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Upcoming Events:

2017

March 2GC General Meeting
 March 2.....Ways & Means "Spring Fling"
 March 25Wildflower Festival
 April 6GC General Meeting
 April 9Pageant of Crosses
 April 26 - 28FFGC Convention.
 April 29FFGC Post-Convention
 May 4GC Spring Luncheon
 May 6Downtown Planting
 May 16-21NGC Convention,
 Richmond, Virginia

May Spring Luncheon - "Pretty in Pink"

Firecracker Circle Hostesses 11 am
 Circles gather your own table cloths, decorations and flowers. Everything else is provided. RPS Catering will be serving us a delightful luncheon with "pink" highlights.
 Lunch will be served at Noon. Begin thinking about how you will decorate your tables and join us for a lovely luncheon, awards and Officer Installation. Celebrating our 90th year as a FFGC Garden Club.

Department of Recreation has installed a new fountain in the Sensory Garden to replace our original fountain that was damaged in October during the Hurricane.

Convention: if you would like to attend the Luncheon on Friday, April 28, 2017 to see Norma Thomas honored as the "Inspired Gardener" from District VI. Lunch only on Friday would be \$60 (\$25 for one-day registration and \$35 for the luncheon).

Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

March: Rose
 April: Daisy



*Celebrating our 90th Anniversary
 Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Pink Diamond Status*

FFGC District VI "Treasures"



FFGC treasures each and every member! Let's celebrate our membership by hosting "**FFGC Treasures**" a **Competitive Pageant Fundraiser** during **Early Arrivals** at the 2017 FFGC convention. District VI selected Denise Garcia, our Asst. Director of District VI to represent our District as our "Treasure". She is asking to raise **\$2.00 per member** in our District or more, Denise will participate in the first ever "FFGC Treasures" pageant. Join the **FUN** while supporting President Arlene Rand- **President's Special Project** fundraiser. All monies raised will be used toward a special project at FFGC Headquarters in our presidents garden. Please show your support for OUR District VI representative, Denise Garcia, by generously giving when asked and plan to attend the "FFGC Treasures" pageant at convention Early Arrivals in Kissimmee April 2017.

Circle Treasurers send one check, including \$2.00 for each member you have. Mail to Karen Hall. Checks payable: Garden Club of DeLand
Due: March 30th

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 Gullet
 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



March 25, 2017 9:00am-3:00pm

Rain or Shine

**West Indiana Ave.,
Downtown DeLand**

Free Parking and Admission

We need volunteers to man our booth

Marcia Baker, Chair (Magnolia)

Downtown DeLand Container Gardens

Diana Bitler, chair fiddlehead@wildblue.net

Sharon Fiore, Joanne Milleson, Julia Neumann, Janet

Stone, Jennifer Stone, Valerie Seinfeld, Williamae

Ungaro



Join us on the first Saturday of every month, unless there is an event and we reschedule. Afterwards we go to Boston Coffee and have coffee/breakfast and relax.

All are welcome!

Contact Diana Bitler. Rose & Firecracker Circle



Pageant of Crosses

Palm Sunday

April 9, 2017 11 am - 3 pm

Circle Presidents, please pick someone from your circle to represent your circle with a cross arrangement. The cross to dominate.

Elaine Waidelich, Chair

Our Next General Meeting

March 2, 2017 9 AM

Program: Miniature Gardens, Mr. Alexander, Local Artist
Accessory: Herb

Design: Featuring Herbs

Circle Host, Greeters, Prizes: Marigold

*Marigold Circle
March's Hostesses*

Marigold Circle

It has definitely been an exciting year for the Marigold Circle. We have apparently learned about fertilizing and watering our circle. We just keep growing and growing; currently we are at 23 with prospects of adding one more soon.

