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Upcoming Events:

September 30 BBQ on the Grounds 5:30pm

\$10 per person \$5.00 per child ages 3-12
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Iced Tea provided.
Bring a side dish and if you prefer something other than Iced Tea bring your own bottle.
Tickets available see your Circle President.

October 3 Clean up the Clubhouse

3pm to 7pm Misc. Jobs

October 8 8am - 3pm

Plant Sale at the Clubhouse

October 11 10:00am Horticulture Meeting with District VI Judges Council

An opportunity for members to learn how to prepare their plants to show in a Flower Show

District VI Judges Council Flower Show "Games People Play"

October 28 1pm to 4pm &

October 29 9am to 3pm

Free and Open to the Public
A Standard Flower Show for Fun, Amusement, Challenge and Camaraderie!

Mark your Calendars!

We are hosting the FFGC Fall District VI Meeting Wednesday, October 19, 2016 10am to 2pm

We begin with early arrivals at 9am, 4 of the FFGC Officers will be sharing in a fun and delightful way so many new ideas.

There is shopping, raffles, and an exciting Floral Design Program by Penny Decker.

This is your Garden Club of DeLand event and small fundraiser. It is going to be Fun! See your Presidents for details and registration. \$23.00

Valerie Seinfeld and Marti Walker co-chairs

President's Message

After taking the summer break we are back to organized meetings: although our members and friends have been very busy keeping our grounds and building in top notch condition, preparing our programs and upcoming events, putting together our yearbook, keeping the bills paid, working on membership and social media and helping me learn how to preside. Our club is becoming "The Place" to rent for a special occasion. As the new president, I have been supported by an amazing group of members who know the way, and my hope for the 2016-2017 year is **HUGS** Horticulture Unites Gardeners by having fun and simple get togethers for no good reason except we like each other. So come see what we are all about.

Hugs Susan Osterhout



September 30 BBQ on the Grounds 5:30pm

2015-2017 Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand

President: Susan Osterhout
1st Vice President: Betsy Dieguez
2nd Vice President: Othal DeShazo

Recording Secretary: Anita McFeeters
Corresponding Sec'y: Sharon Gullett
Treasurer: Karen Hall

Circle Presidents

Blue Sage: Ruth Moorman
Daisy: Peggy Ferrara
Valerie Seinfeld
Firecracker: Sara Zollinger
Magnolia: Elaine Waidelich

Marigold: Sharon Causey
Pauline Fenner
Pansy: Eleanor Griffin
Fran Strawn
Rose: Sue Altom
Sparkleberry: Jennifer Condo
Sunflower: Alex Andrews



FFGC District VI Fall Meeting

Wednesday – October 19, 2016

“Garden of Inspiration”

Hosted by The Garden Club of DeLand

MEETING PLACE

Garden Club of DeLand Garden Center
865 South Alabama Ave.
on the corners of S. Alabama Ave. and E. Beresford Ave.
DeLand, FL 32724

Your \$23.00 Registration Fee includes the opportunity to:

Meet and greet old friends from District VI while sharing coffee and light refreshments during registration period 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Meeting times 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Hear from our FFGC Officers, District VI Leaders and your fellow District VI Garden Club members

Shop at FFGC, District VI and Garden Club of DeLand Ways and Means, Plant Sale, Win prizes (from both raffle baskets and 50/50 drawings)

Enjoy a wonderful catered lunch

We will have an interesting and entertaining program by Penny Decker, Floral Designer

Deadline to register–October 11, 2016

Get a group from your Circle to attend, the more the merrier. All members are welcome to so invite your Circle to attend. Meet your FFGC leaders as we learn more about our organization and educational opportunities. See your Circle President for registration forms and more details. Wear a little “Pink” to show you are from the Garden Club of DeLand.

October is “Plant it Pink” Month for Breast Cancer Awareness. Norma Thomas and the Weedettes have planted “Pink” all over our Grounds. They have also started Pink Caladiums for use in our Centerpieces.

Any questions?

