



# Gabby Gardener

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The Garden Club of DeLand  
Cordially Invites You to Our May Luncheon  
Your 2019-2021 Executive Board Installation

### "A Catered Affair"

**Date:** May 2, 2019

**Arrival Time:** 11am

**Lunch Served:** 11:30am

**Menu:**

Appetizer, Tarragon Chicken Salad served over mixed organic greens with light balsamic dressing, Croissants with honey butter, Dessert, Beverages iced tea & water.

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Program:** Installation of Officers 2019-2021

**Hosted by Blue Sage Circle.** Table Favors & Centerpieces for guests.

**Make Checks Payable to: Blue Sage Circle**

Send one check from each circle along with a list of names of those attending.

Mail 1 Circle Check and List to:

Nancy Schlapper

942 Village Green Rd DeLand, FL 32720

**Deadline:** April 12, 2019

Yes, you may invite a guest.

### Incoming Executive Board 2019-2021

President Elect- Jennifer Condo

1 VP Elect - Jennifer Stone

2 VP Elect - Valerie Seinfeld

Rec. Sec. Elect - Sara Zollinger

Cor. Sec. Elect - Marshall Rawson

Treas. Elect - Richard (Rich) Fisher

### Upcoming Programs and Events

#### 2019

- April:** Sensory Garden Daisy
- April 6:** Downtown Planting  
Master Garden Plant Sale  
Milkweed Fundraiser 1-3
- April 7-9 2019:** FFGC Convention
- April 14:** Pageant of Crosses
- April 29- May 2:** NGC Convention
- May 2:** Garden Club Luncheon 11AM
- May 15:** District VI Meeting
- June 9- 11** FFGC/UF Short Course, Gainesville



### Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand 2017 - 2019

President - Elaine Waidelich

1st Vice President - Janie Owens

2nd Vice President - Jennifer Stone

Recording Secretary - Evelyn Kelsea

Corresponding Secretary - Suzanne Locke

Treasurer - Shanda Hébert

### Circle Presidents 2017- 2019

**Blue Sage** - Ruth Moorman

**Daisy** - Peggy Ferrera & Valerie Seinfeld

**Firecracker** - Julia Neumann & Susanna Trittschuh

**Marigold** - Betsy Dieguez & Shanda Hébert

**Magnolia** - Elaine Waidelich

**Milkweed** - Karen Hall

**Pansy** - Joyce Fisher & Penny Smith

**Rose** - Norma Thomas

**Sparkleberry** - Eve Skolnik

## Garden Club of DeLand

presents our 53rd

# Pageant of Crosses



### "Songs of the Cross"

An exhibit of Crosses each in a floral arrangement inspired by "Holy Week". All are created by our members, local churches and floral designers.

Garden Club of DeLand Garden Center  
Corner of S. Alabama and E. Beresford Avenues  
865 S. Alabama Ave. DeLand, FL 32724

Palm Sunday April 14, 2019 from 11am to 3pm

Refreshments

Free Admission



Purchase  
your Brick  
today!

### Brick Pathway

From the Brick Lady

"Spring Sale"

**\$45.00 for 1 Brick**

**\$85.00 for 2 Bricks**

Just in Time to honor your Circle President  
Sale ends May 31, 2019

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.

Please make the check to Garden Club of DeLand and mail to: Rusty Gaffney, 1281 Farmsworth Ct DeLand FL 32724. To download Brick Form visit [www.gardenclubofdeland.org](http://www.gardenclubofdeland.org)

### Downtown Planters

Jennifer Stone

We need you to Beautify

## April 6th Downtown Planting

### Downtown Planters

Thank you to the City of DeLand for giving us a third planting of the downtown planters. We will now plant the first Saturday of April, August and September. The warm, cool and fall planting will keep the containers looking fresher.

Friday, April 5 at 11 AM - Plant sorting and pick up at the City of DeLand water works Saturday, April 6 at 8 AM – Downtown Planting

Join your fellow Garden Club circle members to beautifying DeLand. Wear your name tag and join everyone for coffee afterwards at Starbucks or Boston Coffee.

