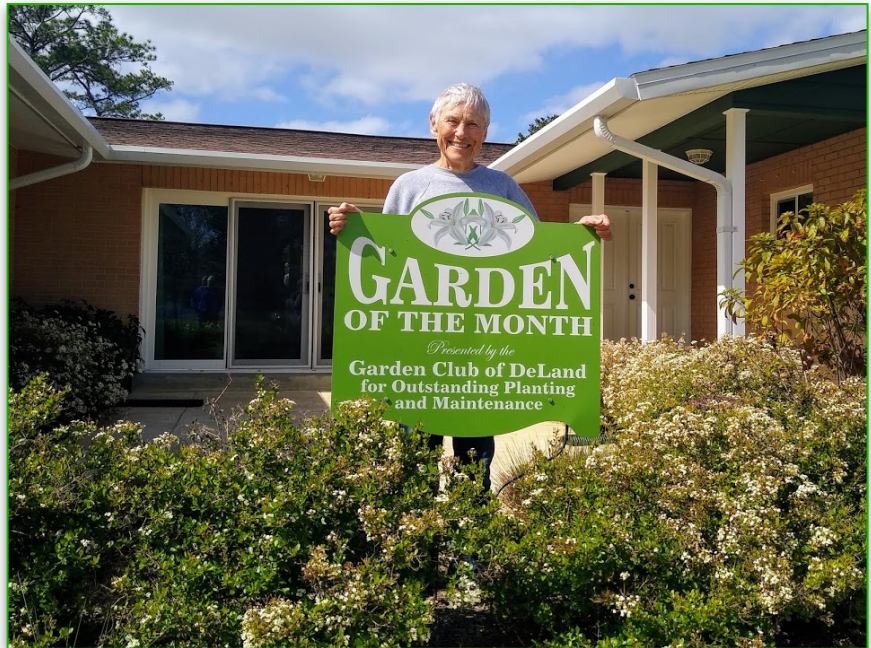
National Garden Club, Inc.

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

Garden of the Month Provides Food for Wildlife and People The Garden of The Month award for March has been presented to Master Gardener, Carolyn Kieler and her husband Don at 2446 Lake Talmadge Drive, DeLand. The Kieler's garden includes environmentally friendly Florida native plants as well as luscious vegetable gardens. Carolyn abides by the philosophy that everything she grows should feed something, be it wildlife such as butterflies, bees, birds or people. One might say, it's a "garden of eatin' ". Since moving into their home in 2014, Carolyn, a certified Master Gardener since 2004, has added approximately 75 different species of Florida native plants to her landscape. She created the garden beds herself, using a shovel to remove turf grass. After the installation phase, Carolyn wanted a garden with minimal maintenance, hence the choice to go native. Kieler has utilized mulch extensively to control weeds, and her drought tolerant plants do not require an irrigation system. The garden has been certified by the Garden Club of DeLand as a Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary Garden. Don is the muscle of the operation, and is happy to handle the heavy lifting for his lovely wife. A skilled carpenter, he has constructed sturdy raised garden beds for growing vegetables and



herbs. Mr. Kieler is also quite knowledgeable about landscaping, and stated that his favorite tree is the weeping yaupon holly. In addition to gardening at home for pleasure, Carolyn volunteers as a Volusia county UF-IFAS Master Gardener. She is the leader of the team which works in the Children's Discovery Garden, who oversee planting, adding hardscape, and general maintenance, creating an educational outdoor space, which appeals to children of all ages. Carolyn says that gardening keeps you young at heart. Her enthusiasm for plants and providing food for wildlife is an inspiration, and her expertise is asset to our community. Congratulations to the Kieler's on a job well done!

