



Gabby Gardener

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Upcoming Programs and Events

2018

- October 6: Annual Plant Sale 8am to 3pm
- October 15: Fall District VI Meeting
- November 2-3: District VI Judges Council Flower Show
- November 4-6: Fall Symposium
- November 15: Fun with Flowers 4pm - 6pm
- November 28: Festive Christmas & Tea Tasting
- December 15: Library "Fun with Flowers"

Next Month's Meeting November 1 at 9am
Program: What's the Buzz about Bees



The Garden Club of DeLand's Newsletter is celebrating 25 years. In 2004, Janie Owens changed the name of the Newsletter to the "Gabby Gardener".

Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

- October Blue Sage
- November Firecracker
- December Marigold

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

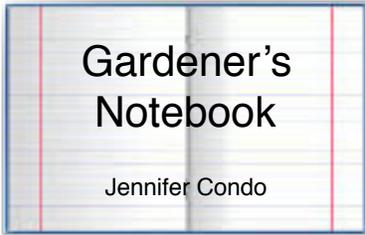
Circle Presidents 2017- 2019

- Blue Sage - Ruth Moorman
- Daisy - Peggy Ferrera & Valerie Seinfeld
- Firecracker - Julia Neumann and Susanna Trittschuh
- Marigold - Betsy Dieguez & Shanda Hébert
- Magnolia - Elaine Waidelich
- Pansy - Joyce Fisher & Penny Smith
- Rose - Norma Thomas
- Sparkleberry - Eve Sckolnik

Welcome our newest members
Maxine House, Magnolia
Darcy Jesmain, Firecrackers



Flower Show on
Friday, November 2 1pm to 4pm
Saturday, November 3
9am to 3pm
"Once Upon A Time"
Location: New Smyrna Beach Garden Club
Get a group together have lunch and come
see our members' Floral Designs.



Let's address a question I have been hearing a lot of lately, "What can I grow in Florida?" Gardening in Florida does not require a lot of skill, just patience and education. First, Florida is a desert-like environment for 6 months out of the year and the other 6 months it is a humid subtropical climate. The plants I highlight below I consider to be low maintenance and tough drought tolerant, and everyone should have at least one of each. Because we do have such sandy, nutrient-poor soils it is always a good idea to amend your soil with compost before planting and at least yearly. Don't forget to add mulch! Because I am sure you hate weeds as much as I do.



Membership- Jennifer Condo

Have you heard about Meetup.com? I bet you haven't. It is a website where you connect with other people who share your passion for whatever it is that you love, and you get together to discuss that love. The Garden Club of DeLand has been a group on their website since September 2017. I have listed our general meetings, events, and Fun with Flowers workshops. The goal is to increase our membership. To date we have 152 members on Meetup! But they know that they have to come to the Garden Club to join because they are just part of an online group. The Meetup group is just another tool to get the public's attention to say who we are and what we do.



**Ways and Means- Lisa Schnetzer, chair
Fall Treasures**

Looking forward to another year of friendship and flowers with everyone. Hope you will still shop the bargains at Ways and Means. Thanks to the generous donations of your fellow members we will continue to offer some great finds you can enjoy or share with your friends and family. Your purchases help to make improvements to our clubhouse. Let the board know what you would like to see next.



Muhly grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaris*) is a beautiful ornamental grass that glows with pink fluorescent rays in the fall. Another native known to survive in dry, sandy soils or wetland conditions. Grows in full sun 2-3 feet tall and wide. This plant makes for an interesting specimen because it provides movement in your garden.

Firebush (*Hamelia patens*) is a pollinator magnet and orange is its signature color. Place this shrub in part shade or full sun. Makes a great screen or border by growing up to 12 feet and spreading up to 8 feet. Although, this plant is a native, it may suffer during a frost but it will recover quickly.



Plumbago (*Plumbago auriculata*) is a showy shrub producing blue flowers year round. This fast grower can spread as far as the room you give it. It might die back during frost but it will recover quickly and be bigger than before. Also a pollinator magnet for full sun.

Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) is a small evergreen tree growing up to 15-25 feet tall and spread. It can tolerate any sun or shade condition in sand or wet clay. The female trees produce berries that is attractive to wildlife. Grown for its vase-like shape, multi trunks, and ability to grow in areas with limited soil like sidewalk strips.



