



# Gabby Gardener

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### Upcoming Programs and Events

#### 2019

November 1	Governing Board Meeting 9am
November 4-5	NGC Gardening School Course 1
November 8	Bee Program 2pm Clubhouse
November 23	FUN with Flowers
November 26	Most Adult Awards Due
December 5	Awards Judged
December 7	Downtown Planting
December 11	FUN with Flowers

**December 5 General Meeting                      Rose**  
**9:30am Social, 10:00am Meeting**  
**"Protect the Waterfront"**

**Speaker:** Dr. Wendy Anderson, Professor and Chair of Environmental Science and Studies at Stetson University. Current resident of Victoria Park and member of their HOA Board.

**New Rental Phone Number** is the same as the Garden Club Phone (386) 624-6960. Remember as a member you receive a 50% saving on the rental of the Clubhouse.



#### Circle Presidents 2019- 2021

- Blue Sage** - Ruth Moorman
- Daisy** - Valerie Seinfeld
- Firecracker** - Dr. Carol Grigas
- Magnolia** - Marcia Baker
- Marigold** - Marshall Rawson
- Milkweed** - Karen Hall
- Pansy** - Sally Bohon & Fran Strawn
- Rose** - Carol Roddenberry
- Sparkleberry** - Eve Skolnik

### President's Message

Hello!

I am a huge proponent for our environment and there are many ways we can help keep us green. Did you know you can recycle your plastic bags/packaging? Publix and Walmart have bins where you can bring your dry cleaner, produce, bread, cereal, food storage (ex. Ziploc) bags, plastic wrap, and air pillows to be recycled. Walmart will also take your used ink cartridges, cell phones, and tablets to recycle. Did you know you can recycle your styrofoam containers and egg cartons?

Publix will take these items to recycle! They will also take any paper bags. Publix has green bins just outside their entrances for this reason.

Lowe's will recycle plastic plant pots, trays, and tags regardless of condition. They also recycle rechargeable batteries, cell phones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, and plastic shopping bags.

It just takes a few minutes on your part to clean and set these items aside, but think of the HUGE savings you have done for our environment when you recycle! You keep these items from taking up space in our landfills OR even better, you keep these items from going into our storm drains which goes into our waterways and oceans. When we recycle, you are saving water and energy costs by not producing more of those same items along with less transportation (fuel) in shipping costs.

Check with your favorite store, for they just might have a recycling program that you can support.  
Jennifer

#### Officers 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

### Welcome New Members

Joyce Fisher, Chair

Valerie Lackey - Blue Sage  
Odessa Smith - Blue Sage  
Kaye Brook - Milkweed  
Dorothy Caldwell- Milkweed  
Cecelia Earl - Milkweed  
Suzanne Fox - Milkweed  
Susan Ludvig - Milkweed  
Martha Pruesse - Milkweed  
Carol Syler - Milkweed  
Richard Zwick - Milkweed  
Linda Angio- Rose  
Lynn Ventura- Rose



### Sensory Garden

Karen Hall, Chair

Sensory Garden Project  
230 North Stone Street, DeLand, FL  
Karen Hall, FFGC Life Member, Chair 386-736-1839  
(h) 386-801-0840 (c) khall1201@aol.com  
**2019**

November: Magnolia  
December: Blue Sage

### “Fun with Flowers”

Suzanne Locke, chair

### “Thanksgiving Cornucopia”

**Saturday Nov 23rd 10 am - noon**

Registration Deadline: November 16th

### “Christmas Cheer”

**Wed. Dec 11th**

2 workshops 10 am - noon & 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Registration Deadline: December 5th

### Contact Information:

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Janis L. Williams, Registrar

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Checks payable to: Garden Club of DeLand

\$25 Members / \$30 Non-members

updated cost - from the published 2019-2020 yearbook

Mail to our P.O. Box 1965, DeLand, FL

32724-6947

or give to Registrar: Janis Williams

Payment MUST be received by the deadline.

### Ways and Means

Lisa wants to thank you for shopping at the October meeting. Huge Success! Thank you!

Fundraising is what it's all about with you help. To make this a good year for our Garden Club. So. Please keep donating and of course buying. You can contact me at 305-586-2332 for donations or just bring it to a meeting.

Thanks, Lisa Schnetzer - lisschn@gmail.com

### District VI Fall Meeting

Eleven Member of the Garden Club attended the District Meeting on Tuesday October 22, 2019.

Valerie Seinfeld gave the Garden Club report in the absence of Jennifer Condo, Garden Club President. Rich Fisher, Joyce Fisher, Valerie Seinfeld, Marshall Rawson, Carol Roddenberry, Barbara Merriam, Eve Skolnik and Robin Massa were in attendance

FFGC Officers on Tour provided information on Projects, Awards, Website improvements, New way to process Club Dues and explanations of Wekiva and S.E.E.K happening coming up. Registration for Wekiva begins January 2, 2020.