Contact: Valerie Seinfeld or Marti Walker, Daisy Circle

Our Next General Meeting Information

October 6, 2016 6pm

Program: Bears, Dinah Pulver, Journalist and Environment Writer for the Daytona Beach News-Journal. Avid outdoor enthusiast.

Accessory: Animal

Design: Featuring an Animal

Host: Sparkleberry Circle

Rose Circle

September's Hostesses

The Rose Circle was organized in 1927. At this time we have 31 members. We support SEEK, Wekiva and other FFGC programs and participate in all the Garden Club projects. We have horticulture reports at every meeting. Field trips are planned, work projects, fun crafts, and community service are some of our other projects we enjoy doing.



Rose Circle Table from May Spring Luncheon
Clever display for “April Showers bring May Flowers”
Betsy Dieguez - photographer

Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

September:	Blue Sage
October:	Firecracker

Ways and Means

Lisa Schnetzer, Chair

Ways and Means

Calling all Members: **Please gather all of your Treasures and bring them in, they will be sold at the District VI Fall Meeting being held at the Clubhouse on October 19, 2016.**

This will be Fund Raiser for the Garden Club.

Thank you for all your donations and shopping throughout the year!
Lisa

Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

Diana Bitler, chair fiddlehead@wildblue.net
Sharon Fiore, Debra (Rusty) Gaffney, Joanne Milleson,
Julia Neumann, Janet Stone, Jennifer Stone, Valerie
Seinfeld, Williamae Ungaro



“The Streetwalkers” have been tending to the Downtown Container Gardens throughout the summer months. There has been challenges with the extreme heat and lack of rain. So we have replaces some of the plants and the containers are still adding to the charm of our Downtown DeLand.

We meet the first Saturday of every month, unless there is an event Downtown. Afterwards we go to Boston Coffee for a light breakfast or just coffee. If you would like to join us please....

Contact: Diana Bitler (Rose) for more information.

Designing Divas

Divas visited succulent and cactus hothouses in Apopka and on the way back stopped at Peddler’s Wagon for more design ideas on Monday, May 23, 2016. Another field trip was taken in June to visit a huge facility of Bromeliads and Tillandsias in Clermont. Adding Succulents and Tillandsias to Floral Design is so on trend.

Valerie Seinfeld, Designing Divas



Garden Trivia

A sunflower is not just one flower.

Both the fuzzy brown center and the classic yellow petals are actually 1,000 – 2,000 individual flowers, held together on a single stalk.

THEY TRACK THE SUN.-Sunflowers display a behavior called heliotropism. The flower buds and young blossoms will face east in the morning and follow the sun as the earth moves during the day. However, as the flowers get heavier during seed production, the stems will stiffen and the mature flower heads will generally remain facing east.

Brick Walkways

Order a brick to honor a loved one.



Our lovely Brick Walkway has 3 sections. Order a memorial brick to honor a past member. Order a brick for any occasion; for yourself, to honor a love one, or a beloved pet. Order a brick to honor those who served our country.

4 x 8 brick engraved with 2 lines for \$50.00

Combine 2 bricks engraved with 4 lines for \$90.00

14 characters max per line

Order Forms are available at General Meetings on the “Welcome Table” or visit our website and download the form www.gardenclubofdeland.org or contact”

Dr. Debra (Rusty) Gaffney

386-736-6140 (H) 386-734-4126 (W)

debrapgaffney@cfl.rr.com email

Thank you! “The Brick Lady”

Garden Club of DeLand “**Thanks to our Sponsors**” of our recent Garden Tour, “**Beyond the Garden Gate**”. When you are using their services, thank them and let them know your are a member of the Garden Club of DeLand.

- Bauer & Associates
- DeLand Metal Craft Co.
- DeLand RV & Boat Storage
- Equine Dentistry by Sara
- Eric Nompleggi - Edward Jone
- Funky Trunk Treasures
- GA-TER Air
- Jim DeShazo Century 21
- Nita Stitch
- Ridgeway and Sons Lawn Care
- Rose Manor-Debra Tolan
- Santorini Greek Cuisine
- Senior Resource Center
- The Garden Chop at Select Growers
- The Little Studio-A School of Dance
- Volusia Center for Complimentary Medicine-
- Dr. Rusty Gaffney
- Well-Watered Garden Massage and Wellness
- West Volusia Habitat for Humanity
- Woof Gang Bakery & Grooming

Thank You

Garden of the Month

Jennifer Stone, Chair

Photographs by Jennifer Stone

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's September Garden of the Month is the home of Karen Burgess at 1637 Bent Oaks Boulevard.