Bromeliads (*Bromeliaceae*) are best used in areas with low sun, although there are some species that can take full sun. They are epiphytes - taking their moisture and nutrients from the atmosphere and the debris that decays in their "cups." If you keep it "cup up," you can grow them along a fence, on a tree, or on a board. Mosquitoes in the summertime can be a concern because they live in the cup water but if you flush the cups once a week it will destroy the larvae or the summer rains will do the same.



Fun with Flowers
Suzanne Locke & Jennifer Condo
November 15, 2018 4pm to 6pm

\$20.00 members and \$25.00 for non-members at the Garden Club of DeLand.
Registrar: Jennifer Condo 1318 Glenwood Road DeLand, FL 32720-2110
jattq3@yahoo.com Make checks payable to Garden Club of DeLand..
Deadline to register Nov. 12th

Design: “Pumpkin with Succulents” Perfect for your Holiday Decor.

The Garden Club of DeLand will present a “Fun with Flowers” Demonstration at the DeLand Public Library, Saturday December 15, 2018. Suzanne and Jennifer will demonstrate how to make a holiday centerpiece. Free and Open to the Public.

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| Future Dates for Fun with Flowers | \$20.00 members | \$25.00 non-members |
| December 17 Monday 6-8 PM | | Christmas centerpiece |
| February 13 Wednesday 10-12 noon | | Creative FUN |
| April 17 Wednesday 12-2 PM | | Spring arrangement |
| May 10 Friday 2-4 PM | | Teapot centerpiece for Mother’s Day |

Sensory Garden

Karen Hall, Chair

Butterfly News
Sensory Garden

Our garden is thriving and the butterflies are happy. Twice this summer I have seen professional photographers there with their clients taking pictures. What a thrill it was when a butterfly landed close by and posed for a picture. This garden has touched so many lives. A special thank you to those that have stopped at the garden and taken a few minutes to pull weeds and help maintain it. We appreciate your help. Another Butterfly Seminar was held September 25 with 27 attendees who went home with many purchased plants to begin their own butterfly gardens.

106 applications have been received for the butterfly sanctuary project. If you have not registered your garden, go to the garden club website www.gardenclubofdeland.org and do so.



Milkweed Circle

With so much enthusiasm fluttering around DeLand about butterflies, a new circle has formed as part of the Garden Club of DeLand. We are delighted that 16 people have joined as charter members with more expected to join in October. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 for refreshments and fellowship and 1:30 for the meeting. Our main focus is the study of butterflies and to promote not only butterflies but all pollinators. On October 16 our program will be on native milkweeds. Thank you to Susan Bauerle for being the inspiration behind this new circle.

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.

Lynn Berg’s front yard, planted with an attractive plant and color palette as diverse as larger gardens, makes her home on 146 Deerfoot Road The Garden Club of DeLand’s October Garden of the Month.

Yellow blooming thryallis border the road, yellow black eyed susan vines, supported by an arbor enclosing a tangerine front door, and a bright yellow metal bench under trees provide multiple small focal points and gives an expanded visual impact. The limited color palette, yellow, orange and purple unifies and expands the visual impact of the garden. Mulched beds of dwarf orange tipped nandina, low growing cigar plants and colorful bromeliads are balanced with purple leafed Queen Emma crinum lilies and purple flowering Mexican sage provide scale.



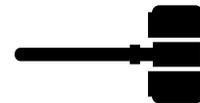
Downtown Planters

Jennifer Stone. Chair

Our lantana and coleus have proven to be heat, rain and hail, okay, not hail, hearty, performing just like they should have, showing plenty of color, texture and variety. Now on the 6th month, they’re getting worn out Saturday, Nov. 3, we retire these guys and plant anew.

Join your circle in being part of beautifying Downtown DeLand. Tell everyone you planted that pot, own it girlfriends!

Downtown Planting: Saturday, November 3
Each circle has their assigned corners to plant. Plant pick up will begin at 7:30 am at the DeLand Water Plant. Wear your gloves. If your Circle has any concerns about the planting contact Jennifer Stone.



