



# Gabby Gardener

## Garden Club of DeLand Newsletter

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### Upcoming Programs and Events

#### 2019

September 6	"Bee and Pollinator" 2pm Clubhouse
September 11-12	FFGC Fall 2019 Board Meeting NGC
September 18-20	2019 Board Meeting
September 20	FUN with Flowers
October 3	General Meeting
October 22	District VI Fall Meeting
October 24	FUN with Flowers
October 27-29	Fall Symposium
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

#### Oct 3 General Meeting "Attracting Wildlife"

5:00pm Social, 5:30pm Meeting

#### Speakers:

Speaker: Suellen Biferie  
Master Gardener UF/IFAS Extension Center since 2015. Florida native and former teacher for Volusia County Schools.

Speaker: Karen Burgess  
Master Gardener UF/IFAS Extension Center since 2015. Volusia County native, former teacher/administrator with Volusia County schools and a Garden of the the Month recipient

**Ways and Means** is happy to be back and to share with you the Wonderful donations you all have made.

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

#### 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 Strom
- Rose** - Carol Roddenberry
- Sparkleberry** - Eve Sckolnik

### President's Message

Hello! We have a great year of programs designed on the 9 Principles of Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL). This program was created in 2008 in conjunction with the University of Florida. FFL means using low-maintenance plants and environmentally sustainable practices. Learn how you can have a beautiful landscape that could save you time, energy and money while protecting our future. Find out more by attending our general meetings to hear from the top people in their fields on how to water efficiently, fertilize appropriately, manage pests responsibly, and much more! In conjunction with this educational opportunity the FFL program offers free publications. Click here to request your copies now or ask your circle president for the link. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeysnTNBRS6LK6Kcqvdv6gcM6dk5KuUVc-KH2K0OG4BOHkOxQ/viewform?c=0&w=1>  
I hope to see you there!

A special thank you goes out to Joyce Fisher, Membership Chair, for her new member orientation event on August 24th. It was wonderful to see so many people there interested in learning more about the GC. Potential new members and existing members attended and everyone learned something new! Now we have 2 new members to the Rose Circle and 2 new members to the Milkweed Circle.

\* Don't forget to sign up quickly for the Gardening School we will be offering November 4th & 5th. Two days of lecture and hands on activities will get you an in depth look at Florida soils and how to improve them. We provide lunch as well. Get to know your fellow garden club members by attending. Want more plants for free? You will learn how easy it is to propagate more plants. Jennifer Condo

#### Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand 2019 - 2021

- President - Jennifer Condo
- 1st Vice President - TBA
- 2nd Vice President - Valerie Seinfeld
- Recording Secretary - Sara Zollinger
- Corresponding Secretary - Marshall Rawson
- Treasurer - Richard (Rich) Fisher

**Sensory Garden**

Karen Hall, Chair

Sensory Garden Project

230 North Stone Street, DeLand, FL

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**2019**

September: Milkweed

October: Firecracker

November: Magnolia

December: Blue Sage

**“Fun with Flowers”**

Suzanne Locke, chair

**“Succulents and Sangria”**

**Friday Sept 20th 5:30 - 7:30 pm**

Girls Night Out in Downtown DeLand afterwards!

Registration Deadline: September 13th

**“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

**Contact Information:**

Suzanne Locke, Chair

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Janis L. Williams, Registrar

janis.l.williams@gmail.com

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.

On June 8, 1998 the Garden Club of DeLand held a dedication ceremony for the newly created gift to our City, the Sensory Garden. This Garden was designed for people to explore and enjoy with all 5 senses (touch, taste, smell, sight and sound) located in Bill Dreggors Park - 230 North Stone Street, DeLand, FL on the site of the historic Old DeLand Memorial Hospital, which is now a museum about the hospital.



Updated Plant List for Certifying Monarch Butterfly Gardens on website.

Any Questions Regarding The Sensory Garden Maintenance contact Karen Hall.

Monarch Butterfly Gardens have been certified all summer long it seems...Barb Shepherd proudly achieves Certified Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary status from the Milkweed Circle of the Garden Club of DeLand for Artisan Alley. It is certified garden #134.

The Milkweed Circle's Butterfly Squad certified another 25 gardens this summer, bringing a total of 135 certified monarch sanctuaries! These gardens had a variety of styles and ran the gamut from a small apartment garden with extra milkweed in a wagon, to HOA dictated sites, to brand new ones, to large established gardens updated with monarch friendly plantings. They met all kinds of people - first time gardeners, accomplished ones, Garden Club members or not, gardeners of all ages, including one young boy who asked his young friends to weed before the Squad's arrival! Consistently everyone was proud to do their part to help monarch butterflies.

The current Butterfly Squad members include Karen Hall, Chris Dudley, Joyce Fisher, Shanda Hebert, Caroline Long, Barbara Merriam, Marshall Rawson and Carol Roddenberry. Kudos to these women who help promote the Garden Club in the community, support the city of DeLand's designation as a Monarch City, USA, raise awareness about the plight of monarch butterflies and encourage people to take positive action with their certified gardens.





**Downtown DeLand Container Gardens**

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

On August 3rd, we were an incredible sea of green shirts and smiling men and women on Saturday as we worked to replant our city. So many members showed up that I feel I can safely say this was a record number of participants. Thank you for your hard work growing coleus for the giveaway, picking up the plants and the planting. Boy did we make a statement with both the number of Garden Clubbers working and the beauty we added to our downtown. The City of DeLand also very much appreciates what we do and from the honks, thank you's from passing cars and walkers, all of DeLand does too. 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.