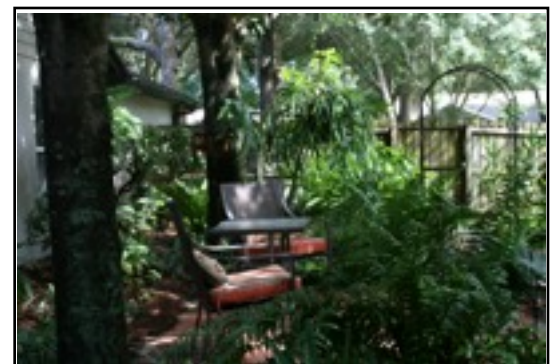
Plants arranged in staggered blocks of color, size and texture fill Burgess' garden beds which flow in an undulating pattern around her corner lot. Giant fern, purple loropetalum and pink petunias are staggered along beds interspersed with tricolored jasmine, oyster plants, and pink Mexican petunias. Cannas, a giant milkweed and oak, green ash and magnolia trees provide vertical interest.

Mindful of nature and its role in the home garden, Burgess began by removing most of the front yard grass and working in sections, utilized the mantra “right plant, right place”. Now a stream flowing with ground covers, small trees, fire bushes and drift roses provide not only a sense of enclosure but nesting places for birds, food and safety for zebra long wing butterflies, hummingbirds and bees. Inviting garden paths and beds are filled with eco-friendly renewable pine straw.

The back and side yards continue the flowing lines and curved paths offering shaded nooks with seating and adorned with topical staghorn fern, spider lilies and gingers. Sunny areas sport wildlife attracting dwarf abelia, sweet almond and jatropa.

Thoughtful plant decisions and plant placement along with an eye for color, line and texture, give this lush informal and all season garden a health balance of beauty, wildlife sanctuary and curb appeal.

Flowing lines created with curved plant beds provide movement in this informal garden, while gentle contours with staggered grouping of plants give harmony and undulating rhythm. Blocks of color and texture in the form of purple loropetalum, oyster plants and pink pentas contrast with giant fern small azaleas and cannas. Tricolored jasmine, beach daisies, miniature Mexican petunias, variegated mondo grass perfectly placed give stability and restful places for the eye.



**Garden Club of DeLand
“The Dirt”**

Norma Thomas, Grounds Chair



“Weedettes”

Sue Altom, Sharon Gullett, Evelyn Kelsea, Judy Maurer, Anita McFeeters, Nancy Stafford, Williamae Ungaro, Janis Williams

Our objective by keeping this log is to leave a reference for present and future members of the grounds committee. Educating members on the maintenance of horticulture and landscaping.

- Welcome back. We are glad to announce that we have another Weedette! Janis Williams joined us this summer. As a group of six crazy gardeners, we maintained our ground dealing with heat, humidity, lack of rainfall and the homeless. You will see the “No Trespassing” signs on the building. This allows the police to give a warning first and if the person is caught again on the property, he or she will be arrested. We have had a few unpleasant encounters but for the last month, we see no evidence of someone camping on the grounds.
- At the end of July, 250 caladium bulbs were purchased from the Lake Placid Caladium Festival and with donations of another 100 bulbs; all were planted to brighten our grounds for the upcoming season. We have several big events happening in October and as October is breast cancer awareness, we planted the pink varieties Fannie Munson and Florida Sweet. I was hoping to get the drop dead gorgeous Pink Symphony but it was sold out and not available at the festival this year. We planted around the arbor and oak tree as well as potted 25 pots of the pink caladiums to be used as a table setting for the FFGA event on Oct 19th. We did put 75 bulbs of the red Florida Cardinal in our Brandywine bed to keep the color going as last year’s bulbs will be fading. Caladiums like moist soil, the lack of rains have caused last year’s bulbs that came up to not be as spectacular in color and size. We are hand watering between sprinkler days to ensure this crop of bulbs come up beautifully.

