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Upcoming Events:

“The Garden of Inspiration” Sensory Garden Maintenance Schedule

January: Marigold
February: Pansy

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:
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Membership Surveys

Circle Presidents have received a membership survey to share with their members. We value your opinions and suggestions. This project will help the Garden Club have an idea on what direction, from the many interests of its membership, we should pursue to enhance and create avenues of education and fun throughout the year.

This open dialogue, through the vehicle of a survey, will be taken seriously. Thank you everyone for participating.

Jennifer Condo, Membership Chair



“A Florida Christmas Remembered”
Sue Altom, Rose Circle President

Rose Circle represented the Garden Club of DeLand at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement by decorating the old Post Office. Everything they used was handmade and used only natural materials. Even the bows were made of torn fabric and raffia. Garland, wreaths, and 5 Christmas trees from upside down tomato cages designed with grapevines

Flowers made with magnolia leaves and pinecones. They began working on this project at their October Meeting. Small group of members met several times at several locations to create all the items for display. Unbelievably creative group making our Garden Club look good. Brava Rose Circle!

President’s Message



Off to a New Year! I would like to thank all of our silent money and plant donors! You are a blessing!
Many thanks to those that provided a Christmas Arrangements for the Auction and to those that took them home. Oh heck!! A big thank you and a hug to everyone.
Thanks to Suzanne Locke for all her hard work and a beautiful float for our Christmas Parade!!
We have four more station stops- Wildflower Festival, 50th Pageant of Crosses, Fairy Garden Party, and our Garden Tour! Please support each one of the Chairs for these projects- Marcia Baker, Suzanne Locke, Elaine Wadelich and “mystery chair”- we still need a chair for the Garden Tour! Please step up!
Remember to 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 Wadelich	Sparkleberry:	Jennifer Condo
Marigold:	Sharon Causey	Sunflower:	Alex Andrews
	Pauline Fenner		

Next General Meeting: February 4th 10 am
Hostesses and Greeters: Marigold
Program: Cutting Back for Spring
Accessory: Fantasy Flower
Design: that says Valentine’s Day

"The Garden of Inspiration"



Susan Bauerle, designer

photo by: Betsy Dieguez

A Heartfelt Thank you to those that provided 24 floral designs, Christmas trees and a wreath for the auction. At our December Meeting, we raised \$698.00 for our new Roof.

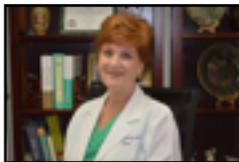


DeLand Christmas Parade

Rain or Shine the Garden Club of DeLand rode in the decorated float down Mainstreet. Thank you Suzanne Locke for organizing all the details for the parade and all the members and Circles that participated.

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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Thank you! "The Brick Lady"



Sparkleberry Circle January's Hostesses

The Sparkleberry Garden Circle was formed in 2011 and currently has 9 active members. Our monthly meetings are on the second Monday at 6 pm. We usually meet at a member's home to learn and share about their garden. We are interested in growing native plants and learning from one another. We also have guest speakers, who taught us how to do ferns on fabric and floral design, and we take field trips. We celebrated the holidays with brunch and a tour of Lake Helen's homes and churches. We enjoy our company and we will end the year with a party. The Sparkleberry Circle will be walking in the DeLand Dog Parade on Feb. 6th.
Jennifer Condo, President

Ways and Means

Lisa Schnetzer, Chair

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...thank you for supporting Ways and Means.

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

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" meet Downtown DeLand on the first Saturday of each month and we welcome anyone new who wishes to become part of the group. Please give me a call at 749-2104 for particulars. New markers are ready, thanks to hubby, for displaying in the planters.

A HUGE thanks to the streetwalkers who helped revive the downtown with lots of smiling petunias just in time for the Christmas parade. We had a fun time and hope all are enjoying our beautiful town throughout the holidays. Diana

“The Garden of Inspiration”

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.



