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Upcoming Events:

"The Garden of Inspiration"

Downtown Planting - all 9 Garden Circles
Saturday, November 7th plant pick up at 7:00 am

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Landscape Design School- Course 1
November 10-11 2014 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
New Smyrna Beach Garden Club
visit www.gardenclubofdeland.org go to Events page
and download the registration form. Course II offered
2/16 - 2/17/2016

December 8, 2015--Welcome to Our House
"Holiday Floral Magic" 1 pm - 3 pm
Sponsored by District VI Judges Council
Cost \$10.00 at the New Smyrna Beach Garden
Club. Coffee, Desserts & Door Prizes! The judges
will demonstrate how to create holiday designs.

Council of Garden Clubs of the Halifax District
FFGC Floral Design Unit 1-9 begin in January
2016. For more information and registration form
contact: Valerie Seinfeld

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs has a new
website: www.ffgc.wildapricot.org

The **National Gardener** is a magazine the
National Garden Club publishes quarterly.

- A continuous circle that connects National Garden Clubs, Inc. to the Region, to the State Garden Clubs, to the Districts, to the Member Garden Clubs and, finally, to the individual Garden Club members.
- A storehouse of ideas for horticulture, floral and landscape design, flower shows, conservation, and environmental projects.
- A manual that presents the latest information concerning NGC Awards, and Basic Flower Arranging, as well as information on our NGC Schools: Flower Show Schools, Horticulture Study, Environmental Study, Gardening Study, and Landscape Design.

National Garden Club is now available to members online. www.gardenclub.org
For Username and Password contact your Circle President.

President's Message



What a great bunch of members we have!! Thanks to everyone who volunteered for our Treasure and Plant sale! What a wonderful turnout of helping "hands". Thanks to Darcy and all of the Sunflowers for their hard work! Amazing job! We were well represented at the Fall District VI Meeting with Circle Presidents and our own Valerie Seinfeld, District VI Awards Chair. Working in our Community for 2 weeks with an Afternoon Tea for the workers constructing the updated Freedom Playground. We want to thank Elaine Waidelich for volunteering to chair the 50th Pageant of Crosses. See you at the Downtown DeLand Planting on Saturday, November 7th. 'Tis the Season to start decorating! Fun, fun! Do not miss our December program as our floral designers will delight you with their holiday designs! They will be auctioned off! Funds to go towards our roof fund! Another stop in December, we will be participating in the Annual DeLand Christmas Parade. Have a great "turkey" day! Enjoy visiting with your friends and most of all your family!

Keep those hands Dirty!
Fondly, Judy



2015-2017 Officers of the Garden Club of DeLand

President: Judy Maurer **Recording Secretary:** Anita Mc Feeters
1st Vice President: Susan Ousterhout **Corresponding Sec'y:** Jennifer Condo
2nd Vice President: Othal Deshazo **Treasurer:** Karen Hall

Circle Presidents

Blue Sage:	Ruth Moorman	Pansy:	Eleanor Griffin
Daisy:	Marti Walker		Fran Strawn
Firecracker:	Sara Zollinger	Rose:	Sue Altom
Magnolia:	Elaine Waidelich	Sparkleberry:	Jennifer Condo
Marigold:	Sharon Causey	Sunflower:	Alex Andrews
	Pauline Fenner		

Next General Meeting: December 3rd 9 am
Hostesses and Greeters: Magnolia
Program: Holiday Flowers
Accessory: Wearable Ornament
Holiday Arrangements for Auction by our own Designers

"The Garden of Inspiration"

Designing Divas
Valerie Seinfeld, chair
valseinfeld@aol.com



Floral Designs by Peggy Ferrara, Suzanne Locke, Joan Richardson, Valerie Seinfeld, Marty Walker



The design above was created during our "Designing Divas" Class by our Ways and Means Chair Lisa Schnetzer

Ways and Means is open for business. Lisa is always looking for gently used items, seasonal items, jewelry, items for floral design, home decor, etc...

Please bring your items to our meetings and shop at the Ways and Means table...support your Garden Club of DeLand.



Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

November: Blue Sage
December: Magnolia
January: Marigold



Rose Circle November's Hostesses

The Florida Federation of Garden Cubs was organized in 1924. Rose Circle was organized in 1927, making it one of the founding circles of the Garden Club of DeLand. Mrs. Robert Warshall, the DeLand Garden Club's first president was a member of Rose Circle. Last year, we reframed her picture, which is now hanging at the garden club. We meet at the clubhouse, in each other's homes, take in a couple of field trips and always include a community service project. This year for our project, we are decorating a building at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement for the Annual Florida "Christmas Remembered".

Some of our members also belong to other circles and share new ideas and enthusiasm. We love to dig, arrange flowers, tour gardens and enjoy the fellowship of other club members as we strive to enhance this beautiful earth. We are pleased to have four new members. Margaret and John Upman are the daughter and son-in-law of Margaret Taylor, long time member of the Rose Circle, active until 1985.

Sue Altom - President



DeLand Christmas Parade

Suzanne Locke, Chair

DeLand Christmas Parade: Sat. December 5th 5:30PM

- Each circle needs to create a Christmas cheer sign with their circle name on the board provided.
- "Glitter" on the posters would be "Great"!
- Each circle is responsible to make sure their poster is at the Garden Club before Thursday Dec. 3rd.
- All Circles are encouraged to participate.
- The Circle posters will decorate our float, along with flowers, garland and Christmas decorations.
- Meet on Saturday, December 5th at 3 pm in the parking lot of the Clubhouse to decorate the float. Then we will ride on the float over to the line up area of the Parade.
- If you would like to ride in the parade or help decorate our Garden Club float contact:
- Suzanne Locke 386-748-1209

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, Williemae Ungaro

The "Streetwalker" committee is looking forward to starting fresh with the pedestals this Nov. Please line up your Circle members to help plant downtown on Saturday, November 7th. Pick up will be at the City Lot off Amelia south of Beresford beginning at 7:00 a.m. **Bring trowels and a hand broom and dustpan.** Please be in touch by emailing me at fiddlehead@wildblue.net if you cannot supply helpers. Looking forward to happy planting...and no rain. Many thanks

If you would like to be a part of the "Streetwalkers", please join us the first Saturday of every month, with pruning shears and gloves. Even if you are a new to gardening, we will show how to take care of the plants. The Garden Club of DeLand is all about educating it's members in gardening and horticulture. After deadheading, pruning and weeding we meet at Boston Coffee for a little breakfast and social time. Hugs! Diana



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"

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Garden Club of DeLand "The Dirt"

Norma Thomas
Grounds Chair

"Weedettes"



Sue Altom, Judy Maurer, Anita McFeeters, Nancy Stafford,

The following is some of the summer monthly journal that *Norma Thomas has written*. Our goal is to leave a reference for present and future members of the grounds committee. Educating members on the maintenance of horticulture and landscaping.

- 09.21.15 Weeding warriors today. It was a cooler morning so we were able to work till 11:30. We filled two large garbage bags plus added to the cutting pile by the dumpster. We worked to make the front as weed free as we could get it and along the side of the building to prepare for mulch next week. Trimmed the loropetalum and the weeping ilex and removed the dune flowering ground cover. We are losing a few yellow lantanas. We are slowly moving out of the daily rains; the last two days have given us blue skies which we have not seen in quite a while.
- 09.28.15 Laid down one yard of pine bark on 9/25. Note that one yard is equal to 13 ½ two cubic bags of pine bark mulch. Planted 10 pink Dianthus on 9/26 in front flower bed for October cancer awareness. Today, we moved the macho ferns from the grey pots at the kitchen door to bigger pots in the Woodlands. We moved the petticoat ferns from the concrete pots at the patio side door to the grey pots. We planted a foxtail fern in each concrete pot. Susan dug up a large crepe myrtle (purple) and a firecracker from her yard. We planted the crepe in the plumbago bed and the firecracker at the end of the planting bed by the brick walkway leading to the kitchen. We used two bags of top soil, one bag of cow manure and one bag of garden soil.
- 10.05.15 Temperature has cooled down, a wonderful Monday morning. We laid a ton of crushed concrete along the washout in the parking lot. Planted Little Ruby Alternanthera at signage facing Alabama, we will plant white violas around it if we can find them. Newly transplanted crepe myrtle is struggling. Weeded and prepared for plants to arrive for the plant sale. Ken schedule to mow tomorrow so plants can be set up as they arrive. We will fertilize with one hundred and twenty pounds of 10.10.10 all shrubs, trees, roses and palms on Wednesday. The plant inspector will arrive on Thursday afternoon. Plant and Treasure sale starts on Friday, finishes Saturday.
- 10.12.15 What a great weekend at the Garden Club! The Plant and Treasure Sale was so much fun and the weather was delightful. The *Weedettes* spent today moving the plants to the holding area behind the patio as well as the Monday morning ritual of weeding, trimming the spent blossoms off the roses and picking up debris. We will be planting some of the plants that did not sell and will maintain and grow several varieties of irises that did not sale for the April plant sale. April is the month that irises bloom profusely so hopefully we will have larger specimens for sale.
- Happy gardening my friends, see you at the Club!