Protocol vs. Parliamentary Procedure

Protocol is the described as “ceremonial forms and courtesies established as proper and correct in official dealings between peoples.” This is used for seatings at a meeting, official guests, seatings at Banquets or Luncheons, Installation of officers, and honoring members.

Parliamentary procedure is the body of rules, ethics, and customs governing meetings and other operations of clubs, organizations, legislative bodies, and other deliberative assemblies. General principles of parliamentary procedure include rule of the majority with respect for the minority. Our club uses the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, We use the parliamentary rules to assist an orderly way of electing officers, making motions regarding decisions on all matters of the club.



The backyard is a profusion of plants with a pink, purple and white color palate. White flowered cat’s whiskers, Mexican sage, musical note clerodendrum and stomanthe are carefully placed along with native heavily berried beauty berry plants. A wooden swing on an arbor provides a relaxing spot for beating the summer heat and relaxing to the water gurgling sounds from the centrally placed fountain.

Berg’s desire for color, balance and easy care landscape is fully realized by her utilizing key features and understanding how garden elements relate to each other in a small space. Berg credits Brian Quilling for shouldering the heavy work.

Keys to landscaping small spaces

Unify with repetition of color, texture and plants Same type of materials (pavers, much, stone, etc) Keep it simple.



**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.

As Chair for the Plant Sale, I am requested to give a synopsis of what it takes to create this event. What follows are the steps taken to reach the goal of God willing, a hurricane free Plant Sale.

April: Request certain members to use the rainy season to propagate and grow plants. I have been asked about a Spring sale but trying to grow plants after a January freeze and have ready by April is cutting our chances of success. Work smarter, not harder I say.

May: Create flyer for advertising. I showed Val a cartoon drawing, and she said, "oh heck no" and came up with an outstanding flyer for the Sale. Thank you Valerie, thank you. Email Florida Gardening. Must be 4 months in advance. I run by Valerie to double check for errors. calendar@sbsmags.com Email FFGC elainep1939@gmail.com again, 4 months in advance use same ad. There is a form that needs to be filled out. Again, Valerie has assisted me with this.

June: Contacted potential vendors.

Stay in touch with growers and Presidents so they can reach their Circles to generate interest in growing plants for the sale. Obtain venetian blinds from Habitat for Humanity to use as plant tags. (Nancy Salem)

July: I purchase caladiums from the Lake Placid Caladium Festival to pot up for sale. 35-40 pots @ \$5 a pot, looking at approx. \$200 in sales.

August: *Last week of this month. Take posters to downtown merchants.

*Place local ads in community events. Stay consistent with ads.

*Daytona, cindy.casey@news-jrnl.com

*Beacon, swiggins@beaconlinenews.com

*Hometown, newsdy@hometownsol.com

*Contact Plant Inspector. Inspection to be day before event:

*Make your Plant Sale signage. Should only need to change the date.

*Create your team of Sales and Cashiers. Membership table & drinks.

September 1) Contact growers and Presidents when plants are to be dropped off.

2) Two weeks prior to event. Arrange final mowing where plants will be placed. Lay insecticide so vendors are not bothered by ants, etc. Have a team of people to receive and assist labeling plants. Turn on Zone 1 "B" sprinkler to run every morning (4:30 am) while plants are on the grounds. Turn off day of Sale



Over the summer, assist other growers with propagation and planting tips. Where is the best and affordable soil? Answer propagation questions. Request Grade A plants. 3 to 5 stems in every pot and no plants accepted that do not have an established root system. Also note that there are plants that just don't sell. Spider plants, the regular sansevieria, aloe, small crape and plants where we do not know the name or how it grows. If we don't know the plant, we can't sell it.

I enjoy Chairing this event. This is truly, a Club participation project. We have 23 Club members in Sales, Cashiering, Growing and Marketing. Communication is key. Organization is important. And in the end, WE grow as a Club in friendship, knowledge and shared experiences. I truly hoped you enjoyed this year's Plant Sale
Norma

**Brick Pathway
From the Brick Lady**

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.

I really enjoy this position and seeing our gardens with safe and clean walkways.

Please make the check to Garden Club of DeLand and mail to: Rusty Gaffney, 339 E New York Ave DeLand. FL 32724. To download Brick Form visit www.gardenclubofdeland.org