- Dramatic, vibrant and lush are apt adjectives for the shade tropical garden of Dr. Emil and Jane Mantini of 768 Old Tree Line Trail.
- Giant fern trees, palms, bamboo and oaks provide interesting canopies and architectural textures to the big picture wow of this dappled light garden. Large blooming camellias, hydrangeas, and white azaleas and variegated ginger serve as colorful midlevel backdrops to the space along with spindle and lady palms. At ground level, flax, begonias, fern and a myriad of bromeliads resplendent with bright pink inflorescence complete the picture. Statuary placed artfully around the garden adds to the charm and style of the tropics.
- To contain the exuberance of the tropical garden, the Mantini's utilizes beds bordered with small bromeliads, fern, Asiatic Jasmine, mondo grass and miniature spider plants. Natural colored pavers allow for entrance to the house and grass walkways wind throughout the yard.
- Begun in 2002, with 10 fern trees, the now mature exotic and densely planted half acre garden appears endless and provides a relaxing, romantic and cool retreat from the busy everyday routine and hot muggy summers.
- Elements of a Shade Tropical Garden:
 - Overhead canopy
 - Disguise of borders with thick plantings and fence-hiding screens
 - Combining forms, colors and leaf textures to make plant vignettes
 - Exotic plants with irregularly shaped leaves and textures
 - Outdoor furniture with island flair
 - Colorful planters and intriguing pottery and statuary

To view more pictures of this garden visit our website

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Garden Club of DeLand “The Dirt”



Norma Thomas, Grounds Chair



Happy New Year!



“Weedettes”

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

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.

- 11.09.15 Warm weather is still with us. We have had a short burst of rain yesterday and we are expecting more this afternoon. Today we planted dogwoods, canna lilies, purple queens and a fire cracker. Damage was done to our plumbago bed again but plants are still hanging in there. A car took a joy ride through the grounds between us and the Center next door.
- 11.16.15 Planted the Simpson Stopper, removed a small crepe and planted it in plumbago bed. Trimmed back potato vine in front bed by our sign so it would not swallow the snapdragons. Dead-head all snaps and tipped back Purple Knights. Cleaned up planters at kitchen door and fertilized the plantings. Grounds are looking wonderful.
- 11.23.15 What can we say? It is a gorgeous cool start to the day. I believe we started out at 45 degrees early this morning. Three concrete urns (and good soil too!) were donated to the garden club this week. They were placed at the front walkway and we planted a foxtail fern in each one. We will put flowers in next. Fertilized the roses, well done Susan A., the roses are looking wonderful. Received 4000 pounds of road base to fill the hole in the parking lot where a tree once grew. The hole is now gone. We could use another two tons to build up the edges of the parking lot. Weeded, swept, cleaned bird bath and Nancy took care of housekeeping as she does every week. We moved efficiently, like a well-oiled machine. Great work ladies!!!!
- 11.30.15 The temperatures are staying in the upper 70's and low 80's. We planted violas and pansies for color and added red impatiens to the foxtail pots along the walkway. We have been having misty kind of days so all plants are doing exceedingly well. We cut down all the Brandywine caladiums along the walkway. The red bud trees have dropped their leaves but the crepes continue to put out new green leaves. This weather is really messing with Mother Nature.
- 12.07.15 Grounds are quiet, the weather is cooler and after our basic maintenance, we are off on a field trip to Select Growers on SR 11. The nursery is decorated beautifully for the holidays and we are going to get a picture of us in the big red sleigh. Ho Ho Ho.
- 12.14.15 A warm start to the morning with cloudy skies and a breeze. After our initial chores we attacked the agapanthus bed to thin out the crinum lilies that are over taking the area. We transplanted a large clump but most will go away. We are seriously knee-deep in this plant. It is springing up everywhere in our holding area (behind the patio). We will pot up as many as we can if we have the plant sale in April. The crinums in the holding area have a very pretty pink blossom.
- Happy gardening my friends, see you at the Club!