The Marigold Circle seems to enjoy the first meeting of the year by getting together at the garden club. Staying with that we invited a master gardener from the Volusia County Agriculture Center to give us direction for some container gardening. Karen came with her friend Suellen, a container, soil and plants. At the end of the presentation the beautiful container was donated to our circle. At first we thought we might add it to our auction during our Make it, Bake it, Grow it but instead we added a few things and put it in the raffle at the District VI meeting. Speaking of the Make it, Bake it, Grow it; we had the most successful fund raiser auction for our circle than ever in our history. A few members of other circles even joined in the fun.

We visited the home and gardens of Sue Jarvis; former president of our circle, where we learned more than one can imagine. The Christmas luncheon was held at the co-president's home this year where we were able to welcome back Taffy Branham, a long time garden club member, former president and FFGC Life Member who now resides at Woodland Towers. We also had a blast helping to decorate the Christmas float and two of our members even rode on it during the parade. We will be having our annual plant exchange at Boo Dragoon's Cabana in March and plan to visit Mead Gardens and Leu Gardens before the end of the year.

In support of our community and organizations we contribute to Habitat for Humanity, SEEK and Wekiva. We also enjoy the downtown planting in Spring and Fall and always have a good time cleaning and trimming the Sensory Garden.

Sharon Causey, Co-president

Pauline Fenner, Co-president

Annual Reports from our Circles

PANSY CIRCLE

The Pansy Garden Circle were established 65 years ago! At present, we have 24 active members and 3 associate members. We come in all sizes, shapes and ages...well 60ish to 90+. This year, we lost Mary Alice Acee who had been a Pansy for many years.

We are proud of our Circle and the contributions we have made to both the City of DeLand and the Garden Club of DeLand.

Welcome Back Brunch, Field Trip to Vo-Lasalle Farms, from there we went to The Sugar Mill at De Leon Springs for lunch. In December, we were decked out in our finest with our husbands/guest for the annual Christmas Party.

February, a program by Ben George on Camellias. We always do our part for SEEK, Wekiva, Downtown Planting, The Sensory Garden and of course hostessing the Garden Club Meeting (February this year).

At this stage in our Circle life, we are more into watching others do the work...ergo the field trips. That said, we still loving gardening, each other and the Garden Club of DeLand.

Frances Strawn and Eleanor Griffin Co-Presidents

Magnolia Circle

Most exciting program we had this year was a delightful river cruise out of the Marina in DeLand. Saw many different kinds of birds and a few other animals. Following the cruise we stayed for lunch at the marina's restaurant.

Norma Thomas provide horticultural programs.

We are planning a trip to a Cactus farm.

Elaine Waidelich, President

Sparkleberry Circle

Started the 2016-17 season at the Garden Club of DeLand's Clubhouse in September with beautiful succulent creations. Ashlee Roberson, the Lead Designer, at Simply Roses (www.simplyrosesflorist.com; 124 S Nova Road, Ormond Beach, FL 32174; 386-672-4848) showed us how to attach moss to a piece of dried wood with hot glue and then inserted the live succulents and dried flowers to make a gorgeous living arrangement. She also gave us tips on propagating succulents.

For the December holidays a few Sparkleberry members met for the Holiday Tour of Historic DeLand Homes. Eight homes were toured illustrating DeLand's first architect-designed subdivision, University Terrace.

Photographer, writer, artist, and Master Gardener Dodie Ulery (www.dodieulery.com) graced our presence at the home of member Eve Skolnik. She educated us on the importance of our ecosystem, how to amend our soils organically, and plants that thrive in Florida. We will also tour the garden of Firecracker Circle member Williamae Ungaro with her azalea displays, Koi pond, and orchid greenhouse.

Another Master Gardener, Howard Jeffries will discuss the importance of pruning and show us how to prune properly.

Jennifer Condo, President

Firecracker Circle

The Firecracker Circle is small in number but big on pep and interest in gardening! Presently the Firecracker Circle has twelve members who meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Many of the members are employed during the day so meetings are held in the evening in members' homes.

This year our programs highlight some of our members' specific garden knowledge and interests. For example, Terri Rauschenberger was concerned about the quality of her garden soil. She gathered information and then presented the program, "FeedingYour Soil/ Biltmore Garden Style". Terri talked about the process of soil preparation, establishing beds, and creating a living soil to enrich the entire garden. This program was very beneficial for those members attending.

