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President's Corner

As the Garden Club winds down for the summer, it is time to look at our accomplishments.

While we value our friendships, there is a lot more. I was recently interviewed for a publication and one of the questions was about GCD activities in the community. Think about where you find our volunteers and financial support - caring for the welcoming Downtown Planters that help define DeLand, creating and maintaining the Sensory Butterfly Garden, supporting the Seed Bank at the DeLand Library, landscaping the three houses built by West Volusia Habitat for Humanity, representing GCD at the city parades, helping with Monarch Magic festival for families or joining the faithful Weedettes to keep the Clubhouse grounds looking beautiful.

What else makes the Garden Club so special? Have you strolled learning more about nature through a variety of parks? Or tried Creative Corner activities - Origami, Ikebana design, Collage or Fun with Flowers? Have you participated in the Book Club? Have you shared your garden with others? Have you visited another Circle when you find the topic or activity of particular interest? Did you help show our spirit at the City Parades? Did you celebrate at our Arbor Day ceremony? Have you attended the general meetings to learn from our speakers? Have you extended inspirational thoughts?

On the financial end, the hardworking rental team has kept the clubhouse rented. The fall plant sale was very successful. The sale of holiday greens makes it easy. Our sales booth at the Wildflower Festival sold out again! We continue to sell walkway bricks. Again our donations support Penny Pines, Wekiva & SEEK youth camps, FFGC college scholarship fund, The Seed Bank at The DeLand Regional Library and West Volusia Habitat for Humanity.

The Communication teams – GCD website, The Gabby, Facebook pages and emails to the membership keep us well informed.

I especially want to thank the Governing Board and The Executive Board for their support, hard work and gift of time to the Garden Club of DeLand.

Circle Around

It is always interesting to see the variety of programs and activities.

Firecrackers were exploring the possibilities of wildflowers.

Magnolias worked on making wooden barn quilt paintings.

Marigolds were off the South Seminole Nursery. **Milkweeds** heard Dorothy Caldwell speak on her favorite natives to attract butterflies.

The **Roses** installed their officers and heard more about Farm to Table programs for next year.

The **Wild Coffee** meeting heard Barb Shepherd speak on the Bats of Artisan Alley.

Kudos to Dorothy Caldwell



Dorothy Caldwell is the GCD's Social Media/ Facebook Chair. She is passionate about native plants and very knowledgeable. Dorothy asked if she could sell some of her native plants at a meeting and recently successfully sold them. **She decided to give all the proceeds to the GCD - \$453.** What a wonderful act of kindness for us! It is valued members like Dorothy who readily share their knowledge and skills that define the Garden Club of DeLand. Dorothy, please know you are much appreciated. **Thank you!**



Creative Corner by Lynda Stein

Who would have thought you could create some amazing art from ripped up pieces of paper and glue.

Anything goes - a pink dog with hearts, a mixture of any colors you choose, designs or words - you're limited by your imagination.

Please join our class on **Wed May 17 from 10.30- 12.30** when we will create an 8x10 butterfly.

I will provide the canvas, complete with the drawn design, glue and a paint brush. Bring your old magazines - the more colorful the better - cooking, gardening, travel etc plus scissors and a garbage bag for your work space. \$5 per person.

Last class we made a sunflower based on this design, this time a butterfly for you to make your very own.

RSVP Carol Roddenberry 386-235-0370,
karolqueen@aol.com by May 5th.

The Garden Club of DeLand

Wishes our member,
Valerie Seinfeld, every success
as the
District VI Director
2023-2025
Congratulations!



Our Club is proud to be celebrating our 96th year of Federation with FFGC. Est. in 1925 * Federated in 1927

Sensory Garden

Throughout the year the Sensory Garden is maintained by Garden Club Circles to attract pollinators and wildlife. This has been an ongoing project of the Garden Club for over 20 years.



