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The Gabby Gardener

Photo by: Shanda Hébert



President's Corner

Welcome to The Garden Club of DeLand's 2024-2025 year! Since our founding in 1925, Presidents look forward to engaging programs and activities as well as

members ready to participate after a rejuvenating summer.

Starting with the Executive Board (Lance Harding, Barbara Merriam, Chris Dudley, Deborah Dubois and Shanda Hébert), I want to commend them for their ability to collaborate, compromise, follow through and work selflessly in the best interests of the Garden Club. It is indeed a pleasure to work with them.

Norma Thomas stepped up to manage the repairs to the Clubhouse. Her help has been invaluable. We are grateful for the donations to the Building Fund from Whimsy in the Garden, five circles, individual members and community friends of the Garden Club. The pressing items from the building inspection have all been addressed.

We are grateful for the support of our FFGC District VI Director, Valerie Seinfeld. She keeps us abreast of FFGC happenings.

There are many ways to enjoy the Garden Club and many friends to help you. Please remember that the General Meetings are open to guests. It is a nice way to introduce friends to GCD. Circle programs are open to all members, but you need to check with the Circle President first to make sure space is available. I am indeed honored to be your President and be able to give back for the friendships, education and opportunities the Garden Club has offered me.

September KICKOFF

Thursday, September 5, 9:30 Social, 10 Meeting: **GCD General Membership Meeting** at the clubhouse, 865 S. Alabama Ave. **Welcome Back. Speaker: Sam Baker, Founder & CEO at Wrigglebrew (PRAG LLC) Topic: Earthworms That Eat Plastic** Host Circle : Magnolia. **Contact Person: Lance Harding** wildcoffeecircle@gmail.com

Friday, September 6, **Rose Circle** at the clubhouse. **Welcome Back, Roses. Program: Florida Friendly Plants that WOW.** **Presenters: Andrew Norouzian of Flowing Well Tree Farm and Casey King.** **Contact Person: Casey King** caseyking@live.com

Tuesday, September 10, 12 noon, **Marigold Circle: Welcome Back Social at member's home** **Contact Person: Suellen Biferie** sbiferie@yahoo.com

Friday, September 13, **Magnolia Circle: Welcome Back Meeting at member's home** **Contact Person: Lisa Schnetzer** lisschn@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 17, 12 Noon, **Milkweed Circle** at the clubhouse. **Welcome Back Potluck Social** **Member Talk on Central Florida Butterfly: Shanda Hébert on Queen Butterfly** **Contact Persons: Carole Gilbert** carolej.gilbert@gmail.com

Tuesday, September 17, 6 PM, **Firecracker Circle. Topic: Pressed Flowers by Mary Lambert** **Contact Persons: Carol Grigas** carolgrigas@gmail.com & Suzanne Locke locke2151@aol.com

Thursday, September 19, **Governing Board Meeting** on Zoom, 6:30 sign-in / 6:45 meeting

Saturday, September 21, 10am, **Wild Coffee Circle** at Rise Yaupon Tea Company, 504 Pullman Rd, Edgewater. **Contact Person: Lance Harding** wildcoffeecircle@gmail.com

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**Hospitality
9am**



SHOP

**You are invited to our District VI Spring Meeting
“The Sun, The Sea, and The Soil”**

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 9 am - 2 pm

Eau Gallie Yacht Club

100 Datura Dr, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Hosted by:

Garden Club By-the-Sea

Deadline: Monday, October 14, 2024. No refunds will be given after October 16th

**50/50
Opportunity Drawing**

Meeting 10am - 2pm

Ways and Means

**Speaker: Sally Scalera MS Horticulture, UF/IFAS
Extension Brevard County**

“Love the Soil, Love the Water”

Lunch

“Land and Sea Garden Plate” \$40



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Habitat for Humanity

Late this Spring, Volunteers with The Garden Club of DeLand landscaped the newest Habitat for Humanity house. The house in North DeLand was planted with all native plants including Simpson Stoppers shrubs, Walter's Viburnum, black eyed Susan, Scarlet sage salvia, and Carolina wild petunia.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GCD

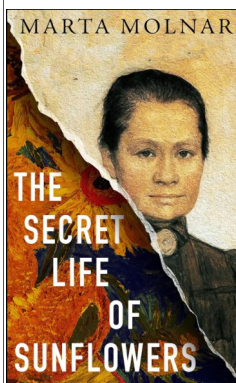
Wednesday, September 11, 2:30pm, **GCD Pop-Up Social Time at Berryville Frozen Yogurt**, 131 N. Woodland Blvd. **Contact Person:** Barbara Merriam gcd2ndvp@gmail.com or text 409-673-6982

Thursday, September 12, 10:30-12 at the Clubhouse, **Creative Corner Origami Presenter: Maureen Miller-Calamo. Contact Person: Maureen Miller-Calamo text to 516-445-2338**

Wednesday, September 18, 10:30am at the Clubhouse. **Creative Corner Presenter: Jenna Workman Container Garden - Theme "Mini Ferns", Cost \$30.** (Includes \$5 donation to the Garden Club of DeLand.) **Contact Person:** Carol Roddenberry karolqueen@aol.com or text to 386-235-0370

Thursday, September 19, 1 PM, **GCD Book Club: The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar**
Contact Persons: Cindy Daveport cindy@davenportmail.com or Sara Zollinger sarazollinger@att.net

September Book at the Garden Club of DeLand



Join us as we discuss this month's book, *The Secret Life of Sunflowers* by Marta Molnar. We will be meeting at the clubhouse at 1:00 pm on September 19th.

A gripping, inspiring novel based on the true story of Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law.

When Hollywood auctioneer Emsley Wilson finds her famous grandmother's diary while cleaning out her New York brownstone, the pages are full of surprises. The first surprise is, the diary isn't her grandmother's. It belongs to Johanna Bonger, Vincent van Gogh's sister-in-law. Johanna inherited Vincent van Gogh's paintings. They were all she had, and they weren't worth anything. She was a 28 year old widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. Yet she managed to introduce Vincent's legacy to the world.

Library Seed Giveaway



So far this year 2290 seed packets for flowers and vegetables have been given out at the

DeLand library. The seed packets are put out throughout the month and are appropriate to be grown in that month. We currently have seed packets sufficient to put out through the rest of the month and will be ordering more seeds at the end of September. We will have another seed packing party in the fall after the Master Gardener Plant Clinic. In addition to the seeds, the Friends of the Library will also be ordering a couple Aero gardens to grow herbs which will then be used in the library Recipes and Reads cooking class.

Lynn Ventura