### Annual to Plant Now

Angelonia, Celosia, Gaillardia, Lobelia, Pentas, Torenia, Wax Begonia, Coleus, Gazania, Marigold, Phlox, Zinnia, Cosmos, Gomphrena Melampodium, Rudbeckia, Diamond Frost Euphorbia

## SEEK still has room for your Student



## S.E.E.K.

Looking for all Incoming 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade High Schoolers:

**S.E.E.K.** (Saving the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) has its 2019 Conference coming up the 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of June. This year we will be meeting in Brooksville, FL (about an hour north of Tampa). The conference will be based on our environment through the lands, trees and skies. Speakers this year will come from Florida Fish and Wildlife, Audubon society, controlled burn specialists, Vulcan mines, astronomers and many more.

If you are interested in attending this environmental conference please contact your local garden club. If you are unable to find a local garden club please contact Carol Wood at [carolwood@outlook.com](mailto:carolwood@outlook.com). The cost is \$300 for the conference, food and boarding. We will be staying at Chinsegut Retreat in Brooksville. (Pictured below) Scholarships are available. This conference is sponsored by FFGC (Florida Federated Garden Clubs, Inc.)

**Floral Design Study 9:30am - 2:30pm**

June 7, 14, 21, 28 July 12, 26, August 9, 23, September 6

**Daytona Beach Boat Club**

Registration must be paid in advance and received by June 1, 2019.

Limit: 30 students per class.



**UNITS (Please Circle One)**

Basic Floral Design Only (Units 1-6) \$120.00

Advanced Floral Design (Units 7-9) (Prerequisite: Units 1-6) \$60.00

All Classes (Units 1-9) \$150.00

Audit classes: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 \$30.00 each

Please email Valerie Seinfeld [valseinfeld@aol.com](mailto:valseinfeld@aol.com) for the registration form.

**Become an Amazing Floral Designer!**

Floral Design Study is a nine unit series with the goal of developing an understanding of the art of flower arranging for both the home and for flower shows. It is a two-part series consisting of six classes covering basic floral design followed by three more advanced units which focus on creative floral design.

Each class begins with lecture and demonstration throughout the morning. The instructor will create floral designs as she explains the required materials and techniques. Students are then given time after lunch to create their own designs followed by a discussion of each.

Learn from a pro! All units are taught by **Penny Decker**, NGC Master Judge and Instructor . Penny teaches and competes throughout the country and has represented the United States in international competition. Her work has been showcased in Design Dimensions and Concepts Magazines as well as FFGC and NGC Calendars. She will share her extensive knowledge of floral design with students in a way that is both entertaining and easy to understand.

Line materials, foliage and flowers are supplied for the first three classes. Advanced registration is required. Students are encouraged to repeat the series as many times as they wish. Members completing all nine lectures and workshops will receive a Certificate of Achievement. Graduates will dazzle friends and family with beautiful floral arrangements for their homes and churches as well as win top awards at flower shows! What a fabulous way to spend your summer days learning, enjoying friendships and stimulating your creativity!

**Units 1-9 at a Glance -Basic Design Units 1-6**

**Unit 1 Friday, June 7, 2019**

Overview of floral design and Principles of Design

- \*Basic tools and mechanics
- \*Types of containers
- \*Forms of plant materials
- \*Demonstrations of vertical, asymmetrical and crescent designs

**Unit 2 Friday, June 14, 2019**

- \* Care, cutting and grooming of plant materials
- \* Mechanics for different containers
- \* Elements of Design
- \* Demonstrations of symmetrical, asymmetrical and diagonal designs

**Unit 3 Friday, June 21, 2019**

- \* Compatibility of plant materials with containers
- \* Selecting materials for curved designs and geometric line designs
- \* Use of fruits and vegetables in designs
- \* Demonstrations of crescent and Hogarth designs

**Unit 4 Friday, June 28, 2019**

- \* Table settings and co-ordination of floral designs with table components
- \* Demonstration of functional and exhibition tables for home and flower shows