Wekiva Volunteer Training: 7 February, 1PM through February 9, 11AM Must sign up to attend and volunteer.

Nurses needed every year.

Wekiva Open House: 9 February 11:30 until 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.



### Historian

Debbie Jones, Chair

My philosophy for documenting our history comes from my background as a librarian. Librarians collect, organize, and preserve information and artifacts for later use. Some reasons that we may want to preserve our past include: 1) to see what programs were previously conducted, 2) finding pictures and information about members, and 3) looking at the architecture from our community's past.

To do my job effectively requires the assistance of the entire membership! Since I cannot attend every event of the Garden Club of DeLand, sending information and pictures from your event ensures that we document the many events and works of service in our community. Please email your information to **GCDHistorian@gmail.com** and stop by the display table at our monthly meetings to see our progress.

Don't forget to report your tree count in your circle meetings!

"A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." Marcus Garvey

## “Diversity in the Garden”

### Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

Community Beautification Project  
Future Downtown Planting Dates  
December 7, 2019 & May 2, 2020

Old plants will be taken out by the City sometime that first week of December. Select Growers will deliver the plants by noon on Friday, Dec. 6. Taffy, Norma and I will then sort into trays for each intersection or area that you are assigned.

**Pick up of plants will be Friday, December 6 after 3:30pm. Planting can begin as early at 7:30am Saturday, December 7, 2017 Please every circle send a representative to pick up your plants.**

We ask all Circles and their members, if you are at the nighttime Christmas Parade, Dec. 7 watch for debris in the planters. Julia and I will try to walk the street on Sunday, Dec. 8th to check that nothing has been vandalized.

Thanks for all your support. Every one enjoys the beauty the Garden Club spreads. **Julia Newmann and Margaret Gillen**



**Purchase  
your Brick  
today!**

**Brick Pathway  
Pat DeSalvo, Chair**

**Remember members and loved ones during the holidays, at Thanksgiving and during December, with a special garden club path brick**

We have planted 166 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)

### “Garden Visits”

In an effort for members to be able to share their gardens and friendships with each other we are offering small garden visits. Garden locations and sign up sheets will be at each general meeting. Last year we were able to visits some amazing gardens and also have some fun learning experiences, sometimes sharing plants or cuttings.

To enable the the garden host to know how many will be visiting, we are asking for Members to sign up and donate \$5.00. These visits will also be limited to the first 25 who sign up. Visits are at the day and time the host prefers. This also doubles as a small Fundraiser for our garden club. Please sign up and join this fun opportunity for Us to share our love of gardening and each other.

Growing Together  
Lisa Schnetzer, 305-586-2332



### Inspirations

Susan Bauerle

Caring & Sharing is a concept to promote getting to know each other on a more personal level. Whenever you have “special” events occur in your life - or are aware of such in the lives of others\* - please make me aware. If you attend the monthly club meetings, there is a table for you to visit. Otherwise, contact me anytime, any method! We want to support one another during life’s ups & downs. So announce Good News such as milestone birthdays & family additions. Recognize others for jobs well done & congratulations deserved. And remember get well wishes & sympathy during times of loss. Anything YOU feel like SHARING - WE feel like CARING about!!



**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.

**November's Garden of the Month award has been presented to Gene and Carol Roddenberry of 529 N. San Souci Ave. DeLand, Florida.**

The Garden Club of DeLand recognizes the Roddenberry's exceptional efforts to enhance their landscape. Luscious foliage and flowers combine with pollinator friendly blooms to create a distinct tropical oasis atmosphere. After retiring from Brevard County schools as a principal, and upon moving to DeLand in 2015, Carol joined the Garden Club of DeLand. It was there that she learned more about gardening for pollinators, including bees and butterflies. She joined the club's new Milkweed Circle and volunteers on the butterfly squad, who certify Monarch Butterfly Sanctuaries through the Monarch city USA program.



Naturally, the Roddenberry's garden is also a certified sanctuary. Butterflies and bees happily buzz and flutter about, grateful for the plentiful nectar sources. In 2019 Carol, affectionately known to her friends as C\_Rod, graciously accepted the position of President of the Garden Club's Rose circle.

The two story Craftsman house, built in 1921, had a "blank canvas" landscape back in 2015. A large live oak tree in the back yard provided leaf litter throughout the years, enriching the soil as the leaves decomposed. The Roddenberry's began installing pathways to delineate garden bed space. Empty spaces soon sprang to life with an assortment of tropical beauties. Australian tree ferns, crotons, coleus, Pagoda flowers, and ginger thrive in the dappled shade of the old oak tree. The tree additionally provides the benefit of a bit of frost protection from winter weather. The Roddenberry's love collecting various ginger specimens. Gene estimates that they have over a dozen species to date, including some rare varieties such as the variegated Hedychium "Dr. Moy". Mr. Roddenberry

also has a penchant for collecting orchids and hoyas, adding to the tropical feel. No herbicides or pesticides are sprayed on the property, as wildlife habitat conservation is a top priority here. Congratulations to Gene and Carol on their gardening success!

