



# Gabby Gardener

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### Upcoming Programs and Events

#### 2020

May	Sensory Garden Daisy
May 7	General Meeting Pansy <b>Canceled</b>
May 16	Downtown Planting

#### 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

Your Facebook Page has been reaching out and filling a need during this "Stay at Home". #1 FB page among FFGC Garden Clubs. We have over 2300 followers! Thank you for sharing.

#### Downtown DeLand Container Garden Project

If any of you happen to notice a pot that looks terrible, please call either Margaret (321-287-9875) or Julia (386-956-6914) and they will get something in to replace it. It has been so hot, that some of our plants will definitely be stressed out.

**We will be putting new plants in the pots downtown on May 16. We will need at least 2 people (assuming we will still be social distancing, so staying 6 feet apart at all times) from each circle to come downtown on the 16th.** Begin as early as you want; just be safe. Each circle president will need to contact Margaret Gillen at 321-287-9875 and let her know who will be picking up her circle's plants between 2-3:30 pm on Friday May 15 at the water treatment plant.

### President's Message

This is the best time to be cleaning out your closet and save any items for our Treasure and Plant Sale in September. We will need items, volunteers for the event before to help with setup, during to help sell items, and after for clean up.

The Pansy Circle has retired along with its members. We are sad to see them go. They were organized in June 1950!

As part of NGC's "Plant One, Every One" program, our GC members planted 415 trees over the course of one year!

Maybe thanks for those who did a cross arrangement for our virtual version of Pageant of Crosses.

We are looking for a new Wildflower Festival Chair. Please see the GC Yearbook for the chairman description.

### Jennifer Condo

#### May 16, 2020 Downtown DeLand Planting

1. 7:30 am or 8am Start Time
2. Wear Gloves
3. Don't touch your Face (:D
4. Bring a spade
5. One Gardener on each Corner
6. One Gardener at a Pedestal
7. Broom, to sweep up
8. Have one or two members pick on Plants on Friday between 2 - 3:30 pm at Water Plant. Let Margaret (321-287-9875) know who is coming to pick up plants, provide a phone number.
9. Enjoy being together at a Distance and if you have the Lime Green Shirt Wear it!

**May is the month to fertilize your plants with a slow-release fertilizer containing nitrogen and potassium.**

Florida bans the use of phosphorus because our soils are already high in it.

The Volusia County Council has adopted a summertime fertilizer ban and initiated other restrictions to protect the county's waterways.

**Ordinance 2014-09** applies to all homes and businesses in Volusia County, except those in Deltona and DeBary, which have their own fertilizer ordinances. Gardens and compost are exempt.

**The new ordinance includes these provisions:**

The application of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous is prohibited from June 1 through Sept. 30 of each year. Fertilizer may not be applied within 15 feet of water bodies. The application of fertilizers containing phosphorous is prohibited unless a deficiency is verified. Fertilizer containing nitrogen may be applied only between Oct. 1 and May 31 and must contain no less than 50 percent slow-release nitrogen.

The University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences offers tests for phosphorus, potassium, calcium and magnesium content in soil. Forms are available at <http://soilslab.ifas.ufl.edu/>.

**For more information** about fertilizer use and soil testing, call the University of Florida/Volusia County Extension at 386-822-5778.

You can always add compost during this time period. Potted plants are excluded.

**RENT the GARDEN CLUBHOUSE**

For Your Next Event

**Hello Garden Club Members!**

I hope you are all staying well at home. We have so much more time to garden now and there is lots to do in the garden. Now is the time to plant our warm season annuals which means it's time for our Downtown Planting. I hope to see some of you on the 16th. If I don't see you (and I know there are so many that I won't see), enjoy your summer. Make sure you get to enjoy your family and your health and sit in the garden and soak in the wonderful senses. I am being optimistic we will return in September for another fun and educational year. Until we meet again!

Once the social distancing ban has lifted, the disease has slowed down, and you are ready to see everyone, don't forget the Clubhouse has all your needs for your next gathering. As a Garden Club member, you receive a 50% discount off the rate! Call (386) 624-6960 or email [rentalsgardenclubofdeland@gmail.com](mailto:rentalsgardenclubofdeland@gmail.com) now to set up your next party.

Jennifer Condo

**Yearbook Information Submissions  
Due Date May 24th**

All Members should look at the 2019-2020 Yearbook to see if your contact information and name is accurate.

Look at Roster also.

If not correct, please contact your Circle President, if you haven't let the Circle President know already.

I am happy to report that many Circle Presidents have visited our Yearbook Update and Sharable Spreadsheet and have been finding it easy to use.

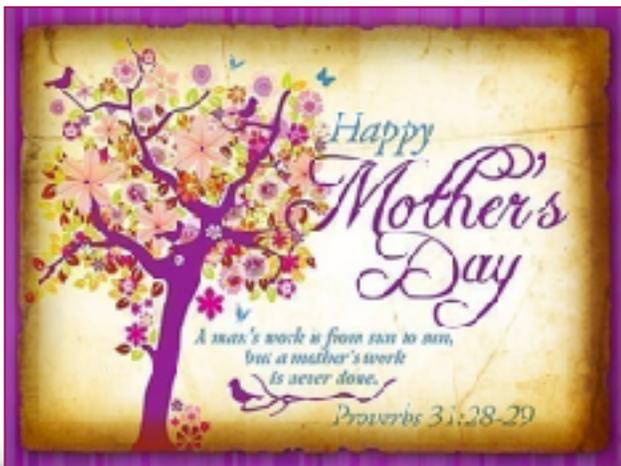
I will be sending each Circle President a proof copy before we go to print.

