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Upcoming Programs and Events

2019

October 4	Bee Program
October 22	District VI Fall Meeting
October 24	FUN with Flowers
October 27-29	Fall Symposium
October 29	NGC Gardening Fee Due
November 1	Governing Board Meeting 9am
November 4-5	NGC Gardening School Course 1
November 23	FUN with Flowers
November 26	Most Adult Awards Due
December 5	Awards Judged
December 7	Downtown Planting
December 11	FUN with Flowers

November 7 General Meeting **Marigold**
9:30am Social, 10:00am Meeting
"Recycling Yard Waste"

Speaker: Jim Norman, Master Gardener

UF/IFAS Extension Center since 2011
 Florida resident since 1982, when he started raising tropical fish; primarily African cichlids part time. Imported salt and freshwater fish from the Far East and raised cichlids until 2004. Taught agriculture from 2004-2010, now retired and enjoying being a Master Gardener since 2011.

Bee Program
 October 4 at 2pm
 Marlins' Honey
 All are welcome to attend!
 Held at the Garden Club.

President's Message

Hello! Have you seen our new webpage? Check it out! It's beautiful. Have you been to FFGC.org? You are a part of that organization. Make sure you click on all the tabs to see what your opportunities are. These benefits are for you! Have you logged in with your password? Forgot your password? Then create a new one and start enjoying a part of your membership benefits. I won't even ask you if you've seen Nationals' site (gardenclub.org). You still have time to sign up for the NGC Gardening School being held at our Garden Club.

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

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



**Firecracker Circle
Ikebana Class**

“Fun with Flowers”

Suzanne Locke, chair

**“Carve a Pumpkin & Create a Spooktacular
Arrangement”**

Thursday Oct 24th 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Registration Deadline: October 17th

“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

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Suzanne Locke, Chair

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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.

Sorry, No Walk ins.

Ways and Means wants to thank you for shopping at the September 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

Sensory Garden

Karen Hall, Chair

Sensory Garden Project

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Karen Hall, FFGC Life Member, Chair

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2019

October: Firecracker

November: Magnolia

December: Blue Sage

Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

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

Come Join us the first Saturday of each month to take care of the container gardens. The “Downtown Planters” would love for you to join us. **Maintaining our Downtown container Garden Saturday, October 5, 2020 at 7:30am. Bring clippers, gloves, bags for clippings, pinch back and trim coleus, trim sweet potato vines, & fertilize.**

Fall District VI Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 8:30 AM – 2 PM
Halifax Plantation Golf Club
3400 Clubhouse Dr, Ormond Beach, Florida
32174

All Garden Club members are invited to attend this meeting. There will be interesting presentations, plant sale and shopping opportunities. The lunch will be outstanding.

Admission fee is \$30. Registration closes on October 15, 2019! Do not miss the opportunity!

See your Circle President for the Fall District VI Meeting. All the FFGC Officers will be visiting with us.

Fundraiser Request

Members begin potting up and propagating plants.



We will be selling plants at the NGC Gardening School on November 4 & 5.

This will be an easy way to raise money and at a small amount of effort. Start now!

If you have any interesting Garden items and plants that you would like to donate for the fundraiser please bring them to the Clubhouse **October 30th & 31st.**

Plants will be inspected Nov. 1st.

Any questions contact:
Suellen Biferie (Marigold and Master Gardener) chair
407-832-2572 (c)
sbiferie@yahoo.com

NGC Gardening School

November 4-5 9am-4pm

Helping members become accomplished horticulturists.

Deadline October 29, 2019

The NGC Gardening Study Courses are designed to provide educational information to those especially interested in gardening, horticulture and related subjects. The School consists of a series of four courses, scheduled usually for two days of instruction, followed by a general examination.



Courses cover all aspects of growing, from understanding soil structure to pruning techniques, plant identification, etc. Topics include basic botany, soils, growing annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs, fruits and vegetables, lawns, pests and diseases of plants, plant classification, and selected subjects of local interest. For More information visit: www.gardenclub.org.