"The Garden of Inspiration"

Membership Chair

Jennifer Condo

Welcome New Members to the Garden Club of DeLand
The members listed below are new members that have
joined us in the Spring 2015 thru October 2015

Blue Sage

Terri Beer
Dorothy Myers
Judy Trembl
Alma Smith

Daisy

Louse Caccamise

Firecracker

Kristine Macudzinski

Marigold

Sharon Carre

Rose

Sharon Gullett
James Lundahl
John Upman
Margaret Upman

Sparkleberry

Inez Scheidt
Allison Mercado

Sunflower

Mari Bruno
Kathryn Ray

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.

Thank
You



Treasurer and Plant Sale - Darcy Jesmain, chair
Big success! Thank you Sunflower Circle, Norma Thomas (Plant Lady) labeling and organizing all the plants, and to all members of the Garden Club that came out to work the sale before, during and after. The remaining donated items will go on and continue to do the most good with a local community organization which raises funds to lend a helping hand to victims of disaster. It is a disaster response team out of First United Methodist church of Deland and directed by one of our dear members' husband, Carmen Ungaro. Thank you Members of the Garden Club for your donated items and plants. Without you there couldn't have been such a successful sale. Your donations were appreciated.

Thank you also to **Blue Sage** for hosting
October's General Meeting.

Floral Designers:

Susan Bauerle, Karen Hall, Peggy Ferrara, Jackie Fine, Suzanne Locke, Susan Osterhout and Valerie Seinfeld for your "Design in a Household Container".

What a great day - October 19th - clean up day at the Garden Club. Thank you Rose, Sunflower, Blue Sage, Magnolia, Sparkleberry and Firecracker Circle Members for donating your time to paint woodwork, wipe down our new chairs, clean out kitchen cabinets, ladies room cabinet, clean out and re-organize two storage rooms and the office. You were busy. - in just six hours, all this was accomplished.

Thank you for help in keeping our Garden Club looking good!



A beautiful example of a layered and mass planted garden is owned by Karen James of 640 Lake Drive in DeLand. Like many gardens of this type, hers was born out of necessity. The house, located at the top of a steep slope with a great deal of road exposure, posed two basic problems for Karen. The first was erosion and the second was privacy.

Unable to grow grass due to the shade from numerous oaks, Karen began the mass planting of azaleas to serve as the garden's anchor. Today, they number more than 500. Planting in clusters and drifts which overlap and interlock, the effect is one of harmony and cohesion. Punctuating the masses of azaleas are philodendrons which add interest due to the change in texture, color and leaf size.

From the road, one can see the vertical and horizontal layering and repeating patterns which visually connect the garden. The lower front areas, some planted with grass, liriopse and agapanthus, provide quiet places for the eye to rest. Then rising in height, variations come in through the color of loropetalum and the rounded shapes of ligustrum.

By planting in masses and layers, Karen solved her lot's inherent problems in such a way that has created a rich tapestry of textures and shapes.

