



The Garden Club of DeLand, Inc.

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President's Message

May in the Garden Club !

Hello! Here it is May already and we are ending the Garden Club season. With that, I will be done with my two-year administration and I wanted to say thank you all for supporting your garden club. It has been a very challenging year for us to maintain those friendships while social distancing. Through it all I believe that we all have learned about one another better, we have played hard in our garden club's name, and we have grown deeper and stronger relationships because of it. I truly am blessed to know so many smart and caring people in this garden club. Thank you all for your support and dedication to me and for your fellow members.

Learn - Play - Grow
Jennifer Condo



Outgoing 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

Thank you for your service!

We thank all that have faithfully served as chairs on our Governing Board for 2019-2021.

We thank all Circle Boards for their service.

“FFGC Convention hosted by District VI thanks all of the volunteers from our Club and appreciates the beautiful opportunity baskets donated”

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Visit us on Facebook

Installation of our 2021-2023 Executive Board held on May 6, 2021

President: Marshall Rawson

1st Vice President: Lisa Schnetzer

2nd Vice President: Tammy Rhode

Recording Secretary: Suellen Biferie

Corresponding Secretary: Sara Zollinger

Treasurer: Christina Dudley



Valerie Seinfeld, 2nd Vice President

FFGC - www.ffgc.org
NGC - www.gardenclub.org

Upcoming Programs and Events

GIANT ORCHID SALE MAY 8-9, 2021

Follow them on Facebook page (Volusia County Orchid Society) for updates and and join their virtual culture group.

**SHOW HOURS ARE 9AM TO 4PM BOTH DAYS
ONE OF THE LARGEST ORCHID SHOWS AND
PLANT EXPOS IN FLORIDA**

Being held May 8-9 , 2021 at the Hester Building, Volusia County Fair Grounds, Route 44, DeLand, Florida. Show hours are from 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$4.00. Children under 12 are free. The facility is ADA compliant.

**DUE TO CDC REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES
SET FORTH BY THE COUNTY OF VOLUSIA AND
CITY OF DeLAND, ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE
REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE MASKS**

**THIS SHOW WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
AND PURCHASE ORCHIDS, PLANTS AND
RELATED ITEMS**

May 22, 8 am, Downtown DeLand planting

**Contact Margaret Gillen, Firecracker or
Julia Neumann, Firecracker for more
information.**

Facebook, Webmaster and Gabby Gardener

Valerie Seinfeld, 2nd Vice President

Thank you, Thank you for your support

This is my last issue as the Editor of the Club's Monthly Newsletter "Gabby Gardener" and my chairmanships as the Webmaster and Facebook chair. I want to thank those that continually supported and cooperated to build an outstanding ranking on our Facebook page, in our Newsletter and on our Website, we have been promoting our Garden Club. I look forward to the new chair's ideas and triumphs!

Garden Club of DeLand's Facebook page was created to reach out to the Public and Inform our Members about upcoming events; while promoting NGC and FFGC objectives, I began after my very first meeting with the Garden Club. We have an Award winning Facebook page, as creator the administrator has posted for over 10 years at least one time a day, many times 2 to 3 times a day. That is over 3650 but closer to 7000 posts and events. Creating Posters to promote all of the events we had. Those that have contributed knew if they sent me pictures they were posted in just moments.

It has been a pleasure to have built from scratch our webpage two times, maintained and updated it on a monthly basis for the past 8 years. Our webpage won the top award and \$100.00 from National Garden Clubs, out of 50 states, in 2017 and \$50.00 from FFGC and the new page created in the summer of 2020 has won both FFGC \$50.00 and DS awards in 2021. NGC will announce their winner in May.

So thank you to Judy Maurer, as Club President 2013-2016, Lisa Schnetzer 2013-2019 Ways and Means, Jennifer Condo, 2014-2021 Proofing Gabby, Membership, special Horticulture entries and as Club President, and Norma Thomas "Weedettes" 2013-2021, for your consistent contributions while you have served our Garden Club in so many ways. These members mentioned stand out for their consistent reporting as they served.

During the Pandemic it has been a struggle to get articles and keeping in touch, but we have stayed the course, by emailing each and every member, if they had an email address, a copy of the Club Newsletter, Agendas, Minutes and Financial Reports. Meeting on Zoom does not replace in person meeting. We will meet again in person and "Gardening , Has Not Been Canceled". Best wishes to our incoming board. You are going to love serving as leaders for the future of our garden club.

I look forward to my new adventures as the District VI Assistant Director and District VI Membership Chair 2021-2023 and serving as the NGC Social Media Coordinator 2021-2023. Staying the course as FFGC Social Media chair and Strategic Planning. And now the FFGC Awards Mentor. At long last I will find the time to take up my passion of floral design and continue with Flower Show School Studies and the Creative Arts.

"I must have flowers, always, and always." ~ Claude Monet
Valerie Seinfeld, 2nd Vice President



Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. President Al Latina Awarded Valerie Seinfeld, FFGC Awards Chair 2019-2021 Distinguished Service to a State President Award



Sally Bohon's Book won for a Publication

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Awards for 2020-2021 Valerie Seinfeld, FFGC Awards Chair Jennifer Condo, Garden Club Awards Chair



Our Website and Facebook page Won an award from FFGC





**Recognition for counting Trees.
We were in the top 10!**



**Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Website Award**



**Deep South Garden Clubs, Inc.
Facebook Award**



Bee Award from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

In late May, we will find out if we won awards at the National Level with National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Peggy's Porch

Peggy Mault is the artist that painted our Garden Club porch and has added 2 Circles that were not in existence when she painted the porch originally: the Firecracker Circle and the Sparkleberry Circle.