Course 1 Highlights

BASIC BOTANY

- A. Plant anatomy (roots, stems, leaves, flowers)
- B. Plant requirements (light, temperature, water, humidity)
- C. Life cycle of plants (annuals, biennials, perennials)
- D. Reproduction (sexual, asexual - pollination and fertilization)
- E. Study of plant structure (specific plant group studied)

SOILS

- A. Characteristics and structure of soil
- B. Soil testing (Extension Service/state)
- C. Function of soil
- D. Importance of roots
- E. Maintenance
- F. Fertilization (compost, fertilizers)

TECHNIQUES FOR GROWING OUTDOOR FLOWERS

- A. Environmental factors and choice of plant material
- B. Organic gardening
- C. Crop rotation and landscape suitability
- D. Pruning and training of plants
- E. Problems and problem solving

PLANT PROPAGATION

- A. Seed selection lecture
- B. Vegetative propagation
- C. Propagation workshop (hands on project)

***See Brochure or your Circle President for more details.**

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.

The Garden Club of DeLand has presented Jason Schley of Schley's Bonsai and Supplies at 2745 Audubon Ave., DeLand with The Garden of the Month award for October. Recently featured on Fox 35's Good Day Orlando program, Mr. Schley's property, located beside Lake Woodruff National Wildlife refuge, encompasses 12 acres which include multiple gardens, event venues, and a bonsai nursery. Prior to the freeze of 1984, this land was home to a citrus grove. Outlying areas retain historic Florida charm, filled with native plants including old growth live oaks and saw palmettos, which will remain intact and serve as habitat for native wildlife. Jason purchased this property in 2011 and has since been working tirelessly, along with his team, to build the gardens of his dreams. His interest in the art of bonsai



began in 1991 as a teenager. Schley's Bonsai and Supplies is now the largest bonsai nursery in central Florida, and hosts the monthly meetings of the Kawa Bonsai Society. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month and are open to the public. Serene Asian inspired garden areas include a large koi pond, 10 species of bamboo, as well as specimen bonsai featured throughout the property. Shaded paths allow for easy access through tropical garden areas showcasing philodendron, ginger, lilies, orchids, and other lush tropical plants. Each bed is tastefully decorated with cute surprise details, creating wonderful photo opportunities for guests of all ages to enjoy. An edible garden can present a challenging endeavor for homeowners in west Volusia, but Jason is successfully growing an array of crops



which add visual interest and yield tasty treats. Peaches, nectarines, pears, mangos, pecans, guava, blueberries, bananas, blackberries, grapes, and more are currently growing. Schley's goal is to create a 3 acre botanical garden, with Asian and eclectic themes, which will be open to the public.

The Garden Club of DeLand commends Jason on his ongoing efforts to add beauty, culture, education, and art to our community. An annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday November 9th from 10:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. This family friendly event will include a sale, demonstrations, raffles, and free food and drinks. For more information, visit schleybonsai.com



**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.

WEEDETTE JOURNAL

08.05.19 Three of us today. Sharyn, Evelyn and me. We attacked the woodland area in order to gather green material for the compost. As Evie and I cut, Sharyn shredded the green leaves. After 1 hour, we made good progress in cutting back the small invasive trees in the bromeliads. Sharyn tarped the compost with black plastic in order to help the decomposition and added a layer of newspaper (carbon). It was hot but a good morning.

08.12.19 We filled three 42-gallon trash bags of weeds and trimmings. It is hot and humid, we stopped at 9:30. All vincas that were growing over the walkways were trimmed back as well as the dwarf marigolds that aren't dwarf. Last Friday we got a call from our lawn mowing guy saying that it was 8:30 and the sprinklers were still running. Susan and I met at the Club and turn the sprinkler system off. Today, Susan found the problem to be with the clock and she simply reset it.