Elements of a Layered and Mass Planted Garden

- Plants in a series of layers: short in front moving to medium and tall
- Use anchor plants that can be counted on for evergreen foliage in each spatial layer
- Blocks of color and texture
- No straight lines, rather drifts and clusters that overlap and touch each other avoiding gaps
- Lower level contains restful spots for the eye



Freedom Playground Build

The community of DeLand came out in full force for nine days to help build the new Freedom Playground at Bill Dreggors Park. More than 33 of our members baked cookies, purchased sweet tea and ice or came out to help serve an afternoon tea break for the workers during these days.

A big **Thank You** to those of you who donated your time in support of our community. So many of the visitors to this playground also visit our Sensory Garden and over the years have expressed appreciation for our garden. Isn't it wonderful that our Garden Club has been able to provide a little bit of flora and fauna for the enjoyment of others. A much bigger **Thank You** to all our members who have helped to keep our garden so beautiful since 1998! - Karen Hall

The Frightened Frog "Leap into Action"



Connecting Children With Nature

Do you remember being told to go outside and play as a child? Without realizing it, our parents gave us the greatest gift of all, freedom to experience the great outdoors where our imagination ran wild and our stress and unneeded calories melted away.

Today's children are held captive by our fears and electronic devices. Spending more than 7 ½ hours a day consuming media, these "digital natives" often spend less than 1 hour a week on unstructured recreation. As a society, we have a moral and ethical obligation to give the natural world back to our children.

Every child needs time in a natural setting. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends sixty minutes of daily unstructured free play as essential to children's physical and mental health. The worldwide initiative to reconnect children with the natural world is making a difference. The International Union for Conservation of Nature in 2012 recognized "Children have a human right to a connection to the natural world and to a healthy world."

Recent scientific research identifies strong correlations between experiences in nature and children's ability to learn and cope. Schools with environmental education programs score higher on standardized tests in math, reading, writing and listening. The National Wildlife Federation notes Cal Tech's Jet Propulsion Lab interviews all candidates about their play experiences as children, because they've found a direct correlation between hands-on play and superior problem solving skills.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. encourages you to read and discuss The Frightened Frog with the children in your life. Even better, take them on a quest to find an egg mass, tadpoles, frogs and other amphibians. Become an environmental hero! Sit and listen while enjoying the mystery and magnificence of the natural world with the most important people anywhere, our children.

2015-2017 FFGC Nell Coe Award

Garden Club of DeLand Awards Chair

Valerie Seinfeld

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Together we can create a fabulous Youth Gardening Program

The theme of the 2015-2017 Administration, "The Garden of Inspiration" represents the opportunity for our Garden Clubs to shape the future of Florida youth through our extensive outreach and education of the children of our communities throughout Florida.

- One of our primary objectives can and must be inspiring our young people. They are the future of our country, communities and our Federation. Through their education, we have the opportunity to influence the future.
- We grow and enhance our mission by encouraging youth, the earth's future caregivers, in participating in activities which broaden their knowledge, encourage them to embrace and understand nature and to become future global problem solvers.
- During this administration we will focus on stimulating our member groups to (a) partner with schools to sponsor FFGC youth garden clubs, (b) sponsor and educate youth organizations such as Boy and Girl Scouts and Clubs, Future Farmers of America, 4H and any other established youth groups or (c) work with organized community youth groups. The objective is to accomplish a major environmental project, complete a unique gardening project, write a joint youth publication that addresses an ongoing issue or do research on any topic related to horticulture, gardening, protection of wildlife or our fragile environment.



Local Field Trip Idea:

The Marigold Circle toured Select Growers on Highway 11, DeLeon Springs. The field trip was set up in advanced allowing them to see how hand make Christmas wreaths and garland are made from fresh greenery. They were shown many different types of cut foliage that they use for their wreaths and can be used in floral design. Outside in the garden shop, they have a good selection of plants and knowledgeable staff to assist with how to care for them. As with most of our field trips, fellowship over lunch is always fun and our local Cook's was their choice. Sharon Causey, Marigold President