**Unit 5 Friday, July 12, 2019**

- \* How to use bases, features, featured objects and accessories
- \* Demonstrations of bases, features, featured objects and accessories

**Unit 6 Friday, July 26, 2019**

- \* How to condition and transport plant materials
- \* Discussion of Award of Distinction, Tricolor Award and Designer's Choice Award in a Flower Show
- \* Demonstration of Expressive and Interpretive Designs

**Advanced Design Units 7-9**

**Unit 7 Friday, August 9, 2019**

- \* Lecture and demonstration of how to use dried plant material and decorative wood in creative designs

**Unit 8 Friday, August 23, 2019**

\* Lecture and demonstration of how to create designs that express/interpret titles or themes

**Unit 9 Friday, September 6, 2019**

- \* Lecture and demonstration about creativity, including abstraction
- \* How to enter a design in a flower show

## Garden of the Month

Jennifer Stone, Chair

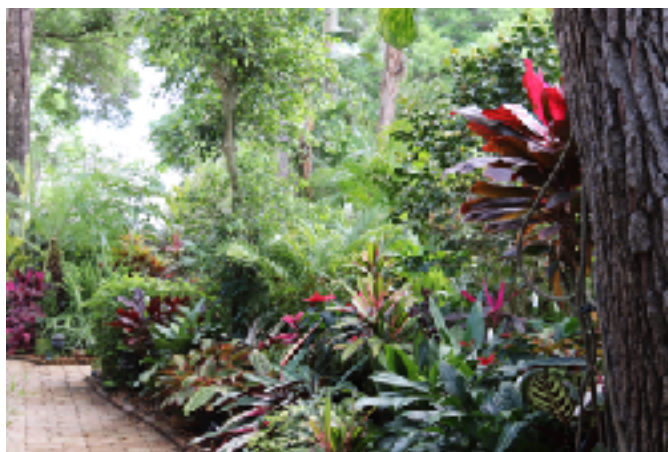
National Garden Club, Inc.  
Mission Statement

“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.

“It’s like playing with model train sets” says Chris Rand of his nearly invisible container planting style of gardening. Lush and vibrantly landscaped, Mr. Rand designs and maintains not only his yard but the neighbors’ on each side as well, just for the fun of it. Therefore, The Garden Club of DeLand’s April Garden of the Month goes to Mr. Rand of 4167 Woodland Circle and includes the two neighboring gardens.

Not timid with design, the hot colors of bougainvillea, tricolored gingers, crotons, red cordylines, red blooming angel wing begonias and bloodleaf give bold pops of color. By echoing the colors throughout, cohesion is achieved in the densely planted and potted beds. Boundaries, disguised with azaleas, palms, gingers, peace lilies, bananas and fern, are shaded by large oaks adorned with giant variegated pothos. Brick paths meander throughout the mixed plant beds giving a closer look at the alluring textures and colors. Only then does the viewer realize that the majority of plants are actually in pots. Mr. Rand prefers this as he can move them around the landscape and place them in the greenhouse when temperatures dip too low.

Mr. Rand’s interest in plants began only ten years ago, but he dove right in with truckloads of plants each weekend. Quickly outgrowing his own yard, he moved on to his neighbors’ yards. “The neighbor from heaven” is how one of them describes him. Mr. Rand certainly know how to create heavenly spots right here on earth.





**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.

02.18.19 Temperatures are scheduled to reach 86 degrees today, but the morning was pleasant and there is a good breeze. We were on our hands and knees pulling weeds in the beds along the front walk. Yellow Elder was transplanted to the end of the walk leading to our storage area and Quick Start was used to ease the move. Lily pad begonia was added to the area behind the arbor. The compost bin is filled with mustard and turnup greens. We added mulched brown oak leaves on top of it.

Darcy was putting on the green coat of paint on the bin and preparing to prime the underneath of the picnic bench. With primer that is left over, she is putting it on our concrete pots. The pots will then be sprayed with a white gloss or semi-gloss spray paint.

The Live Oak has dropped a lot of her leaves. Scratching the bark reveals a nice green cambium layer beneath. We hit it hard with Quick Start just in case.