08.19.19 Although it is 72 degrees to start the day, it is a warm 72. We prepped the gardens for the Orientation Event to be held on the 24th. The birdbath was scoured clean. The debris from the palms are covering the grounds. Not good, we will be battling seedlings in the Spring. The butterfly iris bed was trimmed and thinned. The chandelier was taken down, cleaned and put back up in the arbor. The border of all gardens was given their formal edge. The mulch is pulled back 6" to expose the soil. Kenny will come in on Friday and edge all beds as well as mow and blow all walkways. The weeds in the pavers were sprayed with a non-selective herbicide (not Round-up). Bids for trimming the trees turned into Jennifer Condo, \$30, \$40 and \$42. All are licensed and insured. Waiting for Board approval.

While meeting with Kenny last Thursday, he noted that we have a serious sod webworm problem in the lawn behind the building. I called and it was sprayed on Saturday.

08.26.19 Grounds look good. We are taking the day off. TS Dorian forming. Got ok to hire Blackwelder Tree Service to trim palms at \$30 a palm. Wait and see on Dorian first.

08.28.19 Hurricane Dorian looks like it will hit South of us into Brevard Co and cross to Orlando as Cat 2 possible 3 and head to Tampa.

08.29.19 Dorian is moving slow, about 10 mph. Plenty of time to build in strength. Time to move yard art, lawn furniture, plants and pots to a safe location.

08.30.19 Hurricane Dorian to come ashore as a Cat 4. It is heading into the Palm Beach area. It was to move north as a Cat 2. Slated to pass on DeLand west side only to switch 12 hours later to pass on our east side between us and Daytona. Gas stations are out of gas, stores are busy. A freaky thunder and lightning storm hit most of DeLand unexpectedly.

08.31.19 Dorian shifted out into the Atlantic away from coastal Florida and heading towards the Savannah area. What a roller coastal ride of emotions.

The high-pressure area that was keeping it down has moved north allowing Dorian to ride the ocean towards Georgia and the Carolinas. Cautiously optimistic.

What a way to end August.

09.01.19 Cat 5 to hit the Bahamas. Horrifying.

09.02.19 Weedettes did not work today, grounds' yard art was moved into the building late last week. Hurricane Dorian is in the Bahamas at wind speeds of 185 to 220 mph. Moving excruciatingly slow. Dorian shifted as it moved up the Eastern Florida coast to 100 miles out into the Atlantic. We were spared high winds and heavy rains.

09.09.19 We are back and starting to take the grounds down. Meaning we are pulling out the annuals and reclaiming the overgrown areas. I think, today, we filled three 42-gallon bags of clippings.

Most of which we could not use in the compost pile because of seeds and the nature of the plant to try to grow in the enriched medium that the compost is becoming.

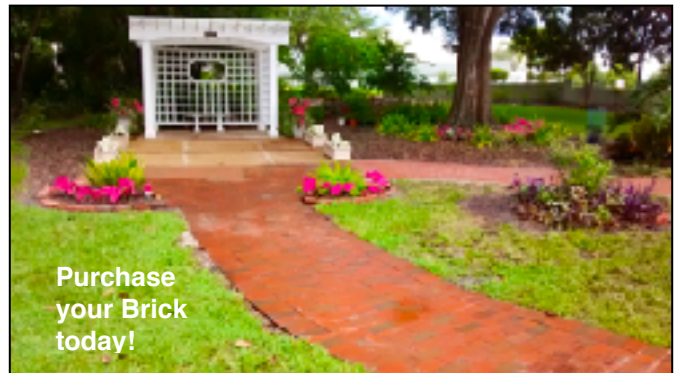
We also sprayed for weeds using a vinegar solution of 1 to 5 ratio. We also sprinkled baking soda on the weeds in the paver area. Also used a store-bought weed killer that is supposed to be friendlier to the environment. We will see what does what upon our return next week. It is stinking hot and we all left as a big ole' puddle of sweat. Yuck. Happy Gardening!

Brick Pathway

Pat DeSalvo, Chair

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



**Purchase
your Brick
today!**