You are the bee's knees!



Garden Club of DeLand  
“The Dirt”



Norma Thomas, Grounds Chair

The Weedettes meet every Monday morning to trim, plant, weed and police the grounds. We welcome anyone who wished to join us who doesn't mind getting a little dirty. We typically spend 2 to 3 hours each Monday tending to the gardens. To get an idea of how we spend our time, here is our journal.

09.16.19 TS Humberto stayed out in the ocean. Brought us feeders bands only. On the weed killer laid down last week, the vinegar solution did not work. Baking soda did and the Natria barely worked.

On Sunday night I send out a list of items we need to address on the grounds. Here is the email sent to the Weedettes. And it always amazes me that they show up! Hahaha

Ladies, just a few things to knock out tomorrow. Not all has to be completed.

1. Herb bed: trim down the tarragon, cut off chive blooms and weed.
2. Day lily bed: Remove dead stems and cut back the huge vinca at the end.
3. Amaryllis: Remove all dead and if necessary, cut back down to the ground. Cut back the holly that is rearing its stabbing self again and remove eaten leaves on the peace lilies. Remove and pot up the syngonium growing at end of the bed.
4. Remove the fallen debris along the entrance walkway. Cut out the dead in the foxtails.
5. Remove the dead vinca in the bed across from butterfly bed.
6. Butterfly bed: cut porter weed back 1/3. Remove the walkers on the yellow walking iris.
7. Back of grounds. Using loppers, remove the new growth at the stump of the loquat. We probably need to schedule to have the tree removed next year. It has been slated for removal for a few years now. The turks cap in the corner back bed needs to be cut down to a 2' height. It will be a stick when done.
8. Coleus that was planted last week needs to be tipped back and dying caladium leaves removed.

Kenny will weed whack the area in front of the a/c unit and the bed at the end of our parking lot. Thinking we can turn that bed into a wildflower bed????

Although it was a cooler day, we accomplished items 1 thru 6. We will deal with the rest next week.

09.23.19 We finished items 7 and 8 as well as planted 11 Little Rubies, removed rain lilies, trimmed African Irises, turned compost pile, cut down caladiums, added soil to base of foxtail ferns and remembered to lock all doors. Not bad for a cool morning, thank God. We are aiming to lay 7 bales of pine needles in the butterfly beds. Switching over from pine bark. Tell us what you think when you see it.

We are going to spend the month of October preparing a wildflower bed that Kenny whacked back last week. Ideally, we should be ready to seed come the month of November.

TS Jackie is forming and may or may not run the same route as the last tropical storms.

09.30.19 We removed weeds, sansevieria, plumbago and more weeds from the parking lot bed, then sprayed for weeds we did not get. Will spray one more time. Laid 7

bales of pine needles in the butterfly beds. Trimmed off low branches from the parking lot oaks. Also, TS Karen has moved past us and Hurricane Lorenzo is a Cat 5, Cat 4 coming off the coast of Africa. Not slated to hit us, thank God.

10.07.19 Rain FINALLY (4 days). Storms moved in from the ocean with much needed relief from the dry windy days we have had for most of September despite hurricanes and tropical storms. We took a rain day today. Could not get the bales of pine straw either, Lowes was out.

10.08.19 Fertilized roses and turned compost pile. Guessing the City picked up our debris pile.

10.14.19 Today, on this cool morning start, we gained 3 new Weedettes. Tammy Rhode, Linda Angio and Martha Cates. A very welcome addition to our merry band of dirt digging, weed pulling, planting ladies. This is the email that went out on Sunday to the Weedettes.

1. Cut back sweet potato to a 2 ft diameter around the palm tree and cut the blackberry lilies to the ground.

2. Pull all vinca in the azalea bed and cut the blackberry lilies to the ground.

3. Start pulling up all the little walking irises around the big oak and pot up into 1-gallon pots. Fill at least 10 pots with them! We can turn them over for the November plant sale. There is soil in our storage area. Done

4. Sink new 4x4 post at the drive entrance. Screw in eye bolt.

5. Grab all the newspapers and lay them down in the new wildflower bed followed by pine needles. There are 7 bales in the holding bay. Thinking we will use 3 bales for that area. The other 3 bales maybe finish up laying it where we started in the butterfly beds. One bale in both side rectangle beds at the arbor.

6. Finally, we have 80 lbs of 10.10.10 to put down and 20 lbs of azalea fertilizer.

If we cannot get to it then next week will be fine. Use the little red wagon, Christina, to haul the bags around and around the property.

The wildflower bed took 6 bales of pine needles and one bale was divided to the beds on either side of the arbor. Only 40 lbs of 10.10.10 was put down. Post did not arrive so will be done by the rental team later this week. With the extra assistance today, we finished in 2 hours.

Happy Gardening my Friends.  
Norma