Other programs for the year are Ikebana Flower Arranging, Grape Growing and Wine, Wildflowers, Heirloom Seeds, and Orchids.

In addition, our circle raised money to donate to Pennies for Pines, Wekiva Youth Camp, and S.E.E.K. We also help in maintaining the DeLand Sensory Garden and in the downtown planting.

Now our circle looks forward to hostessing the DeLand Garden Club May Luncheon. We are busy planning and preparing what we hope will be a wonderful luncheon for our garden club friends.

Sara Zollinger, President

Daisy Circle

Daises started the year off with 2 of their members Co-Chairing the FFGC Fall District VI Meeting. Daises are always there for each other, so many of the Daises helped out in every area of the Meeting Preparations, working at the meeting as well as attending. A Floral Design Program by Floral Boutique and Stetson Flowers, a Horticulture program every month, Christmas Luncheon, plant exchange, fundraiser to support the programs of the Garden Club, FFGC Programs SEEK, Wekiva, Habitat for Humanity, World Gardening, District VI Fundraising for FFGC President's Project, and community service with Downtown Planting, and Sensory Garden. Our own Louise Caccamise will be adding the last 20 years of our Garden Club History to her book and will be ready to sell at our Gala in October. We have 2 members that have been chairmen for this board in areas of National Garden Week, Awards, Gabby Gardener, Garden Club of DeLand Webpage, and Facebook. Many of the Daisy Members have know each other from the time the Daisy Circle was form in 1973. 44 years of friendship, watching each others' children grow up, grandchildren, happy times and sad times, supporting each other through it all.

26 Active members 13 Associates -

39 strong, active, loving and fun women.

Peggy Ferrara and Valerie Seinfeld Co-Presidents

FFGC Convention Information

In the recent edition of the “Florida Gardener” there are several pages of information on the upcoming FFGC 91st State Convention being held close by in Orlando.

Get a group together and plan to attend.

Missed the article? Visit <http://www.ffgc.org/Convention-2017> and view all the information online.

Convention a Time to be INSPIRED!

Educational and Shopping

Workshops

Thursday, April 27 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Blue Star Memorials Rosita Aristoff -1945 FFGC program to support, respect and honor for military service. How & why

BEES in the Garden - Brendhan from “Bee Barf Apiaries” introduces a different approach to your knowledge and importance of honey bees. Come to this interactive seminar and BEE involved!

Parliamentary Procedure/Protocol - Who, What, When & Why! Prepared to be MOVED as we discuss Parliamentary Procedure in MOTION. Why Protocol is important as we practice the basics of good etiquette and manners to show proper respect
3:20 - 4:20 PM

Presidents & Treasurer's Workshop - Open to ALL ! Incoming Officers opportunity to gain/share information to make your job "easy as pie". Be inspired and learn the fundamentals.

Water and Wetlands - Protecting Florida's unique legacy. How we can protect our resources!

Floral Design Study - Create excitement & attract new members. Come and be INSPIRED!

Friday, April 28 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

Presidents & Treasurer's Workshop

Youth - Wekiva, SEEK, Critter Inspiring Youth for the future with FFGC programs.

"Digging It" - "Botany" - What you know, What you should know and what you don't know! Come LAUGH & LEARN!

3:15 - 4:15 PM

Wildflowers & How to Establish Roadside Plantings DOT Guidance to obtain Wildflower resolutions and DOT designated wildflower areas.

Fun With Flowers -FUNDamental (basic) Design principles in course of study for “make it” and “take it” designs. Fun and inspiring as you learn by doing!

VENDOR SALES & EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS - Wed, April 26 2:30 - 7:30 PM; Thurs. April 27 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM; Fri, April 28 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM (Awards, Books of Evidence will be on display)

Rose Circle Annual Report

We spent an afternoon downtown handing out flowers to the merchants, thanking them for being there for us in a beautiful downtown shopping area. Their response was wonderful.