Reported to the police that we had a homeless person staying on our property last night in the arbor. Evie found several pairs of jeans, a shirt and a coat as well as a license and a debit card. The license was turned over to the police, the debit card destroyed and in the dumpster.

We worked particularly hard today and went home tired. But it is always a good day in the gardens.

02.25.19 Someone took all our turnip and mustard greens out of the compost bin. I was happy to have a good base to the compost bin but am glad that someone would be able to cook the greens. There was nothing wrong with them, should make someone a great dish.

Darcy will be putting a 2nd coat of green paint on the picnic bench and compost bin. The concrete planters are getting primed and will be sprayed later. Need the winds to die down. Planted 30 wax begonias (white blooms) along the walkways and in the 6 colorful pots at the kitchen door. The begonias planted 2 weeks ago are doing well.

Transplanted the blackberry irises that were under the pink tabebuia to two areas at the back of the building. Trimmed back porter weed. Will be trimming back buttercup next week and root the tip cuttings. The yellow elder appears to have survived being transplanted.

Today the temperatures were delightful after a week of temps in the mid-80s. Cool start, 56 degrees, sunny and windy. The pollen is awful, and the oak leaves are everywhere.

We moved the large rectangle pot with the sansevieria in it by entrance away from a sprinkler head and put 2 begonias in the pot to continue the color theme. We will attack the weeds in the hawthorn bed next week. Today we had Susan A, Cindy, Evelyn, Sharyn, Darcy and me.

Next month we fertilize

03.04.19 We have a cold front moving in tomorrow. We will hit the high 30s and mid 40s as morning lows and the 60s for day highs. Friday should be a return to the 70s and probably the herald of spring temps if we are lucky.

Or, we could jump back into the upper 80s for highs like we have had for the month of February. Let's hope for mild temperatures.

We (Cindy, Evelyn, Sharyn and I) propagated 36 4-inch pots of yellow butter cup. Using amended professional mix soil with additional perlite. Tip cuttings were taken, soft wood and some hard wood and dipped in root tone and placed in moistened soil. The trays are in my greenhouse while we go through this next cold front. We should be able to offer the plants for sale by April for the butterfly enthusiast. We have a lot of milkweed coming up and will be potting them up into 4-inch pots. As we work all year long, we should be able to offer milkweed through the hot months. Watch FB for availability.

On our hands and knees, the weeds were pulled from the butterfly bed. Our begonias that were planted last week are holding up quite well and the porter weed that was cut back hard is already filling out.

Darcy, our resident painter, got after the conch shell container with a really neat color. It pops! Its labeled as watermelon but you decide. It complements the pink flamingo that is in the firebush bed. Too cute. She has done an outstanding job painting. Thank you, Darcy  
03.11.19 Today will reach 90 degrees with a cool down moving in in a few days. The pink azaleas are in full bloom, GG Gerbing has finished blooming. Hawthorne is in bloom. The pink tabebuia did not bloom this year, again but is leafing out nicely. Crepes are leafing out as well as the fringe tree. Amaryllis are up and should bloom next week. Caladiums are poking their heads out of the ground. The begonias are growing nicely. The loropetalums are not blooming yet.

We re-planted the concrete containers along the walkway adding pink and white bromeliads and a small green bromeliad. Today it was Sharyn, Evelyn, Cindy and me. Next week, caladiums and fertilizer. And check out the compost bin and picnic bench. Looks great!

03.14.19 Peggy Watts, a Daisy, allowed me to come into her yard and pull up a particular bunch of bromeliads. These white and green bromeliads, as introduced into sun, turn a lovely pink. These are the same type of neoregelias that we put in the concrete containers on Monday. They are planted on the right side of the entrance sidewalk in 3 locations. You know I am all about repetition and abundance. We have a large stump placed in a middle clump and the hypertufa green leaf placed on it. It will fill out just beautifully over the next several years. Our 50 Summer Pink caladiums arrived yesterday. They will be planted in the same area and will complement the bromeliad planting by mimicking the colors.

Happy Gardening my Friends.