Located at: **Bill Dreggors Park, 230 N. Stone Street, DeLand, Florida. Work days are the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.** These workdays will continue through out the year. This is a GCD event, all circles are needed to participate. Contact Gail LaFayette for more information gaillafayette@hotmail.com

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GCD May 2023 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, May 2, 10am, **Outing to EFG Orchids**, all are welcomed. **Contact Person:** Gail gaillafayette@hotmail.com

Tuesday, May 2, **Master Gardener Plant Clinic: Plants That Attract Wildlife** 1 PM in the Auditorium of the DeLand Library. **Contact Person:** Susan Ludvigh sludvigh@cfl.rr.com **No Seed Packaging Meetings in May or June**

Thursday, May 4, 10am Social / 10:30 **GCD General Membership Meeting** at the clubhouse, 865 S. Alabama Ave. **Installation of 2023-2025 GCD Officers**, Host Circle: Rose **Contact Person:** Norma Thomas nojoto11@gmail.com

Friday, May 5, 12:30, **Rose Circle End of Year Luncheon**
Contact Person: Sharon Gullett gullettsharon@gmail.com

Monday, May 8, 5:45pm, **Wild Coffee Circle** at the clubhouse. End of Year Social. **Contact Person:** Lance wildcoffeecircle@gmail.com

Tuesday, May 9, 7:30am, **Sensory Butterfly Garden Workday** at Bill Dreggors Park (230 N. Stone St.) **Contact Person:** Gail LaFayette gaillafayette@hotmail.com

Tuesday, May 9, **Marigold Circle: DeBary Nursery and lunch out.** **Contact Person:** Suellen Biferie sbiferie@yahoo.com

Friday, May 12, **Magnolia Circle:** End of year lunch and plant exchange. **Contact Person:** Marcia Baker joemar1225@earthlink.net

Tuesday, May 16, 12 noon, **Milkweed Circle Meeting - at the Clubhouse: End of Year Social.** **Contact Person:** Gail LaFayette gaillafayette@hotmail.com

Tuesday, May 16, **Firecracker Circle - End of Year Dinner**
Contact Person: Carol Grigas carolgrigas@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 17, **Creative Corner Butterfly Collage Class** by Lynda Stein, 10:30-12:30 at the Clubhouse, RSVP by May 5th. **Contact Person:** Carol Roddenberry 386-235-0370, karolqueen@aol.com

Thursday, May 18, 1 PM, **GCD Book Club: "Braiding Sweetgrass"** by Robin Kimmerer. **Contact Persons:** Cindy Davenport cindy@davenportmail.com or Sara Zollinger sarazollinger@att.net

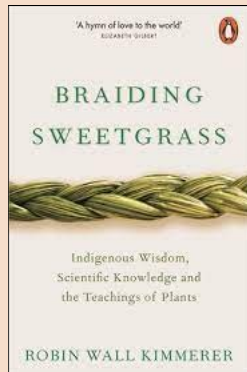
Thursday, May 18, **Governing Board Meeting on Zoom, 6:15pm**

Saturday, May 20, 7:30am, **Downtown Planter and Pedestal REPLANTING.** **Contact Persons:** Margaret Gillen mgillen@cfl.rr.com and Julia Neumann julianeumann2@proton.me

Tuesday, May 23, 7:30am, **Sensory Butterfly Garden Workday** at Bill Dreggors Park (230 N. Stone St.) **Contact Person:** Gail LaFayette gaillafayette@hotmail.com

Gardening for the Future

GCD Book Club Thursday, May 18, 1 PM, "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Kimmerer



Contact Persons: Cindy Davenport cindy@davenportmail.com or Sara Zollinger sarazollinger@att.net

Braiding Sweetgrass offers a profound and insightful look at the relationship between humans and Mother Earth. With the growing concerns about climate change, deforestation and the depletion of our natural resources, it is more important than ever to reevaluate how we treat the world around us.

Downtown Planter and Pedestal REPLANTING.

May 20, 2023 AT 7:30 AM

"Beautifying DeLand One Seed at a Time"

The Garden Club of DeLand gathers two times a year to plant 68 container gardens, 16 of these are pedestals. The second Saturday of each month, a group of volunteers from the Garden Club meet to weed, tweak, and evaluate the condition of each container garden. All month long, as time allows, each Garden Club Circle checks on their assigned containers and reports issues to the chair.

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