Our plant exchange was filled with laughter. We learned about unusual plants in our own yards...that we tried to take away from each other in the nicest way possible.

We are looking forward to Barbara Willey's demonstration on miniature flower arrangements in April, hoping to help us in Oct for the flower show coming up.

Sue Altom, President

Blue Sage Garden Circle

Blue Sage Garden Circle was organized in 1959 and was the first circle to meet in the evening. The Circle currently meets the second Monday of the month at members' homes. Our circle was involved in helping with the District VI meeting held at the Garden Club. Circle members also volunteered to help set up and take down before and after the meeting. Janis Williams who is a Weedette was busy helping Norma get the grounds ready for the event to show off the garden club. Mary Catherine put together the Spa Basket as the circle's donation for the raffle. Nancy Schlapper and Ruth Moorman manned the District VI ways and means table for the meeting. Blue Sage sent several members to the luncheon meeting.

Pat DeSalvo presented a program on the sights of Ireland countryside and a peak into everyday life. The refreshments were Irish which Pat prepared so that members could get a real sense for Ireland. February meeting program was “Florida black bear” presented by Stephanie Allen from the Sanford Zoo. She had some good information on the bears and what to look for and do should anyone encounter one. The April meeting will be a field trip either to Leu Gardens or the local orchid farm.

Ruth Moorman- President

Convention Hotel- Embassy Suites

Rooms have 2 Queen Beds, pull down couch, dining table, refrigerator, microwave, 3 sinks, plenty of closet space for 3 to 4 people. A made to order free breakfast, and a free happy hour and nibbles.

Stay and Play, enjoy workshops and awards. Come be an Inspired Gardener!

Garden Club of DeLand "The Dirt"

Norma Thomas, Grounds Chair

"Weedettes"

*Sue Altom, Sharon Gullett, Evelyn Kelsea, Judy Maurer,
Nancy Stafford, Williamae Ungaro*



This is the month that we gear back up in our gardens. Hedges can be reshaped and ornamental grasses can be cut back to a foot or so off the ground. Prune off brown and out of bounds limbs from shrubs, ornamental grasses or dormant perennials. Citrus and crepe myrtles may need to be properly pruned too.

Time to fertilize fruit trees, shrubs and perennials.

Annuals flowers, herbs and vegetable should continue to receive monthly feedings, more often if they are growing in containers. We will be putting down 10.10.10, azalea (acid based) fertilizer and palm fertilizer towards the middle to end of the month.

If your lawn is not actively growing, then wait to fertilize. Last year it was April before the grass began to grow again. I am going to use a liquid weed killer at my home and then feed it with a 16.0.8. I want to get a good kill on the weeds before I feed the grass.

Now back to our journal.

01.16.17 Mild start to the day and it warmed up nicely. The Sunflowers donated a 7-gallon cassia for Florida Arbor Day. It was planted in our yellow area at the sunny back of the building where it should be protected from the cold winds coming out of the north. We amended the very sandy soil with potting soil and peat moss. This plant will make a stunning display of yellow blossoms in Oct and Nov. We also moved five drift roses from an area where they could not get enough sun to the back side of our big sign where they will get sun all day and the sprinklers hit that area nicely. They too got a rich soil mixture in their new planting holes. The drift roses are the lovely "popcorn", white with a yellow center. It will draw the eye to the sign. We also potted up plants in the holding area for sale at the general meetings, flowering maple and hibiscus. There were two events this past weekend and the building and grounds were left in perfect condition.

01.22.17 Sunday. Let's see if I can get this right. Temperatures rose to 86 degrees. Cold front advances from the NW. Warm winds blowing up from the SW. Who is caught in the middle? Us. 14 tornadoes across the state, 2 cyclonic winds crossed over DeLand, moving along 44 and then up to 92 moving east to Daytona. Winds reached 100 mph in some areas, more than Matthew.

01.23.17 Winds continue today, the high will reach the lower 70s. Minor branches down around the building. We pulled out the 5 foxtails in the urns and planted them along the walkway along with 4 that were removed from the arbor area. We will divide our snake plants and plant them in pots. Water is an issue here and unless we get rain, the plants struggle. The snake plant can take the low water requirements and will thrive.