Wish us luck. Norma

Circles: Did you know that you can hold a 2 hour meeting at FFGC Headquarters at no charge? Mead Gardens is right next door. You would have to set up your chairs and tables or have a picnic lunch in Mead Gardens. For more information call Dawn Murphy, Office Manager, at FFGC Headquarters. 407-647-7016 www.ffgc.org

Garden Club of DeLand
Fall Plant Sale
Saturday October 8 8:00am - 3:00pm



Garden Club of DeLand Clubhouse
865 South Alabama Ave. DeLand, FL

We are having our Annual Plant Sale on October 8. It will be on a Saturday from 8 to 3. Garden Club Members can bring their plants to us for the sale anytime this month. We are looking for 4-inch, 6-inch and one gallon pots of plants. Look at your overgrown patio plants and gardens to divide, re-pot and share with us so that we can have another successful plant sale.

Thank you.

Happy gardening my friends!





National Garden Week June 2-9, 2016

For the DeLand Garden Club our celebration of National Garden Week is a beautiful collage of events that express our continual outreach to the local community. Most of these events have extended throughout the whole year because of wonderful dedication of the garden club members. Here are a few of the many noteworthy ones.

Starting things off is the work with St. Barnabas School. Marti Walker presented four children's gardening books to Principal Paul Garcia and 2 third grade teachers. Two were for the student library and two for the teachers. Bimonthly meetings were held at the school first semester to determine the interest of the children in second, third and fourth grade for a Junior Gardening Club. Norma Thomas donated several hours as adviser and contacted others to do the same.

Numerous garden circle members visited DeLand nursing homes, rehab centers and hospitals and carried in lovely flower arrangements for patients. Both the patients and the institutions were delighted. The Beacon carried a small article with two pictures on the Weekend Edition June 9-12, 2016.

Several free classes were held at the DeLand Garden Club to educate garden club members and anyone else in such things as Fantasy Flowers, growing flowers from bulbs, and weed killers.

Great preparation was made by the Weedettes on the grounds of the DeLand Garden Club for the garden Tour "Beyond the Garden Gate". This included beautifying the grounds with new plants as well as selling numerous plants and raffle baskets to the public. Members were available to answer questions about the plants to the public. And many of the baskets included articles to use for creative gardening.

Education for National Garden Week never stops.

Marti Walker
National Garden Week DeLand Chair



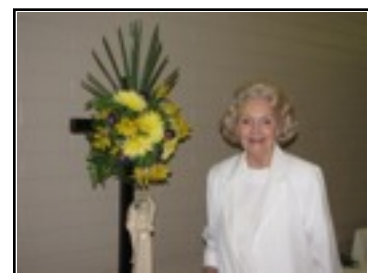
Susanna Trittschuh is helping Julia Neumann with her vertical moribana arrangement. The Firecracker Circle created Ikebana floral arrangements that were donated to Florida Hospital in DeLand and to the Administrative Professionals at a local elementary school. Sara Zollinger, President Firecracker Circle



Pictured Ruth Moorman, President, **Blue Sage Circle**, presenting a hanging plant to Lisa Seal and Kat Rorh of Parkside Rehabilitation in recognition of National Garden Club Week.



We chose Woodland Towers (assisted living facility) because one of our circle members Taffy Branham, FFGC Life Member and Past President of the Garden Club of DeLand during 1998-01, recently moved to the Towers. Taffy, an artist in her on right, and former model. Taffy is known for her beautiful Hogarth Floral Designs and yearly gift of Design for our Pageant of Crosses. Pictured left to right are Dorothy Meyers, Marketing, Sharon Causey, Taffy Branham and Pauline Fenner. Pauline and Sharon are Co-Presidents of the Marigold Circle



Taffy Branham 2012 Pageant of Crosses