**The Milkweed Circle of the Garden Club of DeLand** is making Native Milkweed plants (*Asclepias incarnata*) available to the public from 4 until 6PM at the Clubhouse, 865 S. Alabama Ave. on Tuesday, September 17th. We are asking for a donation of \$3/plant.

**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.

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](http://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 recognizes Vicky Shanley's Florida friendly cottage style garden as September's Garden of the Month. This well maintained garden surrounding this 1923 craftsman bungalow style home located at 223 S. Salisbury Avenue, has been evolving since purchased in 2010. All turf grass has been removed and replaced by lush plantings, coquina shell pathways, and raised bed planters. A self described “lazy gardener”, Vicky's garden concept included a low maintenance yard with Florida native plants, which would live and self seed with no need to be pampered, heavily pruned, repeatedly watered or excessively fertilized. In 2012 she hired local firm Evolving Landscapes LLC. to help bring her vision to life. Ironically, after selecting this local business whose focus mirrored her personal landscape goals, she learned that her home was previously owed by the firm's landscape architect and owner!

As her garden continued to grow over the course of the past 7 years, several unique features have been added to Ms. Shanley's property to form a cohesive space with points of interest visible from each angle. The front yard faces east behind a low wrought iron fence. On the sunny southern side butterflies flutter in abundance, attracted by dwarf firebush shrubs and purple passionvine.

A Zen rock garden planted with succulents and plumeria adds an eclectic touch. The north side receives dappled shade courtesy of a shared tree line with her neighbors. Plantings have been expertly arranged to thrive in the shade here including both Florida native and Florida friendly plants. Ferns, bromeliads, dwarf mondo grass, wild coffee, blueberries, gingers and caladiums bloom and grow, where traditional turf grass once struggled from lack of sufficient sunlight. A seating area nestled under the trees provides a wonderful respite to beat the heat, and enjoy the view.

Entering the backyard through a garden gate, one is again treated to a flurry of butterflies that come to feast on the nectar provided by a variety of flowers planted for their benefit. An extensive coquina shell pathway adds a distinctly Floridian flair and does much to simplify maintenance. In 2018, a stone raised bed with quadrant planters was constructed in a circular pattern. At waist level, Ms. Shanley can tend to and harvest her impressive herb collection with ease. In the center of the circle a single loquat tree provides both tasty fruits in season as well as lovely dark green foliage year round. Ms. Shanley, her family and friends enjoy this backyard oasis from her newly installed paver seating area.

The Garden club of DeLand congratulates Vicky Shanley for her efforts to beautify her corner of our town.





## 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.

It has been an interesting summer, hasn't it. The last two weeks in May brought us triple digit heat for a solid 2 weeks with no rain. Lawns took a beating. June came with rains and not just the afternoon shower but downpours, generating an ½” to 2 inches when it did rain, which was at least 2 to 3 times a week. July brought us Tropical Storm Barry which brought cloudy days, hit or miss rains and triple digit heat. August started out with sun and clouds, hot and humid and us watching depression after depression coming off the coast of Africa. Most of us retreated into our air-conditioned homes and ventured out early early in the mornings to try to get some gardening done.

We have had many Hurricanes come through in these past 3 years. So is your property ready for the Season of “Oh please God, don't let it hit here.” It is all we can do to simply weed and trim but take a moment and look at your palms and trees. Are they ready to withstand 70 to 90 mph winds? I am gathering quotes to have the Garden Club's palms trimmed and have a quote of \$40 and a quote of \$42 from licensed and insured companies. Need one more bid. It is something we do every 2 years and if you look at the palms now, you will see they are holding all their dead fronds and seed heads. Not a look for our Garden Club grounds and not fun to pick up after a storm.

Recently, speaking with other gardeners, I found that most of us have experienced some form of heat exhaustion. Something that has not happened to us before. One of the gardeners I spoke with said she was momentarily lost in her yard, confused. Scary right? Heat exhaustion at the end of May took me weeks to recover. Then last month I came inside, sat down and started to sweat profusely but was chilled. My body was trying to regulate itself. The body says go to sleep goof ball and you either faint or you have someone that loves you and recognizes your foolishness, help you rehydrate and gets you to bed to fall sleep. Pretty stupid huh? What I am saying is that with the earth warming and us getting older, we need to realize we cannot win and work through this heat. So, stay safe and as my mom use to say. “Don't do as I do, do as I say”.

The Weedettes took more Mondays off this summer. Happily, the plantings are doing what they are supposed to do in the space they were given so maintenance is minimal. But, with the rains we have to weed, weed and weed. In one hour's, time we are soaking wet and dirty. Honestly, you see Evelyn, some Mondays she is head to toe dirt. Kinda funny. (Sorry Evie, I told on you.) But for the first time, some Mondays were simply just too hot for us to work safely and we stay home.

On a fun note, we have been maintaining a compost bin all summer long. Can't miss it. It's the big green thing near the picnic table. We are learning what to put in the bin, the ratio of carbon to nitrogen. Green and brown material. It is a learning curve, but our goal is to not have to fertilize but use our compost and top dress our beds prior to plantings. If you can't compost at home and want to do something positive for Mother Earth, talk to one of the Weedettes for what goes into our compost pile.

Well friends, that is my summer reflections and I hope you had a peaceful summer and are ready to re-join your whacky group of friends for a new season of learning, gardening and fellowship. I think this year will be wonderfully busy and fun. Garden safe my friends, Norma

### Brick Pathway Pat DeSalvo, Chair

#### Brick Sale

We have planted 166 bricks over the years. 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.

**To kick off the year all Bricks will be \$45.00** or 2 for \$90.00 for the Month of September.

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)