01.30.17 Too cold to work outside. Sat and talked and laughed for an hour. Nice.

02.06.17 We were on our hands and knees today weeding among the violas and pulling up the ilex growing where it shouldn't under the weeping ilex trees and in the bromeliads and the rose bushes. The plants we are growing in the holding bay were fertilized with a water soluble all-purpose plant food. Trying to get them a deeper green and fuller for sale at the March meeting. The day started out cold but warmed up quickly.

02.13.17 Cut back 41 rose bushes and fertilized them with Scotts Rose and Bloom slow release granular fertilizer. A yearly event we do this time each year. Kind of scary cutting the bushes back so hard but they come back each year better for the cut. Williamae planted succulents in the urns with the mother-n-law plants. Viola flower bed dry, had to hand water. Fertilized plants in holding area.

Happy Gardening my Friends.

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.”

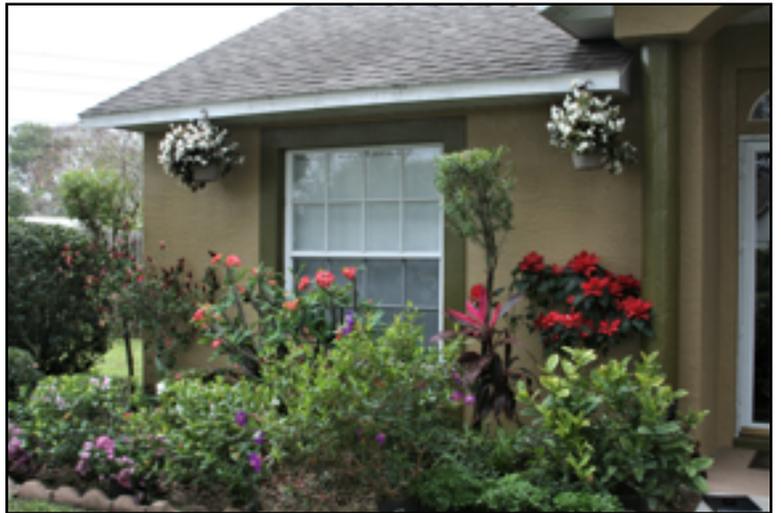
The Garden Club of DeLand supports the above mission by bringing to the forefront outstanding gardens in DeLand, FL. area and awarding the “Garden of the Month” to deserving homeowners. Educating our members on the month to month care of their own



The Garden Club of DeLand’s March Garden of the Month is the home of Loretta Thomas of 1310 Hendren Drive. Vivid colors in flowers and foliage give this garden a bold “look at me” curb appeal.

“Red Sister” cordylines and abundantly blooming red poinsettias create drama among the mass planted center island and foundation. Ixoras, mandevilla, giant crown of thorns and crotons repeat the color and carry it along the sides of the beds. Providing cohesion and harmony, flowers in varying shades of white, purple, and pink are repeated allowing the reds to shine. These include white irises, osteospermum daisies and begonias, lilac mums, purple tibouchina and pink begonias.

Little pops of yellow and orange echo the croton leaves and adds additional tropical appeal via treed shrimp plants, orange sun impatiens, hibiscus and a bird of paradise. A small loquat tree covered with yellow fruit is shared between Thomas and the squirrels.



Begun in 2007 upon Thomas’ retirement, the garden reflects her love of color, flowers and plants. She began by removing the plants growing in the center island and discovering that it was outlined by edging in the shape of a heart, now her “heart of the garden”. Thomas utilizes both planted and in pot plants to maintain a year round attractive visual to her front yard.

Mass planting a large variety of plants without a miss mashed look

- Grouping plants displays their shapes and colors
 - Focus on harmony of shapes and colors
 - Repeated narrow verticals add stability
 - Rounded forms add definition and stability
 - Repetition of shapes creates rhythm and reinforces texture and contrast.