Thank you for trying out a new process.

Valerie Seinfeld

2nd VP

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**Garden Club of DeLand Wins!  
Jennifer Condo, chairman**

**Florida Federation of Garden Clubs Award**

63-4Garden Center Programs Award

**Deep South Garden Clubs Award**

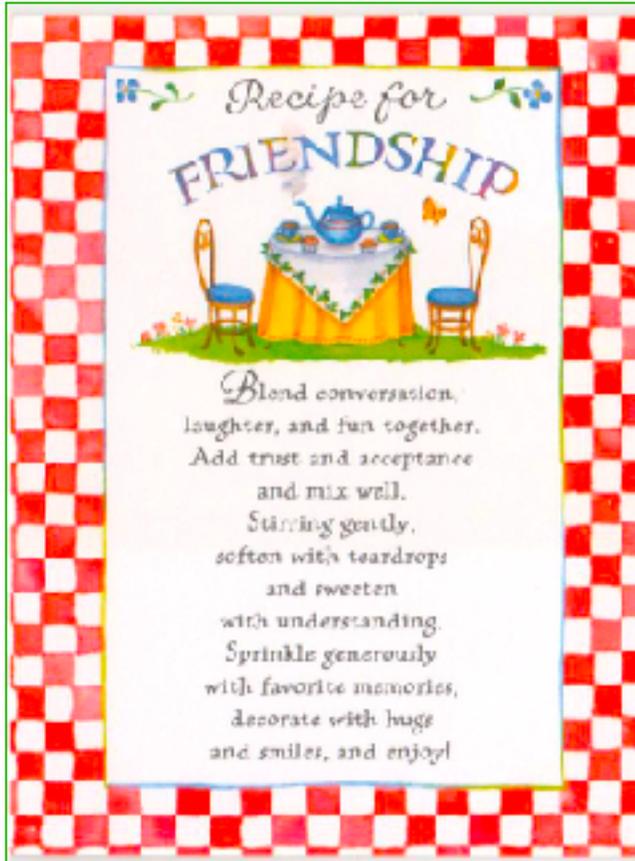
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Garden Club of DeLand, Inc. 1st Place

**Weedettes**

This dedicated group of members have shown up during the “Stay at Home” Order by only 2 members at a time showing up 3 different days in a week.

Applause and many Thanks for your commitment!



**We often use the initials of our organizations**

NGC = National Garden Clubs, Inc.

[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

DS = Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.

[www.dsgardenclubs.com](http://www.dsgardenclubs.com)

FFGC = Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

[www.ffgc.org](http://www.ffgc.org)

FFGC = FINEST FRIENDS GOD CREATED

**NGC 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.

“Plant America” with Trees, is the theme of this administration. We have certainly been doing that in our Club.

**FFGC Mission Statement**

“Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes the love of gardening, floral and landscape design, and civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources and networking opportunities for our members, youth and the community.”

**Many of you know that you are a Member of a Huge Organization with many volunteers.**

NGC, FFGC, and Deep South Conventions were canceled. This has never happened before. But the work hasn't stop. Many are forging ahead creating new ways to educate members by holding Meeting and Programs distantly.

National Garden Club Chairmen across the Nation are using Zoom, teleconferencing to further the aims of our organization.

National Schools will continue to be offered with back up choices of Distant Learning.

These are exciting times. Out of this Pandemic comes great ideas.

It has been a challenge to stay at home, but we are aware how important it is to keep the amount of people contracting this illness low.

You have all done so well.

So many are starting Victory Gardens and Pollinator Gardens through the Nation. So many through Social Media contact have said they want to join out Fantastic Garden Club.

You have made a difference in your Community by showing up to Plant Downtown DeLand and maintaining the Sensory Garden. We all know the benefit of playing in the dirt. (:D

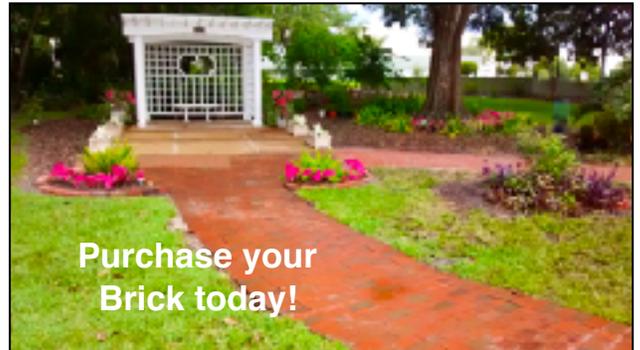


### Our Virtual Pageant of Crosses

Marshall Rawson, Chairman

NuSu Bauerle, Gwen Bidges, Debbie Jones, Valerie Seinfeld, Susanna Trittschuh, Suzanne Locke, Mary Rinderle thank you for designs.





**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](http://www.gardenclubofdeland.org)