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From the President - Casey King

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your summer and staying cool in the shade on these hot days. Weeds can wait for cooler weather! While the Garden Club has been on a summer break many of you have spent a lot of time getting ready for September and our 100th Anniversary celebrations.

Diane Schmidt, 1st Vice President has been very busy planning our meetings for next season. Our September meeting features Ashley Stonecipher, University of Florida Agriculture Agent. She will speak to us about the Honey Bee calendar. Magnolias are hosting the event, and we would love those in attendance to wear something with

a bee theme. The meeting is Thursday, September 4th at the club house and social time begins at 9:30am. We have so much to discuss I hope everyone can attend and bring a friend that might be interested in joining us!

Since so many of you have been working hard this summer with the Garden Club, I thought this newsletter might be a good way to share updates on what we are working on.

Thank you all for reading this, and thank you Gail LaFayette, for taking time out of your busy summer schedule to put this newsletter together for us!

Hope to see everyone soon!

Casey

Library Donation

Our Board decided to purchase four new children's books written by the former President of the National Garden Clubs **Brenda Moore**. The books are, "The Saved Seed", "The Frightened Frog", "Network with Nature", and "My Green is Gone."

These are beautiful books!

We are donating them to the Regional Director of the DeLand Public Library on Monday, August 11th at 3pm at the library. I really hope several of you can be there to help with the donation and to get a look at these beautiful books. I am certain they will be enjoyed by many children in the years to come.



Garden Faire and Open House - October 19th

The date for this event is fast approaching, Sunday, October 19th from 12pm – 5pm at the Garden Club. Lisa Schnetzer and Lupita Wiggan and their respective committee members have been working hard planning this event. The most important part of this event are the tables each garden club circle and special interest group will have where they can feature the work they do. Remember, this event is an Open House – we want the public to come and see all the things we do and join us!

There will be a few outside vendors, wonderful garden crafts for sale, a bakery goods section, beautiful, handmade floral arrangements along with unique plants for the home and garden. Lupita has

been working hard organizing the plant sale portion and I hope everyone is planning to bring a few plants for us to sell. If everyone propagates now, we will have a good amount to sell. We will also have activities for the kiddies – face painting, possible pot painting and/or planting, a botanical themed boutique store (so donate that beautiful ladybug brooch you don't wear anymore!). I've only scratched the surface; this will be our 100-year recognition for the public and we need all hands on deck for this activity!

Contact [Lisa Schnetzer](#) or [Lupita Wiggans](#) with questions.

Party Time!! - November 15th

This being our 100th year calls for a BIG celebration. So, we're going to party like it's 1925 again!! You know, when gin was a sin. I have it on good authority (not the coppers) that there will be a jazz band, food, fun, and libations – but don't worry, totally legit, we got "The Recipe" for the punch from the Baldwin sisters (told 'em John-boy sent us!).



Tickets will be \$15.00 each or \$25.00 per couple. It will be on Saturday, November 15th from 5pm – 9pm and we hope everyone can come in their favorite flapper outfit. Don't forget to bring your significant other as well. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance (we need to make sure we have enough of the recipe – uh, I mean punch). Location will be announced later we wouldn't want that to get into the "wrong" hands, if you know what I mean.

This will be fun – I hope everyone, and their significant other can attend!!

Book Club - September 18th @ 1 pm

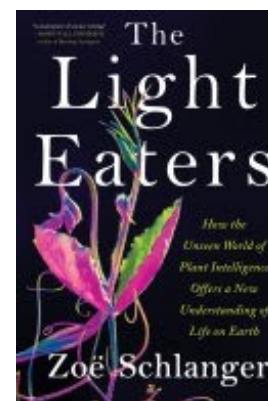
Don't forget that the book club begins a new year in September as well. Their first meeting is on Thursday, September 18th at 1pm. The book "The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of the Life on Earth" by Zoë Schlanger.

Goodreads rates the book very highly and states: "The award-winning environment and science reporter Zoë Schlanger delivers a groundbreaking work of popular science that probes the hidden world of the plant kingdom and

reveals the astonishing capabilities of the green life all around us.

We need plants to survive. But what do they need us for—if at all? An eye-opening and informative look at the ecosystem we live in, this book challenges us to rethink the role of plants—and our own place—in the natural world." Should produce an interesting discussion.

Please join us. [Chris Nott](#)



Zoë Schlanger

Time Capsule

One hundred years is quite a milestone, and while we intend on celebrating throughout the year, we need to leave something behind for our fellow Garden Club members in 2125. We need a time capsule. I need a few people that would like to work on this important task. Requires no digging or heavy lift-

ing, but much thought and organization. This is something really important we will leave for the future. If you would like to be part of this committee, please let me know (email, text, phone) so we can start planning the contents of the capsule.

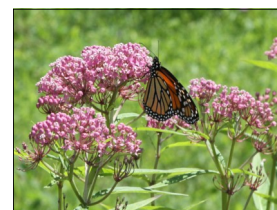
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New Special Project Committee

As part of our focus on promoting pollinators and the Home Grown National Parks theme in our community in the next two years, we want to develop a series of four (possibly more), free classes for the public to attend at no charge. A lot of the details are still to be worked out. [Mary Lambert](#), [Kay Cordero](#), and [Rosie McKenna](#) have

graciously volunteered to help with the planning of these courses. We certainly could use more members on this special project committee.

Please consider volunteering for this important work to spread gardening in our community.



Promoting pollinators

Garden Club in Action

On July 26th a few of our members answered the call when the American Legion Orange Baker Post 187 asked for assistance improving a vegetable raised bed for their Vets.