Peggy is a former member of the Garden Club of DeLand and served on the Executive Board in 2011–2013 and as the Editor of our Newsletter, the “Gabby Gardener” Her creativity is a wonderful addition to any organization.

Thank you!

On March 22, 2021, as promised, our porch was cleaned before the painting could begin.

We are lucky to have these volunteers: Susanna Trittschuh, Pat DeSalvo and Janis Williams. John Trittschuh and Peggy Mault.



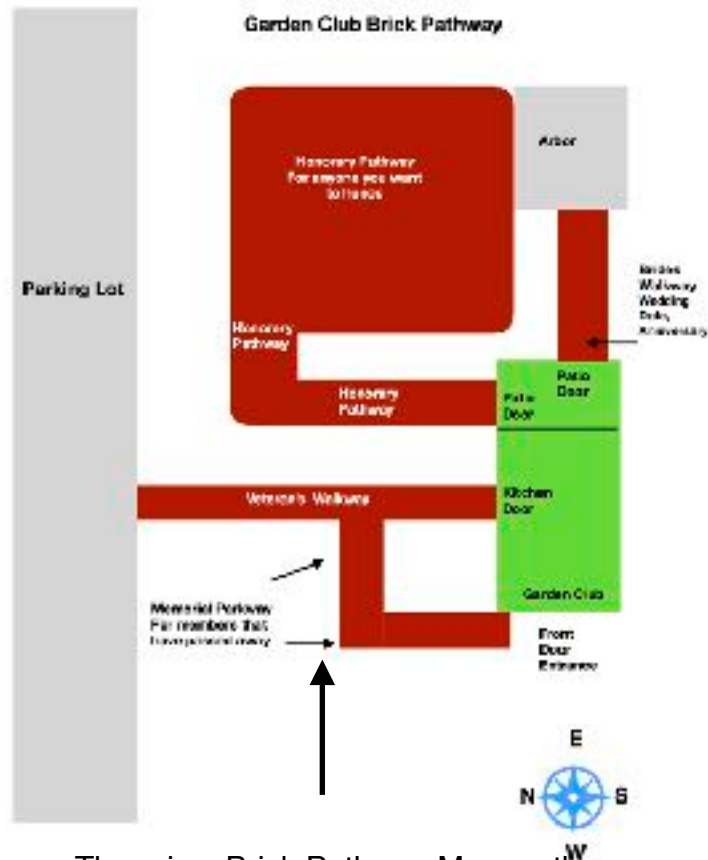


Purchase your
Brick today!

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



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

Weedettes in the Garden

Cindy Davenport, Martha Cates,
Sharyn Marzullo, Tammy Rhode,
Norma Thomas

We are waiting for the butterfly bed to come back from the frost. The firebush has flushed out at the base, porter weed has not come back as of first week in April, and lantana is starting to peek out, but we are swimming in coreopsis. The Monarch caterpillars are eating the milkweed in the milkweed bed. The lubbers can get the upper hand on us because we work only Monday mornings. But we are smashing as many as we can. They are congregating in the rain lily clumps and in the crinum. Hopefully, they will not eat our blood lilies bloom in June, and we can see the gorgeous blooms that last about a week. The property was lightly fertilized in April, trimming all cold damage plants completed and now we wait for rain. Our sprinklers are set to run for 30 minutes per zone, twice a week. We will be setting it to 45 minutes by mid-April. We are growing plants in our holding bay and whoever is the kind soul that drops off wonderful little plants, we thank you. The Weedettes wish everyone a happy summer. We will be on the Garden Grounds every Monday, at the downtown planters the first Saturday of the Month and going on field trips. Our first one is a Buddhist temple in Mims. We are going to explore their grounds, their art, and their architecture. Palm Tree Hair Cut!

Thank you and keep gardening my friends, Norma Thomas



♥ The journey is short ♥

An elderly woman got on a bus and sat down. At the next stop, a strong, grumpy young woman climbed up and sat down beside the old woman, hitting her with her numerous bags.

When she saw that the elderly woman remained silent, the young woman asked her why she had not complained when she hit her with her bags? The elderly woman replied with a Smile: "There is no need to be rude or discuss something so insignificant, as my trip next to you is so short, because I am going to get off at the next stop."

This answer deserves to be written in gold letters: "There is no need to discuss something so insignificant, because our journey together is too short."

Each of us must understand that our time in this world is so short, that darkening it with useless arguments, jealousy, not forgiving others, discontentment and bad attitudes are a ridiculous waste of time and energy.

Did someone break your heart? Stay calm.

The trip is too short.

Did someone betray you, intimidate, cheat or humiliate you? Relax - Don't be Stressed

The trip is too short.

Did someone insult you without reason? Stay calm. Ignore it.

The trip is too short.

Did a neighbor make a comment that you didn't like? Stay calm. Ignore him. Forgive that.

The trip is too short.

Whatever the problem someone has brought us, remember that our journey together is too short.

No one knows the length of our trip. Nobody knows when it will arrive at its stop.

Our trip together is too short.

Let us appreciate friends and family.

Let us be respectful, kind and forgiving.

Because we will be filled with gratitude and joy, after all

Our trip together is very short.

Share your smile to everyone....

Our trip is Very Short!

—Author Unknown