A huge thank you to Dorothy Caldwell who arranged the event and Erin Miceli, Stan Dix, and Jennifer Condo who provided their gardening knowledge and even plants to help our veterans.

You guys rock!!! Thank you. There's still time for you to get in on the fun, in a few months (when the weather's cooler) the Garden Club will be helping to install a pollinator garden at their location.



How To Festival - September 13th

The DeLand Public Library is hosting their annual How-To Festival on Saturday, September 13th at the library from 11am-3pm.

I have reserved a table for our group so I will need some members willing to sit at the table and let people know about what the Garden Club does and all the benefits of membership. If we could get four volunteers, two for 11-1pm and two for 1-3pm that would make it an easy day. Please consider volunteering for this.

Also, at this event the library has “classes” for attendees. They have asked if we could do one on propagation. This would be a great way to engage the public and promote our club. If we could have three members willing to present this as a hands on demonstration for about 40 people, I will let the library know we can do this. We can have a 20 minute or a 50 minute slot for this.

[How - to Festival link](#)



Rentals

Thanks to everyone that has worked so hard on the building this summer. We have had a good number of rentals and even spent time getting some of our “junk” arranged so we actually have room in our storage areas. Thanks to Norma and Violet we found a way to repair some of our chairs, so they don't need replacement. Hopefully, by our first meeting in September the inside of

the clubhouse will have a face-lift. At the last Governing Board meeting we voted to paint the interior White Ibis. A very pretty color. We may also have a new color for the gray in the bathrooms thanks to Norma.



Monthly Opportunities at the GCD

"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.

Throughout the year the Sensory Garden is maintained by Garden Club Circles to attract pollinators and wildlife. This has been an on-going project of the Garden Club for over 20 years. Rededicated May 5, 2018 Located at: Bill Dreggors Park, 230 N. Stone Street, DeLand Florida. **Work days are the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month**, starting time 7:30 or 8am to beat the heat. Stay as long or short as you want, meet new and continuing members. These workdays will continue through out the year. **This is a GCD event, all circles are needed to participate.**

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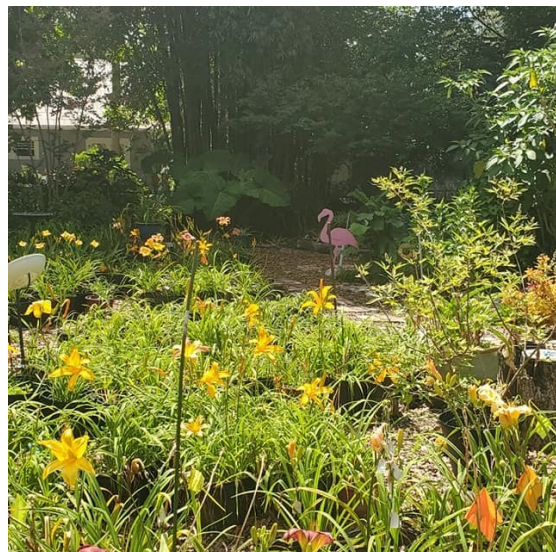
Garden Club of the Month

Barbara & Harland Merriam

The Garden Club of DeLand has recognized one of their members for her Daylily and Butterfly Gardens! **Barbara and Harland Merriam was awarded Garden Club of the Month** for their Daylily and Butterfly Gardens. Barbara is an active member of the Garden Club of DeLand and the Milkweed Circle. She helps in the Butterfly Sensory Garden, the downtown planters and serves on the Butterfly Squad that has certified over 180 Monarch Sanctuaries. “I raised monarch butterflies for years when I was teaching my three and four year olds in the class-room and now we are including butterfly attractors and more native plants in our gardens. We love trading plants with others. That’s how our garden keeps growing.”



Propagating and hybridizing Daylilies have become a passion of Harland's. “Their prime blooming season is April to June. “I started hybridizing in 2006 but we have been growing and collecting them for a lot longer. We actually dug up a ditch lily on our way to get married. I like growing daylilies because you can neglect and abuse them and they keep coming back. The favorite of my hybridization will bloom as early as February through November, with four or five re-blooming cycles. I named it St. Andrew's White Gold. It's a very simple, humble daylily that grows about a foot off the ground and is mostly gold. During a good sunny day the flower turns from gold to white.” Daylilies are more like a grass than a lily; named for their lily-like flower. Varieties range from dormant in the winter to evergreen, depending on the growing zones. How appropriate that the daylily is the official club flower for The Garden Club of DeLand. This couple adds their mutual love of gardening to their full bloom lifelong connection.



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501(c)3 Update

We have found an attorney to help us with this and are in the process of gathering up all the information he will need to file. This is the process we need to complete in order to have a not-for-profit status for donations. Currently, we are listed as a 501(c)4 which is a social organization where donations are taxable.

Gardening for the Future

Upcoming Events and Fundraisers

There is a lot we have planned that we will need volunteers to help with. I would like to list some of them here – you will hear much more on these soon, but please consider volunteering to help out with these events:

Festival of Trees – Saturday, December 6th (were hoping to make this as successful as they used to be)

Bunco Games

Antique Roadshow Tea (Angevine's will present on Antiques of the Gilded Age as we host a tea, each attendee will get one free antique appraisal at the event)

Fairy Garden Event for mothers/daughters

Pollinator Palooza (similar to Monarch Magic, but at garden club and featuring other pollinators, geared for children)

Gardening Classes (free to public, offering four starting in January – April)

Botanical Arts Programs (flower arranging and various other arts and crafts using plant material. Like Crafter's Corner)